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To: Students' Union Council

Re: VPOF 2018/19 Report

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Dear Council,

I hope you all had a wonderful break over reading week. The office has been mighty quiet lately, with my three co-VPs in leaves for the elections. This silence has been bittersweet, as although it is not as exciting as past months, it has allowed me to hone in on my projects and make a lot of progress on them.

#### Students' Boulevard (89th Ave) Redevelopment Plan

As I have mentioned in previous reports, the University is developing a plan to enhance 89th Avenue as it cuts through campus, which is known as Students' Boulevard. The plans look really amazing, attempting to optimize the route for multimodal transportation, student safety, and campus vibrancy. They will be hosting a student engagement session on March 12th and 13th. Please stop by and share your thoughts! It is a really exciting project, I look forward to hearing your thoughts about the plan; please let me know if you have any questions.

#### TLEF Awards

I spent my Tuesday adjudicating grant applications for the Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund. These grants are used for projects that aim to make UAlberta classrooms more innovative, collaborative and sustainable. We chose to fund some very interesting projects, so hopefully you will be a beneficiary of the end result at some point throughout your academic career.

#### Odds & Ends

On Thursday evening, I went to the United Way Red Tie Gala, which celebrated all of the campaign efforts for this year. The U of A team ended up raising \$600K, and the Capital Region total was \$24 mil! Thanks to everyone for being involved. I am continuing to work on the Dewey's Strategic plan, SERC, the SU Catalogue, as well as doing a lot of proxying for my co-VPs. If you'd like to meet ever, give me a shout at [vp.finance@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.finance@su.ualberta.ca).

Biggest of cheers,

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