

Date: 11/15/2022

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Academic 2022/23 Report #14

Dear Council,

Here are some updates from past couple of weeks:

Experiential Learning

Abner and I had a meeting to discuss experiential learning better practices with a group of people who are involved in work integrated learning from different areas of the university. We discussed the key areas where improvement needs to be made and the challenges students have been facing. This group will be meeting on a monthly basis and we will keep you updated on the progress.

Registrar's Office

Had our monthly meeting with the Registrar's Office. The discussion on increasing the ZTC program across various faculties and spreading awareness is on the table. I have a meeting scheduled with the libraries digital initiatives lead and the RO to take the conversation forward in terms of finding the ways of formalizing and institutionalizing some practices to expand outreach.

Tuition Townhall

The exec team has been working on the preparations for the tuition townhall which is on November 15. We are aiming to make students aware of the potential tuition increases and get their feedback on different topics around tuition as it was discussed at our last council meeting.

Academic Integrity Policy

Had a meeting of the **Academic Integrity policy working group (AIP)** where we discussed the importance of training to equip students with the information and decriminalize the entire process looking into better practices rather than just 'punishing people'. We also had a discussion about the role of instructors in the process and coordinated ways between the students, instructors and the faculties in handling the issues.

We also had the first meeting of the **Academic Integrity Advocate working group (AIA)** which is a sub-working group under the Academic Integrity Policy (AIP) working group. According to the Terms of Reference, "AIP is tasked with guiding the work on the new Academic Integrity Policy, AI Procedure, and Academic Misconduct Appeal Procedure, to replace the academic sections of the Code of Student Behaviour (COSB). The AIP will inform the work of the AIA and vice versa.

The purpose of AIA is to ensure Symplicity Advocate evolves to meet the needs of the new AI Policy and Procedures. The goal is to create a structure and workflow that is streamlined and increases consistency across the board. The group will have discussions aimed to meet the needs of the conduct process from start

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to end, while keeping the system consistent among all users”.



U of A Alumni Awards

I had an opportunity to attend the U of A Alumni Awards which was a lovely event. There were videos telling the inspirational success stories of the award winners and the event was filled with energy and inspiration.

Gurpurab



Lastly, I want to share a little bit about one of the very sacred festivals in Sikhism which is called **Gurpurab**. It was on November 8 this year, the date varies every year as it is calculated based on another calendar. This day marks the arrival of **Guru Nanak Dev Ji** (the first master of the Sikhs) on the Earth. We celebrate this festival by going to the Gurdwara to seek Guru's blessings and sending greetings to friends and family. We remember the values that the Guru taught us, the three core values are **Naam Japna** (Recite God's name), **Vand Ke Shakna** (Share what you have) and **Kirat Karni** (Earn an honest living).

That's all from me, let me know if you have any questions and stay warm :)

Best wishes,

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