
Tuesday, June 15, 2021
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ORDER PAPER (SC-2021-04)

2021-04/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2021-04/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, June 29 2021 at 6:00PM** via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 856 6600 7012

2021-04/2 CONSENT AGENDA

2021-04/2a Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2021-03) Tuesday, June 01, 2021

See SC-2021-04.01

2021-04/2b **MONTEIRO MOVESTO** ratify the appointment of Danielle Lapatack to the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee (ARRC).

See SC-2021-04.02

2021-04/2c **MONTEIRO MOVESTO** ratify the appointment of Megan Uglen, Mustafa Jaswal, Rucha Patel, and Yousuf Iqbal to the Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee.

See SC-2021-04.03

- 2021-04/2d **MONTEIRO MOVESTO** ratify the appointment of Justin Morlock, Madeleine Tupper, Mehrin Hoque, and Yousuf Iqbal to the Sustainability and Capital Fund Committee.
- See SC-2021-04.04
- 2021-04/2e **MONTEIRO MOVESTO** ratify the appointment of Sophia Estrada and Veronica Ortiz-Zelada to the Translation Committee.
- See SC-2021-04.05
- 2021-04/3 PRESENTATIONS
- 2021-04/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
- 2021-04/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT
- 2021-04/6 OPEN FORUM
- 2021-04/7 QUESTION PERIOD
- 2021-04/8 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
- 2021-04/9 GENERAL ORDERS
- 2021-04/10 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2021-04/10a Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2021-03) Tuesday, June 1, 2021
- See SC-2021-04.01
- 2021-04/10b Council Submissions
- See SC-2021-04.02 - 05
- 2021-04/10c Executive Committee Reports
- See SC-2021-04.06 - 11
- 2021-04/10d BoG Rep Report
- See SC-2021-04.12

2021-04/10e Students' Council - Attendance

See SC-2021-04.13

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VOTES & PROCEEDINGS (SC-2021-03)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:03PM

- 2021-03/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS
- 2021-03/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on **Tuesday, June 15 2021 at 6:00PM** via Zoom.
- Join Zoom Meeting
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- Meeting ID: 856 6600 7012
- 2021-03/2 CONSENT AGENDA
- 2021-03/2a Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2021-02) Tuesday, May 18, 2021
See SC-2021-03.01
- 2021-03/3 PRESENTATIONS
- 2021-03/3a **LEY MOVED** to allow a presentation to observe a moment of silence.
See SC-2021-03.12
- 2021-03/3b **LEY MOVED** to allow the Chief Returning Officer to present
See SC-2021-03.08 &10
- 2021-03/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
Talia DIXON, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.
Emily KIMANI, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.

Abner MONTEIRO, Vice President (Academic) - Report.
Christian FOTANG, Vice President (External) - Report.
Rowan LEY, President - Report.

2021-03/5

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

KONRAD, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative - Report
DHILLON, Audit Committee - Report
DEGRANO, Bylaw Committee - Report
VILLOSO, Council Administration Committee - Report
LEY, Executive Committee - Report
KIMANI, Finance Committee - Report
MONTEIRO, Nominating Committee - Report
MOTOSKA, Policy Committee - Report
LEY, Student Group Committee - Report

2021-03/6

OPEN FORUM

NARVEY: Inquired as to whether the University Teaching & Learning Task Force is addressing the fact that gender nonconforming lecturers receive discriminatory scoring in the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI).

MONTEIRO: Responded in the affirmative. Noted that professors expressed concern that the USRI is weaponized by students and students feel that USRI are not useful means for providing responsive feedback.

NARVEY: Inquired as to whether there are discussions about having students filtering USRI submissions to prevent discriminatory ratings.

MONTEIRO: Responded that the Task Force is considering making changes to question design. Clarified that all students can provide feedback on proposed changes to the USRI when they are presented before GFC.

2021-03/7

QUESTION PERIOD

BATYCKI: Inquired as to how Fotang will balance representing SU interests while serving as part of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations.

FOTANG: Responded that he aims to leverage CASA to address and resolve issues affecting international students and students at Campus Saint-Jean.

VILLOSO: Inquired as to whether the University responded to the SU letter outlining consultation concerns about the proposed extraordinary fee increases.

LEY: Responded in the negative. Suggested that the University has no time to consult

students further at this point given that the Alberta Government window for accepting proposals for extraordinary increases is closing. Suggested that the University's inadequate consultation violates the Tuitions and Fees Regulation and Student Participation Process Handbook.

