Dear Council,

Hi Council! It has been quite the week. Who knew a process taking over 5 months could come down to such a crunch? I do appreciate all of the feedback surrounding the Student Spaces Levy, as that is your elected role.

Capital Plan

As you may have guessed, 90% of the last couple weeks have been planning the Student Spaces Levy and its implementation process. Creating this type of thing is surprisingly challenging, and is ever more complicated as student feedback ranges in opinion as much as students themselves do. We shall see the outcome of this weekend’s meeting, and if it passes, I will update you orally with the next steps.

Centre LRT Working Committee

I have been sitting on an advisory committee lead by the City of Edmonton that is trying to find the optimal route for the centre LRT line in the University area. This is the LRT line that is planned to travel East-West down Whyte Avenue. There are a lot of factors to consider, from safety to environmental impact, to vibrations of the transit system affecting research or high tech hospital operations. This is a very exciting committee as the decisions that we make will ultimately greatly benefit students due to increased accessibility to campus via LRT. I will keep you updated as we get closer to selecting a route.

Other things

I do plan on completing a first draft of the SU catalogue before the end of my term, and hopefully leave it for next year’s Exec to optimize in whatever way they see fit. Furthermore, SERC has not met in the last couple of weeks due to the focus on the referendum question, but we hope to do so soon. As always, if you would like to set up a meeting to discuss anything, I am always available at emma.ripka@su.ualberta.ca

Kind regards,

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