

Date: 2021/06/15**To:** Students' Union Council**Re:** Vice President External 2021/22 Report #4

Dear Council,

Another two weeks and another fortnite of grinding! Hope you are all doing super! I am happy to announce that I am back in Canada Woot! Woot! By the time the council meeting has started, I will have completed my mandatory 3 day quarantine and begun my mandatory 14-day quarantine!

CAUS Meetings

On Friday June 4th, CAUS met to finalize priorities for our priorities document. We were able to slim down our priorities to preventing and responding to sexual violence, mental health, childcare, work integrated learning, province wide standards for online learning, and upfront needs based grants. Most importantly, a delegate highlighted that CAUS in the past has failed to include an Indigenous lens or Indigenous students' priorities and stressed the importance of doing so this year. While we did not have a final vote on these priorities, it has been a good starting point to have strong and robust conversations to ensure that our priorities are reflective and inclusive of the lived experiences of students throughout our province. We also had a regular CAUS meeting last Monday. The focus of this meeting was to elect members to either the Policy committee or the Organizing and Public Engagement Committee (OPEC). I am glad to announce President Ley will have a seat on OPEC and I will have a seat on Policy.

AUFSJ Sauvons Saint-Jean campaign

Last week June 7th, marked the beginning of AUFSJ's sauvons Saint-Jean campaign. This social media campaign will continue for the rest of the month with the aim of raising awareness of the funding issues occurring at CSJ to not only the francophone community, but also rally support from our large campus community to put pressure on the federal and provincial governments to support CSJ. We have been able to support AUFSJ by reposting and will be releasing a statement of support this week. I encourage you all to continue to repost and spread awareness of their advocacy work.

GRTF Presentation

Thank you to those of you who were able to make it to the GRTF presentations. Your feedback was incredibly helpful and the questions we received were great! Those in attendance were receptive to the core recommendations and potential initiatives. The next steps are likely re-striking a task force to determine what the specifics for this recommendation will look like, VP Monteiro and I shall keep you up to date.

Upcoming meetings

This week, President Ley and I will be meeting with some Mayoral candidates, namely, Michael Oshry, Diane Steele and Cheryll Watson. The aim of these meetings is to get to know the candidates better but also gets students priorities on their radar! I will also be meeting with Heather McPherson MP for Edmonton-Strathcona! I look forward to updating you on the outcome of these meetings!

All and all, I am happy to be back in Canada, and once I am out of quarantine, I look forward to safely meeting up with many of you and getting to know each other better!

Yours Externally,



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