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REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Fellow Trustees,

Before I get too far, you must know that we settled into the JDUC this summer, and students promptly filled every nook and cranny by the first day of school. It's being used exactly as planned. By now, we will have celebrated the major donors with an Advancement event, and AMS President Amer and I are in the final stages of getting ready for an alumni and student-centred [grand opening celebration](#) during homecoming weekend – I hope you can join for live music, ribbon cutting, and cake!

Office | We have been working away at projects including a [redesigned website](#) with added features like all my reports and committees, planning for the second student leader development conference, and an initiative to thank recent donors of the Rector's bursary. This was all possible because of my team and the principal office summer interns.

Community Engagement | After a wonderful awards season and spring convocation week, I had a quiet summer in the office. September has been full of speaking at orientation-related events and checking in on the incredible student leaders who are making it all happen for the class of 2029. The commotion on campus mixed with the sharp fall air has been an energizing way to get back into the swing of things.

Committee work | Committee work is just starting to pick back up again. I'm particularly excited to see the outcomes from the Board-Senate Advisory Committee this year. Here are my updates from the committees that didn't pause in the summer:

- **The Graduate Funding Review Taskforce:** this group has concluded and delivered a report to the Provost for consideration and next steps regarding potential changes to enhance equity, aligned with the university's goals in I-EDIAA.
- **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Working Group:** led by the Office of Indigenous Initiatives and the Vice Principal, Culture, Equity and Inclusion office, this committee has been preparing a month-long itinerary of meaningful events and initiatives, including an art show in Union Gallery, orange t-shirt distribution, and a Sacred Fire. My Office worked with student leaders and the administration to create a heart garden for both Richardson Hall and the JDUC.
- **Tricolour Award Selection Review Committee:** I struck this committee of student leaders, a past Rector, and a Tricolour Society member to conduct an overview of the award criteria nomination and selection process. There is now a new terms of reference which is being implemented for this upcoming award selection.



- **Rector Election Policy Review Committee:** I have struck a committee made up of representatives from the AMS, SGPS, Faculty Societies, and the University Secretariat to clarify aspects of the current policy and clean it up in time for the next election. We are nearing the end and changes will be proposed to AMS Assembly and SGPS Council in the fall for approval.

Rector's Digest | I kept up the column over the summer months to discuss [reading the boardroom](#), [a good kind of climate change](#), the [impact of rankings](#), and a special piece by [a first year with a frontline view](#).

At your service,

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