September 14th 2017  
To: Students’ Council  
Re: Report to Students’ Council

Hello Council,

We haven’t met for a good long awhile again! Due to the last council meeting being cancelled after the order paper deadline, I have two reports to give. This report will contain both, and will be labeled accordingly.

September 5th Council Meeting Report

Well we made it. Summer is over, and its time to get into the swing of school again! Since we last spoke, I was actually out of town on a working holiday. I had the chance to visit my grandparents in Ontario for the first time in three years, but I couldn’t afford two weeks out of the office. Therefore, I worked remotely for the last week, but was not able to attend many meetings. Also, over the past few days I have taken some time to myself to move apartments. So it’s been fairly hectic! This report will be slightly shorter than usual due to this. Let’s get to it!

MHT Market Analysis Progress
Last year’s Student Council indicated that they would like to see some work done on analyzing where the Myer Horowitz Theatre fits into the Edmonton Theatre Market. After that direction was given, we commissioned a market analysis. This analysis will answer where the theatre fits in the Edmonton performing arts industry, what the needs of performing arts groups in Edmonton are, and how they are projected to grow. Currently, we are sitting at around 70% completion. I will keep council up to date on the progress!

Room at the Top Facelift
If you haven’t had a chance to check out Room at the Top in the last few weeks, I encourage you to do so! The room has received a facelift and looks amazing. We are plugging away to completion and should be 100% done in the middle of September.

Lister Move-In
On Monday, August 28th, was move-in day for students in residence! The exec volunteered at Lister Centre and East Campus Village, helping student move into their new home.
effortlessly. Personally, I was at Lister for most of the day. Move-in day is one of my favorite days of the year. Everyone is so excited, and its energizing!

*Myer Horowitz Renovation Project Update*
Not to sound like a broken record, but as with the last report we have hit pause on the MHT project in favor of working on our student engagement strategy. Keep an eye out for this over the fall!

See you at Week of Welcome!

*September 19th Council Meeting Report*

Hello council! It’s been a wild week and a half back. Week of Welcome & Orientation was a smash success, with record numbers across the board. My last week was entirely taken up by Week of Welcome; I was only able to find time for a few meetings in between running across campus assisting our talented staff run a successful week. This week, September 11th-15th, has been a lot of catch-up from last week. See below for some highlights!

*Week of Welcome Highlights*
As I mentioned, Week of Welcome and Orientation were huge successes. Orientation went off without a hitch, and saw record numbers of students attending. The exec and I worked the entire day from serving volunteers and new students pancakes, to leading 5000 new students through the light ceremony at President’s Address. The rest of the week was just as great, with activities in quad attracting a ton of people. The weather certainly helped, as it was a beautiful week. We saw record sales in Beer Gardens. We are still finalizing numbers but they may set a new record! Great news as this means all the more money to invest in our services and programs for students. The week was finished off at the SUB 50th Anniversary Party, which I’ll dive into below!

*SUB 50*
This is an extremely exciting year! The Students’ Union Building is turning 50. Built in 1967, SUB has served as an epicenter of student life on campus for decades. It has undergone multiple major renovations, including the construction of the food court, the new atrium, removal of the previous curling rink and bowling lanes and the filling in of a courtyard. This year, in celebration, we are planning an extensive line-up of programming. This will be a mixture of performances, parties, information sessions, and consultation on what the direction the building should go in the future. The 50th anniversary was kicked off at the end of Week of Welcome with the SUB 50th Anniversary Party in the SUB Atrium. After the close of Beer Gardens on Friday, we kept the party going in the atrium with more beer
gardens and live music. The event was capped off with fireworks. Keep your eye out this year for our soon to be released line-up of programming for SUB50.

Alberta Not-for-Profit Association (ANPA) Partnership
For two years now, the SU has partnered with a student group called the Alberta Not-for-Profit Association to creatively consult students on various elements of the SU’s operations. ANPA organizes a case competition, in which the SU is the partner for their first round. A case competition is an experiential learning tool in which students form teams, are given a problem an organization is facing, and given a limited amount of time to think of a solution and present it to a panel of judges. Two years ago the SU focused on the Peer Support Centre, last year we focused on Room at the Top, and this year, well, you’ll have to check out the competition to find out!

UAlberta United Way Campaign Kick-Off
As I have mentioned before, I am a member of the UAlberta’s United Way Campaign planning committee. This year, the SU is assisting the campaign’s kick-off. On October 11th at 12PM, swing by SUBstage to hear from the President, the Chancellor and the Board Chair on why supporting the United Way is important. The event will feature performers, as well as opportunities to win prizes!

Myer Horowitz Theatre Renovation Update
As before, we are currently paused to plan and conduct student engagement/consultation.

Cheers,

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