

**June 28th, 2022
6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers/Zoom**

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ORDER PAPER (SC-2022-05)

2022-05/1 **SPEAKERS BUSINESS**

2022-05/1a Join Zoom Meeting
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2022-05/2 **CONSENT AGENDA**

2022-05/2a Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-03) Tuesday, May 31st, 2022

See SC-2022-05.01

2022-05/2b Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-04) Tuesday, June 14th, 2022

See SC-2022-05.02

2022-05/3 **PRESENTATION**

2022-05/4 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

2022-05/5 **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**

2022-05/6

OPEN FORUM

2022-05/7

QUESTION PERIOD

2022-05/8 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-05/8a **VILLOSO MOVES TO MOVE TO** recommend the ratification of changes to the Collective Agreement between The University of Alberta Students' Union and CUPE Local 1368

See SC-2022-05.09

2022-05/8b **WATTAMANIUK MOVES TO** nominate five (5) members of Students' Council to the Social Media Sub-Committee

See SC-2022-05.10

2022-05/9 GENERAL ORDERS

2022-05/10 INFORMATION ITEMS

2022-05/10a Students' Council Votes and Proceedings

See SC-2022-05.01-02

2022-05/10b Executive Committee Reports

See SC-2022-05.03-07

2022-05/10c BoG Representative Report

See SC-2022-05.08

2022-05/10d Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2022-05.09-10

2022-05/10e Students' Council - Attendance

See SC-2022-05.11

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2022-03)

ZUKOWSKI called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm

2022-03/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

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THE SPEAKER MOVED TO special order agenda item 2022/03/8b to the top of the agenda

CARRIED

VILLOSO/MONTEIRO MOVED to special order agenda item 2022/03/8i to the top of the agenda.

CARRIED

2022-03/8b **MONTEIRO/FLAMAN MOVED TO** approve the Students' Council Standing Orders

See SC-2022-03.

CARRIED

2022-03/8i **VILLOSO/MONTEIRO MOVED TO** appoint one member of Council to sit on the Gateway Student Journalism Society (GSJS) Board of Directors

CARRIED

AVILA self-nomination - accepted

AVILA is appointed to the Gateway Student Journalism Society (GSJS) Board of Directors via acclamation

2022-03/2 CONSENT AGENDA

2022-03/2a Students' Council Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-02) Tuesday, May 17th, 2022

See SC-2022-03.08

APPROVED

2022-03/3 PRESENTATION

2022-03/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

FOGUE - VP Student Life - Report
VILLOSO - VP Finance and Operations - Report
FOTANG - VP External - Report
KAUR - VP Academic - Report
MONTEIRO - President - Report

2022-03/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

FLAMAN - Bylaw Committee - Report
WATTAMANIUK- Council Administration Committee -Report
MONTEIRO - Executive Committee - Report
ALI - Nominating Committee -Report
FOTANG - Policy Committee -Report

2022-03/6 OPEN FORUM

2022-03/7 QUESTION PERIOD

WATTAMANIUK:With ETIs approved and being implemented in the Fall, have any

other discussions occurred around this and can more information be provided regarding ETIs? Further wonders what specific information could be provided, tracked and implemented about ETIs in collaboration with SRAs.

MONTEIRO: Can confirm that there have been external conversations regarding this. While there have been no direct conversations regarding it, VP Fotang and himself have had conversations with the minister and other student leaders to help ensure transparency from the University. So far, no access to ETI budgets have been provided. It's uncertain what money is going towards quality improvements, but hopefully more information can be provided soon.

FOTANG: Clarifies that a lot of institutions have had issues with consultation and transparency within their specific departments. The best way to bolster transparency is to work with the government. The Council of Post-Secondary Presidents, which includes the Presidents of the U of A and U of C, advocate to the government to help ensure this transparency. While we don't have the data that has been requested, collective pressure on parliament can help yield results.

REGMI: Questions VP Student Life, Joannie Fogue, if there has been significant improvements in reducing barriers for U of A students who parent. Further questions what exactly has been discussed regarding this and what advocacy has taken place to ensure that student parents have access to family friendly locations, such as the proposed family lounge.

FOGUE: The family lounge was initiated by previous VP Student Life's. Has been talking about the family lounge and gathering more information regarding timelines, implementation and academic accommodations for students who parent. These talks have included discussions about implementing policies. All implemented policies will have consultation from parents on campus.

SINGH: Questions President Monteiro about the Governance Restructuring Task Force (GRTF) made by the Students' Council in the previous year. Notes that not much progress had been made in regards to GRTF. Wonders if President Monteiro could clarify timelines and implementation of GRTF and what progress the executives, as a whole, are expecting on GRTF this year.

MONTEIRO: While no concrete progress was made on GRTF last year, Students' Council did have fruitful discussion regarding GRTF, some of which were further discussed and implemented at the SRA Summit held last November. Conversations included how to implement changes to creating new Council structures and concretely defining the responsibility of Students' Council, councillors and the Senate. A specific concern was about councillor workload and committee fatigue, particularly due to the increase of Students' Council committees in recent years.