YABUT: Inquired as to how applications for the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Task Force have been made accessible and what groups were connected.

DIXON: Responded that invitations to apply were sent to students who parent, Aboriginal Student Council, the Black Students' Association, the International Student Association, and residence associations. Invited councillors to encourage applications from others and apply themselves.

BATYCKI: Expressed concern that the proposed extraordinary fee increases will require some Engineering students to take part-time work while studying which, in turn, will lower their GPA and render them less competitive for co-op positions.

VILLOSO: Inquired as to how councillors can support the Campus Saint-Jean campaign.

FOTANG: Responded that the SU is working to support the Saint-Jean federal advocacy campaign and will also address the issue when meeting with the Alberta Government. Encouraged councillors to help raise awareness.

2021-03/8 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2021-03/9 GENERAL ORDERS

2021-03/9a **LEY/DEGRANO MOVED** to go in camera
See SC-2021-03.09
CARRIED

KONRAD/FOTANG MOVED to exit in camera.
CARRIED

2021-03/10 INFORMATION ITEMS

2021-03/10a Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2021-02) Tuesday, May 18, 2021
See SC-2021-03.01

2021-03/10b Executive Committee Reports
See SC-2021-03.02 - 06

2021-03/10c BoG Rep Report

See SC-2021-03.07

2021-03/10d Council Submissions

See SC-2021-03.08 & 09

2021-03/10e CRO Presentation Slides

See SC-2021-03.10

2021-03/10f Students' Council - Attendance

See SC-2021-03.11

2021-03-10g Council Submissions

See SC-2021-03.12

2021-03-10h BoG Performance Base Funding Information Item

See SC-2021-03.13

CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:17PM

2021-22 - Council Submissions

UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

Council Meeting Date	Tuesday, June 15, 2021
Mover	Monteiro
Email	abner.monteiro@su.ualberta.ca
Action Requested	Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

Motion	MONTEIRO MOVES TO ratify the appointment of Danielle Lapatack to the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee (ARRC).
Abstract	The UASU Nominating Committee has selected the following applicant for appointment to ARRC as a student-at-large representative. Danielle is an indigenous student going into their third year of a Bachelor of Arts (English/Native Studies).

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Consent Agenda

Motion	MONTEIRO MOVES TO ratify the appointment of Megan Uglem, Mustafa Jaswal, Rucha Patel, and Yousuf Iqbal to the Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee.
Abstract	The UASU Nominating Committee has selected the following applicants for appointment to the Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee as student-at-large representatives. Megan Uglem is going into their fourth year of Bachelor of Arts (double major in Sociology/Women and Gender Studies). Rucha Patel is going into their second year of a Bachelor of Science (Specialization in Immunology and Infection). Yousuf is going into their third year of a Bachelor of Commerce. Mustafa Jaswal is an international student going into their third year of a BSc in Mechanical Engineering.

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Consent Agenda

Motion MONTEIRO MOVES TO ratify the appointment of Justin Morlock, Madeleine Tupper, Mehrin Hoque, and Yousuf Iqbal to the Sustainability and Capital Fund Committee.

Abstract The UASU Nominating Committee has selected the following applicants for appointment to the Sustainability and Capital Fund Committee as student-at-large representatives. Justin Morlock is going into their fourth year of a Bachelor of Arts (Major: Political Science, Minor: Economics, Sociology, International Studies). Madeleine Tupper is going into their second year of a Bachelor of Commerce (Major: Accounting, Minor: Political Science). Mehrin Hoque is going into their second year of an Engineering degree. Yousuf Iqbal is going into their third year of a Bachelor of Commerce.

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Consent Agenda

Motion MONTEIRO MOVES TO ratify the appointment of Sophia Estrada and Veronica Ortiz-Zelada to the Translation Committee.

Abstract The UASU Nominating Committee has selected the following applicants for appointment to the Translation Committee as student-at-large representatives. Sophia Estrada is going into their fifth year of a Bachelor of Arts (Major: Modern Language and Cultural Studies - French, Minor: Mathematics). Veronica Ortiz Zelada is going into their third year of a Bachelor of Arts (History/Psychology).

UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

Council Meeting Date

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mover

LEY

Email

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Action Requested

Information Items

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Abstract

President's Report

Attachments

Council report 06_15_21.pdf

Date: 06/15/21

To: Students' Union Council

Re: President's Report 06/15/21

Dear Council,

I hope you are all doing well and enjoying the new opportunities to socialize with the easing of public health orders (responsibly, of course). The light at the end of the tunnel of this pandemic in Canada feels like it's getting closer and closer, and we've been putting a lot of thought into what the return to campus, for our members and staff, looks like next year. Some things will never be the same again, but there are some that I just want to get back to normal as fast as possible!

President Flanagan Meeting

The Executive met with President Flanagan to discuss opportunities for collaboration this year, and I am pleased that there is a lot we can work on together. It was a very productive meeting, and we had a chance to discuss a number of current issues-- we were also able to discuss the status of the Ring Houses, and received confirmation that there is no immediate plan to demolish them. So while they are not completely safe yet, the Ring Houses are not in immediate danger, which was a relief to many in the campus heritage community.



Progress on an Opt-In Pass/Fail Proposal

I am very pleased that we have made some tangible progress on the development of an optional, limited pass-fail proposal, as per VP Monteiro's platform and mine. After discussions with the Registrar's office, we have established a working group to co-develop a proposal. This collaboration will allow us to create a proposal that integrates smoothly with the University's administrative systems and governance, making it easier to pass through university governance and eventually implement. We hope that a proposal will be ready in time for the fall GFC cycle. This is very

Rowan Ley, President

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encouraging, and we think this is an opportunity to make a real change that benefits everyone on campus.

University of Alberta Rankings

The QS World University Rankings for 2021-22 came out this year, and placed the U of A at #126 in the world. While this is a respectable showing overall, given that there are thousands of universities out there, it's a significant drop from our ranking last year. Since 2018, the U of A's ranking has fallen by 36 places while most major Canadian universities have risen. No ranking is perfect, and rankings get a lot of justified criticism, but when there is a clear pattern in our performance it can't be ignored. I don't highlight this to be defeatist, but it is important that we acknowledge that disproportionate cuts to the U of A have serious impacts on teaching, learning, and our reputation-- impacts some folks would prefer not to acknowledge.

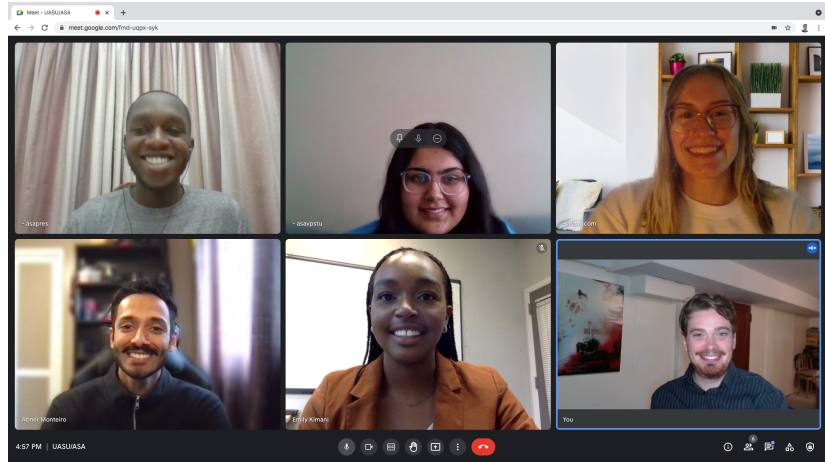
I've had some conversations with the media about the impact of the cuts, and I would encourage all of you to continue communicating to your constituents how cuts to our provincial grant hurt their education. It's a message we all need to know, and that the government needs to hear.

Sauvons Saint-Jean Campaign Relaunch

VP Fotang and I have been working closely with our colleagues at Campus Saint-Jean to support the relaunch of the Sauvons Saint-Jean campaign. In particular, I've been working to find as many details as possible on the \$121.6M that the federal government made available for official language postsecondary education. Our current understanding is that Alberta could potentially receive up to \$4M/year from this grant between 2021 and 2024, but there is still a lot of uncertainty around where exactly that money could be sent. Our second major concern is that all federal official languages program funding requires at least an equal contribution from the province, so if the province refuses to provide \$4M/year the federal government will not provide their \$4M/year either. This could result in over a million dollars of lost annual revenue for Campus Saint-Jean. We are also working to connect with the Alberta Franco-Canadian Association (ACFA) in the near future to share our knowledge and discuss how we can collaborate further. We remain committed to supporting the Sauvons Saint-Jean campaign in whatever way we can. We are also beginning conversations at our federal advocacy group, CASA, to see how we can support federal advocacy for minority language education this year.

