

Date: 04/18/2023**To:** Students' Union Council**Re:** Vice President Academic 2022/23 Report #23

Dear Council,

I want to start my last report of the year with a Thank You, it has been a great time working with you all. You have done a great job working on the committees and supporting the projects by providing feedback and engaging in the important discussions. Together we were able to advocate for the changes to make students' experience better at the U of A. There were definitely some hurdles and challenging situations and some people had a hard time working on council and that includes councillors, executives and our staff. But I'm happy that we want to find solutions and do better in the future. I can say this from the concerns shared by folks at the meetings and outside, and the willingness expressed for making meaningful changes and taking steps that would lead our Students' Union to be even more successful in the future.

We made some really good memories this year, some of which we can embrace through these pictures from the GovCamp and Governance Football Club, a fun GFC haha!

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And it is time for us to celebrate our accomplishments. I feel very happy when I look back on the projects I worked this year, we were able to achieve a lot together, here are some:

- ZTC got the highest number of courses registered into it this term (more than 1100 unique courses).
- The Registrar's office agreed to make ZTC a priority project for the coming year and get more and more professors engaged.
- A new framework is being developed for embedded certificates to ensure that the certificates are available to all students so they can get diverse knowledge and experience irrespective of the faculty they belong to.
- Revisions were made to the Teaching, Learning and Evaluation Policy that includes a new format called SPOT which will translate appropriate student feedback into mechanisms that will improve teaching meaningfully.
- We got a green-light for the creation of a syllabus tool which will help students to access up-to-date syllabi and save them from waiting for the course to show up on eClass to see what the course has to offer.
- Experiential Learning Better Practices working group started and we worked on creating an experiential learning resource for students so they do not face challenges during their EL term.
- Exploration Credits Policy got implemented which will allow students to explore elective courses without worrying about GPA.
- Academic Integrity working groups were set up to revise the Student Code of Conduct and we advocated to make the language of the policies easier to read and set up clear guidelines for students.
- University committed to enhancing academic advising and decreasing the waiting time for appointments.
- The University started working on enhancing the digital spaces like services catalogue to make it more accessible for students and bridge the gap between faculties and other stakeholders on campus.
- The university also committed to indigenizing the courses and adopting it as a requirement for new courses and the revisions to the existing ones.

Lastly I want to thank Abner, Joannie, Julia and Christian for supporting me throughout the year and due to them this experience turned into a great one for me!

Best Regards,



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