

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

September 6, 2022 6:00 P.M. Council Chambers/Zoom

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwacîswâskahikan (Beaver Hills House), on Treaty 6 territory. From time immemorial, the banks along the river valley have been known as the Pehonan, a meeting place for the nêhiyawak (Cree), the Niitsítapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dënesųłiné (Dene), Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and others. The University, the Students' Union and much of the city are located on the unlawfully stolen land of the forcibly removed Papaschase Cree.

We acknowledge that sharing this land gives each of us the responsibility to research the historic contexts of Treaty 6, to reflect on our personal relationships to the land, the Nations we've named, and to our roles in upholding justice on this territory. Since they began, the Students' Union and the University have benefited from historic and ongoing dispossession of land and resources from Indigenous Peoples. As a result, it is our responsibility to seek the restitution of this land and its resources. Finally, we seek to do better by working to make our learning, research, and governance align with the histories, languages, teachings, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples in the land presently occupied by the Canadian state.

We encourage critical reflection by asking the following question. In relation to the territory on which you are situated, what role do you play in strengthening the resistance and resurgence of Indigenous students within your communities?

LATE ADDITIONS (SC-2022-10)

- 2022-10/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS
- 2022-10/1a Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666007012

Meeting ID: 856 6600 7012

- 2022-10/2 CONSENT AGENDA
- 2022-10/3 PRESENTATION
- 2022-10/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
- 2022-10/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT
- 2022-10/6 OPEN FORUM
- 2022-10/7 QUESTION PERIOD

- 2022-10/8 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
- 2022-10/8b **REGMI MOVES TO** direct Bylaw Committee to establish a fixed inauguration date for By Election winners, in consultation with councillors, executives, students, and the CRO

See SC-2022-10.16

- 2022-10/9 GENERAL ORDERS
- 2022-10/9c **REGMI MOVES TO** direct General Manager Marc Dumouchel to conduct an inquiry into the costs of hiring an ASL translator for meetings and press conferences by the UASU.

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- 2022-10/10 CLOSED SESSIONS
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Information Item: President Report #9

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Date: 09/06/2022 To: Students' Union Council Re: President 2022/23 Report #10

Dear Council,

I hope all of you are having a great start to the semester! Below is an overview of what I have been up to over the past week.

Week of Welcome and Presidents' Address

Last week we kicked off the Week of Welcome and Presidents' Address, where we welcomed all new and returning students to campus! It was a fantastic chance to connect students with their Students' Union and get them excited about all the amazing opportunities at the University of Alberta. I also had the chance to give President Bill Flanagan a tour of the Clubs Fair to showcase the incredible work that our students are doing to enhance student life, the importance of supporting student groups and the leadership opportunities that arise from them.

To the new students, congratulations to all of you on starting University! I wish you all the best in this new chapter in your life.

Board of Governors Retreat

Last week Governor Dorschied and I attended the Board of Governors Retreat at the Augustana Campus, where we started the process of developing the University's next strategic plan. It was a great opportunity to listen to where priorities are for the university. We will be giving the Board a fulsome understanding of the student experience and why it must be at the forefront of what we do at this institution.



We will engage with the Students' Council early to get as much feedback as possible as we prepare our case for the Board of Governors.

CAUS Counterparts in Lethbridge

A couple of weeks ago, the executive team attended CAUS Counterparts in Lethbridge. We got a chance to connect with other student leaders across Alberta, get valuable PD sessions surrounding indigenous student support, creating inclusive spaces, and Get Out The Vote for the next provincial election! It was a great chance for us to coordinate and start to plan our advocacy efforts for the upcoming year.



Executive Goals Engagement

As you will see on the agenda, the executive team is looking to engage with the Students' Council and know where you may want to get involved in projects we will be taking on this year. Please review the item on the Order Papers and let us know what you may be interested in during the discussion.

Break the Record!

As many of you have probably seen, recruitment for Break the Record is in full swing! We are recruiting students, and the link will go up today for people to RSVP for the event. Please let me or Joannie know if you are interested in being a team captain and helping us recruit people to participate!

If anyone is looking for more information, please direct them to <u>breaktherecord.ca</u>!

Global News Interview on Inflation and Housing

Last week I met with Global Edmonton News to discuss inflation and affordable housing for students. It was a great opportunity to shed light on students' serious challenges, including tuition, rent, food, and the increasing debt they are taking on.