Augustana Students' Association Meeting

VP Monteiro, Kimani, and I met with the Augustana Students' Association Executive and identified a number of interesting opportunities to collaborate. We also have committed to a system of regular check-ins to ensure we stay in touch. Hopefully we can visit Augustana in person soon!



A lot of other things happened this week that I can't cram into this report, so please feel free to ask questions!

As always, get in touch if you have any questions or want to chat.
Cheers,



University of Alberta Students' Union President
Rowan Ley

2021-22 - Council Submissions

UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

This form is intended to be used by members of Students' Council to submit items for Council meetings.

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Mover	Monteiro
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VPA Council Report #4

Attachments



SC4_June_15_2021.pdf

Date: 15/06/2021

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Academic 2021/22 Report #4

Dear Council,

I hope you are all doing well! These last couple of weeks have been busy, to say the least. Here is a brief breakdown of what I've been up to since our last council meeting:

NomCom Update

Last week on Thursday, NomCom reviewed several student-at-large (SAL) job position postings for the following:

- Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee (ARRC)
- Student Group Committee
- University of Alberta Senate
- Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee
- Sustainability and Capital Fund Committee
- Translation Committee

The consent agenda for Tuesday will contain ratifications for SAL positions on these various committees. Nominating Committee has decided to extend the applications for the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee (ARRC) and Student Group Committee for an additional two weeks from June 14th, 2021 - June 27, 2021. We are specifically looking for two student group executives to fill SAL seats on the Student Group Committee. Please share this information with your friends and other groups on campus so that we can get these seats filled!

Met with the Graduate Students' Association VP Academic

I met with Kathy Haddadkar this week where we discussed our goals for this year as VPAs and how we can work together to support undergraduate students and graduate students alike! She is an amazing representative and I look forward to working with her over this next year.

Council of Faculty Associations (CoFA) Senior Board Meeting

CoFA Senior Board met on June 2nd, 2021 for the first meeting of the year! For those of you who don't know, the Council of Faculty Associations is a space for Faculty Association (FA) Executives to collaborate with their FA counterparts, work together to address challenges they may be facing, and consult on SU advocacy, just to name a few. During this meeting with the FA presidents, we assigned executives to Working Groups, talked about everyone's expectations of

CoFA for the year. Special thank you to VP Kimani and Dixon for chairing the Finance and Member Services Working Groups! :)

Undergraduate Program Support Team (PST)

I had my first meeting with the undergraduate support team last week which is chaired by the Vice Provost Programs. The PST is a space where individuals currently looking for feedback on minor course changes or the development of new program proposals come to gain early consultation and feedback as to ways their proposals can be improved.

GFC Student Caucus and GFC

Last week on Friday, GFC Student Caucus met for the first time! It was a great first meeting of the year where we discussed many of the issues that have direct implications to the student experience and asked a lot of great questions in preparation for GFC on June 7th, 2021.

GFC had its last meeting of the year on June 7th and will be taking a hiatus for the summer. The first meeting of the next academic year will be in September.

Student Governance Code of Conduct

During the last few months, past VPA David Draper, myself, and a few members of the Bylaw Committee have been working to develop a Student Governance Code of Conduct. This document would outline the responsibility that members of the Students Union - and its delegated authority - hold when they are in governance roles and the implications for not upholding that responsibility. A draft of the first principles will be attached to the Late Additions for discussion/consultation at council, and this will be followed by further consultation with SRAs prior to coming to the Students' Council for approval.

Governance Restructuring Task Force (GRTF)

VP Fotang and I did a series of presentations last week for the GRTF recommendations brought forward to the Students' Council earlier in May as a way to provide more clarity around what these recommendations are! If you are interested in learning more but didn't have the opportunity to attend one of these presentations, please reach out to either me or VP Fotang and we can set something up with you to discuss the recommendations.

My First Summer Project

Last week, I had a lot of fun doing a little home improvement project! Below is a before and after photo of the fruits of my labour! *Disclaimer: I did not indeed build this on my own.*



I wish all of you a hot and sunny weekend, and as always, if you ever want to chat please don't hesitate to reach out!

