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6:00PM
Zoom

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ORDER PAPER (SC-2021-23)

2021-23/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2021-23/1a Announcements - The next meeting of Students’ Council will take place on Tuesday March 08th 2022 at 6:00 PM via Zoom/Council Chambers.

Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 856 6600 7012

2021-23/2 CONSENT AGENDA

2021-23/2a Students’ Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2021-22) Tuesday, February 8th, 2022

See SC-2021-23.01

2021-23/3 PRESENTATION

2021-23/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

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2021-23/6 OPEN FORUM

2021-23/7 QUESTION PERIOD
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2021-23/8a ALI MOVES TO approve a temporary one time purchase of 30,000 medical masks for a cost no greater than $7,000 to be distributed to students at all campuses.

See SC-2021-23.05

2021-23/9 GENERAL ORDERS

2021-23/9a ALI MOVES TO discuss return to campus and potentially for working with the Minister of Health to secure rapid tests for post-secondary students

See SC-2021-23.06

2021-23/10 INFORMATION ITEMS

2021-23/10a Students’ Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2021-20) Tuesday, March 08th, 2022

See SC-2021-23.01

2021-23/10b Executive Committee Reports

See SC-2021-23.02-04

2021-23/10c Council Submissions

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2021-23/10d Students’ Council Attendance

See SC-2021-23.07
STUDENTS’ COUNCIL

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CALL TO ORDER AT 6:08 P.M.

ORDER PAPER (SC-2021-22)

2021-22/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2021-22/2 CONSENT AGENDA

2021-22/2a Students’ Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2021-21) Tuesday, January 25th, 2022
See SC-2021-22.19

2021-22/3 PRESENTATIONS

2021-22/3a LEY/MORRIS MOVES TO present key information on labour negotiations at U of A

See SC-2021-22.21 & 24

CARRIED

2021-22/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Talia DIXON, Vice-President, (Student Life) - Report.
Emily KIMANI, Vice-President, (Operation and Finance) - Report.
Christian FOTANG, Vice-President, (External) - Report.
Abner MONTEIRO, Vice-President (Academic) - Report.
Rowan LEY, President - Report.

2021-22/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT
SINGH (ISA President): Inquired if Audit is going to do financial literacy workshops outside CoFA and if they would do more workshops for SRA’s such as the ISA.

DHILLON: Claims that this is the first time doing the literacy workshop. If the audit goes through this year. Hoping to reach out to SRA’s this year and hoping to include everyone wanting to submit an audit. Happy to address any further concerns over email.

2021-22/7

QUESTION PERIOD

ALI: Inquired if the SU will commit to continue to push for a hybrid learning option for those who cannot be present in Edmonton

LEY: SU is currently advocating for improved hybrid options for students who are unable to return to Edmonton. University has heard concerns and currently communicating with them. Will continue to push for further accommodations. Claims university has not been feasible at enforcing these decisions in the past. There is currently advocacy in progress for those who happen to fall ill and cannot be present on campus. SU is also advocating for as many hybrid options as possible.

MONTEIRO: Last semester, there was an 80/20 split for delivering course content in-person vs. online. Students are informed that in-person options are open and hope to deliver hybrid options.

BRANDWEIN: Was at FA council meeting and was first informed about the released student budget and was concerned about regarding faculty associations exec team. Inquired on where exactly the protest will be held. Also inquired on how students will come out and attend the protest if school remains virtual. Another point FA
executive teams want to be answered is if the protest is being held after the budget is released as details are not released until then.

DIXON: Inquired to who was inquiring about the protest. Emailed all of the FA’s and SRA’s. The idea of it was to do a litmus test and just give out a general idea on who wanted to participate and will send more information in the future. Finalized all details today and RSVP will be sent out tomorrow. The current plan is to start at noon on the 17th and a very quick and brief meeting, mainly about safety before departing for the legislature. The current plan is to walk from Quad to the legislature. Wants to try to make a plan to make the protest accessible for everyone, have various speeches, and disperse from the legislature grounds. Turnout will include everyone in FA’s, SRA’s. Cannot confirm how many people will attend. The only way to combat is to mobilize everyone in circles as mobilizing has been an issue in the past. Province will most likely not listen to students’ concerns due to budgeting but does not indicate that there will be no impact as it gives many students and students executives to voice their concerns. SU also has a lot of various advocacy activities coming up like class talks, postering, social media posts.

LEY: The goal is to frame the budget since the government projects a $4 billion surplus due to growing oil prices. By getting the advocacy in the news, the government can frame it. Framing does help a lot as the province is going into an election next year. Alberta’s Business Plan has projected cuts to universities as the government has been cutting university funds in recent years. They are predicting approximately a $53 million budget cut for this year.

