

Date: 03/07/2023**To:** Students' Union Council**Re:** Vice President Academic 2022/23 Report #20

Dear Council,

Hope you are doing well through the election season!

Here are some updates from me:

GFC

Teaching, Learning and Evaluation Policy Revised Appendix A: Student Perspectives of Teaching (SPOT) Survey was approved at the last GFC meeting. The current (final) form of the SPOT has been rigorously built, refined, trialed, and statistically tested, and may be one of the finest student teaching evaluations in the world from an equity perspective. The balance it attempts to strike should preserve students' voice in teaching evaluation without causing equity impacts. The attached reports indicate how the final version of the SPOT was statistically validated. A great deal of work has clearly gone into ensuring that the SPOT will translate appropriate student feedback into mechanisms that will improve teaching in meaningful ways. So, we are happy for all the great work that was done and it finally got approved.

PST (Program Support Team)

The Faculty of Engineering brought the proposal for a new Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics and Robotics Engineering for early consultation which looks great and a lot of work has been put into considering the indigenous and EDI approaches while making this proposal. This will open another opportunity for engineering students at the U of A.

The Faculty of Science brought course exclusions for the Exploration Credits Policy, all with a reasonable rationale and these exclusions will be approved at the Programs Committee.

ZTC

I had a meeting with the RO for next year's plan around ZTC. The RO ensured for having ZTC as a priority project and focusing on covering as many courses as possible which are using Open Educational Resources under the ZTC indicator so it could be more reliable for students to use.

CoFA

CoFA Senior Board and Advocacy Board met. At the Senior Board, we welcomed Tuesday Young (NSSA President) who is the new member at CoFA, we had a presentation from Kate Peters, GFC Secretary about the replenishment of GFC seats and councillor Dhillon addressed the concerns of FAs which are having their FAMF referendums. I want to thank councillor Dhillon for all her hard work in getting everyone on board.

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At the Advocacy Board, we had the discussion on the EDI initiatives and the Academic Integrity Policy (specifically in context of Artificial Intelligence).

Other meetings

Me and President Monteiro had a meeting with the Provost, I had my monthly meeting with the vice provosts, the SS-SMC Committee and the Standing Committee on Convocation. We discussed a number of things at these meetings and conversations on the existing projects in progress. I do not have a huge update from these but happy to share any details you might want.

Best Regards,



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