Cheers,

Abner Monteiro
Vice President Academic
University of Alberta Students' Union

UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

Council Meeting Date

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Mover

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Action Requested

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Attachments

Council Report 21_06_15.pdf

Date: 2021/06/15

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President External 2021/22 Report #4

Dear Council,

Another two weeks and another fortnite of grinding! Hope you are all doing super! I am happy to announce that I am back in Canada Woot! Woot! By the time the council meeting has started, I will have completed my mandatory 3 day quarantine and begun my mandatory 14-day quarantine!

CAUS Meetings

On Friday June 4th, CAUS met to finalize priorities for our priorities document. We were able to slim down our priorities to preventing and responding to sexual violence, mental health, childcare, work integrated learning, province wide standards for online learning, and upfront needs based grants. Most importantly, a delegate highlighted that CAUS in the past has failed to include an Indigenous lens or Indigenous students' priorities and stressed the importance of doing so this year. While we did not have a final vote on these priorities, it has been a good starting point to have strong and robust conversations to ensure that our priorities are reflective and inclusive of the lived experiences of students throughout our province. We also had a regular CAUS meeting last Monday. The focus of this meeting was to elect members to either the Policy committee or the Organizing and Public Engagement Committee (OPEC). I am glad to announce President Ley will have a seat on OPEC and I will have a seat on Policy.

AUFSJ Sauvons Saint-Jean campaign

Last week June 7th, marked the beginning of AUFSJ's sauvons Saint-Jean campaign. This social media campaign will continue for the rest of the month with the aim of raising awareness of the funding issues occurring at CSJ to not only the francophone community, but also rally support from our large campus community to put pressure on the federal and provincial governments to support CSJ. We have been able to support AUFSJ by reposting and will be releasing a statement of support this week. I encourage you all to continue to repost and spread awareness of their advocacy work.

GRTF Presentation

Thank you to those of you who were able to make it to the GRTF presentations. Your feedback was incredibly helpful and the questions we received were great! Those in attendance were receptive to the core recommendations and potential initiatives. The next steps are likely re-striking a task force to determine what the specifics for this recommendation will look like, VP Monteiro and I shall keep you up to date.

Upcoming meetings

This week, President Ley and I will be meeting with some Mayoral candidates, namely, Michael Oshry, Diane Steele and Cheryl Watson. The aim of these meetings is to get to know the candidates better but also gets students priorities on their radar! I will also be meeting with Heather McPherson MP for Edmonton-Strathcona! I look forward to updating you on the outcome of these meetings!

All and all, I am happy to be back in Canada, and once I am out of quarantine, I look forward to safely meeting up with many of you and getting to know each other better!

Yours Externally,



University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President External
Christian Fotang

UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

Council Meeting Date

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Council Report 4 June 15, 2021-6.pdf

Date: 06/15/2021

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Operations & Finance 2021/22 Report #4

Hi everyone! How are you all doing? I hope you have a great two weeks, even with all the rain we have had. I have made it my goal to get at least twenty-five new plants by the end of this summer. Some might say that twenty-five plants are too many. But, I say, is there such a thing as too many plants? We can agree to disagree.

We have now officially been in our roles for a month and a few days. Time is moving fast. VP Dixon and I have begun planning for Aboriginal Awareness Week. We are in the process of project management and drafting what the week could potentially look like. This project is extremely important; we will update you throughout the summer.

UASU Website Update

Our UASU website is currently being updated. We are focusing on the accessibility of information and a much more user-friendly experience. As of now, we are in the process of user testing the potential website. I had a chance to test it out last week, and it is looking great; I am excited for it to launch!

Period Equity

VP Dixon and I have been working very hard to complete our one-year plan regarding free menstrual products on campus. I am excited to say that it is nearly finished. We intend this to be an external-facing document.

Ruth Menstrual Products

VP Dixon and I have had a meeting with Ruth, a company that creates eco-friendly, biodegradable menstrual pads. As VP Dixon and I have mentioned, we want to approach the Period Poverty initiative with a lens of environmental sustainability. We are now in the process of negotiations with Ruth about a potential partnership. No decisions have been made yet, but we will give you an update once a decision has been reached.

Emily Kimani, Vice President Operations and Finance

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Noteworthy Meetings

President Bill Flanagan

The entire Executive team met with President Bill Flanagan this week. This was an introductory meeting where we introduced ourselves, shared our goals and priorities, and discussed how we can best represent students this year.

