

**February 21st, 2023
6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers/Zoom**

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaciwâskahikan (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 Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dênesųłinê (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-2022-22)

2022-22/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

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2022-22/2 CONSENT AGENDA

2022-22/3 PRESENTATION

2022-22/3a **FOGUE/MONTEIRO MOVE TO** allow the Project Coordinator for the National Standard on Mental Health to give a presentation to Students Council.

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2022-22/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2022-22/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

2022-22/6 OPEN FORUM

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QUESTION PERIOD

2022-22/8 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

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2022-22/10 CLOSED SESSIONS

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President Report #21

Description of the Information Item

Bi-Weekly President Report to Students' Council.

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Written Questions

Is there anything else that you would like to include?

Thanks, Courtney :)

Date: 02/21/2023

To: Students' Union Council

Re: President 2022/23 Report #21

Dear Council,

I hope everyone is doing well! It has been an extremely busy and productive time since my last report. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out or ask during Council.

Direct Action at the Board of Governors

As referenced in our last Council Meeting, the Students' Union and Graduate Students' Association will collaborate to protest tuition increases at the Board of Governors on March 24, 2023. In preparation for the meeting on March 24, the SU and GSA will hold a joint information session in February, and an Art Build in March. All of you can expect more information that can be disseminated to the student body once it is prepared, and we hope you can all work with the SU and GSA executive teams to ensure we get as much student involvement as possible leading up to the Board of Governors meeting.

GoA Student Affordability Announcement

As many of you probably know, last week, the Minister of Advanced Education was at the University of Alberta to make an announcement surrounding student affordability measures leading up to the release of the provincial budget. In the announcement, three were five (5) announced measures:

1. Capping domestic tuition at 2% starting in the 24/25 academic year.
2. Reducing student loan interest rates to the prime rate, from the prime rate + 1%;
3. Doubling the student loan interest-free grace period to 12 months;
4. Increasing the income threshold for Alberta's Repayment Assistance Plan from \$25,000 to \$40,000; and
5. Increasing Alberta Student Grant monthly payments from \$250 to \$475.

While we welcome these improvements that will help current students and recent graduates, the most significant measure, the 2% cap, comes into effect too late, among other concerns. Firstly, students shouldn't have to spend another 1.5-2 years waiting for GoA support when student leaders have clearly demonstrated the need exists. We urge the Minister and government to respond to this and commit to investing in more needs-based grants that all low-income students are eligible for, not just students in high-demand

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programs. Additionally, even with a cap on tuition at 2%, we are concerned about what that means for the quality of our programs since the government has yet to commit any additional backfill funding to make up for any shortfall that institutions have as a result.

Trip to Augustana

A couple of weeks ago, our executive team had an opportunity to travel to Augustana and spend some time on their campus! It was great chatting with the Augustana Students' Association executive team about what projects and initiatives they are currently working on and sharing with them some of the projects the UASU executive is working on.

Board of Governors Strategy Session

Last week, the board of governors had a strategy session surrounding the next steps for the University Strategic Plan (USP). It was an excellent opportunity to ask questions and discuss what we heard from the community in the first phase of consultations. We will enter the second phase when we share what we heard back with the community in the coming weeks.

Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) Counterparts

This week, the executive team attended CAUS Counterparts at MacEwan University. It was an excellent opportunity to discuss how we can leverage the advocacy that our counterparts have done to support our advocacy in our home institutions, brainstorm policy positions that we would like CAUS to take, and strategize about where CAUS needs to go to be as effective as possible for its members.

Cheers,



Abner Monteiro (he/him)

President

University of Alberta Students' Union



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VPA Report

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Biweekly Report from the VPA

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Date: 02/21/2023

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Academic 2022/23 Report #19

Dear Council,

Happy Reading Week!

Here are some updates from me:

Programs Committee

At the Programs Committee meeting, we got the update on the Embedded Certificates standardization, the main focus is on making it easy for students to enroll into certificates and making them accessible so the students can easily complete them within their degree. I raised the concern about the awarding process which is complicated and the RO is working on that aspect.

