



January 5, 2017

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Happy New Year Council!

I hope everyone had a good holiday season that was filled with lots of rest & relaxation, and maybe a Netflix season or two. I had an excellent break. I skied the Colorado Rockies with my family for the first week, and then rested and did a whole lot of nothing for the remainder of the break. But, back to grind now!

SU Christmas Party for Kids

On December 9th the SU hosted our annual charity event, the Christmas Party for Kids. Taking place all day in Dinwoodie Lounge and the Myer Horowitz Theatre, the SU invited an inner city primary school to come to SUB for a day of fun and games. This year, we welcomed over 150 kids to do Christmas crafts, carol in the theatre, and watch Christmas movies in the theatre and much more. We had an excellent volunteer turnout this year, which made the event a success. Not to mention, a ton of fun.

Lister Hall Meal Plan

As many of you have seen all over social media and The Gateway, we've had huge movement on the meal plan since our last council meeting. We are proud to report that, after extensive support from many students, the proposed Anytime Dining meal plan for Lister Hall was rejected at the Board of Governors in a 6-6 tie vote at the December 16th meeting. This plan was overwhelming unsupported by the student body. Earlier that same week, the Board Finance and Property Committee accepted the plan and we were honestly very worried that it would pass easily at the board. Thankfully, we were wrong. Fahim and Colin did an excellent job presenting on the plans downsides, and some board members even highlighted problems we hadn't considered. What's next? Now we are looking forward to working with the university to create a new plan that is beneficial for students and the administration. We'll keep you closely updated!

President's Holiday Party

On the evening of December 14th, I was lucky enough to be Fahim's arm candy to the President's Holiday Party (I took care of him Cindy, don't worry). This is an annual event that the president of the university hosts and invitations are extended to major stakeholders in the university. The event was a great chance to gauge stakeholder interest in the Myer Horowitz Theatre, and I did just that. Many were excited about the project, and I'll be having some follow up meetings!

*Business Promotional Coordinator*

Today was the first day at work for our newest staff member, Emma Ripka! She has been hired as our Business Promotional Coordinator and I am excited to see her get started. She will be responsible for coordinating the marketing of our businesses, as well as putting together specific programming to improve customer experience. She will be focusing on the bars mainly, but also supporting our other businesses. I'm extremely excited about this position and think it's well overdue, expect good things to come!

New MNIF Reporting Structure

On December 13th Fahim and I met with a working group on MNIF reporting that we are a part of. Due to the work of last year's exec, this year's university MNIF committee is redoing the way in which MNIF's are reported to ensure transparency and ease reading. The working group is a sub-committee of the large committee responsible for developing this reporting structure. Thus far, it's going very well. The report structure is detailed and easy to understand. It shows each specific area in which MNIF funds, how much money is spent, and what portion of their total budget is MNIF funding. I am happy with the transparency thus far.

Myer Horowitz Renovation

Due to the holidays, the Myer Horowitz renovations have hit pause. On the design end, we are 95% finished schematic design and are currently preparing our presentation to the GFC sub-committee, the Facilitates Development Committee, for approval. Fundraising is still currently on the feasibility study phase. We are working to finalize the case we will be using to present the renovations, and the list of individuals to interview. Both should be done by the end of the next week.

Cheers,

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

Robyn Paches