

**Date:** 01/26/2021

To: Students' Union Council

Re: BoG Rep 2020/2021 Report 15 - College Deans and French Resources

Dear Council,

## **College Deans**

- 1. College Deans Announcement: available on the Quad, the President's Office put forward an update. After 18 months, the president will review the College Dean positions and report to BoG and GFC. The board will develop metrics for college performance which colleges will use and report monthly to the board for 12 months.
  - a. Interim College Dean of the College of Health Sciences is Greta Cummings, Interim College Dean of the College of Natural and Applied Sciences is Matina Kalcounis-Rueppell and Interim College Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities is Joseph Doucet.
  - b. Over the next 6 months these College Deans will develop a strategic plan for interdisciplinary teaching and research and a model for shared administrative services. New colleges will be in place by July 1, 2021. New acting Deans will be implemented by July 1, 2021 for faculties of Nursing, Science and the Alberta School of Business, which gave up Deans to the College Dean position.

## 2. January 8, 2021 Chairs' Rebuttal

- uAlberta department and faculty chairs felt Bill made mistakes during the
  December 11th board meeting and emailed Faculty Deans and board members.
  One issue they had was the board developing metrics for college performance when the board is not a group of academic specialists.
- b. To reestablish trust, they have asked for three things from the president:
  - i. Explain to the January 25th GFC meeting about not supporting GFC's recommendation.
  - ii. Allow GFC to evaluate and approve the scope and mandate of colleges and College Deans and come to consensus on the correct path forward.
  - iii. Ensure that board metrics are discussed and ratified by GFC.

## **Projects**

1. French Resources in DoS: I reached out to Steve Dew about AUFSJ's lack of French resources on the Dean of Students' website and access to French-speaking staff in student services. Awaiting a response.

Thanks for reading!





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