CLE

We had a special session of the Committee on the Learning Environment, we had a very insightful discussion on the SPOT surveys. We also discussed the future appendices under the Teaching Learning and Evaluation Policy and I asked for looking into the ways of ensuring that the students don't miss the course work while they are sick and are unable to attend the class. This has been a common problem that the students are facing since classes went back to in person after the pandemic.

Augustana Tour



The exec team spent a whole day in Augustana campus. We got the tour from ASA executives and discussed the projects on which we all are working on and gave each other updates. It was a great experience and for me, it was the first time to Augustana Campus. Here is a group photo :)

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Provost's Task Force on Artificial Intelligence and the Learning Environment

The taskforce had its first meeting. "The Vice-Provost (Learning Initiatives) has struck a task force to examine and gather information on how the University community engages with artificial intelligence and the impact this may have on the teaching and learning environment for students and instructors. The two key goals are:

- 1) To facilitate conversations across university constituencies about the role of Artificial Intelligence on the UofA learning environment
- 2) To make recommendations about Artificial Intelligence and the Learning Environment for
 - a) Instructors and students teaching and learning at the UofA
 - b) Ongoing work"

FoTL

For the Festival of Teaching and Learning, we discussed the potential topics for students keynotes and also the ways of reaching out to students who would be interested in being the keynote panelists. I will be inviting the FoTL Steering Committee chair to present at CoFA so we can get people engaged from different faculties. Also, I finally completed the artwork I was working on and you will see it on the festival's posters.

Library Open Education Team

I had a meeting with the Library Open Education Team, we all shared updates on different pieces of Open Education we all are working on and discussed the plan for the next year.

CAUS Counterparts

The executive team attended the CAUS Counterparts conference during the long weekend. It was nice to meet our counterparts and share information with each other.

Let me know if you have any questions and I'm happy to share any details you might want :)

Best Regards,



Gurleen Kaur

Vice President Academic
University of Alberta Students' Union



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VPSL Council Report

Description of the Information Item

Updates of the work I've been doing over the past 2 weeks.

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Written Questions

Date: 02/21/2023

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Student Life 2022/23 Report #20

Hey council, please note that I will not be in person for our next council meeting. I will be attending the Recovery Capital Student Conference in Calgary from 21-22.

[ACTION REQUIRED] Reminder - Alberta Post-Secondary Gender-Based Violence Survey

Leger is distributing the survey, collecting and synthesizing responses, and reporting on the results on behalf of the Government of Alberta. Your participation is completely voluntary and anonymous. There will be no personal information tied to your responses, and neither Leger nor the University of Alberta will receive any personally identifiable data through the survey. You have until the end of the month to complete the survey, if you choose to do so.

- I encourage you all to use your networks to promote this survey
- If you need support, the [U of A Sexual Assault Centre](#) services are free of charge and are available to people of all genders, sexualities, and backgrounds.

[ACTION REQUIRED] National Standard for Student Mental Health Survey is Live!

I sit on the UofA's National Standard on Mental Health Advisory Committee. The advisory committee alongside the working group strives to work on initiatives that will help inform policies, services and programming that support, promote and continually improve the mental health and well-being of students on all U of A campuses. As part of this work, we have recently developed a survey that will help us get student feedback. This survey is step one in a multi-tiered approach that the Working Group will be taking to engage with our students, faculty, staff and community regarding student mental health and their experiences.

- *Students! Help inform the future of student mental health at the U of A! Take the National Standard Mental Health Survey between Feb 9, 2023 - Mar 3, 2023, and enter a draw for one of 100 OneCard gift cards valued at \$20 (CDN) each.*
- [Take the survey](#)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH - EVENT REGISTRATION

Where is the love? : A Conversation on Racial trauma and its impact on black bodies

I've had the best time working with the Dean of Students Office on this event. As part of Black History Month, the DoS Student Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Coordinator and the University of Alberta Students' Union are organizing a panel discussion on racial trauma which will be followed by roundtable discussions. The panel will include faculty, students, and staff from the U of A community. Although the conversation is focused on black experiences, allies are welcomed to attend.[Click here for more info and registration.](#)