As for specific GRTF timelines this year, the current executive plan is to renew GRTF this year as well as follow through the discussions, and the suggestions yielded from those discussions, which occurred last year. GRTF should be renewed and

implemented by the end of the summer trimester.

ALL: Questions VP Academic, Gurleen Kaur, why the ISA and ISU received non-voting seats on CoFA boards rather than voting seats.

KAUR: States that non-voting seats were decided for the ISA and ISU because CoFA is meant to represent faculty associations, which the ISA and ISU are not. However, due to their unique association natures, the concerns of CoFA would still be relevant to them and, as such, could utilize CoFA to bring agenda items specific to their organizations. Non-voting seats gives the ISA and ISU the ability to participate in CoFA conversations without taking away from what CoFA is as an association.

MONTEIRO: Clarifies that the ISA and ISU's non-voting seats provide them with an opportunity to work with faculty and faculty administration, which they previously did not have access to. The ISA and ISU face similar challenges to faculty associations (such as large scale finances and administration), without being faculty associations, which makes it important for them to be part of the conversation. However, once again, they couldn't receive voting seats because they are not, by definition, faculty associations.

SINGH: Questions President Monteiro regarding international tuition fees, specifically asking about proposals that will be presented shortly to the Board of Governors. Wonders if there will be a protest at the Board of Governors meeting and questions what the strategy is to try and stop the Board of Governors from approving a 6% tuition hike for international students'.

MONTEIRO: States that, in regards to the Board of Governor's potentially hiking international tuition by 6%, an open letter to the Board of Governors has been discussed.

The Board of Governors' tuition hike only very narrowly passed, with a faculty member even abstaining from the vote. The biggest issue with the 6% tuition hike is getting the information out there and getting students' engaged about this issue. Discussions with the GSA president and the BoG representative will occur shortly to discuss the best approach in which to engage students and bring more attention to the proposed tuition hikes. There are currently no plans for a sit in.

ALL: Questions if the Black Students' Association (BSA) should have non-voting seats on the CoFA boards. Suggests that feedback from more groups would be beneficial to CoFA's operation.

KAUR: States that the BSA were not considered for a CoFA seat because they are not a faculty association and do not have the overarching capacity of the ISA and ISU, who are not faculty associations but operate in a similar manner.

MONTEIRO: Further clarifies that Student Groups, such as the BSA, already have delegated authority on the behalf of the Students' Union, which also provides them a

platform in which to bring forth any issues that they may have. Student groups and faculty associations are very different entities and have very different needs. As such, the BSA would likely not gain much by becoming part of CoFA. Other forms of engagement for student groups can certainly be explored.

REGMI: Questions VP Student Life, Joannie Fogue, if she is committed to advocating for academic support for students who have abortions or stillbirths, if the legislation is approved for it.

FOGUE: States that this legislation was not something that she was aware of. Will talk to VP Fotang for more information, as well as consult students, in regards to advocacy surrounding this concern.

SINGH: Provides context for why the ISA and ISU requested, and were offered, seats on CoFA. The ISA and ISU have overlapping constituents with faculty associations. Previously, the ISA and ISU had to reach out to faculty associations, when dealing with faculty oriented issues, which was time-consuming and unintuitive.

Giving the ISA and the ISU a guest, non-voting seat on CoFA allows them to make connections with faculty associations and resolve overlapping constituent issues.

LIU: Questions VP Fotang regarding the opposition leader in Alberta who is trying to institute a program which provides summer jobs in Edmonton for university students. Questions the possibility of having this program instituted and wonders how international students would benefit from this program.

FOTANG: Clarifies that the opposition leaders' announcement was a platform promise and not a policy, meaning it would only be implemented should the opposition leader be elected. Further states that the platform promise was meant to provide summer jobs for university students across all of Alberta, not just Edmonton. There is current advocacy to get international students included in this policy, but as of right now it is unclear the scope of students which will be included in this policy.

WATTAMANIUK: Provides a statement regarding CoFA. While it is important for student groups to have their voices, it is also equally important that student voices are given the correct platform. CoFA is not the correct platform for student groups to go through. Although the ISA and ISU are not faculty associations, which is what CoFA is composed of, they share similar advocacy work and have similar needs from the university central administration.

ALI: Argues that, while the BSA is a student group and not a faculty association, in a similar fashion to the ISA and ISU, many issues that the BSA advocates for utilize the same platforms and central administration that CoFA does. Suggests that CoFA should create sub-committees for student group leaders of equity groups, like the BSA, and double the seats of CoFA as a whole so that these advocacy efforts can be properly represented.

MONTEIRO: States that doubling the seats of CoFa will change the conversations which CoFA can have. Smaller boards can have more in-depth conversations, and provide everyone with the ability to speak, which isn't possible in larger sized boards. As well, because CoFA only meets once a month, this can detract from their decision making capabilities. If you want to inquire about working groups or subgroups for CoFA, please reach out to VP Academic, Gurleen Kaur.

