

# STUDENTS' COUNCIL

#### Tuesday, May 18, 2021 6:00PM Zoom

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#### ORDER PAPER (SC-2021-02)

2021-02/1	SPEAKERS BUSINESS
2021-02/1a	Announcements - The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on <b>Tuesday</b> , <b>June I 2021 at 6:00PM</b> via Zoom.
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2021-02/2	CONSENT AGENDA
2021-02/2a	Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2021-01) Tuesday, May 4, 2021
	See SC-2021-02.01
2021-02/3	PRESENTATIONS
2021-02/4	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
2021-02/5	BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT
2021-02/6	OPEN FORUM
2021-02/7	QUESTION PERIOD
2021-02/8	BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
2021-02/9	GENERAL ORDERS

2021-02/9a **LEY MOVES TO** go in camera See SC-2021-02.08 2021-02/10 **INFORMATION ITEMS** Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2021-01) Tuesday, May 4, 2021 2021-02/10a See SC-2021-02.01 Exec Committee Council Reports 2021-02/10Ь See SC-2021-02.02-7 2021-02/10c Bog Rep Report See SC-2021-02.02-8 2021-02/10d Students' Council - Attendance

See SC-2021-02.9



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#### VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC-2021-01)

#### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00PM

**SPEAKERS BUSINESS** 

2021-01/1

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2021-01/2	PRESENTATIONS
2021-01/2a	<b>KONRAD/ORVOLD MOVED</b> allow a introductory presentation from the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative See SC-2021-01.03. CARRIED
2021-01/2b	<b>LEY/ORVOLD MOVED</b> to allow the introductory address of the Executive Committee and the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative. See SC-2021-01.15.  CARRIED
2021-01/3	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT Abner MONTEIRO, Vice President (Academic) - Report.

Christian FOTANG, Vice President (External) - Report.

Emily KIMANI, Vice President (Operations and Finance) - Report.

Talia DIXON, Vice President (Student Life) - Report.

Rowan LEY, President - Report.

#### 2021-01/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

DHILLON, Audit Committee - Report

VILLOSO, Council Administration Committee - Report

LEY, Executive Committee - Report

KONRAD, Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative - Report

#### 2021-01/5 <u>OPEN FORUM</u>

#### 2021-01/6 QUESTION PERIOD

BATYCKI: Inquired as to how VP Fotang intends to improve SU tuition advocacy outcomes and be more proactive in advocacy.

FOTANG: Responded that, while SU advocacy has often been reactive, there have been several recent proactive advocacy wins in the Alberta 2030 Report such as preventing tuition deregulation and the proposed superboard governance model. Noted that the UASU also has funds to promote its messaging via advertisements.

VILLOSO: Inquired as to an update on the work of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Task Force.

DIXON: Responded that there is a survey summary being produced based on the work of the 2020 Task Force. Noted that an objective for the 2021 Task Force will be to create recommendations to advance EDI.

YABUT: Inquired as to whether the SU has plans to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May.

LEY: Responded that the SU has not celebrated the Month in past but will consider it in future.

DIXON: Agreed with Ley. Expressed concern that the turnaround may be too short to plan anything for May.

VISWESWARAN: Inquired as to how the SU will be connecting with French

speaking students with the AUFSJ.

LEY: Responded that the Executive will be scheduling a regular meeting time with leaders from other campuses in May.

#### 2021-01/7 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2021-01/7a **LEY/ORVOLD MOVED** approve the Standing Orders of Students' Council

See SC-2021-01.21.

CARRIED

2021-01/7a **KIMANI/ORVOLD MOVED** to appoint Two (2) members of Students' Council

to the First Alberta Campus Radio Association (FACRA) Board of Directors.

ORVOLD nominated ORVOLD: withdrawn.

ZAFAR nominated ZAFAR: accepted. KIMANI nominated YABUT: declined. TAHA nominated TAHA: accepted.