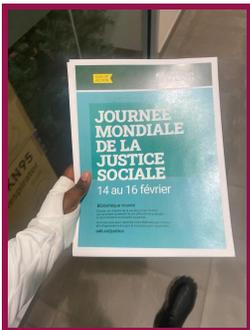
WORLD SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY

The living library that I hosted last week is now over. The event went really well, and we were able to run sessions at North Campus and Campus Saint-Jean. (Augustana hosts a branded version in the fall). It truly was an amazing experience being so hands-on listening to the stories of students and staff. I was able to connect with many students and further discuss

what role I play in advocating for change, so the next student who goes through a tough time has access to better support. Thankful to all of our living books who shared their stories, and to readers who took the time to listen and engage in meaningful and respectful conversations. Finally, thank you to all of our volunteers, who helped out with the planning and hosting. **World Day of Social Justice is observed internationally on February 20. I invite you all to think about the following ; when should I learn to listen, and listen to learn?** There are still 2 more days being observed at the UofA. I invite you to check out the [Days of Action page](#) to find out more information and events you can attend.

DAY AT AUGUSTANA

Myself and the ASA President, Jewel, planned a visit to Augustana a week ago. We spent the whole day there, and got to spend a day like a student at Augustana. I was able to meet with many of the different individuals I've been working with all year ; ASA Executive team, residents, ASA International Rep. We also had a meeting with the ASA Executive team and gave each other updates as to where we're at with some of our advocacy, and found areas for further collaboration in the future. One of them for myself and their VPSL is working with the new Sexual Violence Support and Wellness Coordinator. This has been a big push for myself and the ASA and we're so excited to see what new initiatives we can bring to Augustana with this new role.



Joannie Fogue

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Vice President Student Life

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Date: February 21, 2023
To: Students' Council
Re: Board of Governors Representative Report #21

Dear Council,

I hope everyone is having a great reading week so far. I am in Jasper so I unfortunately will not be able to attend Students' Council this Tuesday. If anyone has any questions for me please feel free to contact me,

Successor Meeting

This past week I had the chance to meet with a candidate that will be running for my position in the fall. I was able to review his platform and ensure everything contained in it was factual and reasonable as well as provide advice for this upcoming term. If anyone else is interested in running for my position please let me know and get in touch.

BSA Consultation

I also had the opportunity to give a brief presentation to the BSA about who and what BoG is as well as solicit feedback from their body for the development of the Student Experience Action Plan and the Strategic Plan. I look forward to doing consultation with other SRA's over the next month in regards to this.

Budget Briefing

On Thursday the Board of Governors had the opportunity to be briefed on this upcoming budget for the University of Alberta. This was more of an opportunity for us to learn and fill any information gaps before the budget comes for approval.

Strategic Plan Development Session

Following the budget briefing we had the chance to listen to a "What We Heard" document that came out of phase one in the strategic planning process. Following this we got to give some of our own feedback in regards to this information. Unfortunately both of these sessions were closed sessions so I am unable to provide more details at this time.



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Presenter Bri Bucalo, Project Coordinator National Standard and Grachella Garcia, Manager, Campus & Community Re, VPFO CCR Facilities Operations

Should this Presentation Occur in a Closed Session?

Office/Committee Responsible Office of the Dean of Students

Abstract

The U of A is working to implement the National Standard of Canada Mental Health and Well-Being for Postsecondary Students in order to ensure that our student mental health supports remain evidence-informed, coordinated and relevant to the needs of today's students. The National Standard Working Group has initiated a pan-campus engagement process to consult with our diverse students, faculty, staff and service providers about their experiences with student mental health, to create recommendations to continually address, improve and evaluate mental health services and supports. We are looking for both your support and input into the implementation of the standard.