Cheers,

Abner Monteiro (he/him) President University of Alberta Students' Union

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Gurleen Kaur

VPA Report

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Date: 09/06/2022 To: Students' Union Council Re: Vice President Academic 2022/23 Report #9

Dear Council,

Hope you are settling well with your classes and had fun at the Week of Welcome!

I want to start this report with something very interesting.



Cool Artwork at SAMU (Students' Association of MacEwan University)

This is a huge artwork in the SAMU building. It looks like one big painting but when we look at it closely, it is made of 576 small tiles belonging to a different individual. I don't know how they coordinated it but it is extremely fascinating and beautiful. A perfect piece of 'diversity coming together but not giving up rather holding onto their uniqueness'. I believe each picture, each artwork in the world tells millions of stories. Each and every one from the audience would receive a different story depending on their place(part) in the world and their character that they are ought to play on the stage(world). Spend some time with this piece and find out what story it has for you :)

CAUS Counterparts

Last weekend of September, we were in Lethbridge for the CAUS (Council of Alberta University Students) Counterparts Conference. It was a good opportunity to meet our counterparts from different Alberta schools so I had a good time discussing some goals and ideas with other VPAs.

GFC

Me and President Monteiro had a meeting with Kate Peters (GFC Secretary and Manager of GFC Services) and Faiza Billo (Governance Systems Coordinator) to discuss our priorities at GFC. We have decided that they will be joining us at the GFC Caucus this time to provide an orientation to the GFC Student representatives and address the questions that the students may have about GFC.

Meetings for GFC Standing Committees have started, I had the GFC Nominating Committee last week and some others are scheduled for the coming weeks.

URI (Undergraduate Research Initiative)

I had a meeting with the URI and we discussed the ideas to make URI more accessible to students and spread awareness about it. I will be sharing more as we move forward.

U of C Presentation

Me and VP Ops Fi Villoso gave a presentation about the Students' Union at the orientation for Edmonton based University of Calgary students.

SAMU Visit

As you have seen the artwork above, I was given a tour of the building by SAMU VPA Stephan Vasquez. We also discussed some interesting approaches to Academic Integrity Policy. Right now, I am working on figuring out similar ways that could be adopted according to the needs of our university which I found valuable in their mechanism.

CoFA

CoFA Senior Board met. I was able to get two people who are interested for the Sustainability and Capital Fund Committee (SCFC) as we have 2 CoFA seats on it. Also the preparations for the SRA Summit are on the ground.

Student Issues

This is the part that I felt very satisfying when I was able to help students who were worried and were facing troubles. I helped some students through the registration problems that they were facing. For instance, I was able to help an international transfer student get approval from the Registrar's Office to remain at the U of A after a problem with their transcripts.

International Students' Orientation

I attended the ISA Orientation where I got a chance to speak to new International Students' which was really fun, especially seeing their enthusiasm. Also talked to the University of Alberta International (UAI) and they shared some important concerns with me which I will be bringing up with the university.

WOW

Lastly, I attended some really fun activities at the Week of Welcome and the experience of meeting new students and talking to them was really rewarding.

There was a lot for this report so I tried to touch on all the important updates briefly. Please reach out to me if you are interested in any details, always happy to chat :)

Take care friends!

Best wishes,

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Gurleen Kaur Vice President Academic University of Alberta Students' Union

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Date: 2022-09-06 To: Students' Union Council Re: Vice President External 2022/23 Report #8

Dear Council,

Below is a summary of recent activities and duties undertaken this past two weeks.

Back to School/WoW

It has been incredible to see campus once again buzzing with life. I have had an amazing time traversing campus durign which I witnessed the numerous events and booths around the WoW village. The opportunity to connecting and re-conecting with hundreds of students has been immensely rewarding. I am sure my fellow executives would concur that its weeks like these that remind us for whom and for what we work so hard.

From serving pancakes to talking to students at clubs fair, emceeing Presidents' Address, attending TAWOW and watching the official launch of BTR; it filled my heart to see campus bountiful with so much excitement, high spirits, joy and all around fun.

Of course, none of this could be done without the dedication, organization, passion and hard work of our WoW team, volunteers, co-ordinators and managers. I join my fellow executives in thanking them all for a fantastic job. I also want to thank the Councillors who volunteered their time to encourage, educate and inform students



about governance and the many opportunities for involvement within Students' Council.

This was an incredible week and there are still more events to come, so as the week wines down I hope that if you haven't already, please go out there, soak up the good weather and have tons of fun.