**ZAFAR**, **TAHA** are declared appointed as Council representatives to the First Alberta Campus Radio Association (FACRA) Board of Directors.

2021-01/7b **KIMANI/ORVOLD MOVED** to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Gateway Student Journalism Society (GSJS) Board of Directors.

ORVOLD nominated ORVOLD: accepted.

LEY nominated BEASLEY: accepted. AVILIA nominated AVILA: accepted.

SIVAKUMARAN nominated SIVAKUMARAN: accepted.

KORFEH nominated KORFEH: accepted.

LEY nominated BATYCKI: accepted. LEY nominated YABUT: declined. KIMANI nominated YEOLA: declined.

**BEASLEY** is declared appointed as Council representative to the Gateway Student Journalism Society (GSJS) Board of Directors.

2021-01/7c **KIMANI/KONRAD MOVED** to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG) Board of Directors.

VILLOSO nominated BARA7FSH: declined.

YEOLA nominated YEOLA: accepted. KORFEH nominated KORFEH: accepted.

**YEOLA** is declared appointed as Council representative to the Alberta Public Interest Research Group (APIRG) Board of Directors.

2021-01/7d **KIMANI/DEGRANO MOVED** to appoint two (2) members of Students' Council to the World University Services Canada (WUSC) Board of Directors

YABUT nominated KORFEH: withdrawn.

TAHA nominated TAHA: accepted.

KIMANI nominated BARAZESH: accepted. BATYCKI nominated VILLOSO: declined. KIMANI nominated GARDNER: accepted.

**TAHA**, **GARDNER** are declared appointed as Council representatives to the World University Services Canada (WUSC) Board of Directors.

2021-01/7e **KIMANI/BATYCKI MOVED** to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to the Student Legal Services Board of Directors.

BEASLEY nominated BEAULIEU-MERCREDI: accepted. KIMANI nominated GILL: accepted.

**GILL** is declared appointed as Council representative to the Student Legal Services Board of Directors.

2021-01/7f **KIMANI/DEGRANO MOVED** to appoint one (1) member of Students' Council to The Landing Board of Directors.

See SC-2021-01.04-09.

VILLOSO nominated BEAULIEU-MERCREDI: declined KONRAD nominated YABUT: accepted.

**YABUT** is declared appointed as Council representative to The Landing Board of Directors.

2021-01/8 GENERAL ORDERS

2021-01/8a **DIXON/ORVOLD MOVED** to re-affirm the ad-hoc Sustainability Committee and Standing Orders.

See SC-2021-01.10.

**CARRIED** 

2021-01/8b **LEY/DIXON MOVED** to discuss campus safety initiatives See SC-2021-01.11.

LEY: Noted that the stabbing of an international student in the University LRT Station has raised questions about safety and security on Campus.

DIXON: Expressed concern that no bystanders stepped in to support the stabbing victim. Noted that Edmonton Police have increased their presence LRT stations in response to the incident. Noted that the Executive intends to finish the creation of the Campus Policing Policy and expand bystander training options.

ORVOLD: Proposed that students get training in first-aid and bystander response practices. Recognised that prevention is difficult in assault cases where deadly weapons are involved. Proposed improving cell reception in LRT tunnels and exploring other crime prevention measures.

DHILLON: Expressed concern that this is the second stabbing of a student in recent years. Inquired as to when the SU Safewalk service will resume operation. Proposed that Safewalk training include cultural sensitivity content.

LEY: Responded that Safewalk will resume operations in September.

VILLOSO: Inquired as to the content of Safewalk training.

DIXON: Responded that Safewalk volunteers receive extensive training and that more details can be provided.

BATYCKI: Inquired as to what action the University is taking to improve Campus security.

LEY: Responded that the University's plan for security is outlined in the online report from the Campuses and Facilities Safety and Security Working Group. Recognised that it is difficult for the University to secure its whole Campus from non-students given its urban location. Identified that the main action

taken by the University is to restrict building access to improve security barriers.