2022-03/8 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-03/8a **ALI/WATTAMANIUK MOVED TO** direct the Executive Committee to prepare a report, by no later than August 30th, for Students' Council regarding the following:
To recommend a process for moving forward with implementing the 2021-22 EDIT Recommendations be it further resolved that there be an evaluation comparing EDI Policies and programs to other comparable student associations.

CARRIED with amendments

2022-03/9 GENERAL ORDERS

2022-03/9a **VILLOSO/FLAMAN MOVED TO** re-affirm the ad-hoc Sustainability Committee and Standing Orders.

CARRIED

2022-03/9c **ALI/REGMI MOVED TO** discuss student engagement with the UASU and ways to make improvements.

CARRIED

WATTAMANIUK/ARSLAN MOVED to close debate

CARRIED

2022-03/9d **MONTEIRO/FLAMAN MOVED TO** go in-camera.

CARRIED

WATTAMANIUK/FALAMAN MOVED to go ex camera

CARRIED

2022-03/10 INFORMATION ITEMS

2022-03/10a Executive Committee Reports

See SC-2022-03.01-04

2022-03/10b BoG Representative Report

See SC-2022-03.05

2022-03/10c Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2022-03.06

2022-03/10d Students' Council - Attendance

See SC-2021-03.07

2022-03/10e Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-02) Tuesday, May 17th, 2022

See SC-2022-03.08

2022-03/10f Executive Committee Reports

See SC-2022-03.09

2022-03/10g Students' Council Submissions

See SC-2022-03.10-03.20

ZUKOWSKI adjourned the meeting at 10:19 pm

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2022-04/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

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Council takes an oath

2022-04/2 CONSENT AGENDA

2022-04/2a *Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2022-03) Tuesday, May 31st, 2022 were unavailable and will be distributed on the June 28th, 2022 Order Papers.*

2022-04/3 PRESENTATION

2022-04/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

FOGUE - VP Student Life - Report

VILLOSO - VP Finance and Operations - Report

FOTANG - VP External - Report
KAUR - VP Academic - Report
MONTEIRO - President - Report

2022-04/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

DHILLON-Audit Committee-Report
FLAMAN-Bylaw Committee-Report
WATTAMANIUK-Council Administration Committee-Report
DORSCHIED-BoG-Report
MONTEIRO-Executive-Report
VILLOSO-Finance-Report
ALI-Nominating Committee-Report

2022-04/6 OPEN FORUM

JIN:Asks that last year UASU did a walkout and if anything similar is going to happen at the BoG meeting this time.

MONTEIRO:We only have me and Alex in the meeting currently and we haven't discussed about any walkout.We also don't know who all are going to be there as guests in the meeting so, we haven't planned for any walk outs as of yet.

JIN:Will there be any protest or any other action to show disapproval?

MONTEIRO:We are trying to find ways for consultation with ISA and asking people to come to the meeting.We didn't have time to plan for any protest but we are asking as many people to come to the meeting as possible.

DORSCHIED:I think students really need to show up and see if we can create a concrete plan with the whole council for this meeting rather than just me and Abner. We will look into it so it makes a bigger impact.

2022-04/7 QUESTION PERIOD

ALL: It's a comment so, based on what Jin said I think it's hard to micromanage but we need to take time to ask people that this is what we're doing and this is how you can help so please join us. It's evident of a larger problem involving consultancy.This is clearly not working and hurting a lot of students.

MONTEIRO: I'll add a comment to what Haruun was saying, I think it's possible, one way is using social media to get as many people as possible and also talking with students' representatives, council and so on.

REGMI: This question is directed specifically to VP Joannie, in your executive report you discussed consultation with council members on item 10 relating to sexual violence policy but there cannot be an effective policy without addressing the disproportionate violence indigenous women and girls continue to go through on this campus. A disappointing thing in particular is that despite the fact that 231 calls justice have been released for a few years now in the last gfc meeting there is still no commitment by name on any indigenous sexual plan or to sexual violence policy revisions to ensure that the 231 calls to action had been implemented which includes education to students on the stereo types act that indigenous women and girls continue to go through. A plan to ensure harm reduction services are available for indigenous women and girls throughout the experience sexual violence on campus as outlined in 231 call to action. I believe the university should not be just following in the footsteps of others but should be leading the way. So, what is your commitment to ensure that the university acknowledges 231 justice and had to plan to finally implement any plan that relates specifically to university action.

FOGUE: I have been meeting with different stake holders and having conversations with sexual violence coordinator. I have a plan for making a survival centre that must be intersexual and we will include indigenous perspectives such as literacy that has been added. In the policy I will also create a support network within this university to help survivors with any support and complaints. For this all members will require training and I will be getting more educational content from history of university as well as country in terms of harm caused to indigenous women as well as individuals.

SINGH: My question is for VP operations JULIA, I'm not aware of student union physical planning and budget planning. if there's a timeline by which execs would be sharing upcoming year's budget and going over on how we will be going to spend major parts for resources and if this is something that the previous council has already done for this year. What's the timeline and where it's going to be spent?