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National Standard for Mental Health & Wellbeing for Post-Secondary Students

Update and Consultation



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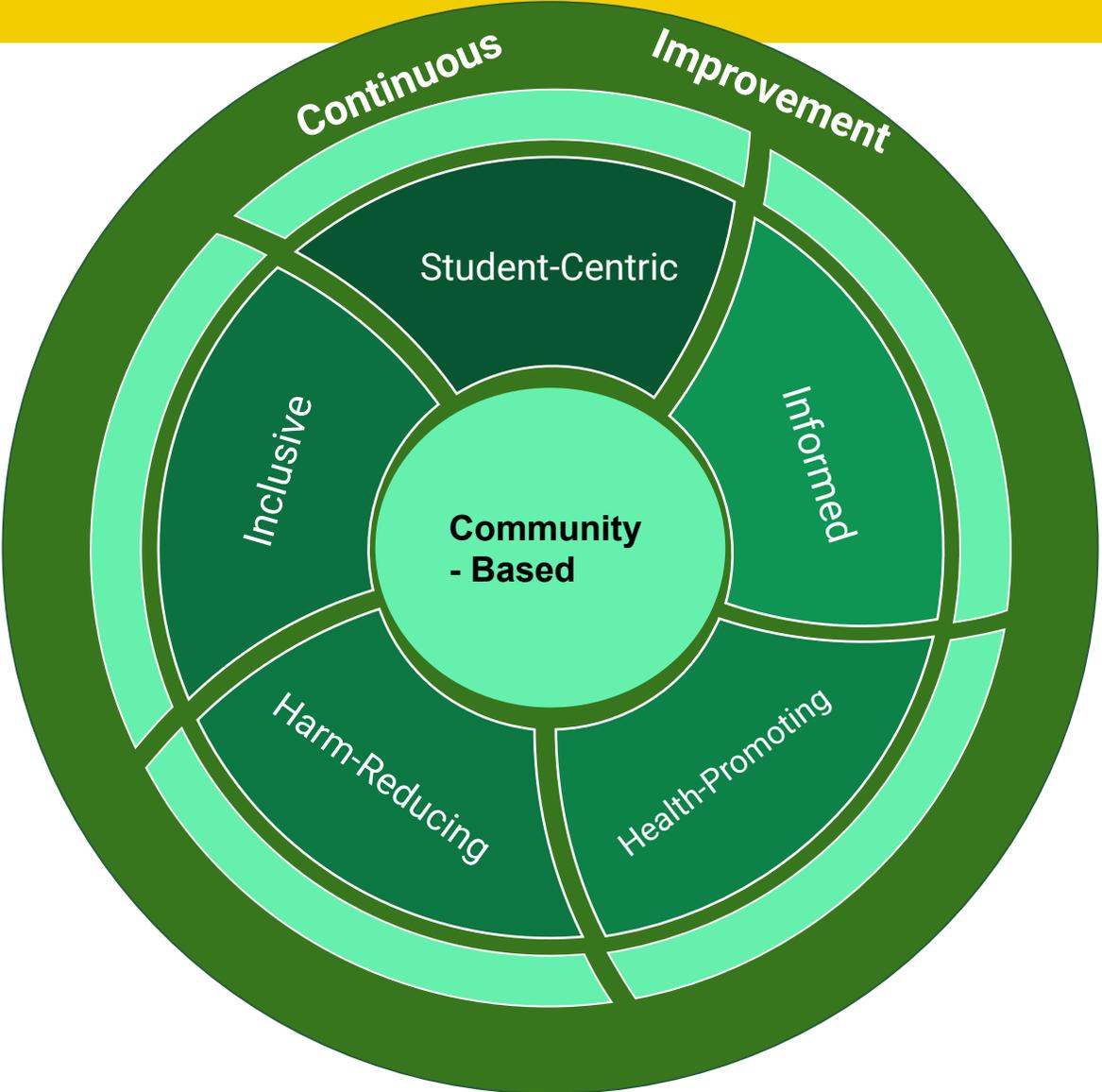


Today

1. What is the National Standard?
2. Why bring it to the U of A?
3. Roadmap for Implementation
4. Consultation on mental health and well-being at the U of A



What is the National Standard: Core Principles



Why bring the National Standard to the U of A?

UofA NCHA-II 2019:

69.6% of respondents felt very lonely

76.7 % of respondents felt very sad

66.4% felt overwhelming anxiety

62.9% of respondents felt things were hopeless

Benefits: academic success of our students improves through access to timely and appropriate mental health support when and where they need them most.

