

Date: 15/06/2021

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Academic 2021/22 Report #4

Dear Council,

I hope you are all doing well! These last couple of weeks have been busy, to say the least. Here is a brief breakdown of what I've been up to since our last council meeting:

NomCom Update

Last week on Thursday, NomCom reviewed several student-at-large (SAL) job position postings for the following:

- Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee (ARRC)
- Student Group Committee
- University of Alberta Senate
- Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee
- Sustainability and Capital Fund Committee
- Translation Committee

The consent agenda for Tuesday will contain ratifications for SAL positions on these various committees. Nominating Committee has decided to extend the applications for the Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee (ARRC) and Student Group Committee for an additional two weeks from June 14th, 2021 - June 27, 2021. We are specifically looking for two student group executives to fill SAL seats on the Student Group Committee. Please share this information with your friends and other groups on campus so that we can get these seats filled!

Met with the Graduate Students' Association VP Academic

I met with Kathy Haddadkar this week where we discussed our goals for this year as VPAs and how we can work together to support undergraduate students and graduate students alike! She is an amazing representative and I look forward to working with her over this next year.

Council of Faculty Associations (CoFA) Senior Board Meeting

CoFA Senior Board met on June 2nd, 2021 for the first meeting of the year! For those of you who don't know, the Council of Faculty Associations is a space for Faculty Association (FA) Executives to collaborate with their FA counterparts, work together to address challenges they may be facing, and consult on SU advocacy, just to name a few. During this meeting with the FA presidents, we assigned executives to Working Groups, talked about everyone's expectations of

CoFA for the year. Special thank you to VP Kimani and Dixon for chairing the Finance and Member Services Working Groups! :)

Undergraduate Program Support Team (PST)

I had my first meeting with the undergraduate support team last week which is chaired by the Vice Provost Programs. The PST is a space where individuals currently looking for feedback on minor course changes or the development of new program proposals come to gain early consultation and feedback as to ways their proposals can be improved.

GFC Student Caucus and GFC

Last week on Friday, GFC Student Caucus met for the first time! It was a great first meeting of the year where we discussed many of the issues that have direct implications to the student experience and asked a lot of great questions in preparation for GFC on June 7th, 2021.

GFC had its last meeting of the year on June 7th and will be taking a hiatus for the summer. The first meeting of the next academic year will be in September.

Student Governance Code of Conduct

During the last few months, past VPA David Draper, myself, and a few members of the Bylaw Committee have been working to develop a Student Governance Code of Conduct. This document would outline the responsibility that members of the Students Union - and its delegated authority - hold when they are in governance roles and the implications for not upholding that responsibility. A draft of the first principles will be attached to the Late Additions for discussion/consultation at council, and this will be followed by further consultation with SRAs prior to coming to the Students' Council for approval.

Governance Restructuring Task Force (GRTF)

VP Fotang and I did a series of presentations last week for the GRTF recommendations brought forward to the Students' Council earlier in May as a way to provide more clarity around what these recommendations are! If you are interested in learning more but didn't have the opportunity to attend one of these presentations, please reach out to either me or VP Fotang and we can set something up with you to discuss the recommendations.

My First Summer Project

Last week, I had a lot of fun doing a little home improvement project! Below is a before and after photo of the fruits of my labour! *Disclaimer: I did not indeed build this on my own.*



I wish all of you a hot and sunny weekend, and as always, if you ever want to chat please don't hesitate to reach out!

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abner Monteiro'.

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