Graduate Students' Association

We met with the Graduate Students' Association last week for an introductory meeting. We had the opportunity to meet our counterparts, share our goals, and discuss how we can support each other throughout the year.

Augustana Students' Association

President Ley, VP Monteiro, and I met with the president of the Augustana Students Association and a few of their executive members. We had a great discussion about Augustana campus, their initiatives and goals for the year, and how we can collaborate throughout the year.

Students' Association of MacEwan University (SAMU)

Along with our CRO, I met with the VP Operations and Finance and CRO of the Students' Association of MacEwan University. Their election processes are up for review this year. We met to discuss our own processes and answer the questions they had.

If you have any questions about this report or want to chat, please feel free to reach out!

All the best,



Emily

UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

Council Meeting Date

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Action Requested

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Report of the VP Student Life

Attachments

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Council Report 4 June 15, 2021.pdf

Date: 15/06/2021

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Student Life 2021/22 Report #4

Hi Council,

Wow, I can't believe it's been two weeks already; time is flying by! Here are some of the things that I have been working on:

Residence / CORA

CORA had our first meeting on Thursday. We covered A TON of stuff, including our strategic plan for the year, addressing sexual violence in residence, residence fees and residence concerns about COVID. I'm looking forward to working with CORA and updating you on the work we do.

As a VERY important residence update, Newton Place has been sold and will no longer be a residence run by UofA. This does not change residences existing leases, and residence is working to make this a smooth transition. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Social Media

This year the exec is working to connect with more students via social media. While this may seem trivial, it is an important part of getting students involved with student governance and has been part of many executives and councillors platforms. On the 2nd, I took over the Instagram account and showed folks what a day in my life is like. If you saw that and have feedback, please let me know.

We also have a giveaway contest going on right now for a \$50 gift card. It's open till the 18th. so y'all should check that out!

COFA

The Council of Faculty Associations (COFA) had its first meeting at the start of this month. I am looking forward to chairing the Member Service Group and working with the faculty associations.

Period Poverty

VP Kimani and I have finished our business proposal document for the period equity initiative. Now we are 'switching gear' by working on fundraising for the project and setting up advocacy meetings/presentations to get the Uni excited about this initiative. We are also continuing our talks with Ruth. Ruth is a sustainable menstrual products company run by UofA Alumni that we are hoping to work with.

The Ring Houses Coalition

The Ring House Coalition is continuing its amazing work, and things are looking up! I'm hoping to give y'all an exciting update on this in the coming weeks.

EDII

We have been working on a bunch of Equity Diversity Inclusivity and Indigenization (EDII) projects.

- This month I had a meeting with Terry Sperling to discuss the Pride sidewalks. They should be painted in the 3rd month of August. I also spoke to him about the importance of them being painted in the 'new' style.
- VP Kimani and I are continuing to lay the groundwork for Aboriginal Awareness week.
- I have been working with our marketing team to create the posts for Indigenous History month. Please share those.
- The EDIT Committee applications closed today. We had over 20 applications! I am looking forward to reading over the applications and going through the interview process.
- The Policing Policy committee has met and we are starting our research for the committee.

Sexual Violence

Sexual violence advocacy is slow and this issue has lots of moving parts, but I'm slowly finding my footing on this work. Some of the things I have done so far include"

- Working to create a year-long advocacy plan and met with (almost) everyone I can think of who has been working to address this issue within the uni.
- We are waiting to hear back about the Feminist Grant and Recovery Fund that we applied to. If we get this grant, it will be directed towards funding the mandatory sexual violence prevention training the exec wants to create this year.
- We are waiting for the hiring process to start for the Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator. This will shape a lot of my advocacy for the next year.
- Abner and I are continuing to work on the Experiential Learning Policy.
- I have been working with marketing on the campaign that will connect survivors with supports; this campaign will be launched in November.

Misc meetings with representatives

I continue to have recurring meetings with my counterparts from the ISA, AUFSJ and the ASA. These meetings have been very productive so far, and I am looking forward to working with them on various projects.

GFC

Last Monday (June 7th), I attended my first GFC meeting as VP Student Life. As usual, GFC was interesting, and we discussed a lot of important topics. Two that fall in line with my portfolio are Item 5: Proposal for the Establishment of the GFC Committee on the Documentation of Indigeneity (CDI) and Item 10: Clean Air Strategy. I gave a long statement at GFC that addressed the numerous concerns the UASU Executive and many other student representatives have with a complete smoking ban on campus. The gateway covered a few of my comments in this [article](#). If you have any questions/comments about the Clean Air Strategy, please let me know!