PSE in the News

Cost of Living and Recent Angus Reid Survey

Just over two weeks ago, I was interviewed by CTV National News in regard to a recent survey conducted by Studiocity about students. Some of the interesting data to highlight from this survey include:

- 62% of students (aged 18-21) said they felt stressed from studying/doing daily schoolwork
- Only 48% of students (22 years old) said they felt stressed from academic activities
- 40% of students are seriously considering dropping out (up 5% from 2021)
- Most students likely to consider dropping out:
 - Ontario students

- Ontario students are most likely to consider dropping out (representing 41% of students), up 9% since 2021
- Young students
 - Nearly 1 in 2 students (aged 18-19) consider dropping out, up 29% from 2021
- Full-time students
 - 38% of students considering it, up 7% from 2021
- 64% of students are optimistic about employment prospects post-PSE
- Anticipating more Co-op and internships from their PSIs
- Employed Students More Likely to Feel Optimistic for Future Career Prospects
 - The distinct gap between students working full time/part time and those unemployed
 - 71% of FT students and 65% of PT students are optimistic
 - Unemployed students twice as likely to be pessimistic re: future jobs

In summary, a lot of these results point to the impact the rising cost of living is having on students, but it was interesting but not necessarily surprising to see the optimism that students have about their employment prospects.

For more information on the article and the survey click <u>HERE</u>.

Meetings

Blake Desjarlais, MP

Last week Tuesday, the executive team met with Blake Desjarlais, MP for Edmonton Griesbch. Blake is the



Critic for Post-Secondary Education, and Deputy Critic for Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC).

The purpose of this meeting was to introduce Blake to the executives and for us to share with him our advocacy priorities for this term. Discussion surrounded topics on the cost of living crisis and its impact on students, the backlog of study permit processing issues as well as the the barriers to work faced by International Students.

In regards to affordability, we asked MP Desjarlais to pressure the government to do more to support students as we face a rapid rise in cost of goods from groceries to textbooks and tuition. These supports could come in the shape of maintaining the remporarily doubled and soon expiring \$6000 Canada Student Grant (CSG) or the elimination of interest on federal student loans. In regards to delays



and backlogs of study permits, we raised the concerns and stories we have been hearing from Intl' Students.

Shannon Cornelsen, the VP Consultation and Engagement for the Indigenous Students' Union, led the discussion surrounding the importance of more funding for Indigenous Service Centres such as First People's House (FPH). Recognizing that the enrollment of FLE for Indigenous students will increase here at UAlberta (as laid out in the targetted enrollment plan) MP Desjarlais agreed with the need to bolster resources that could better support Indigenous students once they start their undergraduate studies, and supported our calls for more funding from both the Provincial and Federal governments.

During this meeting we also gave Blake a tour of SUB which was led by VP Villoso. We were excited to share the services and programs we offer.

CAUS: Lethbridge Counterparts

Two weekends ago, the executive team attend CAUS Counterparts in Lethrbidge. This is our annual conference in Lethrbridge were all CAUS members bring along the rest of their executive teams in addition to the delegates (the President and VP External). It is also the 1st of 3 counterparts conferences that take place during the year.

The purpose of these meeting is for all counterparts to meet, connect and share similar advocacy goals, priorities and projects and through these conversations seek out opportunities for collaboration. In addition, these conferences provide focus time for CAUS to evaluate plans for the rest of the year, provide updates on current projects and provide more context for non-delegates on the work that CAUS does.

In this conference, we had presentation about the history of CAUS, updates on our advocacy priorities, early conversations about CAUS' GOTV plan and later a board meeting in which Minister Nicolaides virtually attended to answer questions about from board members.

As always, thank you for taking the time to go through this report. I look forward to your questions and comments.

Cheers,

Christian Potang

Christian Fotang Vice President External University of Alberta Students' Union

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Date: 09/06/2022 To: Students' Union Council Re: Vice President Operations and Finance 2022/23 Report #9

Dear Council,

Happy start of Fall semester! I hope you all had a good long weekend, and are ready for your classes to begin. Here's what I've been up to in my busy two weeks:

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

September 30th is slowly approaching, and the Residential School Memorial Planning Committee has been constantly meeting and working through the ceremony portion of the event. Other than the memorial, in regards to the operations side of things, I've been working on how our businesses can support other Indigenous organizations and run-businnesses. We have a couple of things planned that we hope will support the Orange Shirt Society and the Indian Residential School System Survivors Society, so please keep a look out for those updates in my next report!

Period Equity: RO

Joannie and I also met with the Registrar's Office last week to go over the last few logistical aspects of our new period equity approach strategy. We hope to work with them to accomplish the equity portion of our two-pronged strategy, and hopefully implement it soon with their help!

