

Date: 05/31/2022**To:** Students' Union Council**Re:** Vice President Academic 2022/23 Report #2

Dear Council,

I hope you are enjoying the council experience so far and I am sure it will become even more exciting as we move further and learn more about our roles. I must say that we have a very engaging council this year and we need to take it up and make the council a welcoming space by encouraging more engagement. This great experience in student governance will help us in gaining some skills towards our personal development.

I have been learning a lot and enjoying this new journey. And here are some updates from me. I have been attending a lot of meetings and getting to know people around campus with whom I will be working on my projects. I had some GFC committee meetings like the Programs Committee, Nominating Committee and Student Conduct Policy Committee. So, most of my time went into preparing for these meetings and answering emails. Also I had the first meeting with CoFA (Council of Faculty Associations) Senior Board where we talked about giving ISA (International Students' Association) and ISU (Indigenous Students' Union) non-voting seats at CoFA and we will be preceding to making this change in the CoFA terms of reference in the next meeting. At this point, I am preparing for the upcoming meetings and I am hosting the first GFC student caucus meeting of the term this week to ensure effective and engaged student representation at the GFC.

Also, with other members of the council and the executive team, I got a chance to take part in the 'KAİROS Blanket Exercise' which was very insightful and touching. It helped me understand the story of indigenous people and relate to it. It also made me aware of the responsibilities that we have towards the indigenous people being on their land. I believe that such activities encourage us a lot to walk on the path of reconciliation and are really important for educating us. So, being part of this exercise was a very moving experience for me.

Lastly, I just want to say this month is ending, leaving behind a strong foundation for me to construct on it in the upcoming months. Sending you the best wishes.

Reach out to me whenever you want to chat and I will be there.

Cheers,

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