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**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Academic 2022/23 Report #11

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Dear Council,

You must be enjoying the beautiful fall. I want to share some pictures of the campus that I captured.



Moving to the updates:

### University Meetings

I had so many meetings during the past weeks. For instance PST (Program Support Team), CLE (Committee on the Learning Environment, GFC exec and some others which I have mentioned below. At CLE, there were a couple of important items discussed, for example the Revisions to Examination Procedures and Deferred Exam Procedures in the 2023-2024 University Calendar, which are pretty straightforward, you can check all the proposed changes to the calendar [here](#) and the accessibility report which I mentioned in my previous report was discussed as well among with the vision of moving forward.

### Meeting with Ravina

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The exec team had a meeting with Ravina Sanghera (Acting Associate Dean) and we are working with her on various projects. She is passionate about working with us on some really important student oriented projects such as work integrated learning.

## Standing Committee on Convocation

I had my first meeting of the Standing Committee on Convocation where we discussed some pieces of convocation in terms of how we can make the student experience better at this memorable event of their lives.

## Tour of University Commons

The Students' Council got the tour of the University Commons as you already know. It was a great experience exploring the building which we didn't have access to and personally liked the way it is renovated, preserving the old feature and combining it with the modern architecture.

## CoFA

At CoFA meetings, we discussed the student experiences with learning being back on campus and with academic advising. We had some really good conversations and decided to conduct some surveys to get some more faculty differentiated data across those topics and the surveys are on the way. Also, we are still in the process of organizing a CoFA social and SRA dinners.

## URI follow up

I had a follow up meeting with the Undergraduate Research Initiative and we are analyzing the possibilities of having FURCA (Festival of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities) in SUB this year to engage more students. It will be some time in March. We also discussed the barriers that international students face while being interested in research, for example, many research grants are not available for international students and there is also a lack of awareness in terms of where to get help from. URI has agreed to meet with UAI (University of Alberta International) to explore these barriers and find ways to solve them.

## FoTL Steering Committee

I had my first meeting of the FoTL Steering Committee. We discussed some initial plans for the festival. The Festival of Teaching and Learning (FoTL) is an annual event where all members of the University of Alberta teaching and learning community can share, demonstrate, explore, and embody the plurality of approaches to university teaching with the goal of enhancing our pedagogies as well as our teaching and learning environments across our institution. You can find more information about FoTL [here](#) if you are interested.



## Green and Gold day, and BTR

A very exciting part of the past two weeks, Green and Gold day was awesome and along with others I had a lot of fun at Break The Record. You all did a great job of promoting this great event. Here's my picture with our **GUBA** and **Patches** :)

## Residential School Memorial

Lastly, I attended the Residential School Memorial with other execs. I am very thankful to VP OpsFi Viloso who took the lead on this and VPSL Fogue for all their hard work towards this event. It was a very important event in remembrance of all the innocent children who lost their lives in Residential Schools and the survivors. I'm grateful that I got the opportunity to be there and attend this indigenous event.

That's all from me! Let me know if you have any questions and take care :)

Best wishes,



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