

Date: 02/07/2023

To: Students' Union Council

Re: President 2022/23 Report #20

Dear Council,

I hope you are all doing well! Below is my report for the last two weeks.

Council of Student Affairs (CoSA)

On January 26, CoSA met for the first time this semester to discuss several items impacting students. Those included the recent tuition proposal, mandatory non-instructional fees, the new student teaching and evaluation SPOT questions to replace the USRIs and embedded certificates.

Student Experience Action Plan (SEAP) Workshop

Earlier this week, I had the opportunity to participate in a workshop as part of the consultation on the SEAP. We discussed many different possibilities about what the student experience could include that makes the University of Alberta unique in comparison to other universities. There was a lot of student input generated by those who attended, and we are now at the stage of discerning that information to develop a student value proposition statement. The next phase of student engagement will start in the coming weeks, where we will take what we have learned from conversations with students and explore what they think about it.

Student Financial Support Meeting

This week I had a meeting with the Assistant Registrar, Student Financial Support, where I had the opportunity to delve deeper into how the Moderate Standard of Living is calculated and what work the university is doing to provide needs-based support. This meeting was very valuable in working towards getting more money allocated toward need-based financial aid for students through the tuition increase proposals.

Indigenous Celebration Week

had the privilege of attending and speaking at the opening ceremony of Indigenous Celebration Week! It was amazing to see all of the hard work from everyone across campus to make this week possible!

Experiential Learning (EL) Better Practices

Gurleen, Scott (BSA President) and I have all been working together to develop a one-page resource for students to be given and use when they choose to participate in an experiential learning opportunity. The document will include essential information students need to consider when they are starting an EL term, links to an EL online hub we want the university to create, and resources and contact information for what students should do to ensure that they can get help as promptly as possible when they have an issue on an EL term.

GFC Executive Sub-Committee on Governance and Procedural Oversight (GPO)

This week, GFC Exec GPO met to discuss recommendations for changes to the GFC Terms of Reference. This included everything from the mandate and responsibilities of GFC to GFC composition.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abner Monteiro', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

Abner Monteiro (he/him)

President

University of Alberta Students' Union