

Date: 03/22/22

To: Students' Union Council

Re: President Report 03/22/22

Dear Council,

This is my last report to Council, and my last Students' Council meeting. It has truly been an honour to work with all of you over the last year, and I am grateful for the learning and opportunity I have had in this space. It is a privilege to serve. I am also excited to pass along the baton to a new generation of talented student leaders with new ideas and new energy who I know will make us very proud.

I am also so proud of my wonderful team, who have been with me every step of the way. Their support, kindness, and competence has meant so much to me. I want to thank them all for their service to students.



I've written a [brief reflection in the Flame](#) about the difficult year we have had, what we accomplished, and what the community can look forward to next. It was bittersweet to write, and I know I have been far from perfect, but I am glad that my time here is ending after I did the best work I could with the best team and staff I could ask for.

Transition

I have been continuing transition meetings with VP Monteiro, and I am confident that he will be ready to serve as an effective President starting on May 1st. For our remaining transition activities, we will be on our Executive retreat between next Wednesday and the following Wednesday. VP Fotang, then-to-be President Monteiro, and I will be travelling to Canmore for the Council of Alberta University Students changeover conference the next weekend. That will be my last event with the UASU. For the time being, I am focused on ensuring the smoothest possible transition and best possible retreat. That is taking up a considerable portion of my time and energy.

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Statement in Support of Trans Students

The UASU put out a [statement](#) last week outlining our support for trans students, our condemnation of the harassment so many trans students experience, particularly during elections, and our commitments to how we will support trans students moving forward. This statement is important to us, and will serve as an ongoing reminder of the importance of our work towards accessible legal name changes and free university document name changes, gender-affirming classroom environments, accessible washrooms, and more.

Tuition and Budget: International tuition for Fall 2023

VP Kimani and I attended Tuition and Budget Advisory Committee last week where tuition levels for incoming international students in Fall 2023 were discussed. The University is planning to base their increases on projected inflation over four years. We are working to ensure their inflation targeting is accurate, and that the proposal reflects a fair projection of future economic conditions.

As always, feel free to connect. I and the rest of the team will be pretty inaccessible during retreat, but until then I can answer any questions you have.

If you ever want to get in touch in future, my personal email is r.j.c.ley@gmail.com. I will still be around campus for a few more months, and Edmonton for at least a year, so I am sure I will see some of you around.

To those who are returning, good luck– I can't wait to see what you accomplish. For those who are leaving governance, I'm proud of what we have done and honoured to have worked with you.

Wherever you are going now, good luck and I hope you all find the success and happiness you deserve.

Cheers,



University of Alberta Students' Union President
Rowan Ley