BEASLEY: Noted that the University has sought to improve lighting at the Humanities Building after several break-ins.

YEOLA: Proposed that the University give students first-aid training as part of residence events.

ORVOLD: Inquired as to what information exists regarding the performance of Protective Services.

LEY: Responded that the performance of UAPS is subjective but that it collects and publishes data about its work. Noted that there is higher crime around LRT stations according to Campus crime mapping.

DHILLON: Proposed that the SU consult student groups to identify how to provide culturally sensitive training for Safewalk volunteers.

LEY: Agreed with Dhillon.

BARAZESH: Inquired as to what security supports exist besides SafeWalk.

DIXON: Responded that there are UAPS patrols and bystander intervention training options.

KONRAD: Noted that the Board of Governors has discussed how to improve security and that the University Administration is aware of the issue.

2021-01/8c **KONRAD/ORVOLD MOVED** to discuss the Board of Governor's Strategic Retreat Planning See SC-2021-01.12.

KONRAD: Inquired as to what issues Council wants Konrad to address at the Retreat. Noted that potential areas for discussion include mitigating climate change, preventing systematic racism, deconsolidation from the Alberta budget, advancing reconciliation, and responding to budget cuts.

ORVOLD: Proposed that Konrad address how budget cuts can be limited and mitigated.

2021-01/9	INFORMATION ITEMS
2021-01/9a	GRTF recommendations to be considered for implementation by Students' Council. See SC-2021-01.01.
2021-01/9b	Bog Rep Report 1 - Representation and Metrics See SC-2021-01.02.
2021-01/9b	Students' Council - Attendance See SC-2021-01.13.
2021-01/9c	Students' Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2021-00) Tuesday, April 20, 2021 See-2021-01.14

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:22PM

## UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

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

Council Meeting Date Tuesday, May 18, 2021

**Mover** LEY

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Action Requested Information Items

## **Information Items**

#### **Abstract**

President's Report

**Attachments** 



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Date: 05/18/21

**To**: Students' Union Council **Re**: President's Report 05/18/21

#### Dear Council,

It feels like it has only been two days since our last meeting-- the last week has flown by. The Executive team has been working tirelessly to both transition into our roles and learn the ropes, and deal with the running stream of issues to deal with as they come. We're still making time to get outside and enjoy the sunshine, though, and you should as well! This week I went on a few bike rides, and am very proud to have now explored every ravine in the Edmonton river valley. I am off to find new places to check out, so let me know if you have recommended cycling destinations!

#### A Week in the Job

If you've ever wondered what a week in the role of the UASU President is like, here's my calendar for the last week-- it's always lively and interesting! Keep in mind there is roughly a 1-1 ratio between time spent in most of our meetings and time spent preparing for them and following up on action items, which doesn't show up in the calendar. The first two weeks can often be especially busy as we go through a wide variety of transition tasks, including meeting managers, introductions with university administrators, and more.

#### **Meeting with Mayor Iveson**

VP Fotang and I, along with our partners from MacEwan and NAIT,



met with Mayor Don Iveson on Wednesday. It was a great opportunity to discuss how we can make transit safe, reliable, and convenient, how to increase the supply of affordable housing around campus, and much more. I find folks can sometimes forget how important the municipal government is in our lives-- creating the spaces students live in makes a huge difference in our quality of life. We discussed a recent report by the



City on security measures on transit, which you can find here.

VP Fotang and I also discussed how students can best engage in the democratic process in the next municipal election, and in city government in general. We have a variety of plans, and we hope to increase our municipal presence considerably.

#### **Asian Heritage Month**

I am pleased to let you all know that the UASU will be celebrating May as Asian Heritage Month. Stay tuned for

content on our social media in the coming two weeks celebrating and honouring the resilience, excellence, and contribution of Asian communities on our campus.

