



## 2011/2012 Report to Council

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The last two weeks have been fairly hectic. Lots of meetings, lots of e-mails, and lots of work to do. I have been spending most of my spare time getting organized to begin tackling my goals for the summer.

P.S. I hope that you all had a great time on council retreat, I know I did (I'm just going to assume that I will have fun this weekend)

### ***Programming***

#### **AMICCUS-C Conference**

I am very happy that I was able to help with SUB tours for the conference delegates (they were from student organizations all over the country). I was also able to attend one of the night events at Fort Edmonton Park where the local band 'Christian Hansen and the Autistics' were playing. The programming and marketing departments have been kept extremely busy with the AMICCUS-C Conference so we haven't made much ground on Week of Welcome. However, things will start back up as usual next week!

### ***Services***

#### **Health and Dental Plan:**

Andy and I met with the representatives from Studentcare who operate the health and dental plan. They were very friendly and informative and we hope to use the resources that they provided us to hold an introductory Health and Dental Plan Advisory Committee (HDPC) meeting soon. We will be working over the summer with Studentcare to prepare a marketing strategy to inform students about the plan and the opt-out when they return in September.

#### **ECOS Renaming/Rebranding:**

We have one last name-brainstorming meeting on Monday. I will let you know the results of the meeting in my oral report.

#### **Access Fund Selection Committee:**

Andy and I received an in-depth lesson in Access Fund approvals from the SFAIC staff and slowly made our way through the Spring-term Access Fund requests.

#### **Campus Food Bank Re-location:**

I was excited to see the proposed floor plans for the new Campus Food Bank location that is going to be built next to SFAIC/Awards on the main floor of SUB.

### **Advocacy**

This week the entire executive took part in Governance 599. A course on advanced advocacy and university governance presented by a combined effort from the advocacy department and Amanda Henry (the student governance advisory). I was provided with numerous opportunities to exercise this newfound knowledge in the many university related meetings that I had this week. We also had a breakfast with the Dean of Students' Office where I learned more about Bears' Den, Children/Pregnancy, and Dean Robinson's love for dodgeball.

### **Powerplant Tour:**

The University Architect, Ben Louis, took us on a tour of the current Powerplant space next to and in the same building as Dewey's. He gave us a number of ideas for expansion and the renovation of the powerplant building to improve student space.

### **Microwaves:**

Andy and I went on a campus tour with Lorraine Huntley from Ancillary Services to pick approximately ten locations to put new microwaves for students. It's a lot harder than it looks!

### **Integrated Budget and Planning Presentation:**

Wednesday morning we sat in for an excellent presentation on the University's Comprehensive Institutional Plan. The presentation from Philip Stack (Associate VP Risk Management Services) was very informative and helped provide us with a better idea about the CIP. The document is very complicated so you should ask Rory or Emerson about it if you have any questions. Not me!

### **Alcohol Policy:**

Rory and I had an early morning meeting with the Provost, Dean of Students, Vice-Provost and Dean of Grad Studies, and the GSA about the current review of the alcohol policy. The meeting went very well and went on to produce a great amount of fruitful discussion.

### **Opportunities for you to get involved:**

-Please sign up to volunteer for Week of Welcome at <http://goo.gl/P4vMs>.

-Let me know if you want to help on any of my initiatives!

### **Summary:**

The last two weeks have really shown me the value of teamwork in the workplace. As seen in my report, it is quite evident that almost every project that I work on will be done in conjunction with at least one other executive. It is an amazing opportunity to always be working with such talented people.

If you have any other questions ask during council, stop by the office, or send me an email at [vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca).

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