CAUS Counterparts

The Exec got to go to CAUS Counterparts last weekend and meet with the different SU's around Alberta that are a part of CAUS! I got to learn a lot more about CAUS as an organization and still continue to learn from my counterparts. We got to know more about their upcoming GOTV campaign for the upcoming provincial elections, and got multiple presentations about how we as student leaders can better support our 2SLGBTQ+ and Indigeneous communities on our campuses.

WOW and NSO

Last week Week of Welcome finally started!! It was an extremely busy week for us, but I to give a New Student Orientation Tour, help out with Pancake Breakfast, emcee the President's Address, visit all our different student groups at Clubs Fair and meet a bunch of other students! Though WOW isn't over yet, if you're looking to do something in the evening this week check out <u>uasuevents.ca</u> to see what else we have planned! The first person who sends me one of the events we're doing this week before my report, gets a prize!



Blake Desjarlais

The Exec also met with Blake Desjarlais, the MP for Edmonton Griesbach. He serves as the Critic for the Treasury Board, Diversity and Inclusion, Youth, Sport and Post-Secondary Education. He is also the Deputy Critic for 2SLGBTQI+ Rights and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship. We gave him a tour of SUB and talked about the student experience in regards to his portfolio and our asks from him given his roles.

Arc Studio

During our busy Week of Welcome, I was also able to squeeze a meeting with Arc Studio, the architectural company the UASU is working with in renovating SUB. Our last conversation was focused on the North Entrance and the corridors of the building, specifically how we can improve accessibility, lighting and make it



a more welcoming place for students. We're still in the planning stage and I can't wait to see what the final product will look like!

UofC Social Work

The University of Calgary's Faculty of Social Work and SU has had a decades long agreement that enables their students to pay us fees and utilize our services. Gurleen and I spoke at their orientation this year, and went over some of the services that the SU provides and how they can access them! This has been the first time an Exec actually came to talk to their students, so I'm very happy to have been a part of it!

Arts Meet and Greet: Student Leadership Panel

I was also given the opportunity to be a part of a Student Leader panel organized by the Organization of Arts Students and Interdisciplanary Studies at their Arts Meet and Greet! I was alongside our very own Councillor Avila on the panel, and we both got to talk about our journeys into student governance, I had a lot of fun answering questions and was super thankful to have been invited!

TAWOW

We were also fortunate enough to attend the first in person TAWOW in a couple of years! We tabled with Danni, our new FNMI specialist, and got a chance to welcome and meet many first year Indigenous students! It was incredibly rewarding once again being in person and seeing everyone on campus.



If you have any questions about this report or just want to grab some coffee, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Best,

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Julia Villoso Vice President Operations and Finance University of Alberta Students' Union

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VPSL Report

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Date: 09/06/2022 To: Students' Union Council Re: Vice President Student Life 2022/23 Report #9

FRT & SV EDUCATION

My experience

I completed my First Responder to Sexual Assault & Abuse Training by the Association of Alberta Sexual Assault Services (AASAS). This training is intended to build the capacity of professionals, paraprofessionals, and community members to respond effectively to disclosures of sexual assault and sexual abuse. Survivors who receive safe and supportive responses to disclosures of sexual violence are more likely to reach out for help from medical and counselling services and/ or report to the police. First Responder to Sexual Assault and Abuse Training[™] is inclusive of the full continuum of sexual violence and across the lifespan.

Taking this course and practicing disclosures, was not always easy, although I learned a lot. I was able to identify even some of my own biases when responding. I do feel a lot more confident and empowered to support students who may need it. One of the sections of the training was rethinking prevention initiatives, and this was insightful for me to take into consideration when doing SV advocacy. Looking forward to receiving my certificate!

How can you get involved?

If you are ever interested in further educating yourself, the UofA Sexual Assault Centre offers different training and courses. They have an amazing Education and Programming that is open to the UofA Community. Here are two that I've taken in the past which I found very helpful.

- Consent in Practice <u>link</u>
- Supporting Survivors of Sexual Violence <u>link</u>

SU & RO - PERIOD EQUITY

As Julia and I have mentioned, we are working on implementing a new strategy for the period equity initiative. One of our most important goals with this is to ensure that students needing menstrual products the most are accessing our program. We have been meeting with The Registrar's Office and our It department to work out logistics to target low-income students and work them into our existing technology (Perks) to directly give them a semester's worth of products. Julia and I are very thrilled with how this project is advancing. We've been able to make progress on both aspects of the new strategy, we're looking forward to sharing more with you all soon.