VILLOSO: Budget principles of this year are discussed and decided by last year's council. Budget principles we will be discussing this year will be for next year's council. Therefore this year's budget was decided by last year's council.

FLAMAN: An information I wanted to share is that we're able to submit written questions to council so if you're not sure if you can finish in 30 sec during council you can submit a written questions so you'd not be interrupted and to get better response especially if someone has ADHD which makes it hard to get out of track.

FOGUE: In regards to the sexual gender based violence policy, I'm making a list of different groups I do want to meet for consultations so, if you have any groups in mind reach out to me so that I can talk to them as the policy needs to be passed because as members we don't have much time for consultations.

2022-04/8 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2022-04/8a **VILLOSO/MONTEIRO MOVE TO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG) Board of Directors.

See SC-2022-04.05
CARRIED

ALI nominated SOTO-decline
VILLOSO nominated CARBAJAL VELEZ-accepted
ALI nominated LEE-declined
ALI nominated ARSLAN- declined

CARBAJAL VELEZ is declared appointed to the Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG) Board of Directors by acclamation.

2022-04/8b **VILLOSO/MONTEIRO MOVE TO** appoint two (2) members of Students' Council to the World University Services Canada (WUSC) Board of Directors.

See SC-2022-04.06
CARRIED

ALI nominated ARSLAN-accepted
VILLOSO nominated AVILA-declined
VILLOSO nominated ALI-accepted
VILLOSO nominated WATTAMANIUK: declined
VILLOSO nominated BROOKS-declined
ALI nominated HUANG-declined
FOGUE nominated LEE-declined
LEE nominated SINGH-declined
ALI nominated MONTEIRO-declined
ALI nominated DORSCHIED-declined

ARSLAN and ALI are declared appointed to World University Services Canada (WUSC) Board of Directors by acclamation.

2022-04/8c **VILLOSO/MONTEIRO MOVE TO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Student Legal Services Board of Directors.

See SC-2022-04.07
CARRIED

FOGUE nominated FLAMAN-accepted
DHILLON nominated WATTAMANIUK-accepted
ALI nominated SOTO-declined

WATTAMANIUK is declared appointed to the Student Legal Services Board of Directors via secret ballot

2022-04/8d **VILLOSO/MONTEIRO MOVETO** appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the The Landing Board of Directors.

See SC-2022-04.08

CARRIED

ALI nominated DHILLON-declined
LIU self nominated-accepted

LIU is appointed to the The Landing Board of Directors by acclamation

2022-04/8e **VILLOSO/MONTEIRO MOVETO** appoint two members of Council to sit on the Physical Activity and Wellness Centre Strategic Operating Committee (PAWSOC)

See SC-2022-04.09

CARRIED

DHILLON self nominated-accepted
LIU self nominated -accepted
ALI nominated MAHAL-declined
ALI nominated HUANG-declined
ALI nominated SOTO-declined

DHILLON and LIU are appointed to sit on the Physical Activity and Wellness Centre Strategic Operating Committee (PAWSOC) by acclamation

2022-04/8f **VILLOSO/MONTEIRO MOVETO** appoint two members of Council to sit on the First Alberta Radio Association (FACRA) Board of Directors

See SC-2022-04.10

CARRIED

AVILA self nominated-accepted
ALI nominated REGMI-accepted
FOGUE nominated FLAMAN-declined

AVILA and REGMI are appointed to sit on the First Alberta Radio Association (FACRA) Board of Directors by acclamation

2022-04/8g **VILLOSO/MONTEIRO MOVE TO** appoint three (3) members of Students' Council to the Sustainability Ad-Hoc Committee

See SC-2022-04,11

CARRIED

AVILA nominated REISBIG- declined
VILLOSO nominated REGMI-accepted
ARSLAN nominated STEINBUSCH-accepted
ALI nominated LIU-declined
FOGUE nominated LEE-declined
ALI nominated OJO-declined
ALI nominated VYAS-declined
AVILA nominated CARBAJAL VELEZ-accepted

REGMI, STEINBUSCH and CARBAJAL VELEZ are declared appointed to the Sustainability Ad-Hoc Committee by acclamation

2022-04/8h **VILLOSO/MONTEIRO MOVE TO** appoint two (2) members of Students' Council to the SUB Planning Committee

See SC-2022.04.12

CARRIED

FLAMAN nominated LEE-accepted
ALI nominated STEINBUSCH-declined
ALI nominated BROOKS-declined
DHAMIJA nominated CARBAJAL VELEZ-accepted
WATTAMANIUK nominated FLAMAN-declined
VILLOSO nominated WATTAMANIUK-declined

LEE and CARBAJAL VELEZ are declared appointed to the SUB Planning Committee by acclamation

FLAMAN/ALI MOVED to suspend standing orders to not have a recess
CARRIED

ALI/DHILLON MOVE TO appoint two (2) members of Council to the Nominating Committee

