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**To:** Students' Council

**Re:** Report to Students' Council

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Council, hello there.

How's everyone been? Good? Good. Well since you asked, I've been well. There's a dusting of snow and the trees are we're finally getting some frost on them, which is a huge plus for me because I'm weird and love the winter. The past week and a half since we last chatted has been filled with a lot of little projects and meetings. I'll update you on some of those as well as my majors! Crazy to think this is the last report for the fall semester amiright? Time flies, but it's been a great semester and I for one am excited for a little time off during the Christmas break. Anyways, off to report land....

#### *BUS 201 Judging*

The course planning team over in the business faculty for the BUS 201 class were kind enough to invite me to judge some of their class projects. BUS 201 is an introductory business course all students take, and their largest project is the business plan. Students are placed into groups and have to create a full business plan for a business that they think of on their own. Naturally, judging is a ton of fun as I was able to see all the creative ideas that students were thinking of. Everything from luxury clothing consignment, to video game cafes and even creative bike storage solutions. I'm grateful for the invite and it was a ton of fun.

#### *UPass Expansion*

Last Thursday it was FINALLY time to unveil some huge news around the UPass program! At a media release event held at NAIT, all four UPass student associations, six municipalities and some university administration reveled that the program has been expanded to Spruce Grove, Fort Saskatchewan and Leduc. This was a massive win for students and has been an ask around the program for multiple contract cycles. This expansion will make getting to school easier for hundreds of students. Next on the list is the next actual UPass contract, which I will have information on in the new year!

#### *Campus Cup*

This last weekend, UASU Events hosted the annual Campus Cup dodgeball tournament. We entered a team in the recreation league with some councilors, exec and friends. It was



a ton of fun and well organized as always. Blows me away each year how crazy good some people are at dodgeball. Lister kids, I tell you. I'm still recovering.

#### *Myer Horowitz Theatre Update*

Over the past week or so I have had a few larger meetings in regards to the MHT renovations. Last week, Marc, Margriet (Building Manager) and myself went for lunch with our project manager to take a step back and look at the project in detail. It was a very productive meeting and we made some major cost saving decisions in regards to materials. Specifically, we have prioritized to our architects that we want to save money wherever possible by using inexpensive, yet quality materials. We're hoping this will shave some money off the projected budget. Early this week, Sirina and I had our first weekly conference call with Vitreo (feasibility study consultants). We talked action items, including the creation of a list of prospective donors that Vitreo can interview as part of the study. This is especially exciting to me, as it means we're starting the fundraising process. Lastly, we had our weekly steering committee meeting in which we discussed elevator solutions and the creation of our presentation to the Facilities Development Committee of General Faculties Council. BUT, the best part was the architects showed us an interactive 3D model of the renovation design as it stands, which was awesome.

Happy Holidays!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robyn Paches', with a stylized, flowing script.

Robyn Paches