Pronoun Campaign

Me, marketing and the folks from the Landing had a meeting about the Pronoun Campaign, and it looks like it's all going as planned. If you have any ideas for this campaign, please let me know!

Self Care Tip

This is a very superficial and quick tip (because I am out of space). If you don't like to read and want a break from screens while still being entertained, you should listen to podcasts! One that I particularly recommend is the Ologies Podcast with Alie Ward.

Best,

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UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

Council Meeting Date

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

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Action Requested

Information Items

Information Items

Abstract

Report 4 - Nutella is My Weakness

Attachments

pdf

06.15.21 BoG Rep Report.pdf

Date: 06.15.21

To: Students' Union Council

Re: BoG Rep 2021/2022 Report 4 - **Nutella is My Weakness**

Dear Council,

Meetings

1. **Councillors:** I am continuing to meet with Councillors to get in touch with everybody, learn about your goals and how we can best work together at the Board and Council.
2. **General Faculties Council:** a heated, long meeting, we had discussions on a variety of issues for admin to listen to and take into consideration as they progressed on specific projects. Two big topics were the Clean Air Strategy and metrics associated with Academic Restructuring.
3. **Board Strategic Retreat:** we met again and got close to finalizing an agenda for Board approval at next Friday's Board meeting. Student experience is a big part of our focus and I am excited to see how that conversation goes in September!

Thanks for reading!



University of Alberta Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative
Dave Konrad

Councillor Attendance 2020-21		Spring/Summer										Spring/Summer Totals	Fall										Fall Total	Winter							
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Position	Name	NDA	4/20/2021	5/4/2021	5/18/2021	6/1/2021	6/15/2021	6/29/2021	7/13/2021	7/27/2021	8/10/2021	8/24/2021		9/7/2021	9/21/2021	10/5/2021	10/19/2021	11/2/2021	11/16/2021	11/30/2021	12/14/2021	By-Election Winn	1/11/2022	1/25/2022	2/8/2022	2/22/2022	3/8/2022	3/22/2022	4/5/2022		
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President	Rowan Ley	Y	3	3	3	3																									
VP Academic	Abner Monteiro	Y	3	3	3	3																									
VP External	Christian Fotang	Y	3	3	3	3																									
VP Operations & Finance	Emily Kimani	Y	3	3	3	2																									
VP Student Life	Talia Dixon	Y	3	3	3	3																									
Undergraduate BoG Rep	Dave Konrad	Y	3	3	3	2																									
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Arts	Serena Manansala Yabut	Y	3	3	3	3																									
Arts	Rebeca Avila	Y	3	3	3	3																									
Arts	Maria Julia Nicole De Grano	Y	3	3	3	3																									
Arts	Julia Catherine Viloso	Y	3	3	3	3																									
Arts	Christopher Beasley	Y	3	3	3	3																									
Business	Ghala Amer	Y	3	3	3	3																									
Business	Samantha Gardner	Y	3	3	3	3																									
Education	Reagan Nicole Morris	Y	3	0	3	0																									
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Engineering	Farhana Rahman	Y	3	3	0	0																									
Engineering	Muhammad Moosa Zafar	Y	3	2	3	0																									
Kinesiology, Sport and Recreation	Andy Robert Deprato	Y	3	3	3	3																									
Law	Navpreet Kaur Gill	Y	3	3	3	3																									
Medicine & Dentistry	Nikki Chopra	Y	0	0	0	0																									
Native Studies VACANT																															
Nursing	Hanna Filipovic	Y	0	3	0	0																									
Open Studies	Nolan Orvold	Y	3	3	2	3																									
Pharmacy	Nathan Brandwein	Y	3	3	0	3																									
Faculté Saint-Jean	Ahdiya Rajan Parvathi Vra	Y	3	3	1	1																									
Science	Devshri Lala	Y	3	3	3	3																									
Science	Aadhavya Sivakumaran	Y	0	3	2	0																									
Science	Samar Barazesh	Y	3	3	3	3																									
Science	Nikita Adekar	Y	0	0	3	3																									
Science	Simran Kaur Dhillon	Y	3	3	3	3																									
Science	Akanksha Yeola	Y	3	3	3	3																									
Science	Mohit Kumar	Y	0	0	3	3																									
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