

January 18th, 2018

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

What up council,

It's been a fairly busy few weeks since we last met, so lets get to it.

Antifreeze

Antifreeze 2018 took place from Jan 8th to 12th and was a tremendous success. Seriously, it was a ton of fun and all 42 (!!) teams seemed to be having loads of fun. I tried to attend as many events as possible, and enjoyed every one. Even when we were fighting -40 degree weather! My personal highlights were Frosty Feud, a U of A spin on Family Feud, and Mixology. VP Ushakov and I had the pleasure of judging Mixology, which I have always wanted to do since I was a competitor in Antifreeze four years ago. Bucket list item? Check. Big props to the events team for a successful Antifreeze!

SUB Furniture Student Project

The furniture in the main level of SUB is starting to show its age. As such, we are starting to think about replacing it, well ahead of the furniture reaching critical levels. We always try to stay local, and even student led if possible. We are working with a class of industrial design students to create proposals for furniture designs. We hope to incorporate some student designs into the final furniture replacement! Some of our staff presented the project to the class on the 12th, and they were excited to get started!

Tuition Budget Advisory Committee

President Banister, VP Scott and I attended a meeting of the Tuition Budget Advisory Committee on Jan 15th. At the meeting, the university proposed their initial plan for international student tuition for feedback. They are currently proposing to increase their tuition by approx. 3.14%, or by the Academic Price Index. We spoke against this proposal, as we would rather see a more affordable increase at CPI, or no increase at all. The Academic Price Index is an inflation index created by the university as they feel that the standard CPI index does not reflect academic costs. We would rather see a third party, standardized index used to ensure transparent affordability and predictability for students. This proposal is not final, and the university will hold another TBAC meeting within the next few weeks after they consider our feedback. We hope they critically listen to our feedback and work to ensure students can afford their education.

Commercial Kitchen & Lower Level Design

On Jan 17th, SU management, our architects and myself met to discuss and finalize the design for the commercial kitchen and lower level meeting room renovations in SUB. It was

a technical meeting, focusing on how the kitchen will be laid out and how the building systems will support it. We are close to a final design that will go to construction tender.

Protective Services Advisory Committee

On Jan 18th, I attended a meeting of the Protective Services Advisory Committee (PSAC). This committee is a platform in which stakeholders from across campus meet to discuss safety issues and the performance of UAPS. A lot was talked about at this meeting including, but not limited to, patrol frequency, HUB safety, FAB safety, the number of officers on campus, the number of officers at CSJ & Augustana, crime statistics, UAPS's annual report and much more. Please do not hesitate to ask me questions and I will be happy to pull specifics.

Jasper Ave New Vision Consultation

On Jan 18th VP Larsen and I attended a stakeholder consultation session for modifications to Jasper Avenue on behalf of the SU. The project is called Jasper Ave New Vision. The main scope of the project is redoing lanes from 100 Street to 97 Street along Jasper Ave. We provided feedback from a student perspective and were happy to attend. For more information and to provide your own feedback, see this link.
https://www.edmonton.ca/projects_plans/downtown/jasper-avenue-new-vision.aspx

Choice Memes

Ya'll its been a dank couple weeks in the meme world but here's my choices:

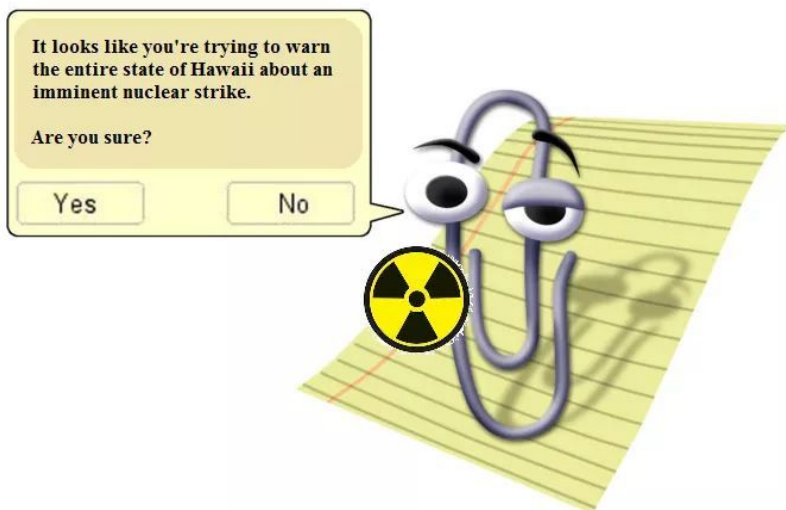
A simple fix for the problem
of people eating tide pods



Anakin skywalker: we're racing pods

Pod racer: yeah and neither of us can
beat the other

Anakin skywalker: we are tied pods



Cheers,



Robyn Paches