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To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hello Council,

Hope all is well! These last two weeks have been fairly jam packed with meetings, projects and GovCamp. I've got a lot to cover, so no wild intro today!

Room at the Top Design Work

We are continuing to work away at Room at the Top. As I've mentioned in verbal updates, as well as in response to Councilor Christensen's question, we are undergoing a fairly substantial renovation to Room at the Top over the summer. This last week, we reached 90% completion of our design ideas after consulting with student designers, as well as our own designers. Once everything is finalized, I'll update you!

Facilities & Operations Leadership Team Meet and Greet

Last Wednesday, the 31st, the SU executive and the senior leadership of the Facilities & Operations team at the university had a meet and greet. We got the chance to meet the team, and speak about both of our team's goals, and take the time to find things to collaborate. Personally, I am looking forward to working together with their team on the Myer Horowitz renovations, as well as continuing the pressure for more deferred maintenance funding from the government. Additionally, we are going to be working collaboratively with their conference team to provide space for clients that best suit their needs on campus.

U of A & National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation MOU Signing Ceremony

On Thursday June 1st, the exec team attended a ceremony held in quad celebrating the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the University of Alberta and the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation. The ceremony included a pipe ceremony, a program of speakers, and a round dance followed by a lunch. The event was humbling, educational and an important step for the university's journey to reconciliation.

Gateway Board Meeting

Also taking place last Thursday, was the first meeting of the Gateway Student Journalism Society Board of Directors. We welcomed our new members, appointed our officers, and had a discussion about user comment policy on the Gateway's website. I will be chairing the board this year, once again.

Breakfast with President Turpin

On Friday June 2nd, the executive had breakfast with President Turpin. We shared our goals with

him, and he shared the main focus areas of the university over the coming year. We have some common focuses, including tuition and deferred maintenance. Overall, it was a productive meeting for both work and relations.

GovCamp

This last weekend was, of course, GovCamp! It was an excellent weekend full of professional development for Councilors and Faculty & Department Association executives. We had great attendance from all sides this year, but of course it can always be better! For those who were unable to make it, I encourage you to reach out to Rebecca Taylor at Discover Governance to receive the materials from some of the presentations. Besides the development and instruction sessions, staying together in Lister was an excellent opportunity to get to know various student representatives from across campus, and I am grateful I got the chance to do so.

Dean of Students Retreat

This Tuesday, the 6th, the executive and our counterparts at the Graduate Students' Association had an all day retreat with the Dean of Students and his team of Associate Deans. It was a productive day of discussion and goal sharing. We found a few projects we can collaborate on across the board such as student safety, student employment, supporting indigenous students and tackling student homelessness.

Peter Lougheed Hall Opening

Half way through the retreat on the 6th, the executive team attended the opening event for the Peter Lougheed Hall, the residence and instruction facility for the Peter Lougheed Leadership College. The plethora of people that were invited was great, and personally I enjoyed the chance to have conversations with all kinds of individuals from across the city.

Myer Horowitz Theatre Renovations Update

Updates on this project are minimal. At the last design meeting, we talked bathroom design and lobby design more in-depth. This Friday, we will be receiving our feasibility report from Vitreo Group. Once we receive that, planning on fundraising will move into full swing and I will have a lot to update on.

Cheers,



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