

Date: 03/07/2023**To:** Students' Union Council**Re:** President 2022/23 Report #22

Dear Council,

I hope everyone is doing well! As we approach the end of the term, the Executive Team has been extremely busy preparing for important meetings and conversations. Below is an update on what I have been up to.

UASU Elections

As you all know, UASU Executive and Board of Governor Elections kicked off on February 27. It's never easy to put your name out there and run in elections, especially at the University of Alberta. Candidates do everything they can to be respectful, accommodating, and inclusive, because that's what it takes to represent 35,000 students with diverse views and backgrounds. It has been extremely disappointing to see the treatment of our candidates this year who decided to put their names out there because they want to make a difference and give back to their community.

Recently, I released a statement addressing the harassment candidates have been facing while campaigning this year. The kinds of dehumanizing behaviours that they have faced not only violate University Policy, but are unacceptable in our community. No student should face harassment, bullying, and discrimination while trying to participate in public life.

We urge our community to take equity and fundamental dignity seriously, and we engaging with the University Administration to develop opportunities to educate and strengthen the campus community and prevent acts like those mentioned in the statement from happening to begin with.

You can read my full statement [HERE](#).

Government of Alberta (GoA) 2023 Budget Release

On February 28, the Government of Alberta released its 2023 Budget. For the most part, this budget included many things that were previously announced and mentioned in my previous report, with one addition that the GoA will allow post-secondary institutions to access 15% of their carry-forward funds, which is a potential \$318 Million. Overall, it was disappointing to see that no immediate measures were implemented to support all students.

Following the budget release, I did an interview with The Gateway, sharing my thoughts on the budget and what it means for students. You can find the article and my remarks [HERE](#)

UASU/GSA Tuition Protest

As I mentioned in my previous reports, the UASU and GSA will be teaming up to hold a joint protest at the Board of Governors on March 24. In preparation for that protest, there are a few engagement opportunities for students to learn more, get involved, and support us in mobilizing students for the protest. Here are some of those opportunities:

Info Session #2

March 15 @ 12 - 1 PM

Art Build

March 15 @ 1 - 3 PM



Student Experience Action Plan

The Student Experience Action Plan will enter its next phase of student engagements, where we will do tabling, journey mapping, and hosting “what we heard” sessions. Here are some opportunities we would love you to share with students or sign up for yourselves!

Journey Mapping Workshops

RSVP: Please sign up for one of the sessions using [this form](#).

Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location: SUB 4-02

Pizza lunch will be served.

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location: SUB 4-02

Pizza lunch will be served.

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual

Participants will receive a \$10 gift card to Starbucks or Tim Hortons.

Cheers,

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