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*VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS & FINANCE)*

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To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

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Hello Council,

Augustana bound! I am looking forward to seeing everyone after some time, and spending some time together on the way to Augustana! I can still remember the first time I went to Augustana Campus, during my first year on the Students' Union as a Business Councilor. Ah, how time flies. Over the past few weeks, a lot has happened. We have had a couple exciting announcements; we have had some notable meetings as well as attended some events. I will go over those in the following report.

*Student Events Initiative*

This last Tuesday on Halloween, we officially launched the Student Events Initiative! In celebration of SUB's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are bolstering programming in the building and starting a heavy consultation process our various renovation plans. We will be having at least one major event in the building each month for the remainder of the semester, and our new Engagement Team will be out on campus consulting with students about our plans for growth within the building. This is a very exciting project; if you would like to find ways to get involved please do not hesitate to reach out.

*CFEP Grant*

I am happy to announce the Students' Union was successful in securing a \$125,000 grant for the Myer Horowitz Theatre Project from the Community Facilities Enhancement Program (CFEP) offered by the Government of Alberta! This last Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> VP Larsen and I visited Minister Lori Sigurdson, the MLA responsible for the University of Alberta. The Minister presented us with a cheque for the grant. Combined with the \$40,000 CFEP grant from last year, this almost covers the costs of design and planning of the project.

*BoG/GSA/SU Lunch*

On Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>, the executive, the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) and the Board of Governors members had lunch in Triffo Hall. The GSA hosted the lunch, and it was an excellent opportunity to meet the members of the highest governing body of the university. We had a great time, and created some excellent connections.

*Open House*

October 21<sup>st</sup> was the U of A Open House! The executive and I worked at open house for most of the day. We had a booth in the Butterdome at the main event, and were

redirecting people to SUB where we had games and other activities set up. We had a ton of fun! I always enjoy speaking to prospective students about the possibility of coming to the U of A. Their energy is always inspiring and invigorating.

#### *CAHRD*

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, VP Ushakov and I attended the Coalition Against High Risk Drinking. This is a collaborative committee between various members of the U of A community, including the Dean of Students, the SU and the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission. At this meeting we talked more about what the U of A will do in response to the legalization of cannabis. The discussion was productive and interesting. Moral of the story: this will present many challenges on campuses across Canada.

#### *MNIF Oversight Committee*

On Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, VP Ushakov, President Banister, and I attended a meeting of the Mandatory Non-Instructional Fee (MNIF) Oversight Committee. This committee is a joint committee between all departments that receive funds from MNIFs, the SU, GSA and the Office of the Provost. The committee reviews the method in which MNIFs are being spent to ensure accountability and transparency of student funds. We looked over this years report and approved it. All three of us were happy with what we saw, and can pass on this report to anyone interested.

#### *Senate Campus Inquiries & Initiatives Committee*

Today, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, VP Larsen invited me to present to the Senate Campus Inquiries & Initiatives Committee, a sub-committee of the Senate. I presented an update on the Student Events Initiative and details on the Myer Horowitz Theatre Renovation Project. I dived into details on the design of the renovation, and took questions from the committee. A couple of the committee members were interested in the project, and I will be following up with some members.

Cheers,



Robyn Paches