BATYCKI: Inquires the update regarding the EDI committee’s recent work

KIMANI: Haven’t met for a few weeks. Everyone in the committee has been working on EDI recommendations on their own time and will finalize everything before it is presented to Council

ALI: Inquires if the SU reached out to different people beyond the campus regarding Public Interest Alberta

FOTANG: Has been talking to Public Interest Alberta in supporting messaging. The biggest plan is to put students’ concerns first following university staff members. Has been talking to Public Interest Alberta and other schools in Edmonton as well for their thoughts. Also currently talking to K-12 schools in supporting the need for primary education along with secondary education.

LEY: Is aware that some of the unions they’re working with is going to talk to other institutions in the city along with Talia

BATYCKI: Was informed that EDI committee hasn’t met since October and wants to confirm if they’re meeting or not in the time coming

KIMANI: Confirms they haven’t met for a few weeks. Giving honorariums due to
tough conversations. However, will continue to work on recommendations.

BRANDWEIN: For students in some programs that are required to meet for a minimum amount of hours of learning and for students going off to work after. Expresses the strike will affect many students that require an in-person learning environment. Inquires what should be told to students if the strike would occur in the coming weeks.

LEY: Very conscious of this issue as this is a problem for students and the union representing faculty. Have set up meetings with CoFA and ISA and will go over various issues with them. For the time being, expresses that they should talk to their dean as soon as possible and crediting body as soon as possible. Another option is leaving individual students to consult with their student faculty.

ALI: Inquires if the SU has met with the History Classic and Religion Student Society on how they will best support students regarding the recent sexual assault case dating back to 2018

DIXON: Expresses that Katie has worked with various individuals impacted by this incident. Expresses that Katie dealt with the case very well. Have only met with those impacted by this case once or twice. Hasn’t been too much to support because things are well underway. Claims Katie did a lot of work on this case last year.

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

2021-22/8

**DIXON/TAHA MOVES TO** appoint two members of Council to Health and Dental Plan Committee

See SC-2021-22.10

CARRIED

MIKAYLA METHE and SIMRAN DHILLON are elected as the two new members of Council to Health Dental Plan Committee via secret ballot

LEY/ALI MOTIONS TO discuss an incident recently regarding DIE Board Hearing

2021-21/8b

CARRIED

YEOLA/ALI MOVES TO approve the First Principles of the International Student Policy

2021-21/8c

See SC-2021.22.11
CARRIED

**KIMANI/BARAZESH MOVE TO** approve Student Legal Services (SLS) Referendum Question

2021-21/8d

See SC-2021-22.12

CARRIED

**KIMANI/BARAZESH MOVE TO** approve the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) Referendum Question

2021-21/8e

See SC-2021-22.13

CARRIED

**KIMANI/TAHA MOVE TO** approve the 2022/23 Budget Principles

2021-21/8f

See SC-2021.22.15

CARRIED

**DHILLON/VILLOSO MOVE TO** approve the 2020/21 Audit Report

2021-21/8g

See SC-2021.22.16

CARRIED

**GENERAL ORDER**

2021-21/9

**LEY/OLLETTE MOVE TO** discuss labour negotiations between the University, AASUA, NASA, and the GSA

2021-21/9a

See SC-2021-22.16

CARRIED

**MONTEIRO/BATYCKI MOTION TO** extend Council meeting until 10 pm

2021-21/9b

CARRIED

**MONTEIRO/LEY MOVE TO** discuss the Student Group Committee Recommendation on improving the relationship between the UASU and ISA.
See SC-2021-22.17

CARRIED

**DIXON/BARAZESH MOTIONS TO** recognize the Augustana Residence Association under Bylaw 8100

See SC-2021-22.22

CARRIED

**LEY/BATYCKI MOVES TO** nominate one Councilor to the Visiting Lectureship on Human Rights Selection Committee

See SC-2021-22.23

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2021-21/10  INFORMATION ITEMS

2021-22/10d Students’ Council, Votes and Proceedings (SC-2021-21) Tuesday, January 25th, 2022

See SC-2021-22.19

2021-22/10e Board of Governors’ report

See SC-2021-22.20

2021-22/10f Council Submissions

See SC-2021-22.20-23
MIHESO ADJOURNS MEETING at 10 P.M.
2021-22 - Council Submissions

UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

This form is intended to be used by members of Students’ Council to submit items for Council meetings.

