

**Date:** 07/26/2022**To:** Students' Union Council**Re:** Vice President Academic 2022/23 Report #6

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Dear Council,

Hope you are doing great! Let's jump into the updates right away!

**ZTC Advertising**

We finalized the plan for Zero Textbook Cost awareness. We will be doing a tik tok video to explain the use of the ZTC indicator on Beartracks. Also, we will have a table during the Week of Welcome to help students understand the program and address any questions they may have around it.

I had my monthly meeting with Michelle Brailey (Digital Initiatives Projects Librarian) and we discussed the ways to reach out to the faculties to make sure that they are informed about Open Education. For this we decided to start with hosting a meeting for the subject librarians who can then talk to their faculties and help them find resources for Open Education. Through this, we are trying to engage the faculties which are currently not using Open Educational Resources much.

**Indigenous history session for International Students**

The idea behind this is to make first year international students aware of the history of the land they are coming to study as they are completely new to the country. I met the GSA (Graduate Students' Association) and the ISU (Indigenous Students' Union) for this and they are happy to collaborate. We will reach out to the ISA (International Students' Association) and the UAI (University of Alberta International) to find out what are their plans for the international students orientation and if they already have some Indigenous history session as a part of it or not, and if not then we can collaborate and make a collective decision for this. Me and VP SL Fogue will be working on this together.

**Meeting with the new Provost/Vice President Academic**

President Monteiro and myself, met Dr. Verna Yiu. The meeting went really well and she is very passionate to work for the students.

Best wishes,

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