Dear Council,

Happy to be seeing you all again! I hope you are all healthy and well. I took some time off to go home to see my parents in Vancouver for all of last week, so this report will have less content. Hooray for self care and family time! Plant update: I have no idea if my garden has lived through this week (I am still in Vancouver as I write this). Hopefully my dear roommate is giving my plants some water.

**UPass Update**  
**Meetings with City Councilors**

On July 28th and 29th, VP Ley and I met with Councilor Nickel and Councilor Knack regarding Fall transit UPass alternatives. Both City Councilors were receptive to our concerns with ETS’ opacity and resistance to the Students’ Associations. We have asked them for their assistance in navigating ETS’ bureaucracy and in arriving at a solution for the Fall semester. We have more meetings with City Councilors scheduled for the upcoming weeks, and will update you as things progress.

**Dedicated Fee Units Update**  
**GBPLF and CREF**

The directions received from Students’ Council were to see about the possibility of lowering the Golden Bears & Pandas Legacy Fund (GBPLF) fee and the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund (CREF) fee for the Fall semester, because of COVID and the relative lack of students on campus able to benefit from the funds as usual.

As per [Bylaw 6100 Article 4.6(a)](https://www.ualberta.ca/), DFUs can be amended by a joint resolution of Council and the fee’s governing body. As listed in the Bylaw 6000 Schedule, this is the U of A’s “Recreation Action Committee” for CREF, and the U of A’s “University Athletics Board” for GBPLF. This means that we would have to consult with UAB and RAC to come to a decision about what to do with the fee level, and then bring this decision to Council to jointly decide on how to move forward.

Given the Registrar Office’s Deadline of July 30th to decide on our DFU fee levels, it would not have been feasible to go through the process as per bylaw. That is why we have chosen to keep the GBPLF and CREF fees at their usual rate for the Fall semester. If Council feels similarly as the Winter semester approaches, we will be more proactive in our conversations with these oversight bodies, and look into lowering these fees at that point in time.

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My apologies for not quite fitting this report on one page: the aesthetic is bothersome to me as well. As always, if you have any questions about the contents of this report, or simply want to talk, please feel free to reach out! Stay safe and healthy.

Best,

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