

**Date:** 12/13/2022

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Academic 2022/23 Report #16

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Dear Council,

It's a very busy time for all of us with exams and everything. I hope you are doing well and taking care of yourselves. And I'm sure you are as excited for the holidays as I am!

Here are some updates from me,

## **CLE**

At CLE, we discussed the SPOT surveys and the Teaching, Learning and Evaluation Policy which will be presented at our council as well. We had a presentation on Moving in Truth Towards Reconciliation and Norma Dunning recited her beautifully written poetry highlighting Indigenous students' experiences. Following that, we had a discussion on how we can do better as a committee taking guidance from Indigenous knowledges.

## **ZTC Tabling**

Our external relations specialist and myself tabled for ZTC on SUB main floor to show students how to find courses with Zero Textbook cost on Bear tracks. These tablings were meant to spread a word about ZTC and its background and how it has helped students. We addressed students' questions and got some good feedback in terms of how OERs (Open Education Resources) has helped them and how textbook costs affect them. We were able to talk to around 50 individuals.

## **Meeting with the Registrar's Office**

The executive team had the monthly meeting with the RO. We discussed some important items including the issues faced by Augustana students in terms of transferring credits because of the difference in structures of certain courses. The RO told us that there is a lot of conversation going on between Augustana and the Faculty of Science to solve those issues and they'll get back to us with more information.

## **ASA**

I had meetings with two executives from ASA to discuss some areas like transfer credits which I mentioned above and embedded certificates.

## **FoTL Steering Committee**

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We had a discussion about the keynote speeches for the Festival of Teaching and Learning. I expressed favor for having student panels as they were previously done so students can express their learning experiences.

I will also be creating artwork for the posters of the festival and gave a presentation of the art proposal and got good feedback. Two other committee members offered help which I am grateful for, so we have created a work plan and will be working together to finalize the piece.

## Podcast

I had an interview for the library resources podcast. I spoke about how OERs are helping students and the ways in which instructors and students can get involved in ZTC and some other topics around it. It went really well and I will share the podcast link once it's out.

## Andre Costopoulos' (Dean of Students) farewell



The executive team attended the farewell of Andre Costopoulos to celebrate the great work he has done for the students and give him best wishes for his upcoming journey. It was a pleasure working with him from the start of our terms. He is an awesome human being and was a hard working dean who was loved by students.

Let me know if you have any questions :)

Best Regards,

**Gurleen Kaur**

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