

May 25th, 2017

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hello Council,

Over in the land of VP Operations & Finance, a sense of normality is returning. Since completing our changeover retreat, and taking around a week to get everything settled, the exec are moving into normal operations. It's been a surprisingly busy couple weeks with meetings and project work. While I am writing this, VP Ushakov and I are in Montreal attending the StudentCare Stakeholder Conference, which I'll dive into later. I'll also talk about a few keys meetings, and some progress on projects.

Room at the Top Design Work

Last week, I took a few design students out for lunch to talk about design options for Room at the Top. We are exploring a renovation to the space, and we talked about creative, yet affordable, methods to make the space feel more open and bright. Later in the week, I continued the discussion with our Students' Union design studio, within our marketing department, and a plan is starting to come together. I'll keep you posted!

United Way Campaign Committee

Last year, I was given the opportunity to sit on the planning committee for the university's annual United Way campaign. I am continuing to sit on it this year. We set goals for the campaign, and talked about some different ways to increase student participation in the campaign. I discouraged the committee from soliciting donations from students, because student budgets are a thing, but it looks like the committee will be aiding student groups in hosting charity events across campus. I'll be doing some more consultation in the near future, and announce the official plan after.

Alumni Council Year End Social

Last Thursday, the Alumni Association invited the executive to their year end social at the Faculty Club. This was a great event and I was happy to have the chance to meet some alumni.

StudentCare Conference

As I mentioned earlier, VP Ushakov and I are currently in Montreal attending the StudentCare Stakeholder Conference. StudentCare is our student health & dental plan provider, and they host an annual conference to facilitate idea sharing between numerous student unions across the country, and discuss the latest in health & dental trends. I've met students from U of T, UBC, Carleton, UBCO and Waterloo just to name a few. So far, it has been a productive conference with plenty of chances to get to know other executives.

Myer Horowitz Theatre Renovation Update

In the world of the MHT renovations, we are plugging away at design development. Design

development, or DD, is the stage of architectural design in which we start to fine tune the design for finalization. During this last weeks meeting, we discussed flooring options and the bathrooms. Its all looking great, please feel free to ask me questions for further details.

Cheers,



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