BACK TO SCHOOL & MEETING STUDENTS !!!

Basecamp wrap-up

I was able to attend the Basecamp wrap-up this year. Basecamp is the Orientation that new residents go through after moving in. I was honored to be the first VPSL in 3 years to give a speech. The last time a VPSL gave a speech to residents was Jarod Larsen during my base camp when I first moved to Résidence Saint-Jean in 2019. I was able to meet a few residents and talk to them about the Students Union and what we have to offer.

CSJ Orientation

I attended the first full in-person Orientation at Campus Saint-Jean since 2019. I was able to give tours to first and second-year students. It was great seeing the campus full again and full of laughter and excitement. The new students have lots of enthusiasm and I was able to recruit some students who would

help out with RSJ! I was also able to teach our new students the CSJ chant, which they killed btw!

TAWOW

I invited the rest of the colleagues to attend TAWOW alongside Services. TAWOW is the annual interactive booth fair held specifically to welcome new and continuing First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students at the University of Alberta. The event allows students to learn more about the services and programs available to them at the U of A and within the Edmonton community. The execs and I had such a good time meeting students and getting to know them a bit.

WOW

Week of Welcome was a blast. It's not over yet! Check out our events this week. Huge shout out to our events team and volunteers who help put all of it together. As a student coming from CSJ, I java to say it has been overwhelming seeing so many students everywhere. Although I've loved meeting students every day last week. Connecting with hundreds of students every day has truly been the highlight of summer and term. The execs and I attended various events during WoW. We also toured the club fair probably way too many times and got to meet some of the student leaders on campus in person. We also served pancakes to the UofA community.

Also, one last shout-out to all of you who helped out with WoW one way or another. I hope you all enjoyed meeting students as much as I did.

PRONOUN CAMPAIGN

I continued the work of my predecessor VP Dixon, and sent out the pronoun Campaign. So far I have been getting positive responses from professors. I've been discussing with counterparts in seeing how we can further utilize this campaign and create a strong cohort of allies and explore other inclusive initiatives on campus. Stay tuned!

SU Staff Update - Services hired a new FNMI Specialist: Danni Okemaw

EDI Selection Committee

Quick Update - I have been asked by Clint Galloway Director of ACCESS, Student Services - Wellness Supports, to be a part of their EDI coordinator hiring process. Interviews start this week.

Joannie Fogue

Joannie Fogue Vice President Student Life University of Alberta Students' Union

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BoG Representative Report

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Date: Sepetember 6, 2022 To: Students' Council Re: Board of Governors Representative Report #10

Dear Council,

This week I was pleased to attend the Board of Governors Strategic Retreat. My week leading up to this meeting involved me reading over the documents so I could add value to discussions where I saw fit to further advance student interests. My report to council below will outline what happened during the retreat. Apart from this I also had the opportunity to guide a few campus tours for freshman students. During Week of Welcome I also had the opportunity to visit Clubs Fair where I was able to meet with a number of clubs and listen to their needs/concerns

Strategic Retreat Day 1

During day 1 of the strategic retreat we discussed a number of items which had more of an emphasis on where the University is today. We received a number of presentations from guest speakers such as Gary Mar, a former provincial cabinet minister and the current CEO of the Canada West Foundation. Another guest speaker we had was Tim Orton of the Nous group. These speakers were able to give the board a great overview and insight into what the current environment looks like around the university as well as set the tone for what UofA should strive to achieve. After these presentations and discussions We had the chance to go for dinner and hear about some amazing research being done at UofA and how incredible the student integrated research was at Augustana. We also had the opportunity to go to the Hesje observatory after to see the amazing telescopes the UofA has.

Strategic Retreat Day 2

On day 2 we discussed more strategy for the university moving forward and were able to give our thoughts and perspectives to wear we wanted to see the university move towards. After the conclusion of all our discussions the next step moving forward will be at our next Board meeting in October where we will hear more about the vision moving forward.

Friday, September 2, 2022

UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

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Motion	To direct Bylaw Committee to establish a fixed inauguration date for By Election winners, in consultation with councillors, executives, students, and the CRO
Email	mregmi@ualberta.ca
Action Requested	Approval



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UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

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Mover	Regmi
Motion	To direct General Manager Marc Dumouchel to conduct an inquiry into the costs of hiring an ASL translator for meetings and press conferences by the UASU.
Email	mregmi@ualberta.ca
Action Requested	Approval