#### **CAUS Changeover and Transition**

VP Fotang and I also attended the CAUS Changeover conference over the weekend. At Changeover we do advocacy and media training, learn about the provincial policy issues affecting students, and select the year's CAUS Executive team. I am very pleased that this year's Chair will be Rachel Timmermans of Mount Royal University, and the Vice Chair will be Matthew yanish of MacEwan. I've worked closely with Rachel and have complete confidence in her work. As the now-former Chair, I will be working in the coming weeks to transition Rachel smoothly into the role, seamlessly keeping progress on a variety of our projects going.

We are also continuing our planning process for the year, through working on the Executive Goals and assessing potential risks. This does look like it will be an unusual and challenging year, and we will be having many discussions later this summer about how to navigate the challenges ahead. Your insights will be vital in helping the Executive make this year a success under difficult circumstances. Cheers,

University of Alberta Students' Union President

Rowan Ley

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Council Meeting Date Tuesday, May 18, 2021

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Action Requested Information Items

## **Information Items**

#### **Abstract**

VP Academic Report

**Attachments** 



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#### **Vice President Academic**

**Date**: 18/05/2021

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Academic 2021/22 Report #1

Dear Council,

These last couple of weeks have been really interesting. Although there has not been much going on from a governance standpoint, I have had the opportunity to start to build relationships with some amazing people in the SU and the University. Below are a few of the highlights since the last report, and I'm happy to offer some more insight during the question period or open forum.

#### **Elected Nom Com Chair**

Nominating Committee met for the first time on May 5th and I was elected as the chair! I am very excited to work with an amazing team and look forward to collaborating and making the necessary changes to improve the reach of our volunteer postings.

#### **Faculty Association Introductions**

I have started to set up meetings with Faculty Associations (FA) across campus and am looking forward to getting to know the many amazing student leaders on our campus, their students' priorities, and how we can strengthen the relationships between them and the Students' Union.

#### **GFC Student Caucus**

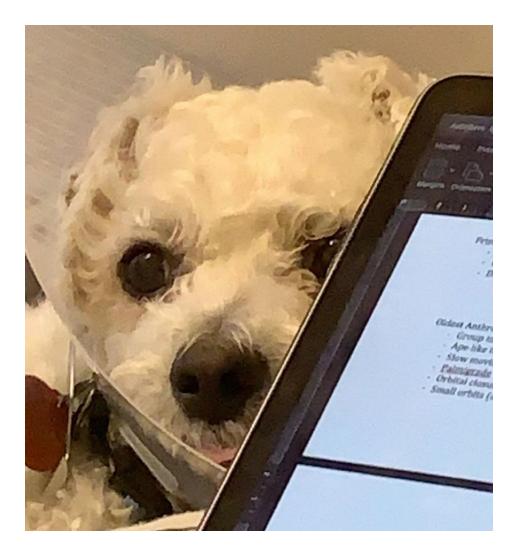
I'm very excited to get the GFC student caucus up and running for this year! With only four vacancies to fill until the student caucus is full, we are well on our way to a successful year of student advocacy. I'm looking forward to getting to know many of the new students and exchanging thoughts and experiences in order to better inform student perspectives.

The more I learn about the position of VPA, the more excited I get about building new relationships and advocating for students! It has been amazing to learn about the SU and what it's capable of. Moreso, I feel that the knowledge I have gained will be invaluable in empowering student leaders on council and SRAs to make the most of their Students' Union and represent their students well.

Finally, I have been thinking long and hard about something interesting to share with you. I think it would be more entertaining for all of us if I just shared something random in every report.



First up, we have this photo I found from final exam season. As you can see, my dog was being very sus...



As always, if you ever want to chat please don't hesitate to reach out! I hope you had a great last two weeks and continue to enjoy the amazing weather that May is giving us!

