

Date: 11/29/2022

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Academic 2022/23 Report #15

Dear Council,

Hope you are doing well and getting ready for the finals!

Here are some updates from me,

Meeting with Chancellor Garritty

Julia, Joannie and myself had a meeting with the Chancellor and it was a great discussion on making our campus a better place for everyone and the vision of the university which it stands for. She also mentioned the committee which will be made soon for the selection of the next Chancellor.

Programs Committee

Had a meeting of the GFC Programs Committee where an idea of a new Business 101 course was discussed which would be a requirement for first year business students. It is currently in the consultation phase and the framework and content regarding the course itself looks good as it includes all different aspects such as EDI training and indigenous content as an orientation for students which I have been advocating for as well. Also, the changes to the BSc Program that I mentioned previously were voted on. These changes will be very beneficial for students giving them a wide range of options as new minors are being added.

Meeting with Vice-Provosts

We had a brief meeting discussing the University's strategic plan for the future. We also discussed the SPOT (Student Perspectives of Teaching) surveys and the ways to increase the outreach and get more students filling them.

Academic Integrity Policy working Group

AIP is currently discussing the decision making processes, for instance, who should have the authority and how we can ensure consistency in decisions on different cases. I also raised the importance of transparency in the process so the students are well communicated with and know what to expect throughout the process of decision making.

Program Support Team

At PST, we discussed embedded certificates and received an update on the work of making them more consistent. Responses have been collected from the students who convocated in spring/summer to know

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their experiences with the certificates, sources where they got to know about them etc. Most students indicated that it was easy to complete a certificate and would recommend others to do as well.

We also had a discussion on the program changes that have been made in Augustana. I asked if those changes are being communicated with Augustana students and if their concerns are being addressed. I am glad that the answer was yes and also the student leaders at ASA are in favor of the changes and they would benefit them.

Fall Convocation

I was able to attend the fall convocation and as always this experience is beyond words where everyone is very happy and enjoying, for students - the success they achieved and for faculties- the fruit of their teachings. It was an honor to congratulate students and see them celebrating with their loved ones.

I-Day



I attended International Students' Day where people were celebrating their cultures and the diversity we have at the U of A. It was a great event. I want to thank the ISA and our VPSL Joannie Fogue, our events team and others who were involved, for all the work they put into making this event a great experience for students.

SU Awards

UASU Awards Night was a very fun event. I enjoyed watching the enthusiasm of the recipients and their families and friends. It is a very proud moment for each and every one who received an award. I want to congratulate everyone again for their hard work and great achievements.

ZTC Awareness

I have been working on planning some awareness spreading strategies for ZTC indicators so the students can benefit from it while registering and finalizing their winter courses. We will be organizing tablings in SUB main floor to give people resources, address their questions and show them the usage of the indicator on Beartracks. I will share the time slots with everyone as soon as we finalize this and if you are willing to help with that, I will be happy to have you there and talk to students.

Students' issues

Helped some students in solving the issues that they are facing for example, clarification on tuition assessment, course grading and evaluation, transfer credits etc. by connecting them to the resources and help from the Registrar's Office. Few of them are still in process and I am working with them to get everything settled.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gurleen Kaur', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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