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To: Students' Union Council

Re: President's Report 06/01/21

Hello Council,

I hope you are all doing well and if you are in Canada, that you have either been vaccinated or have made plans to be! I was so happy to receive my first shot of Moderna, which is of course the Dolly Parton vaccine and therefore the coolest (but get whatever vaccine is available to you). While there is still a lot of uncertainty about where the next stage of the pandemic will go, and I, like many of you, am worried that we are not out of the woods yet, getting your shot is absolutely essential. You can book a vaccine in our very own Students' Union Building on the [University Health Centre Website](#). High vaccination rates in students are essential for a safe return to campus and we all need to do our part to get that number as high as possible.



Exceptional Tuition Increase Proposals

In the last two weeks, the faculties proposing exceptional tuition increases have been wrapping up their consultation with students. The executive believes that the vast majority of these consultations have been inadequate and do not meet the basic requirements of the Tuition and Fees Regulation, [Student Participation and Process Handbook](#), and best practices for procedural fairness. I have reached out to the Provost's Office to invite the University to present to Council on the exceptional increases, which has happened at the University of Calgary, but unfortunately I have received no reply as of writing this report. The inadequate consultation on such significant exceptional increases is unacceptable to the Students' Union and we are working on a series of actions in response. Further details will be available very soon. Once we finalize more details we will provide comprehensive information to Council, likely through a presentation at our next meeting. I want you all to know that the executive is taking this file very seriously and is putting considerable effort into our response.

CASA Foundations Conference

VP Fotang and I are attending the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations' annual Foundations conference online this week. Foundations is when we meet our

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I am also pleased to report that our CASA family has been growing. We voted to admit the University of Manitoba Students' Union as a full member, adding 31,000 students to our membership. This contributes to stronger student advocacy by CASA, which is, as I never miss a chance to point out, one of the most effective advocacy groups in Ottawa. Online conferences have been a little different in-person ones, with shorter days to accommodate time differences. If you're wondering what a week at an online conference is like, here's my calendar.

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As always, get in touch if you have any questions or want to chat!

