

Tuesday, May 4, 2021
6:00PM
[Zoom](#)

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

LATE ADDITIONS (SC-2021-01)

- 2021-01/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS
- 2021-01/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, May 18 2021 at 6:00PM via Zoom.
- Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666007012>
- Meeting ID: 856 6600 7012
- 2021-01/2 PRESENTATIONS
- 2021-01/2b **LEY MOVES TO** allow the introductory address of the Executive Committee and the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative.
- See SC-2021-01.15.
- 2021-01/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
- 2021-01/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT
- 2021-01/5 OPEN FORUM
- 2021-01/6 QUESTION PERIOD
- 2021-01/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
- 2021-01/7g **LEY MOVES TO** approve the Standing Orders of Students' Council
- See SC-2021-01.21.
- 2021-01/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2021-01/9

INFORMATION ITEMS

See SC-2021-01.16-20

2021-22 - Council Submissions

UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

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Council Meeting Date	Tuesday, May 4, 2021
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Action Requested	Presentation

Presentation

Motion LEY moves to allow the introductory address of the Executive Committee and the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative.

Abstract

As per section 2(3)b of Standing Orders, the Executive Committee and Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative make introductory speeches at the first scheduled meeting of Council.

Alignment with the Strategic Plan

Strengthen our collective voice by engaging students in advocacy. Our advocacy efforts have more legitimacy when students are aware of, engaged with, and represented by our work. The Students' Union will develop the necessary resources for public involvement, external advocacy, and internal governance supports to engage students in advocacy work.

Next Steps

N/A

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Action Requested Information Items

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Abstract

Report of the President

Attachments



Date: 04/05/21

To: Students' Union Council

Re: President Report 04/05/21

Dear Council,

I'm very excited to be joining you for the first official meeting of our 2021-22 team! We have a huge challenge ahead of us as we work to rebuild from the combination of a global pandemic and devastating cuts to our university. Undoing the damage of COVID to our campus community and finances, while fighting the decline in the quality of our academics due to cuts, is going to be the defining task of our year. But we don't just have a responsibility to bring back the campus and UASU of 2019-- we need to take this opportunity to change and grow to prepare for the demands of 2030 and beyond. I'm looking forward to hearing your perspectives on how we can do that.

This week's Executive Committee reports were on the late additions due to our retreat taking all of last week. Generally speaking, they are on the main order paper.

Alberta 2030 Recommendations

After a year of work, the Alberta 2030: Skills for Jobs strategic plan for advanced education was released by Minister Nicolaidis. Alberta 2030 is meant to act as a strategic plan for the whole post-secondary system, and could impact Alberta students for the next decade plus. The strategy was developed with input from American consulting firm McKinsey for \$3.7M. As VP External and CAUS Chair, I was very closely involved in the development of the strategy, serving on the strategy's guiding coalition and overseeing the development of detailed submission documents from the UASU, CAUS, and the other CAUS members.

So what was the result? Our assessment of the 2030 review is that it is a mixed bag. Many of the things we were really worried about-- like the possibility of tuition deregulation, making important mandatory fees optional like in Ontario, and creating province-wide board to run institutions, did not happen. I credit the amazing work of student advocates and our staff from across Alberta for making sure those worst-case outcomes did not happen.

A fair number of our asks were in the final strategy in one form or another. For a couple brief highlights, the strategy promises to move towards needs-based grants for student financial aid-- but only over eight years. It promises to address sexual assault on campus, but details around funding are still fairly slim. It also promises to close the skills gap between graduate outcomes and labour market demands, but it isn't totally clear

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yet what data sources they will be using or what exact tools will be used to reduce the gap. There is an encouraging focus on work-integrated learning, but we need to make sure that doesn't end up being mostly about unpaid internships. So all things considered, it could have been a lot worse and does include some interesting opportunities-- that's a real testament to the great work of last year's student advocates.

Here are some interesting sources to learn more about the Alberta 2030 strategy:

- [The issues analysis presentation from McKinsey \(It is 217 pages\)](#)
- [Higher ed consultant Alex Usher's review of the strategy](#)
- [Summary of the government's stakeholder engagement](#)
- [UASU's submission to the review](#)
- [CAUS' submission to the review](#)

Executive Goals Process

Today the Exec started work on our Executive Goals document, which will be finished in June. The Goals Document synthesizes all of our platforms around common themes, providing a unified work plan for the executive team.

