



April 5, 2016

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hello Council!

Sadly, this will be my last report to you all, but I've had a fantastic year learning and working with all of you!

TRANSITION

I am in full swing transitioning VP-elect Paches into his role. We meet roughly twice a week and go over different aspects of the job and his goals, and I've invited him to some external meetings as well, to get a better idea of the job and committees he'll be sitting on. We'll wrap up training just in time for retreat, and I am already incredibly confident that he will make a phenomenal VP Operations & Finance!

BUDGET

I will be presenting the 2016-17 budget to Council for approval at our last meeting. After looking over the budget and our expected revenues next year, the SU is in a pretty good place financially. While we are still finalizing staff costs, it appears the increase to the membership fee was enough to cover expected increases to wages over the next three years. Additionally, all of our businesses are projecting a profit for 2016-17, but I have kept the projections reasonable in the off chance that revenues drop. The SU's financial investments are all doing well, and have been largely unaffected by the economic downturn. We have been able to build up our reserves to comfortable amounts, and I am comfortable handing over our financial situation to the 2016-17 team, as we are starting to make more and more profit each year, which can be reinvested in stronger services and programming for students.

GENDER POLICY WRAP-UP

Like I announced last meeting, we have managed to remove gendered language from the University Calendar, and the Code of Student Behaviour will follow suit in April. All in all, four of the resolutions from the gender policy have been achieved, and six more are in progress. This has been a huge year for gender identity advocacy and a step forward in securing the rights of everyone, and I hope next year the momentum can be continued.



SQUIRE

We have partnered with an app to strengthen SUBtitles business! Squire is a company that assists with user-friendly textbook consignment, and we have launched with them. Download the app for iOS devices (Android coming soon, and maybe Blackberry for those stuck in 2008) before consignment starts again on April 4.

SELF-SERVE PRINTING

Upon a recommendation from Councillor Jason Wang, we are looking into bringing a self-serve printer to the lower level of SUB, for students to use when SUBprint is closed. We are currently finalizing the details, but it looks likely that we'll have one up and ready for the new term in September.

CAMPUS FOOD BANK

In April, I will be working with the Executive Director of the CFB to craft a new operating agreement with them, as they are one of our tenants. The last agreement we had ran from 2010-2015, and we haven't had time to rework it, so I hope to get that squared away and signed before my term ends, and line it up with the other contract timelines we have.

RATT SUMMER HOURS

To reduce expenses, RATT will be operating on a reduced schedule over the summer. It will be open for lunch Tuesdays through Thursdays, and open for lunch and dinner on Fridays. Dewey's will remain closed for the summer, as usual. Also, the SU will be trying a new project where RATT moves to the outside patio next to the atrium every few Thursdays for lunch. We're still working out the details, but I think this is an awesome way to use the new space and attract more people to an SU business!

Solidarity forever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cody Bondarchuk'.

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