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**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Academic 2022/23 Report #17

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Dear Council,

A very Happy New Year 🎉

Hope you all had a great holiday break! I'm very excited for the start of a new term.

Here is a short report from me,

### **VPAs roundtable**

We (myself and my counterparts across Alberta) are planning a virtual roundtable to talk, share our plans and discuss the similar projects that we all have been working on. It is also meant for the learning from each other and collaboration with other schools.

### **Exploration Credits**

The faculties have started bringing the course exclusions for exploration credits, Arts being the first faculty to bring it at the Program Support Team (PST). I am happy to see the number of exclusions that they were previously proposing has decreased as a result of the push back from us and the people actively working on this. All the exclusions are proposed with a rationale and will be approved at the Programs Committee (PC) going forward. Also, there will be an awareness campaign this term and finally we will see the implementation of explorational credits from Fall 2023.

### **Library resources Podcast**

I gave an interview providing information about ZTC and OERs for a library resources podcast. Here is the link to it: <https://sites.google.com/ualberta.ca/librarylabnotes/season-two>

I hope this will help us in reaching more people in terms of spreading a word about ZTC to students as well as instructors.

### **FoTL Artwork**

I am still working on this as I mentioned previously. I have been meeting people to understand the representation of some important symbols which I will use to put a meaning and message to the piece.

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## Embedded certificate/Experiential learning

The faculty of Science will be introducing a new embedded certificate on Artificial Intelligence as a part of the program revisions. This will give students an opportunity to add another learning component to their degrees which is really exciting.

## Holidays

The Holidays were really good. I attended many community events which saved me from homesickness a bit. We remember the martyrdom of the four sons of the tenth master of Sikhs during the last ten days of December which marks the anniversary of those occurrences. We embrace the courageous history of our ancestors as a community. You can read about this history [here](#).

And lastly, I will be taking a vacation from January 11th, visiting my cousins and friends in Winnipeg so I'm planning my term and going over the things I want to accomplish this term before I go on vacation. Let me know if you have any questions :)

Best Regards,



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