



January 19th, 2017

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

HAY COUNCIL,

Hope all is well and you're settling into the new semester! We are back to full tilt at the SU and projects are going strong. I had a diverse two weeks since we last spoke, and I'll go over some major meetings I attended, and some exciting events I was lucky enough to take part in.

Job Shadow Day

Interested in running for VP Operations & Finance? Or being an exec at all? I am hosting a job shadow day on January 26th from 10AM-4PM. Feel free to attend the entire day, or just certain portions. If this date doesn't work for you, contact me and we'll work out an alternative day. To sign up for the job shadow day, or find another time, email me at robyn.paches@su.ualberta.ca.

PowerPlant Visioning Meeting

Ahhhhh the PowerPlant. Most know the building by the bar Dewey's. Discussions around what the entire building could be used for have been going on for around 5-6 years. However, I am confident that there is finally movement on a plan for the building. Last week I attended a meeting hosted by Alumni Relations which included members of the Students' Union, the Graduate Students' Union and alumni council. Key takeaway was that all parties want to see an informal gathering point on campus, the phrase "licensed living room" was tossed around. This was an exciting meeting, but simply a visioning meeting. Much more conversations have to occur before anything is concrete, but I will keep council updated.

SUB Agreement Meeting

Now before you panic seeing this point, do not worry. We will not have a MacHall situation at the U of A. The agreement we hold with the university is much different than theirs, and is rock solid. At the end of last week, our General Manager and I sat down with the new university VP Finance & Administration and VP Facilities and Operations to go over the agreement, and speed them up on all things SUB and Students' Union. The meeting went really well, and will be the beginning of extensive future collaboration.

*JDC West 2017*

This year, the University of Alberta hosted the largest case competition in western Canada. Welcoming over 600 business students from across western Canada, JDC West is an excited conference that students look forward to all year. The Students' Union chose to support the conference through the usage of the atrium and the Myer Horowitz Theatre, and I personally volunteered as a team ambassador. Essentially, I took care of one of the attending teams over the weekend. The conference was excellent and I had an amazing time. Keep an eye out for some photos from the events at our venues; I'm excited to see how they showcase our space.

Myer Horowitz Theatre Renovation Update

I don't have anything especially groundbreaking to report with the MHT project, expect that we are still plugging away at the feasibility study. Currently, I am working mainly to support our consultants at Vitreo while they finalize the case for support and the interview list. As of this week, the case is almost complete and they have started interviews. We also hosted a meeting of the Friends of the Myer Horowitz Theatre. We discussed the case for support, provided the board with an update on the project and talked about the future of the board.

Looking forward to any questions!

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Robyn Paches