Council Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Mover: LEY

Email: rowan.ley@su.ualberta.ca

Action Requested: Information Items

Information Items

Abstract
President's Report

Attachments

 Council Report 02_22_22.pdf
Date: 02/22/22
To: Students’ Union Council
Re: President Report 02/22/22

Dear Council,

I want to start by thanking each and every one of you who took the time to join us at our march to the Legislature today– and most of all, those of you who went the extra mile and supported us by doing 100+ class talks. I am very proud of the turnout and of the message it sent about our community. As Councilors, your support is absolutely critical in being able to mobilize our community, and we are grateful for your work.

No More Cuts March and Rally
I am pleased to say that we estimate 350 students, faculty, and staff attended our No More Cuts rally held in collaboration with the Graduate Students’ Association, Academic Staff Association, and Non-Academic Staff Association. Given that classes are online and few people are on campus, this is a great turnout– I worked at the legislature for three years and very few protests even crack 100. This makes me confident that with a return to campus, bigger and better things are possible. Of course the media plays a critical role in helping us spread our message, and I am pleased to say that CBC, Global TV, CTV, CityTV, and the Gateway were all in attendance. Thanks to them our message will reach hundreds of thousands of people across Alberta.

While no single protest will change a budget or save Alberta’s post-secondary system, today was a big step in the right direction. I also owe a special thanks to a very good boy, Hank, for joining us! He graciously agreed to take a photo with me.

Rowan Ley, President
2-900 SUB | 780 492 4241 | president@su.ualberta.ca
Online/Hybrid Learning Quality

VP Monteiro and I have been continuing to work on addressing the shortfalls in learning quality this semester. The main challenge we have identified, aside from insufficient support for instructors, is a lack of clear direction from central administration on issues like hybrid delivery, accommodations for students who have to isolate, etc. We are working with the University to get this addressed, and we hope substantial changes will be made to this situation in the coming days.

We are also pleased to see two wins that respond to our demands. The University has hired Alan Ball as a Provost’s Fellow to overhaul accessibility services, the failures of which due to under-resourcing were a major issue in our survey. While this is not a short-term solution to accessibility services issues, it is a very promising step for long-term fixes. Additionally, the U of A announced two days after our demands came out that it would return fully in-person on the 28th, in response to our demand regarding clarity on plans for the rest of the semester. This was well before the announcement at other post-secondary institutions in Alberta, which provided a level of stability and certainty here that was unavailable elsewhere. That being said, we understand that this is not ideal for all students, and our commitment to ensuring the best hybrid options possible is meant to mitigate that.

COVID Safety on Campus

We were disappointed to see the University’s decision to eliminate the CampusReady vaccine requirement, and particularly disappointed by the inappropriate pressure from the province that led to it. But the maintenance of the mask mandate is much more important to us, as regardless of the status of CampusReady, almost all students are either vaccinated or verified as exempt. While the elimination of CampusReady is not idea, our focus will be on maintaining the mask mandate and ensuring access to high-quality masks for the remainder of the semester.

Have a wonderful reading week, and get the rest you deserve!

University of Alberta Students’ Union President
Rowan Ley
UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

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Council Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Mover: Monteiro

Email: abner.monteiro@uasu.ca

Action Requested: Information Items

Information Items

Abstract
VPA Report #21

Attachments

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Dear Council,

I hope you are all doing well. Below are my updates for the past two weeks:

**UASU Elections**

I will be taking a leave of absence as VPA from February 25 to March 10. During my leave, you can direct any academic questions or concerns to President Ley or VP Dixon.

**Return to In-Person and Hybrid Learning Options**

The UASU continues to make progress on the online learning list of demands. Additionally, we have been preparing for the return to in-person learning and working with the university to put out messaging to instructors to know they can supply recorded or streamed class content while teaching in-person to support students who may be uncomfortable on campus or are sick. We are also working to ensure the University is prepared to deliver in-person accommodations and is messaging students who use accommodation right away.

**CoFA Joint Board + ASC + ISA Meeting**

Earlier this week, we held a CoFA Joint Board Meeting to discuss the impacts to students if a possible AASUA strike occurred. The discussion focused on providing information to student leaders about how collective bargaining works – similar to the presentation that President Ley gave to Council.

**Provincial Budget March**

Yesterday, I participated in the Provincial Budget March to speak up against cuts to Post Secondary Education. There was a fantastic turnout for the event, and I want to give a huge shout-out to VP Dixon and the UASU External Relations Specialist, Ari Campbell, for all of their incredible work planning, organizing, and getting students, faculty, staff, and media out to the event!

**Student Engagement Policy - First Principles**

The first principles of the student engagement policy are on the agenda for review. This policy was previously two different policies (Engagement + Students in Governance), but since there was significant overlap between them, Policy Committee decided to amalgamate them. Special thanks to Councillors Aamer, Yeola, Motoska, Dhillon and VP Dixon for helping develop this policy!

