

February 9, 2016

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hello Council!

ACCESS FUND UPDATE

As promised, I have done some more work on the increase to Access Fund usage we've been seeing this year. This year, the Office of the Registrar implemented a debt cap for professional students of \$16,000. Professional students can receive up to \$37,500 in government loans, so they were forgiving up to \$21,500 per student when assessing their need. This resulted in a higher than normal approval ratio for professional students, specifically students enrolled in Medicine. While Pharmacy and Dentistry were also affected, 52% of the funding in the Access Fund went to students that make up 6% of the undergraduate population. A chart showing historical data is below.

	Students Enrolled in Medicine (%)	Medicine Students as Successful Applicants (%)	Medicine Student Funding Proportion (%)
2008-09	6.0	4.0	4.8
2009-10	6.3	4.5	3.8
2010-11	6.4	3.0	3.0
2011-12	6.5	0.8	1.0
2012-13	6.6	2.0	2.5
2013-14	no data available		
2014-15	6.8	28.1	28.9
2015-16	6.9	48.9	52.1

I sent an email to the Registrar expressing our concern, because although it is still money being awarded to students, it is much more than we've collected from undergraduates this year from the levy, and will impact future years because of the rolling average for the fee. She apologized for the



mistake, and we met with her staff this week to talk about some options for the rest of this year, and how to move forward in future years with our signed agreement (which had originally required the Office of the Registrar to assess high-cost students differently based on the greater access they have to other funding options). Next week we will decide which option is best for students and our budget, and get back to them.

ALBERTA STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

I had the opportunity to attend the Alberta Student Leadership Summit this past weekend. I'm usually hesitant about conferences around leadership, but I enjoyed this one a lot! The opening keynote was pretty inspiring, and gave some tangible goals on how to lead and do great things. I also enjoyed the day's sessions on inclusive leadership, learning from failure, and women with unpopular opinions in the media. 10/10 would recommend for next year.

TICKETMASTER AT SUBMART

We have decided to discontinue offering Ticketmaster services at SUBmart, likely effective May 1, 2016. There are a few reasons behind this decision:

- Shows in the Myer Horowitz Theatre sell exclusively through TicketFly now, which can be picked up at the door.
- More students are using e-tickets on their phones.
- The Ticketmaster system can take five minutes per transaction, which hurts our response time for other customers looking to purchase quickly.

So far this year, we have netted a profit of less than \$100 from operating Ticketmaster, so it's in our best interest to not continue offering the service. Ticketmaster is also looking to shrink their retail footprint in favour of online transactions, and will waive our cancellation notice, so this works out nicely.

In solidarity,

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