

Date: 02/22/2022 To: Students' Union Council Re: Vice President Academic 2021/22 Report #21

Dear Council,

I hope you are all doing well. Below are my updates for the past two weeks:

UASU Elections

I will be taking a leave of absence as VPA from **February 25 to March 10**. During my leave, you can direct any academic questions or concerns to President Ley or VP Dixon.

Return to In-Person and Hybrid Learning Options

The UASU continues to make progress on the online learning <u>list of demands</u>. Additionally, we have been preparing for the return to in-person learning and working with the university to put out messaging to instructors to know they can supply recorded or streamed class content while teaching in-person to support students who may be uncomfortable on campus or are sick. We are also working to ensure the University is prepared to deliver in-person accommodations and is messaging students who use accommodation right away.

CoFA Joint Board + ASC + ISA Meeting

Earlier this week, we held a CoFA Joint Board Meeting to discuss the impacts to students if a possible AASUA strike occurred. The discussion focused on providing information to student leaders about how collective bargaining works - similar to the presentation that President Ley gave to Council.

Provincial Budget March

Yesterday, I participated in the Provincial Budget March to speak up against cuts to Post Secondary Education. There was a fantastic turnout for the event, and I want to give a huge shout-out to VP Dixon and the UASU External Relations Specialist, Ari Campbell, for all of their incredible work planning, organizing, and getting students, faculty, staff, and media out to the event!

Student Engagement Policy - First Principles

The first principles of the student engagement policy are on the agenda for review. This policy was previously two different policies (Engagement + Students in Governance), but since there was significant overlap between them, Policy Committee decided to amalgamate them. Special thanks to Councillors Aamer, Yeola, Motoska, Dhillon and VP Dixon for helping develop this policy!

Fun Facts w/ Your VPA

Did you know that you can connect the UofA Libraries database to your Google Scholar searches so that you can get database access to articles on Google Scholar? All you need to do is go to your Google Scholar Settings, select "Library Links" in the left column, type in the "University of Alberta," click the checkbox and save! You can find photos on the next page.



Cheers,

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