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**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Academic 2022/23 Report #19

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Dear Council,

Happy Reading Week!

Here are some updates from me:

### **Programs Committee**

At the Programs Committee meeting, we got the update on the Embedded Certificates standardization, the main focus is on making it easy for students to enroll into certificates and making them accessible so the students can easily complete them within their degree. I raised the concern about the awarding process which is complicated and the RO is working on that aspect.

### **CLE**

We had a special session of the Committee on the Learning Environment, we had a very insightful discussion on the SPOT surveys. We also discussed the future appendices under the Teaching Learning and Evaluation Policy and I asked for looking into the ways of ensuring that the students don't miss the course work while they are sick and are unable to attend the class. This has been a common problem that the students are facing since classes went back to in person after the pandemic.

### **Augustana Tour**



The exec team spent a whole day in Augustana campus. We got the tour from ASA executives and discussed the projects on which we all are working on and gave each other updates. It was a great experience and for me, it was the first time to Augustana Campus. Here is a group photo :)

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## Provost's Task Force on Artificial Intelligence and the Learning Environment

The taskforce had its first meeting. "The Vice-Provost (Learning Initiatives) has struck a task force to examine and gather information on how the University community engages with artificial intelligence and the impact this may have on the teaching and learning environment for students and instructors. The two key goals are:

- 1) To facilitate conversations across university constituencies about the role of Artificial Intelligence on the UofA learning environment
- 2) To make recommendations about Artificial Intelligence and the Learning Environment for
  - a) Instructors and students teaching and learning at the UofA
  - b) Ongoing work"

## FoTL

For the Festival of Teaching and Learning, we discussed the potential topics for students keynotes and also the ways of reaching out to students who would be interested in being the keynote panelists. I will be inviting the FoTL Steering Committee chair to present at CoFA so we can get people engaged from different faculties. Also, I finally completed the artwork I was working on and you will see it on the festival's posters.

## Library Open Education Team

I had a meeting with the Library Open Education Team, we all shared updates on different pieces of Open Education we all are working on and discussed the plan for the next year.

## CAUS Counterparts

The executive team attended the CAUS Counterparts conference during the long weekend. It was nice to meet our counterparts and share information with each other.

Let me know if you have any questions and I'm happy to share any details you might want :)

Best Regards,



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