

**June 20th, 2023  
6:00 P.M.  
Council Chambers/Zoom**

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaciwâskahikan (Beaver Hills House), on Treaty 6 territory. From time immemorial, the banks along the river valley have been known as the Pehonan, a meeting place for the nêhiyawak (Cree), the Niitsítapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dènesų́łíné (Dene), Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and others. The University, the Students' Union and much of the city are located on the unlawfully stolen land of the forcibly removed Papaschase Cree.

We acknowledge that sharing this land gives each of us the responsibility to research the historic contexts of Treaty 6, to reflect on our personal relationships to the land, the Nations we've named, and to our roles in upholding justice on this territory. Since they began, the Students' Union and the University have benefited from historic and ongoing dispossession of land and resources from Indigenous Peoples. As a result, it is our responsibility to seek the restitution of this land and its resources. Finally, we seek to do better by working to make our learning, research, and governance align with the histories, languages, teachings, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples in the land presently occupied by the Canadian state.

We encourage critical reflection by asking the following question. In relation to the territory on which you are situated, what role do you play in strengthening the resistance and resurgence of Indigenous students within your communities?

## LATE ADDITIONS (SC-2023-04)

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# UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form

**Council Meeting Date**

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

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**Type of Item Submission**

Information Item

**Is this a Consent Agenda item?**

No

## Approval/Discussion Items

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## Information Items

**Agenda Title**

VPSL Report

**Description of the Information Item**

VPSL Executive Report

**Attachments**



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## Presentations

## Written Questions

**Meeting Date:** 06/20/2023

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Academic 2023/24 Report #4

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Greeting Council,

A pleasure once again to be joining you here in the council chambers for fruitful discussion.

Here are some snippets of what I have been up to since we last met:

### **Convocations**

I was very humbled to be able to attend three fantastic convocations this year. Although I was the only hoodless (degreeless) individual among the platform party, it was excellent to be involved in the celebratory process. My fellow execs and I have been showing presence - demonstrating the students are just as qualified to sit on the stage as they are to walk across it. We do a lot of great things as students. Convocation was an opportunity to build relationships with important stakeholders at the university while demonstrating all the value that students bring. The honorary degree recipient speeches that I attended were incredibly inspiring and insightful, and I am privileged to have been in the presence of such distinguished individuals.

### **Campus Food Bank**

Much of my time recently has been occupied by the work with the campus food bank. I serve on the CFB's board of directors and attended my first meeting on June 8th. I enjoyed meeting and building relationships with the other board members, as well as learning about the operations of the CFB and the work that needs to be done going forward. The CFB is experiencing high client presence amid the cost of living crisis. My role will be to offer support to Erin, their executive director, when appropriate, and shape the CFB's strategic direction. This will involve policy work and board recruitment to ensure that the CFB is surrounded with capable and passionate people to help its initiatives. I am happy to share that Erin and I have built a great relationship so far, and that through the efforts of our wonderful staff we have helped them secure space for outdoor herb growing this summer.

I've been up to some smaller meetings and stuff these past two weeks as well, but these are the big items I've been working on. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions!

Salut Council,

As always, excited to write about what I have been up to since the last council meeting. My apologies for only having this for the late additions, as you will soon learn it has been a busy time!

### **Events, events, events**

Between attending four convocations, two Senate receptions, the Alberta Chamber of Commerce Business Awards of Distinction, and the Mayors' Pride Brunch I have been out and about. All of these events were wonderful to attend and I was able to build meaningful connections that I will be able to bring forward throughout my year as Vice President External. Notably, CAUS's presence at the Alberta Chamber of Commerce business event reinforces the importance of having students in these spaces. As I continue to work as part of a joint task force between the Alberta Post-Secondary Network and the Alberta Chamber of Commerce on work integrated learning it is important to show that we are equal partners in building the workforce.

### **Advocacy**

These last two weeks have marked the beginning of meetings with key stakeholders. On Thursday, I had the opportunity to meet with one of the Premiers' advisors for an introductory conversation on youth issues and queerness. Today, as I write this report, I am attending Edmonton City Councils' Urban Planning Committee meeting. I will be speaking on the need for affordable housing, diversity in housing options, and greater density around the University of Alberta. These early advocacy opportunities lay the groundwork for the relationship management we will be engaging with throughout our term. Getting out there early and often reminds key stakeholders of our importance. Introductory emails to the Minister Sawhney's team have also gone out and I look forward to meeting with the minister shortly.

### **Building relationships**

G O V C A M P. I am lucky in that, as I am writing my report a little later than many of my counterparts, I can speak to how wonderful GovCamp was and how much I enjoyed getting to know everyone. I cannot stress enough how important it is to the exec that we get to know

councilors and break down the barriers that may prevent councilors from reaching out. Beyond this, I had the opportunity to host student representatives from Mount Royal University, the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, and MacEwan University. We had a really great campus tour and got to discussing ways that we could deepen our cooperation with each other.

Thank you,

Chris Beasley