CARRIED

DHILLON nominated WATTAMANIUK-declined
ALI nominated AVILA-declined
KAUR nominated OJO-declined
REGMI nominated FLAMAN-declined
ALI nominated THIND-declined
WATTAMANIUK nominated DHILLON-declined
VILLOSO nominated ARSLAN-accepted
ALI nominated SOTO-declined
REGMI nominated CARBAJAL VELEZ-accepted

ARSLAN and CARBAJAL VELEZ are declared appointed to the Nominating Committee by acclamation

FOTANG/ALI MOVE TO formally congratulate graduates who convocated this year

CARRIED

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- 2022-04/10b BoG Representative Report
See SC-2022-04.04
- 2022-04/10c Students' Council Submissions
See SC-2022-04.05-12 and SC-2022-04.15
- 2022-04/10d Students' Council - Attendance
See SC-2022-04.13

ALI/WATTAMANIUK adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm

UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

Council Meeting Date

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Mover

Monteiro

Motion

Information Item: President Report #4

Email

president@uasu.ca

Action Requested

Information Items

File Upload



SC05_June_28_2022.pdf

Date: 06/28/2022

To: Students' Union Council

Re: President 2022/23 Report #04

Dear Council,

I hope all of you have had a great past two weeks. Please see the report below on several developments in my portfolio. As always, please message me if you have any questions!

Board of Governors Meeting

Last week on Friday, June 17, 2022, the Board of Governors met for the last time this governance cycle. Items of note that came to the Board for approval and discussion included:

- Indigenous Institutional Strategic Plan
- New University of Alberta Innovation Fund
- Fall 2023 International Tuition Fee Proposal
- Revisions to the Sexual Violence and Student Conduct Policies

The International Tuition Proposal has been an item that we have advocated strongly on in collaboration with the International Students' Association to highlight the significant negative impacts this increase will have on international students. The Board approved the increase despite strong opposition from students and one other board member; however, some important commitments were made that will start addressing many challenges students face due to continued rising costs. Commitments included working with the UASU and GSA to establish a more robust consultation process, a commitment to increasing emergency financial aid support if necessary and addressing issues of food insecurity and mental health support at the Board level. There was also a request that we evaluate the application process that international students go through to receive emergency aid to make it as simple and accessible as possible.

Students Needed for a NEW University-Wide Teaching Survey

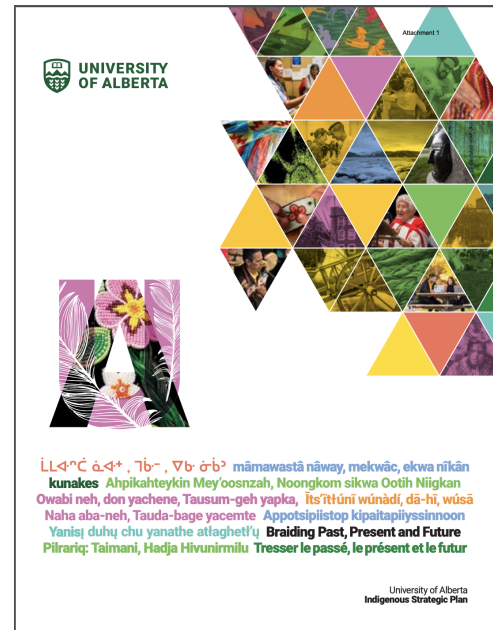
The Centre for Research on Applied Measurement and Evaluation (CRAME) is helping design a new Student Perceptions of Teaching (SPOT) questionnaire for students to provide perceptions of their instructor's teaching. This questionnaire is essential for improving the quality of teaching at the U of A. Currently, the University is looking for 6-10 students from various faculties and years who could engage in "think-aloud sessions" CRAME is running. The purpose of a think-aloud is to hear how students make sense of possible questions. The sessions would individually focus on making questions clear and reducing ambiguity in wording. You would need to be able to meet with a graduate student associated with CRAME for about an hour via Zoom (or in-person) before the end of July and simply share your thoughts out loud. Your responses will be held confidentially and anonymously. If you are interested, please let me know ASAP!

Abner Monteiro, President

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Launch of the Indigenous Strategic Plan

Today is the formal launch of the Indigenous Strategic Plan developed in the Office of the Vice Provost of Indigenous Programming and Research. This plan reflects an essential step in the University of Alberta's commitment to reconciliation in post-secondary education, research and addressing the historical legacy of the residential school system and Canada's colonial history in a meaningful and lasting way. I commend Dr. Glanfield and her colleagues for all the tremendous work in developing this plan. It is a thoughtful and comprehensive plan in which every one of us can find ourselves. As student leaders on this campus, we play a crucial role in doing what we can to further these goals. I am excited about where this plan will lead our university and am committed to doing my part in fulfilling it. If you want to read the plan, you can find it [HERE](#).



Presentation to Vice Provost Council

On Monday, I was invited to Vice-Provost Council to present the UASU Executive Goals for 2022/2023. It was a fantastic opportunity to speak directly with all the people the executive team will be working with to achieve our priorities for the year. The group also provided great feedback to consider as we plan for the year ahead.

