



October 14th, 2016

**To:** Students' Council

**Re:** Report to Students' Council

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HEY COUNCIL,

I'm going to start running out of creative intros pretty soon, so please excuse any reuses that may surface. Especially considering that I'm writing this fairly quickly, this last week has been packed with meetings so it's a wonder I found this time to sit down and write the report. I'll try my best to type this out, even though my hands are shaking in excitement from the Kanye West concert being just around the corner. Yeah, if you haven't caught on, I LOVE my hip-hop. Key to my heart? Rap an old school Drake or Kanye West verse to me perfectly and I'm all yours. Anyways, I'm going to summarize my meetings in this report, so here we go!

#### *Access Fund*

Last Friday our General Manager, Marc, our Director of Student Life, Sirina and I had a meeting with Student Financial Services to work out the upcoming Access Fund agreement for the year. Unfortunately, I can't say a lot of details until the contract has been finalized but expect good things! The amendments include a focus on students that are in financial need due to non-educational induced costs, as well as a more defined appeals mechanism. I shall update once it is finalized.

#### *Business Update*

This week, our GM Marc and other staff returned from various vacations abroad. Due to sheer numbers, this Monday was the first Business Group meeting we have held in a few weeks. Things are looking VERY exciting for the upcoming year. Currently, Room at the Top, Dewey's, SUBPrint, L'Express and Daily Grind are all above projected revenue. If you are curious on numbers, please let me know and we can meet and take a look. Additionally, please expect a presentation from myself to council in the near future. I will be presenting on last year's financial statements, and what it means for the upcoming year. Also also, Room at the Top rebranding continues to move forward! We installed new glass frosting this week and they look GREAT. We have menu backers on order as well. Its coming together folks!

*Fundraising for the Myer Horowitz Theatre*

Here's where, I swear, 80% of my time has mainly been focused. With the madness of September dying down, I have been able to focus on my major project for the year, fundraising for the Myer Horowitz Theatre. My schedule has been packed with meetings regarding this. I have been sitting down with major stakeholders in the campus community, as well as passionate people in the Edmonton arts community. I have been soliciting advice, as well as asking for more direct help. We are currently finalizing the board for the Friends of the Myer Horowitz and you can expect a list of names by the next meeting!

*Myer Horowitz Renovations*

I'll use this section for the more technical update. We had our steering committee meeting last week and mainly went over budgeting. Our consultants gathered as much information from us as possible to draft a more specific budget by the end of October. We touched a little bit on design, but the focus was on numbers. Please expect a presentation in the near future from our GM Marc and myself in regards to an update on the process.

Enjoy the snow,

Robyn Paches