

**Date:** 2021/05/04**To:** Students' Union Council**Re:** Vice President External 2021/22 Report #1

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Dear Council,

**Retreat**

I spent all of last week having a virtual retreat with my fellow execs. This retreat provided an opportunity to get an in-depth understanding about each executive portfolio as well as an opportunity to connect and grow with my team members. Prior to retreat, I spent some of my time shadowing President Agarwal and President Ley in meetings with Minister Nicolaides about exceptional tuition increases and meeting with counterparts from the University of Lethbridge Students' Union (ULSU), Student's Association of MacEwan University (SAMU) and Students' Association of Mount Royal University (SAMRU) alongside President Ley. Throughout this week and the next, I hope to engage with more counterparts from all over the province and our country to discuss the respective and mutual challenges facing our institutions. I hope through these conversations we can discover opportunities for collaboration.

**Upcoming Events**

Next week, I will also be joining the virtual retreat of the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS), which brings together the 5 major university student unions in Alberta. We will be electing the new CAUS Chair and Vice-Chair, learning from our outgoing delegates, exploring and improving upon the methods to best advocate to the provincial government throughout the year. This year, I will be continuing some old projects and starting some new ones. I'll be working to get more students across our campus involved in advocacy and engaged in the upcoming municipal election via a GOTV campaign, expand movements against cuts to PSE funding, raise the profile of post-secondary issues in Alberta, oversee the fair and appropriate implementation of AB 2030, and put forward policy proposals to the provincial government especially in regards to tackling campus sexual violence. Of course, the pandemic still poses a challenge to many of these projects but throughout these steps I look forward to getting participation and input from council on these projects.

**Council**

Lastly, I hope the last week of finals treated you all well and that you have had some time to get some rest. I am incredibly excited for our first official Student's Council meeting and to the many more we shall have throughout this year! I look forward to meeting some of you this week at committees, but if you also ever want to chat, or if I can help you somehow, my "virtual" door is always open-- shoot me an email at [vp.external@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:vp.external@su.ualberta.ca), or get in touch on via Whatsapp.

Yours Externally,



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