Announcements

- Dr. Steven Dew will step down as Provost and Vice President Academic, effective June 30, 2022. Dr. Verna Yiu will take over as Interim Provost for two years, effective July 1, 2022. You can find the full announcement [HERE](#).
- Dr. Wendy Rodgers will step down as Deputy Provost effective July 1, 2022. Currently, they have not announced a replacement.

Cheers,

Abner Monteiro (he/him)

President

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UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

Council Meeting Date Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Mover Gurleen Kaur

Motion VPA Report

Email gurleen.kaur@su.ualberta.ca

Action Requested Presentation

File Upload  VPA Report #4.pdf

Date: 06/28/2022

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Academic 2022/23 Report #4

Dear Council,

Hope you are doing great and enjoying rains. My weather report, as it has not been good for outdoor activities, I started reading some really interesting books. And as everytime, these two weeks went really fastly loaded with meetings.

Meeting with Graduate Students' Association

I, with other executives met the GSA to discuss our priorities for the year and the areas where we can collaborate with our GSA counterparts. It was a fruitful conversation and found some common interests which we can work on together. And for this meeting, we visited the GSA office and met some staff members which was really nice.

GFC Committee Meetings

Last week, I had Nominating Committee Special meeting and we nominated a lot of new members to the GFC committees including some student members. I'm happy that we had people from diverse backgrounds in terms of faculties/campuses and also one indigenous student for Council on Student Affairs (COSA).

I also had Programs Committee meeting where the current situation about Exploration credits was discussed.

SRA's

We had our first meeting of CoFA Advocacy Working Group. And second meeting of the CoFA Senior Board, we approved the Terms of Reference and had a conversation about the SRA Summit. Me, Abner and Joannie have started planning for the SRA Summit with the Student Group Services. Other than that, I have been meeting with FA Presidents and having chats with them about their priorities for their respective faculties. As a part of it, I got a chance to visit Campus Saint-Jean to meet AUFSJ President who also showed me all the important places on campus which was really fun.

Lastly, as I always say, reach out to me whenever you want to chat and I will be there.

Stay safe and in high spirits.

Best wishes,



Gurleen Kaur

Vice President Academic

University of Alberta Students' Union

UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

Council Meeting Date Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Mover fotang

Motion n/a

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Action Requested Information Items

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 Council Meeting Report #3.pdf

Date: 2022-06-28

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President External 2022/23 Report #3

Dear Council,

It has been a very exciting last 2 weeks and I look forward to updating you on the work and activities that have taken place below.

Convocation

Last week, I had the opportunity to attend multiple convocation ceremonies and see thousands of students cross their stage as they marked a major milestone in their lives and academic careers. I would like to once again congratulate all students who convocated this year. It was also a pleasure to be in the presence of our many Honorary degree recipients including Supreme Court Justices, Academics and the always articulate Rick Mercer. They had important and strong messages of courage, services, lifelong learning and the importance of contributing back to society.

Policy Committee

Policy Committee met last week to approve our standing orders, assigned people to make edits to existing policies and began discussions surrounding our committee action plan for the year. We will be having a special meeting next week to approve edits, approve our committee action plan and begin assigning policies set to expire to committee members.

President Zelensky's Address to Canadian Students

On Thursday 23rd, I attended an event at Telus Building to watch President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine address the Canadian Post-Secondary students. This was a hybrid event hosted by the UoT Munk school of global affairs and public policy. President Zelensky took question from students such as who his own role models are, the role humor has played in building resilience for his people and how to retain and incentivize young ukrainians to return and rebuild the nation after the war has ended. After the address, I was given the opportunity to speak before the room. I thanked students and other members of the campus community for attending and reminded folks of being able to search for services that they can access if they are feeling overwhelmed, anxious or experiencing other feelings of sadness through UASU cares.

Advocacy Updates

Earlier this year, I had the opportunity to speak as a witness before the House of Commons standing committee on Citizenship and Immigration on their research regarding the differential treatment on recruitment and acceptance of foreign students in Quebec and in the rest of Canada. During this hearing, I shared the need for better support for International students whether it was through better resourcing for study permit processing, the elimination of work permits, addition of international students into the Canada Summer Jobs program and other things. I am pleased to announce that the committee has released its report with the Committee's list of recommendations.

