

Date: 21/6/18

To: Students' Union Council

Re: VPOF 2018/19 Report

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Dear Council,

I hope y'all are doing grand! Can I get a HECK YES for this lovely weather we've been having. My mood is certainly a reflection of it, so I've been feeling great. Getting lots done in the office, and constantly preparing for new projects. I've got some exciting news to share this week at council!

#### Skill-sharing has arrived

That's right! Campus has adopted a program called Switchboard, and we are now working in conjunction with the University of Alberta Alumni Association to find ways to leverage it to create community and connections across campus. As I explained during the campaign, this program allows you to "Ask" or "Offer" skills, services, jobs, etc, helping each individual find an opportunity for the connection that is right for them. Opportunities are as varied as "Hi, I'm looking for someone to look over my med school application" to "Hi, I play the electric flute and am looking for bandmates." I will be meeting with them tomorrow to discuss potential marketing campaigns and uses of the platform, and will report my findings orally during council. Anyone with a CCID can access it, so I highly recommend checking it out! I'd love to hear your thoughts, and the ways in which you think it would be useful to you.

#### Basement renovations

As you all know, we are currently renovating the SUB basement to make way for a large commercial kitchen to grow our catering business. Construction is chugging along although they are little bit behind schedule. The Undergrind space is now open as the final lease negotiation fell through, so coming up the optimal use for the space is high on my priority list. We could maintain status quo, start a new operation, or lease it out in some other fashion, but that is all TBD and I will keep you all updated.

#### Life thoughts & office hours

I'm headed off to the lake this weekend with the team and couldn't be more excited. As summer rolls in, I can't help but be pumped for life. Lots of things to do at work that will undoubtedly keep me busy, but I am also very much looking forward to all the weekend trips in the near future. I hope everyone is doing well, and as always, I will be at RATT on the Patio from 3:00-4:00 on Thursday the 28th, so stop by and say hi!

Cheers,

*Emma Ripka*