Building Relationships with Counterparts

Our external advocacy work depends a lot on having good relationships with our partners at the other post-secondary institutions in Alberta. To help build those connections, VP Fotang and I have already met with the incoming VPs External and Presidents from the Students' Association of MacEwan University, University of Lethbridge SU, and Students' Association of Mount Royal University. I'll be setting up intro meetings shortly with the U of C, NAIT, and Athabasca teams as well.

In other news, I hope my dog Tilda will be able to make a special guest appearance at Council today! If any of you have pets, you are **STRONGLY** encouraged to introduce them to us at Council. Last, the execs keep an open-door policy-- if you ever want to talk about anything, you can email me anytime at president@uasu.ca.

Cheers,



University of Alberta Students' Union President
Rowan Ley

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VPA Report

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Date: 05/04/2020

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Academic 2021/22 Report #0

Dear Council,

Its council meeting #1! If you would have told me a year ago that I would be writing this report on this letterhead I would have called you crazy.. But here we are, and I have to say this is surreal. We have so many incredible leaders on Students' Council, and it's a privilege to be able to work with all of you. This will be a year full of challenges and opportunities; I hope you are as excited as I am to begin this journey.

Over the last month I've been immersed in the job of the VPA and (almost) everything in the portfolio. I've learned so much about this amazing organization and am thankful that I get to be a part of something that puts students at the forefront. Executive turnover was a much needed opportunity to learn about not just my own portfolio but the other executive portfolios as well, which I found very insightful. I can't wait to delve deeper into my role and get started on some of the projects in my platform. The VPA portfolio is truly in a strong place thanks to the amazing work by David Draper during his term, and it is an honour to carry on the legacy of the many passionate VPAs before me. I have been caught up to speed on any and all ongoing advocacy so that I can start the term strong and will be informing you of any big developments in the coming reports.

Now more than ever, students are positioned to make some real and impactful change at this University, and I'm optimistic that we are going to have a strong year as student leaders. For some of you this is your first taste of student governance and I know it can be intimidating and nerve-wracking. Trust me when I say that it wasn't too long ago that I was in the exact same position as you. You will be challenged, you will be called on to represent students, and you may feel lost at times. My advice to you is embrace it! Students' Council is a place for all of us to learn, grow, and push our boundaries as leaders, make the most of it and ask a lot of questions!

If you ever want to chat I'm always an email away, so please don't hesitate to reach out!

Cheers,



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VPEX Report

Attachments



Council Report 21_05_04.pdf

Date: 2021/05/04

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President External 2021/22 Report #1

Dear Council,

Retreat

I spent all of last week having a virtual retreat with my fellow execs. This retreat provided an opportunity to get an in-depth understanding about each executive portfolio as well as an opportunity to connect and grow with my team members. Prior to retreat, I spent some of my time shadowing President Agarwal and President Ley in meetings with Minister Nicolaides about exceptional tuition increases and meeting with counterparts from the University of Lethbridge Students' Union (ULSU), Student's Association of MacEwan University (SAMU) and Students' Association of Mount Royal University (SAMRU) alongside President Ley. Throughout this week and the next, I hope to engage with more counterparts from all over the province and our country to discuss the respective and mutual challenges facing our institutions. I hope through these conversations we can discover opportunities for collaboration.

Upcoming Events

Next week, I will also be joining the virtual retreat of the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS), which brings together the 5 major university student unions in Alberta. We will be electing the new CAUS Chair and Vice-Chair, learning from our outgoing delegates, exploring and improving upon the methods to best advocate to the provincial government throughout the year. This year, I will be continuing some old projects and starting some new ones. I'll be working to get more students across our campus involved in advocacy and engaged in the upcoming municipal election via a GOTV campaign, expand movements against cuts to PSE funding, raise the profile of post-secondary issues in Alberta, oversee the fair and appropriate implementation of AB 2030, and put forward policy proposals to the provincial government especially in regards to tackling campus sexual violence. Of course, the pandemic still poses a challenge to many of these projects but throughout these steps I look forward to getting participation and input from council on these projects.

Council

Lastly, I hope the last week of finals treated you all well and that you have had some time to get some rest. I am incredibly excited for our first official Student's Council meeting and to the many more we shall have throughout this year! I look forward to meeting some of you this week at committees, but if you also ever want to chat, or if I can help you somehow, my "virtual" door is always open-- shoot me an email at vp.external@su.ualberta.ca, or get in touch on via Whatsapp.

