# OFFICE OF THE Vice President External

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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President External 2021/22 Report #6

Hiya Council!

The last two weeks have been less busy, with little or no advocacy meetings to report, as a result, I will highlight some of the notable meetings I have had in the last two weeks.

## **Notable Meetings**

#### CAUS Strategic Plan

The chair of CAUS Policy committee, Karen Fletcher (Athabasca University VP External Affairs), is currently consulting with Council of Alberta University Student (CAUS) members to receive their input on the CAUS strategic plan. This past wednesday, she met with me, President Ley and VP Monteiro to hear UASU's perspective on the direction CAUS should be going.

We covered questions like what Indigenous consultation and advocacy should look for CAUS in the future; what should CAUS's relationship with the government be, what should CAUS's relationship with the media be and what should CAUS give to its members in 2024. President Ley, VP Monteiro and I stressed the importance of CAUS continuing to work on the fundamentals that help strengthen the structure of the organization and continue to find ways to provide value to membership and students.

#### Ari Campbell

I met with our new External Relations Specialist in Research and Advocacy, Arielle Campbell. This role works closely with the President and Vice President External and provides them with support and assistance in the realm of all things external advocacy. In our meeting Arielle and I got to know each other better, I shared my goals and plans for the year and she covered how she can work to support these goals.

### Edmonton Student Alliance Chair transition meeting

I met with former President of the Student's Association of Macewan University (SAMU) and Chair of the Edmonton Student Alliance (ESA) Sean Waddingham for a Chair Transition meeting. Sean helped me navigate the Google Drive, provided nice to know and tips for chairing, important timelines and events such as the release of the City Council budget.

Thank you once again for taking the time to read my report and as always, if you have any questions email, call or meet me in person, my door is always open!

Yours Externally,

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