Cheers,

**Abner Monteiro** 

Vice President Academic

University of Alberta Students' Union

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Council Meeting Date Tuesday, May 18, 2021

**Mover** Fotang

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Action Requested Information Items

## **Information Items**

**Abstract** 

report #2

**Attachments** 



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## **Vice President External**

Date: 2021/05/018

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President External 2021/22 Report 2

Dear Council,

I hope you have all been taking good care of yourselves, staying safe and enjoying the start of your summer. A significant portion of my week was spent at the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) Change over retreat, as well as engaging in bilateral meetings with our counterparts from around the province.

#### **CAUS Changeover Retreat**

From May 7th-10th, President Ley and I participated in the CAUS virtual changeover retreat alongside the external advocacy teams of Students' Association of Mount Royal University, Students' Association of Macewan University, University of Lethbridge Students' Union, University of Calgary Students' Union and Athabasca University Students' Union. Those four days were filled with workshops, training and presentations to sharpen our external advocacy skills, and ensure that all incoming externals are properly equipped to navigate the provincial advocacy terrain. We also had some interesting presentations from Alberta Counsel, CAUS' government relations firm, and returning executives. These presentations were incredibly informative and despite the virtual nature of the retreat, we did our best to connect and have fun through virtual social events in the evening.

During this retreat, we also elected the new CAUS Chair and Vice Chair. I am pleased to announce that SAMRU's VP External Rachel Timmermans, was elected Chair and SAMU's VP External Mathew Yannish, VIce Chair. I have full confidence in Rachel's leadership and believe that she will do an excellent job in navigating CAUS and fellow external executive leaders through what will be a challenging year for Post-Secondary Education advocacy. I have already had the chance to meet one on one with Rachel, and we share similar priorities for what we want to see out of CAUS this year and the greater student movement in Alberta.

#### Post Secondary Institution Immunization Information Session with Dr. Hinshaw

Last Tuesday, I attended an immunization information session organized by the Ministry of Advanced Education in tandem with Alberta Health Services. This session offered the chance for community members in post secondary to ask Dr. Hinshaw questions they had regarding vaccine rollout as well as being informed about how we can help increase vaccine uptake within our respective institutions. Some of the kew takeaways:

- As of May 9th:
  - 1,916,957 doses have been administered



#### **Vice President External**

- 44.5% over 16 have been vaccinated with at least one dose
- 8.9% have been fully immunized (2 doses)
- Currently enrolled international students are not required to have an Alberta Personal Health Number to get vaccinated. Instead, international students living in Alberta can call 811, or contact any Alberta Health Service Centre directly to set up a vaccination appointment!
- Soon, the current 3-month residency requirement will be waived for international students as well.

#### **Meeting with Mayor Don Iveson**

President Ley and I joined a video conference call with counterparts from SAMU, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology Students' Association (NAITSA) and Mayor Don Iveson. We discussed transit, housing and ways to increase student engagement in municipal politics. Mayor Iveson explained the steps the city has taken to increase safety on transit. He was in agreement that there is a larger role for students to play in planning and zoning as well as neighbourhood renewals, and offered advice on how we as student leaders can connect with candidates and other key stakeholder groups in the community to get our advocacy priorities under their radar.

#### **Upcoming Events: CASA Foundations Conference**

President Ley and I will be attending the CASA Foundations conference on Zoom in two weeks time. The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), is our federal advocacy group. This conference will provide us a chance to experience development seminars, learn from outgoing student leaders from across Canada, and elect the new leadership of this year's CASA!

I look forward to returning with the report and outcomes of this event.

Once again, I wish you all a great rest of your week and all best in committee work for the next two weeks.

Yours Externally, Christian Potang

University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President External

**Christian Fotang** 





## **Vice President Operations & Finance**

**Date:** 14/05/2021

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Operations & Finance 2021/22 Report #2

Dear Council,

Just like that, we are two weeks into council. I am happy to be seeing you all again, and I hope you are all thriving and shining!

I have been settling into my role and learning more and more each day. We have had many meetings with different managers and departments to share our goals and set our priorities for the year. We are also in the process of working on our goals document that we will use to guide our year as an executive team.