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Some important highlights:

- CASA was quoted or cited a total of 6 times.
- List of Recommendations included
 - That Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada provide a comprehensive plan on how to reduce the high rates of refusal for student visas, in order to help meet francophone immigration targets and address the labour shortage in Canada, including in Quebec
 - That the Government of Canada, provinces and territories, and designated learning institutions work together to find new and innovative ways to better promote Canada as a study destination for international students, and for the purposes of retention put special consideration on how to better inform French-speaking prospective students about the opportunities to study in French outside of Quebec
 - That Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada work to provide for consistent processing times for the same application categories across different visa offices
 - That Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada publish the guidelines given to its officers, provide the acceptance criteria for study permits and visas, and further offer more fulsome justifications to applicants for the refusal of their applications.
 - That Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada issue a work permit automatically and at no extra cost at the same time as study permits for students enrolled in a co-op program
 - That Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada recognize that students enrolling in specific learning programs will be doing work-integrated learning, such as internships, and that in the context of these studies no work permit is necessary

These recommendations are an immense progress for international student advocacy and a strong example of the importance of continued and sustained student advocacy. I would like to once again thank all the stakeholders whom we consulted with for their feedback and stories and experiences they provided. In terms of next steps, I will be reaching out to relevant stakeholders to discuss how we should work with this recommendations Ultimately,

Cheers,

Christian Fotang

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Vice President External

University of Alberta Students' Union

UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

Council Meeting Date Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Mover VILLOSO

Motion VPOF Council Report #4

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Action Requested

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Council Report SC04_06_23_2022.pdf

Date: 06/23/2022

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Operations and Finance 2022/23 Report #4

Dear Council,

I hope you all had a good last two weeks, mine has been very busy!

SUB Planning Committee and Art Committee

The majority of my two weeks was spent shortlisting applicants for these two committees, as the applications closed on Tuesday. It's been a long process, since we received a LOT of great applicants. It was great to see so many students wanting to get more involved in their campus community! So I've just been getting everything started and organized for both committees.

Health and Dental Plan Orientation

Joannie and I received an orientation from StudentCare last week. We got to learn a lot about the organization that we work with for the Health and Dental Plan that we provide for students. They offer a plethora of different services that we're looking at getting to know more about, such as virtual health care and a Stepped Care model for mental health supports. It was incredibly interesting and we can't wait to see what the future of our plan holds!

Week of Welcome

We also both got a chance to learn a lot more about what WOW is looking like this year and the plans in place for New Student Orientation. We can't go too into detail at this moment as things are still in the midst of being confirmed, but expect the start of the Fall Semester to be jam packed with activities and events to welcome students back to our campus!

Union Negotiations

For the past nine weeks, I along with a couple of our core managers have been in the midst of negotiating our collective agreement with our unionized employees. I am happy to say we had just wrapped up our meetings, and the agreement will be brought onto the agenda this week for approval from Council, so I will be giving you more information then!

Counterparts

GSA

Earlier this week, the Executive team got the chance to meet with our counterparts from GSA. We shared our goals, and specifically within my portfolio, they seem to be on the same page regarding mental health. We plan to look into the services currently available to all students on campus, and expand them to reach the greater student body. I look forward to continuing to work with the GSA this year!

Vice-Provost's Council and Dean of Students

In addition to GSA, we also got a chance to present and discuss our goals for the year to the Vice-Provost's Council and Dean of Students. They brought forward a lot of really good recommendations and feedback for us, and I cannot wait to collaborate with them in the future to accomplish our goals!

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U-Pass Meetings

I've had a couple of meetings over the past two weeks regarding the U-Pass. We're currently in the middle of planning for the busy Fall semester with the Arc Card system to ensure we can get them out to students effectively. Once again, if you are experiencing any problems with the ARC Card or hear any issues that arise from students, please let us know!

Business Group

We had our Business Group meeting for the month yesterday! If you didn't know, business group is the place in which all of the managers and relevant stakeholders of the SU's business come together to give updates on each of their respective businesses. After Friday the 24th, Dewey's will officially be closed for the summer!

UASU Casino Night

On Monday evening, I volunteered at one of the UASU's Casino nights! Alberta is actually the only province in Canada in which charitable organizations can manage casino events in order to fundraise. This was the first time I've ever volunteered at one and though we ended up going home at around 3:30am, it was a fun experience!

Other than that I've also been watching a bunch of TV shows in my free time. I'm currently in the middle of watching Modern Family, so if you have any recommendations shoot them my way! If you also have any questions or just want to grab some coffee, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Best,



Julia Villosio

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University of Alberta Students' Union

UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

Council Meeting Date Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Mover Joannie

Motion VPSL Report

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Action Requested Information Items

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Date: 06/28/2022

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Student Life 2022/23 Report #4

Cher conseil, I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer despite the rain (for those in AB)!

Health and Dental Plan Orientation - Julia and I met with Robyn Paches, who is a program manager for Student Care. We essentially got a Student Care Orientation; we touched on the history, our current relationship, and future plans. Julia and I plan to meet again with Robyn next month, to talk about potential areas of collaboration in the future. We are also getting familiarized with preparing the Health and Dental Plan Orientation. I hope to start this up at the end of summer, or early fall so we can get the ball rolling on our goals for next year!

First Week (Orientation/WoW) and First Month - I attended a meeting with UASUevents and Student Group Services and got to hear about the plans for NSO and WowW. One of the biggest takeaways from this check-in meeting was the inclusion of components touching on sexual violence education. As you know one of my goals this year is to shift the dialogue around SV to Sexual Health education. Really happy that students will have a chance to explore the concept of sexuality and have a fun and engaging conversation at the beginning of the year.