Yours Externally,



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N/A

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Council Report 1 May 05, 2021.pdf

Date: 04/05/2021

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Operations & Finance 2021/22 Report #1

Dear Council,

I cannot believe this is our first official Students' Council meeting! Whoop Whoop. I hope you've all had a wonderful two weeks and congratulations on getting through exam season. I also hope you've taken some time to relax and enjoy the sunny weather we've been having. This is by far my favourite time of the year. The sun's out, birds are chirping, and I can finally start gardening again! If anyone is a fellow gardener or lover of plants, please send me any tips and tricks you may have.

The last couple of weeks were all about transition and getting used to the role of VP Operations and Finance. Along with the rest of the exec team, I spent all last week at retreat and learned a whole lot about all things related to the Students' Union as well as our respective exec roles. Before retreat, I spent a lot of time shadowing the VP Ops-Fi at their meetings. I've also had the chance to meet with a few managers and staff that I'll be closely working with this year. This has helped me hit the ground running, and I'm very excited to officially get started this week.

Although I've only been in this role for two days, I've spent some time prioritizing my goals for the year and developing specific action plans for each goal. Throughout my term, I plan to explore ways in which we can maximize our businesses and operations while prioritizing EDI, sustainability, and building relationships with staff, student leaders, and all of you. VP Dixon and I have started to plan the next steps for the Period Poverty initiative, specifically exploring different funding opportunities and securing some sustainable products. I've also been finishing up the last few details in regards to the SCF Green Fund project allocations, which has been super exciting. I will keep you all updated throughout the year about the status of my projects.

Well, that's all from me! Once again, I'm very happy to be here. I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you and I know that we have a great year ahead. Feel free to reach out anytime if you have any questions or if you just want to talk. I'm always down to grab a coffee and chat!

All the best,



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Report of the VP Student Life

Attachments



Council Report 1 May 05, 2021.docx

Date: 04/05/2021

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Student Life 2021/22 Report #1

Dear Council,

Happy first Council meeting! I know Council can be intimidating at first and it can be hard to feel like you belong here, but just remember that you were elected by students who believe in you and you deserve to be here! I am so excited to learn from and work with each of you. If you ever need help with anything please feel free to reach out.

Yesterday was our first official day in office, but for weeks now I have been working with the rest of my team to learn all about our new positions and develop the skills I need to hit the ground running. In April I had weekly transition meetings with Katie, attended all the meetings I would need to attend as VP Student Life, and got to know all of the folks I will be working closely with this year. Last week we had retreat which allowed me to deepen my understanding of this role. I am very excited to get started on all my projects.

VP Kimani and I have already started working on two of our joint projects, the Period Poverty initiative, and the EDI Task Force. For the Period Poverty initiative, we've started creating a detailed plan for how we are going to make this project financially sustainable for the environment. For the EDI Task Force, we've started getting our 'ducks in a row' by creating preliminary plans for what projects the committee can take on this year. Other than these two projects, I have been developing plans and meeting with staff to get started on the projects outlined in my platform.

If you have any questions about any of this please let me know, this report is shorter than most and in the future ones, I will provide many more updates!

I also want to make sure that these reports are not super boring and that there's something fun at the end for those who read the whole report. So this year I've decided to give self-care tips every week that have helped me prevent burnout. This week I went for a hike at Elk Island. The hike I did was called Wood Bison Trail #11 and it was four hours but it was super easy, I saw a bison, a moose (and her baby), a bunch of very cool birds, and mushrooms. For me going on a hike is ideal self-care because it's something that I love to do, it lets me relax without looking at a screen, and it allows me to get active. So my self-care tip is to go for a hike! If you're not an experienced hiker you should try Wood Bison Trail #11.

Here's a picture from the trail!



Best,
Talia Dixon

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Action Requested Approval

Approval

Motion LEY moves to approve the Standing Orders of Students' Council

Abstract

As per section 2(3)c of the Students' Council Standing Orders, we need to approve our standing orders for 2021-22 at the first introductory meeting of Council. Our current standing orders can be found here: <https://docs.su.ualberta.ca/books/students-council-legislation/page/students-council>

Next Steps

N/A