#### **Period Poverty Initiative**

VP Dixon and I have continued to work on exploring funding opportunities for the Period Poverty initiative. We are in the process of drafting out strategies for the expansion of the program on North Campus, Campus Saint-Jean, and Augustana Campus. We are considering timelines and discussing the financial and environmental sustainability aspects of this project. We hope to share more details on this initiative soon.

#### **EDI Task Force**

Applications for the EDI Task Force are now <u>live</u>. If you are interested in being part of this task force and getting involved, I highly encourage you to apply. VP Dixon and I have spent a lot of time reading several different surveys and reports that focus on EDI on our campuses. We have come up with a few ideas in terms of projects that we can take on this year as a task force.

### **Emily Kimani, Vice President Operations and Finance**

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#### **Noteworthy Meetings**

#### **DentPharm Project Steering Committee**

I had my first meeting on the DentPharm project steering committee this week. We went over the preliminary stacking designs of the building to determine the location of certain offices and spaces. I also met with Kent Love, who works for Facilities and Operations, for an update on the overall project.

#### Myer Horowitz Theatre Planning Committee

I have attended a few of these meetings in these past two weeks. The work of the Myer Horowitz Theatre renewal project continues. Right now, we are in the process of finalizing the theatre designs.

#### **AUFSJ**

I met with Grace Whiteley, who is the VP Operations and Finance for AUFSJ. We had a lovely chat about our goals and projects for the year. We also discussed how the Students' Union can best support and collaborate with AUFSJ this year. Grace and I will be having monthly meetings.

Once again, that is all from me! Feel free to reach out anytime if you have any questions or if you just want to talk. I am always down to grab a coffee and chat.

All the best,

**Emily Kimani** 

University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President Operations and Finance

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Council Meeting Date Tuesday, May 18, 2021

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Action Requested Information Items

## **Information Items**

**Abstract** 

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**Attachments** 



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Council Meeting Date Tuesday, May 18, 2021

**Mover** DIXON

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Action Requested Information Items

**Information Items** 

**Motion** Report of the VP Student Life

**Abstract** 

Report of the VP Student Life

**Attachments** 



Council Report 2 May 13, 2021.pdf





#### **Vice President Student Life**

Date: 18/05/2021

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Student Life 2021/22 Report #2

Hi Council,

I hope you are all enjoying the warm weather lately and are taking a well-deserved rest! The past two weeks have flown by, and while I am continuing to learn, I along with the rest of the exec team, have started working on some cool projects outlined in our platforms.

Over the past two weeks, I have met with all of our core managers and relevant staff to get the projects outlined in my platform underway. These projects include Aboriginal Awareness Week, the pronoun campaign, making events and services zero waste and much more. These meetings are pretty preliminary but have been very helpful in creating more detailed plans for how to make these initiatives a reality this year. If you want more detail on where I'm at with this, please let me know!

As I mentioned last week, VP Kimani and I have already started working on two of our joint projects, the EDI Task Force and the Period Poverty initiative. This week I did a lot of reading about both EDI at UofA and Period Poverty to plan for the year to come and ensure that I was informed enough to do proper advocacy. We also edited the application for the EDI committee, and by the time you read this report, the application should be posted. We are looking for individuals with experience including but not limited to "issues of racialization, poverty, sexism, substance use, navigating social services, disability, sexism, language discrimination, homophobia, transphobia, and religious discrimination". The committee will meet a minimum of 6 times per trimester and every committee member will get a \$400 honorarium. Applications will close on June 15th; if you are interested in the committee please make sure you apply, and if you can't/don't want to, please encourage your friends to apply to the committee!

I also met with representatives from the Augustana Students Association and Campus Saint Jean Students Association whose portfolios align most with mine. These meetings were very informative and productive. In the case of the Augustana Students Association, we agreed to meet every other month and spoke generally about our goals, but we did not commit to collaborate on a single issue. Myself and the Campus Saint Jean representative had a much longer conversation. We spoke about some common goals, and I committed to monthly meetings. One of the things we discussed was getting more bilingual PSC volunteers. While recruitment is currently underway for volunteers, staff are working to find a way that we can recruit more bilingual volunteers.