The Roadmap



Assess and Plan

Timeline	Activity
Feb-Apr 2023	Pan-Campus Engagement Activities
May 2023	Data Aggregation & Review
June 2023	Strategic Priority Identification
July - Aug 2023	Report and Submission of Action Plan
Oct 2023	Implementation of Identified Priorities and Development of Ongoing Assessment/Evaluation Criteria
Oct 2023	Review current U of A policies that support student mental health



Consultation:

1. What are the current major barriers facing students for mental health and well-being?
2. What is going right that we can build on?
3. What are the priorities for first step recommendations?

U of A National Standard Survey



Students

Help inform and shape student mental health at the U of A!

Take the National Standard Mental Health Survey.

uab.ca/nsc



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Resources

- [MHCC PSI Student MH Standard](#)
- [MHCC PSI Standard Starter Kit](#)
- [Shared HUSP National Standard Folder](#)



Discussion & Next Steps



Date	February 2023
Subject	National Standard for Mental Health & Well-Being for PSI Students - Overview
Summary	<p>The National Standard for Mental Health & Well-Being for Post-Secondary Students was officially released in October 2020. This standard is the first of its kind in the world and provides a set of flexible, voluntary guidelines to help Canadian post-secondary institutions support the mental health and well-being of their students. Since its release, the Canadian Association of College and University Student Services, in partnership with the Canadian Association of Standards, has been supporting Canadian post-secondary institutions to facilitate implementation of the standard on campuses across the country.</p>
Current State	<p>Under the auspices of the U of A's Healthy University Strategic Plan (HUSP), the National Standard Working Group is currently implementing the standard on our campuses. It is in the best interest of our students, faculty and staff that we implement the standard. It will ensure that our student mental health supports remain evidence informed, coordinated and relevant to the needs of today's students. It will also align student health and wellness efforts with the key principles of the HUSP and International Okanagan Charter.</p> <p>The National Standard Working Group has initiated a pan-campus engagement process to consult with our diverse students, faculty, staff and service-providers about their experiences with student mental health. This process is underway with the launch of the Student National Standard Engagement Survey. A Faculty and Staff engagement survey is planned for release in early March. Together, these assessment tools will collect information from our community regarding the student mental health experiences, opportunities, challenges and hidden barriers. That information will then inform focus groups, roundtables and a world cafe that will assist the National Standard Working Group and Advisory Committee in identifying key student mental health priorities to be addressed in Phase Two of the project.</p> <p>Alongside the National Standard Working Group, a Campus Advisory Group has been struck to bring together diverse student, faculty and staff voices that will inform the implementation of the standard and support the Working Group in its engagement efforts. It will ensure that we are accurately interpreting the data collected from our campus engagement process and identifying the priority mental health needs of our students.</p>

Roadmap & Expectations

Implementation of the standard at the U of A will allow us to further our cooperative work with students, campus service providers, faculty, and staff to strengthen how we foster student mental health. The benefits of doing so should be seen through the academic success of our students, so they have access to timely and appropriate mental health support when and where they need them most.

Key priorities to be addressed in the implementation include:

1. Undertake university-wide engagement process to assess student mental health needs, opportunities and gaps;
2. Collect data on current university mental health services and programs;
3. Set campus mental health priorities based on engagement and data;
4. Implement, evaluate and continuously improve the existing policies, service delivery, and programming coordination.
5. Review current U of A policies that support student mental health;

Roadmap

With the engagement process currently underway, the implementation of the National Standard will proceed as follows:

Status	Timeline	Activity
✓	July - Aug 2022	Formulation of the National Standard Working Group and ASteering Committee
✓	Sept - Nov 2022	Advisory Committee Formation
✓	Oct-Jan 2023	National Standard Audit and Engagement Planning
In Progress	Feb-Apr 2023	Pan-Campus Engagement Activities
Pending	May 2023	Data Aggregation & Review
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Resources

- [U of A National Standard Implementation Website](#)
- [U of A Healthy University Strategic Plan \(HUSP\)](#)
- [Okanagan Charter](#)

[U of A Okanagan Charter – Statement of Adoption](#)

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