

Date: 05/10/2021

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Academic 2021/22 Report #12

Dear Council,

Here is a quick update on what I've been up to for the last two weeks and some upcoming events. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me before Council on Tuesday or ask me during the question period.

Open Education Week

The Open Education Conference is an annual convening for sharing and learning about open educational resources, open pedagogy, and open education. This dynamic gathering celebrates the core values of open education that strive to realize education ecosystems that are accessible, affordable, equitable and inclusive to everyone, regardless of their background.

The Conference will be happening virtually from October 18 - 22. Registration is \$25 USD for students, and financial assistance is also available to subsidize the cost! Sessions will be recorded and posted online at a later date. Accommodations will be available upon request as well.

Here is the link to sign up if you're interested: <https://openeducationconference.org>

GFC Back in Session

GFC Exec and GFC had their first meetings of this academic year on September 13th and 20th. Through SU advocacy, we prevented a motion at GFC Exec from coming to GFC regarding a vote on the clean air strategy for a complete smoking ban on campus.

Another notable motion at GFC was the approval of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) Supervisory Initiatives. This motion successfully passed at GFC and will mean better supports for graduate students. This includes a new Graduate Student Supervision Policy and Procedure, Student - Supervisor Guidelines, and yearly progress reports ensuring that graduate students stay on track in their program.

A lot of work went into this initiative, and it's fantastic to see it pass at GFC and go to the Board of Governors for final approval.

Faculty Association Monthly Meetings

During the last couple of weeks, I've been having my regular check-in meetings with Faculty Associations to see how their projects, event planning, and advocacy are going.

President Ley and I have also met with the Engineering Students' Society, Law Students' Association, Business Students' Association, Alberta Pharmacy Students' Association, Radiation Therapy Students' Association, and Medical Lab Science Students' Association about exceptional tuition increases.

Student Group Committee

The Student Group Committee will be meeting on Friday, October 1st, to decide on the Undergraduate Psychology Association. We will also be approving the investigation proposal for the investigation into improving the relationship between the Students' Council and the International Students' Association (ISA)

Bylaw Committee

Bylaw 200 Second Principles will be coming to Council for approval for this upcoming meeting.

Hot Pot Night

Live fast, die young, eat hot pot



Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Abner Monteiro".

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