

**Date:** 03/22/2022

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Academic 2021/22 Report #22

Dear Council,

This past month has been packed full of so much stuff and has been extremely busy. With that comes a few very exciting updates to share with you!

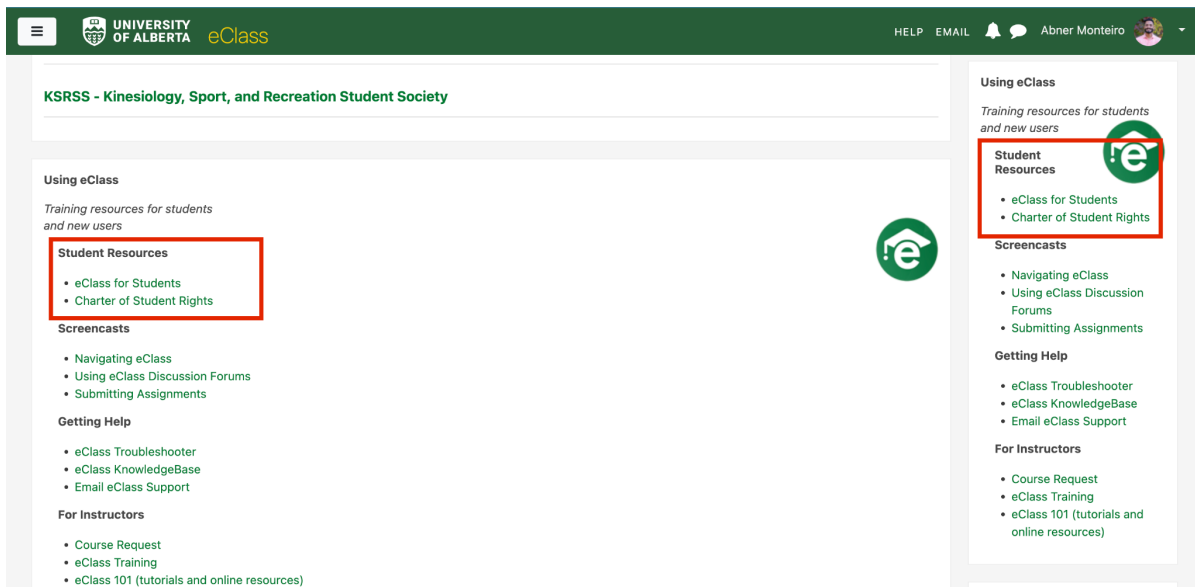
### **Exploration Credits Passes at GFC**

Yesterday at General Faculties Council, Exploration Credits passed with flying colours. As a refresher, Exploration Credits is a new grading regulation that has been a project between the Students' Union and Registrar's Office this past year! Essentially, a student will get up to 12 credits in open electives over their degree - with some restrictions on allocating them - to designate those courses as CR/NC before the withdrawal deadline.

This marks a huge advocacy win for undergraduate students at the U of A and will give so many students the ability to explore their passions and more of what the UofA has to offer them. Implementation of this regulation is scheduled to begin in Fall 2022!

### **Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities on eClass**

This week, I met with Information and Technology Services (IST) and finalized the inclusion of the Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities on eClass! This platform point of mine aimed to increase awareness of this document for students and instructors, and we were able to get it in the one place where the most eyes can see it! I'm very happy that we were able to put this policy resource in an area that is extremely easy to direct students.

The screenshot shows the eClass website interface. At the top, there's a green header with the University of Alberta logo, 'eClass' text, and navigation links like 'HELP', 'EMAIL', and a user profile for 'Abner Monteiro'. Below the header, the main content area is titled 'KSRSS - Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation Student Society'. On the left side, under 'Using eClass', there's a section 'Student Resources' which is highlighted with a red box. This section lists 'eClass for Students' and 'Charter of Student Rights'. To the right of this, there's another 'Student Resources' section, also highlighted with a red box, which lists 'eClass for Students' and 'Charter of Student Rights'. Other sections visible include 'Screencasts' with links like 'Navigating eClass', 'Using eClass Discussion Forums', and 'Submitting Assignments'; 'Getting Help' with links like 'eClass Troubleshooter', 'eClass KnowledgeBase', and 'Email eClass Support'; and 'For Instructors' with links like 'Course Request', 'eClass Training', and 'eClass 101 (tutorials and online resources)'.

## **UASU Elections**

I took a leave of absence to run for Students' Union President, as many of you know. I am honoured and privileged that students resonated with my message and chose me to represent them in the upcoming year! This election period was intense, exhausting, and demanding for every student leader involved (11 of them!). I want to thank every candidate who put their name forward to represent students and make the challenges they face a priority for this election.

In particular, I want to thank VP Kimani and Councillor Ali. They both ran great presidential campaigns and identified critical issues that need to be addressed by your Students' Union.

Finally, congratulations to the 2022/23 incoming team: Joannie, Gurleen, Julia, and Christian! I can't wait to get started and bring all the fantastic ideas all of us have to life!

Cheers,

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

**Abner Monteiro**

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