



April 7, 2017

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hello Council,

It's wild to think that this year is over. It feels like only yesterday we were meeting for the first time, hearing everyone's pitches for committees and getting the year started. It's been a productive year of Students' Council and I am happy to have served with each and every one of you. I wish all the best of luck in whatever challenge comes next. Most importantly, don't be a stranger! This week I have a lot of smaller updates to make, let's go!

Marketing Plans for the Businesses

Last Wednesday, March 29th, I met with our Senior Manager of Business Development and our Business Promotions Coordinator to develop this summer's and next year's marketing plans for all of the SU businesses. We held a productive visioning meeting, and I am excited for the creative ideas that you can expect to see in the next year.

Student Employment Opportunities

As some of you may have seen, the SU is hiring two new summer positions within our business department. We are hiring a Business Analyst and a Fundraising Strategist. These are exciting, valuable positions that provide an excellent learning opportunity to any student, plus summer work! If you want to know more, check out jobkin.ca and search for the positions, or reach out to me.

Access Fund Fee

I had a meeting late last week, March 31st, with a couple members of our internal staff on the Access Fund, and where we see it going in the future. This year, we have seen a stark increase in demand for Access Fund bursaries, as well as an increase in opt-outs. As the current fee stands, we are having trouble meeting the demand. We created a few options, and presented them to Finance Committee, which I will talk about later.

Meeting Room Naming

Last week I sent an email to all staff as well as councilors to vote on names for the lower level rooms! We decided that it was time to spruce them up with names, instead of numbers, and names make booking the rooms more seamless. I hope everyone had a chance to vote!

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*VPUR Search Committee*

I am the undergrad student representative on the search committee for the next U of A VP University Relations. This week, I spent the majority of my Monday and Tuesday in candidate interviews. We have many excellent candidates and I'm excited to see who is selected.

Finance Committee

We hosted our last Finance Committee meeting this last Monday, April 3rd. We discussed the budget, which you can see on this agenda, student awards, as well as the Access Fund fee. The committee unanimously recommended the 2017/18 Students' Union budget for approval by Students' Council. Some student awards were increased and reorganized. The Access Fund fee will remain to be determined by a rolling average, but the committee is recommending to next year's committee that a full length review of the Access Fund fee model must take place for the Access Fund to accurately meet demand.

Bylaw Committee

On Wednesday the 5th, we had our last Bylaw Committee meeting. The committee discussed how they felt the work was this year, and what kind of recommendations they have for next year's committee. Plus, our noble Chair, Councilor Christensen, had the idea of hosting it at Earl's for a celebration of the committee's work. Great idea, it was a lot of fun, and served as a good review of the committee over the year.

SAMU Groundbreaking

On Friday April 7th, myself, as well as the incoming and outgoing exec, attended the groundbreaking event for the Student Association of MacEwan University's new building. They will finally be getting a student led building, similar to our SUB, and this is extremely exciting for their association. We try to support each other wherever possible and this was a perfect chance to do so. Congrats, SAMU!

Myer Horowitz Theatre Renovation Project

We are still plugging away at the project, mainly the feasibility study. We have completed the majority of the interviews and will be receiving the complete study results by early May. I was unable to attend the latest design meeting due to VPUR interviews, but we are currently diving into the details on the design. Today we are having a presentation from Vitreo Group on the feasibility study so far; please ask any questions you may have!

Once again, it's been a great year. Cheers, good luck on finals, and best of luck!

Sincerely,



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