**Fun Facts w/ Your VPA**

Did you know that you can connect the UofA Libraries database to your Google Scholar searches so that you can get database access to articles on Google Scholar? All you need to do is go to your Google Scholar Settings, select “Library Links” in the left column, type in the “University of Alberta,” click the checkbox and save! You can find photos on the next page.
Cheers,

Abner Monteiro
Vice President Academic
University of Alberta Students’ Union
UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

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**Council Meeting Date**
Tuesday, February 22, 2022

**Mover**
Dixon

**Email**
talia.dixon@su.ualberta.ca

**Action Requested**
Information Items

**Information Items**

**Abstract**
Report from the VP Student Life

**Attachments**

Hi everyone!

I hope you are all surviving midterm session and are excited to return to in-person classes. Over the past two weeks, many exciting things have happened. Last week I spent a lot of my time planning the “No More Cuts” rally. Here's a quick overview of some of the things I'm working on and of the rally:

The No More Cuts Rally

On the 17th, we marched to the Legislature along with 250-300 students. The goal of this demonstration was to show the government, media, and public that enough is enough! We won't stand quiet in the face of further cuts because we deserve a high-quality education, jobs, and research opportunities.

Planning a rally takes a lot of time and effort so I'm really grateful to my team, to everyone who spoke, to everyone who came out, and to everyone who helped us promote this rally with over 120 class talks! It was a joint effort and I'm overjoyed by how folks came together and showed up for our community!

Here's a picture:
Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Work (3 BIG UPDATES IN THIS SECTION)

Since December, myself and members of CORA have been meeting regularly with members of residence services. This working group is called the “SV Response Communications Working Group”. This group is working to improve residence services’ communications about sexual violence and their support to survivors. *Later this month, residence services will be giving out resources to every resident about Sexual Violence, the supports available and more.*

*On February 15th, the government announced that it will be giving $2.5 million to “post-secondary institutions to support training and awareness programs on campuses”. This is the result of long term advocacy efforts by CAUS. Big shout out to Christian and others who made this happen! I am meeting with the Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator this week to discuss how this money can be used at our institution.*

Finally, we are working with student care to provide bystander intervention training in the coming months. I hope you will all be able to attend once that training is all set up!

### Indigenous Celebration Week

I have no specific update for this; I just want to give y’all another reminder to mark your calendars and make sure you come out! You can view the schedule [here](#).

Best,

Talia Dixon

**Talia Dixon**

University of Alberta Students’ Union Vice President Student Life

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**Talia Dixon, Vice President Student Life**

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2021-22 - Council Submissions

UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

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Council Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Mover: Ali

Email: haruun@ualberta.ca

Action Requested: Approval

Approval

Motion: Ali moves to approve a temporary one time purchase of 30,000 medical masks for a cost no greater than $7,000 to be distributed to students at all campuses.

Abstract

With students returning to the University on February 28th, I believe that it is our role as a student union to fill temporary gaps. That is why I’m moving that we purchase 30,000 masks so that we are able to have a bulk supply on demand available for the student population.

On February 10th, I had the opportunity to engage with several students on campus regarding this and students generally don’t feel safe however are being forced back to campus by the province. With this in mind, I believe firmly that purchasing these masks will help to keep the student population protected.

Alignment with the Strategic Plan

Listed in the plan for where the Student Union would like to head it states the following “Feel safe, accepted, and welcome on campus;”

With students returning to campus, the data has continually shown that COVID ppe is effective when it comes to reducing the viruses ability to spread.

Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

On February 10th, I went to SUB and consulted with students that were studying regarding the universities plan to return in campus and what they would like to see the Student Union do.

The majority raised concerns regarding masks and mask accessibility for students.

I have also run significant polls on my Instagram and have conducted private consultation with students via DM.

Next Steps

With students returning to campus on February 28th, this would need to be a item that we act on quickly to ensure that COVID-ppe is accessible for students when they come back to campus.
regardless of their financial situation
UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

Council Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022
Mover: Ali
Email: haruun@ualberta.ca

Action Requested: Discussion

Discussion

Motion: Ali moves to discuss return to campus and potentially for working with the Minister of Health to secure rapid tests for post-secondary students.

Abstract

With students returning to campus on February 28th, we all know that COVID-19 provides a significant risk especially when people are not wearing masks for long periods of time.

Therefore, having rapid antigen tests available for post-secondary students will help to ensure that people who are inflicted with COVID-19 have these accessible tools to ensure that they can test themselves if they feel like they have COVID-19 symptoms rather than taking a chance.

Next Steps

President Rowan and VP Fotang would relay these concerns and requests to the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Advanced Education.
## Councillor Attendance 2020-21

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