

March 23th, 2018

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

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Hello Council,

It's crazy that we're coming down to the last two meetings together. I've had a busy two weeks, so I'll just dive right in.

#### *Board of Governors Meeting & Follow-Up*

Last Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> we saw a disappointing decision at the BoG. They approved an increase of 3.14% to international student tuition, as well as an anytime dining meal plan and a 4% increase to residence rent. Student opposed these across the board for various reasons. Over 90% of residents opposed the meal plan. The admin made up their own inflation index to justify the increase to international students, which is inherently biased and wrong. For more reading on this, check out the hash tags #notpublicgood, #eatyourplan and #UofAnotOkay. I will also be releasing an article in the Gateway explaining how ridiculous the Academic Price Index is, and why it is wrong.

#### *Alberta Budget 2018*

The 2018 Budget was released on Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and contained good news for students. The provincial government will continue to invest in post secondary, including a 2% increase to the campus alberta grant, \$17 million in backfill funding and a review of executive compensation. This is especially exciting from a UAlberta context, as this means that the assumptions administration used to create their budget are wrong. The fees that were imposed are not longer needed. We believe the U of A budget must be revisited with this new information.

#### *Health & Dental Plan RFP*

VP Ushakov and I have been working with the Health and Dental plan committee in evaluating the responses to the RFP. We are almost done the process and will updated council when able.

#### *CREF Funding*

Councilor Sunday and I attended various meetings in which the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund was disbursed. I'd like to highlight Councilor Sunday. He did an excellent job at the committee, and attended many meetings where I couldn't due to other commitments. Great work!

#### *Budget Work*

I have been working hard on finalizing the budget with staff. On today's agenda you will see budget principles. I look forward to working through it together.

*Food Court RFP*

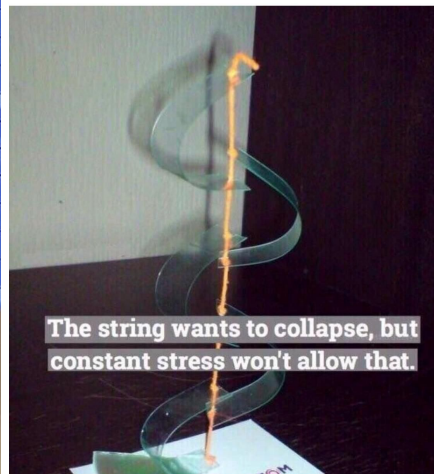
We have finalized our decision on the new food court tenants. We will notify council once all successful, and not successful, candidates have been notified.

*Dank Memes*

Yeaaaahhhhhhhh



At this point in the semester, I am totally the string...



When your truck isn't the loudest  
at the Spruce Grove Rona



Cut my leash into pieces  
This is my bestest bork



Domestication  
No breeding  
Can't give a heck  
Cause they neutered my weenie

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Cheers,



Robyn Paches