Family Lounge - I met with Tim and Natasha, from Libraries to go over an update in regards to the "Family Lounge". The next step is to finalize all of our furniture orders to get them in time for the start of Fall. I am also working with Marketing and our Advocacy Department to figure out promotion for this space. Right now we are trying to figure out what the actual name of this space will be. Let me know if you have any thoughts!

Honorary Degree Reception - Myself, Abner, and Christian attended the UAlberta Honorary Degree Recipients. - Hors d'Oeuvres Reception. I was accompanied by Taylor Good, AUFSJ President, and had the chance to see Levi at the event as well. I was able to meet many UofA Senior leadership in person which was amazing.

SU Handbook - As I've mentioned before, one of my goals this year is to work with the restart office to update our academic calendar to make it more inclusive. Although I wanted to make sure that we at the SU, were holding ourselves to the same standards as the university. I've had the pleasure of working alongside our Marketing team to include an interfaith calendar in our Handbook for the fall semester. I am

GSA - The executive team had an introductory meeting with the Graduate Students Association. We were able to share some of our goals with the year and vice versa. I was also able to identify areas of collaboration with my counterpart Monisha, VP Student Affairs. I'm looking forward to working with her and seeing what we can accomplish this year through joint advocacy.

CCR - Abner and I had two related Campus & Community Recreation meetings last week. Once again this was an introductory meeting so we essentially went over some of the discussion items our predecessors

had during their last month. Abner and I were able to bring up the issue of student addiction and where there might be a chance to collaborate. These are still preliminary conversations, but I'm looking forward to the work we can do in residence to bring awareness to the issue.

I chaired my first meetings last week. In all of these meetings, we simply did introductions and talked about all of our individual goals, and started seeing how we can go about collaborating.

CORA - Council of Residence Association

- Meal Plans, Living conditions

COFA - Members in Service Working Group

- Events, Community, Health & Wellness

Days of Action - Worlds Social Justice day working

- The intersection between social justice and mental health

Finally, I'll be committing to including CSJ fun facts for you all with the hope you can leave this year knowing more about our lovely french campus!

#FaitAmusant :CSJ just like many other faculties holds its own graduation ceremony. This ceremony is called **ceremonies des lumières** (Candle/Light Ceremony). During this ceremony, there is a tradition of passing on the light from a graduate to a future graduate. This can only happen once the CSJ Dean gives the "okay". I was pleased to receive a candle this year and look forward to passing it on to a future graduate once I graduate.

Okay that's all for me! Merci!

Sincèrement,



Joannie Fogue

Vice President Student Life

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Council Meeting Date Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Mover Dorscheid

Motion Board of Governors Report

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Action Requested Information Items

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 June 28 Bog Update.pdf

Date: June 28, 2022

To: Students' Council

Re: Board of Governors Representative Report #4

Dear Council,

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone at the retreat the weekend of June 25-27. This weekend will be very important for us growing together and get to know our fellow councillors.

Board of Governors Meeting

With over 700 pages total to say that this was a light meeting would surely be an understatement. The Board got a lot of work accomplished at this meeting. Highlights from the meeting specifically pertaining to student life include the 6% international tuition hike which passed with 4 dissenting votes. Abner and I stood up against this increase by collectively bringing up how this increase will make affordability and food security worse for international students as well as how the administration did not adequately follow their own student consultation processes.

A new sexual violence policy is also being created at the request of the Minister of Advanced Education. Due to the minister's request to have this created by November, The Sexual Violence Response Coordinator (SVRC) was seeking ways to conduct the broadest possible consultation in a short time frame. After discussions with VPSL Joannie Fogue, we have decided that we will collectively invite the (SVRC) to the council in the near future to conduct student consultation through our students' council. I request that students come prepared to discuss this topic when we get her at a council meeting in the future.

The Board also approved the hiring of Dr. Verna Yiu as Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic). We are all looking forward to working with her in the future and we wished Stephen Dew the best of luck in his future endeavours.

a variety of information about the school's operations and strategic direction ranging from our EDI commitment, student enrollment and academic restructuring.

Other endeavours

This week I also had the chance to meet with the former president of the NWP Polytechnic Students' Union for the school year of 2021/2022. We had a great discussion about how to be an effective board member as well discussing how he improved the lives of the students at NWP.

Alexander Dorscheid, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative

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UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

Council Meeting Date	Tuesday, June 28, 2022
Mover	VILLOSO
Motion	MOVE TO recommend the ratification of changes to the Collective Agreement between The University of Alberta Students' Union and CUPE Local 1368
Email	julia.villoso@su.ualberta.ca
Action Requested	Approval

UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

Council Meeting Date	Tuesday, June 28, 2022
Mover	Wattamaniuk
Motion	WATTAMANIUK MOVES TO nominate five (5) members of Students' Council to the Social Media Sub-Committee
Email	wattaman@ualberta.ca
Action Requested	<input type="button" value="Approval"/>

