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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Academic 2021/22 Report #16

Dear Council,

I hope all of you had a great weekend! Here is an overview of what I have been up to over the past two weeks:

UASU Exec Take on Augustana

Last week, the executive team travelled down to Camrose to experience the Augustana Advantage for ourselves! We got the opportunity to meet with members of Augustana's Faculty Administration and covered a variety of topics ranging from course minor program changes to transportation to sexual violence.

Helping Students on Experiential Learning Terms

As many of you may know, Talia and I have been carrying forward the work done by the past VPSL and VPA surrounding protection for students on experiential learning terms. We have been working with the Provost Fellow, Karsten Mundel, who will be assisting us in developing a public communication for students to know how to navigate current UAPPOL policy in order to make the process of appealing more simple and comfortable for students.

We are starting a small working group with a few members of University Admin and SU Staff, and are also looking for any SU councillors who may be interested in helping to develop this communication! Time commitment would most likely be either weekly or bi-weekly.

Zero Textbook Cost Indicator Pilot Program

Last week, messaging went out in English and French to all instructors at the U of A to get them to sign up for the Winter 2022 ZTC Pilot! The fall semester has seen roughly 500 instructors enroll, which equates to 750 different course sections. Based on our UASU data over the past three years, we have estimated that the instructors who have indicated their courses as ZTC have saved students a cumulative \$7 MILLION.

I also had the opportunity to be interviewed by CBC on the success of the pilot project thus far, and have been supporting other Students' Unions in developing their own versions of ZTC Programs!

Student Governance Code of Conduct

I'm currently working on finishing the draft second principles of the Student Governance Code of Conduct. Due to the large number of presentations on the agenda for the next couple of council

meetings, I will be starting consultation with SRAs and will bring the Code of Conduct to council for consultation in the new year!

Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil

Last weekend I was able to attend two different events that were organized by SU councillors. Congrats to Councillors Morris, Viloso, and Beaulieu-Mercredi for doing a great job planning the Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil and the Residential School Memorial!

Campus Cup Babyyyy

This weekend I got the chance to participate in Campus Cup for the first time!



Cheers,

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