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To: Students' Union Council  
Re: VPOF 2018/19 Report

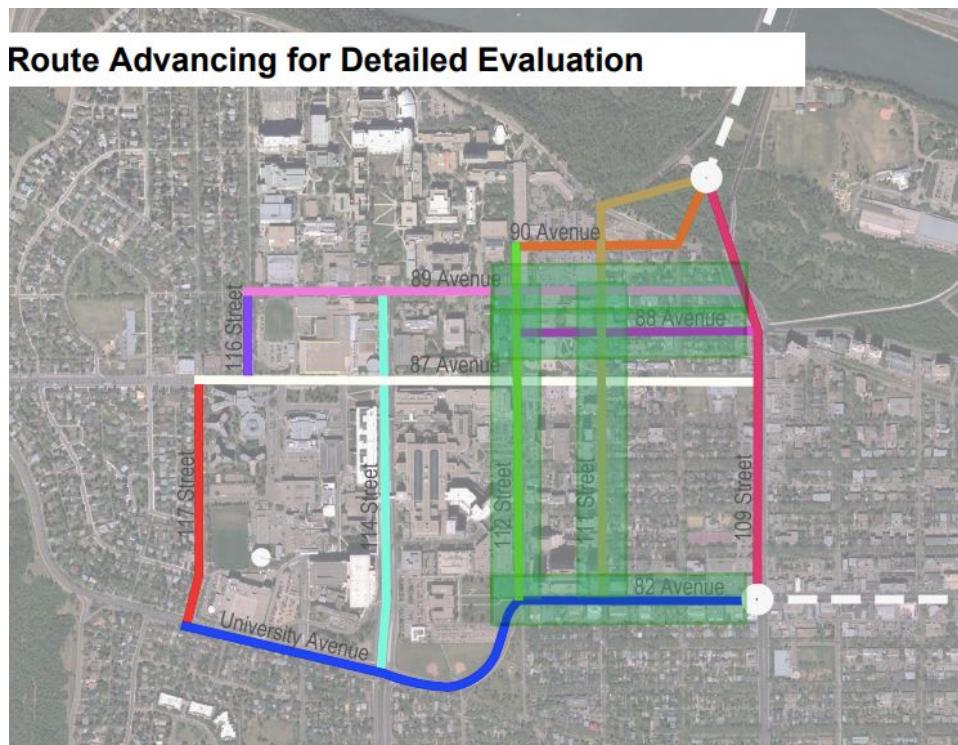
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Dear Council,

Hello, and happy spring! If you're at all like me, then your mood has shifted to reflect the sunshine, and it is a beautiful thing! The last couple of weeks have been all about budget and transition; here are my updates:

#### Centre LRT Advisory Committee

As I have mentioned in the past, I am sitting on a committee that is trying to come up with the best route for the [proposed Centre LRT](#), specifically around the university area. After months of meeting, we have narrowed the routes to the following (highlighted in green). As the NS street sections South of 87th Ave affect Alberta Health Services more than the University, we are going to focus primarily on the route options North of 87th and let them choose the South section. My question for you: North of 87th Ave, do you have a preference as to what route is chosen? Think safety, convenience, connection, etc. Have any thoughts? Please let me know and I'll pass them on to the committee.



### Budget fun

Good news, y'all, we have made some great progress on the budget! We will breakeven this year, which is great, particularly considering that it was a projected deficit last year. The budget will be reviewed at Finance Committee on April 3rd, and then come to Council on April 9th. If you have no experience with finance or budgeting, I would suggest reading up on it a bit. I know that it can be confusing, so don't hesitate to ask questions during the next meeting, or prior to (once you receive the order papers) if that makes you more comfortable.

### Odds & Ends

SERC will be meeting the week after next to look through the SWAG data we have collected from our student surveys and internals purchasing reports, and make recommendations. The Executive Compensation Committee will be meeting right before Council, so I will update you on the orally ASAP. Also, transition is going well, although taking up a surprising amount of time; I guess it's worth it for the continued success of the organization, though! I am headed off to the Network of Empowered Women conference in Banff this weekend and should have some oral updated about it in Council. Looking forward to it! If you'd like to book a meeting, please email me at [emma.ripka@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:emma.ripka@su.ualberta.ca).

Best of luck,

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