Policing and campus security has also taken up a huge amount of my time. I have been working to meet with relevant parties and I created a very detailed reading list (with summaries) for the executive about policing, abolition and safety and security on campus. Because of our conversations

and the pressing nature of these issues, we have set the ambitious goal of creating the policing policy by early fall. Additionally, I reached out to staff to learn more about the Safe Walk program, and we are currently chatting about possibilities for improvement of this already incredibly valuable program.

I've also started attending committee meetings for planning the return back to campus but things are VERY preliminary. I would really appreciate it if you could message me with any questions, ideas, or concerns you have about the return to campus.

Some other things I did include exec retreat meetings, continuing my training, and gov camp!

If you have any questions about any of this please let me know! Things are slowly ramping up, and I'm so excited to see what this year will bring. Also, please tell me what kind of layout/things you would like to see in this report.

And as promised, I have a self-care tip for y'all! I love to read, but I often struggle to find the time during the school year. Now that it's summer, I am diving into my reading list. This week my simple self-care tip is to make time to read! Reading is a great way to relax and do nothing without looking at a screen. Right now, I am reading Weather by Jenny Offill. I won't spoil anything, but I highly recommend this book!

Here's a picture of my book! Isn't this a cool cover?



Best, Talia Dixon

#### Talia Dixon

University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President Student Life

#### Talia Dixon, Vice President Student Life

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Action Requested Information Items

## **Information Items**

#### **Abstract**

BoG Rep Report 2: Forms and Fish

**Attachments** 



05.18.21 BoG Rep Report.pdf



**Date:** 05.18.21

To: Students' Union Council

Re: BoG Rep 2021/2022 Report 2 - Forms and Fish

Dear Council,

#### Meetings

- 1. Board Reputation and Public Affairs Committee: we got to see UAlberta's new brand as part of administration's effort to consolidate university messaging and identity (it's really cool). Our VP External Relations is planning a 30 day innovation campaign which involves sharing university projects and accomplishments with external communities to improve our reputation. We also discussed campus violence, UAlberta's government relations strategy and AB2030 implications.
- 2. Retreat Working Group: although more detail has yet to be decided, I raised student concern about EDI as a topic for the Board to consider, suggesting a speaker like our local professor, W. Andy Knight. The topic will probably be involved in several aspects of the retreat; the student experience also surfaced as an idea for discussion at the retreat and members were interested!
- 3. Maskwa House of Learning: a Board member showed interest in helping find funding, so we met with the VP Indigenous Programming and Research (VPIPR) and the President's Office's Chief of Staff. They are still concerned about the project and looking for ways to move it forward! You can reach out to the VPIPR with any questions you have at <a href="mailto:glanfiel@ualberta.ca">glanfiel@ualberta.ca</a>!
- 4. New Board Student Caucus: Rowan, Anas Fassih, the new Graduate Students' Association President, and I met this past Wednesday to discuss this year's collaboration at the Board and how to strategically approach advocacy at May 14th's Board meeting. We have a Whatsapp group chat without a chat picture, which is sad. If you have a spicy picture idea, let me know. (e.g. last year's was this fish)





#### **Board Meeting Consultation Form**

1. Post-exams, I put together a form for Friday, May 14th's Board meeting, composed of questions about things in the agendas for the meeting! Alas, only one person responded, of over forty form recipients.

Thanks for reading!

University of Alberta Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative

**Dave Konrad** 

## UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

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

Council Meeting Date Tuesday, May 18, 2021

**Mover** LEY

Email president@su.ualberta.ca

Action Requested Approval

**Approval** 

**Motion** LEY moves to go in camera

**Abstract** 

Sensitive items requiring an in-camera discussion.

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