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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Academic 2022/23 Report #22

Dear Council,

Hope your terms are wrapping up well!

Here are some updates from me:

Meeting with the Vice Provosts

I had my monthly meeting with the vice provosts. We discussed the embedded certificates framework and I took the questions and concerns I had received from students and faculty members related to the framework. We also discussed Artificial Intelligence and the learning environment, and getting students involved in the discussion around AI. For both these important topics, we decided to have a robust discussion at the CoFA Joint Board which is going to be on Wednesday, April 5.

Special GFC exec & BOG

The GFC executive committee had a special meeting for the motion that was passed at GFC put forward by a student representative Haruun Ali to recommend the Board of Governors to vote against the tuition increases. We had a discussion about presenting the motion at the Board of Governors meeting. At the BOG meeting the increases were passed but student leaders advocated strongly against which resulted in convincing ASSUA, NASA, and GFC rep voting against the motion. It would not have been possible without the support of the student body who raised their voices protesting outside the University Hall and were present in the meeting holding banners with strong messages.

ELBP

The Experiential Learning Better Practices working group met and discussed different pieces the group is working on and the steps forward.

SLAC

The Student Library Advisory Committee received a presentation on the use of maps in our libraries and the great collections we have that students can use, followed by the questions and suggestions from the students.

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CBLA

Myself, Julia and Joannie were able to attend the Canadian Business Leader Award dinner. It was great to connect with students from different faculties who were present there. And the best part was to watch Scott Roberts, BSA President giving great remarks on the stage, such a proud moment!

SS-SMC

The Student Services- Student Management Committee met and had discussion on the Student Services Catalogue, Common Surveying and connecting various partners on campus digitally to enhance communication and make the processes easier for students and other stakeholder groups on campus.

GFC

Had GFC committee meetings, a couple of which I couldn't attend because of being sick. At GFC executive, I spoke against the motion to add 38 additional academic staff to GFC, which will result in changing the proportion and giving them simple majority which goes against the 1971 report where it was stated that, "No constituent group should be large enough to carry a vote in GFC without the support of a substantial number of members of other constituent groups." It is crucial to maintain this recommendation as it encourages good governance and collaborative decision-making.

I am preparing to communicate the details of this motion with the GFC Students' caucus and speak against it at the GFC meeting on April 17.

Let me know if you have any questions :)

Best Regards,



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