2021-22 UASU Executive Team

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Exec Goals: Values and Planning Ahead

- The annual Executive Goals is the executive team’s formal plan of what we want to accomplish in our terms.
- The Goals are based on integrating the Executive team’s platforms, issues that have come up for the year, and the long-term goals of the UASU outlined in:
  - The [Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee Recommendations](#)
  - The [UASU Strategic Plan](#)
2021-22 Exec Goals:

Major Priorities

◉ Advance Academic Advocacy and Student Leadership
◉ Foster an Equitable, Diverse, and Inclusive Campus
◉ Ensure Student Voices Shape the Future
◉ Lead the Charge on Sustainability
Advance Academic Advocacy and Student Leadership

1. Improve Affordability and Accessibility of Education
2. Support Student Leadership
Strategic Plan/ARRC Alignment

Serving All Students:
Connect students to academic and personal support services

Empowering our Students:
Support and advocate for the creation of a charter of student rights

ARRC (Advocacy):
The SU shall advocate for increased accessible and online learning for off-campus students.

Building our Relationships:
Strengthen our credibility by sharing our research, best practices, and program knowledge.
1. Improve Affordability and Accessibility of Education

1.1: Host the Be Book Smart fair
1.2: Better publicize the Charter of Student Rights
1.3: Finish eliminating the use of unjustified online proctoring
1.5: Increase awareness of UASU microcredentials
1.3: Work to establish an opt-in pass/fail grading system for course electives to encourage students to explore interdisciplinary learning and provide compassionate grading for students in crisis.
1. Improve Affordability and Accessibility of Education

1.6: Improve linguistic accessibility of appeals

1.7: Address academic advising and transfer issues for CSJ

1.8: Promote and advance undergraduate research
1. **Improve Affordability and Accessibility of Education**

1.9: Work to implement university policies and procedures that protect students on experiential learning opportunities.
2. Support Student Leadership

2.1: Support Student Representative Associations with education on Students’ Union bylaws, political policies, and student group granting.

2.2: Strengthen communication between the Students’ Union and SRAs.
2. Support Student Leadership

2.3: Begin the implementation of the GRTF recommendations

2.4: Create a Student Representative Organization Summit
The Year Ahead: Academics

August: Zero Textbook Cost Indicator pilot

September: Consult on pass/fail grading policy

October: Possible labour disruptions

September: Host the SRA Summit

January: Introduce policy proposals at GFC

March-June: Bring Pass/Fail grading policy to GFC
Foster an Inclusive, Equitable, and Diverse Campus

1. Through Spaces and Events
2. Through Advocacy
**Strategic Plan/ARRC Alignment**

**Serving All Students:**
Remove barriers to community involvement and participation in Students’ Union programming.

**Building our Relationships:**
Work in partnership with First Nations, Metis, and Inuit (FNMI) student representatives and communities.

**ARRC (Advocacy):**
The SU shall advocate for increased access to childcare services at the U of A.

**Building our Relationships:**
Develop stronger partnerships with cultural groups and the international student community.
1. Through Spaces and Events

1.1: Create a more welcoming campus for students with dependents through the creation of a family lounge and **long-term childcare strategy**

1.2: Celebrate and acknowledge the diverse communities on our campus by **recognizing Black History Month at the UASU**
1. Through Spaces and Events

2.4: 
*Host Aboriginal Awareness Week in Winter 2022* to create community for Indigenous and settler students and foster a space for education and conversations about decolonization

2.5: 
Ensure a culturally supportive Peer Support Centre
2. Through Advocacy

2.1: Correct pronoun use (through a campaign)
2.2: Increased religious and prayer spaces
2.3: Translation of Bear Tracks into French
2.4: Campus-wide sexual assault prevention training
2.5: First Responders to Sexual Assault and Abuse Training for RAs
2.6: Improved resources and accessibility to support for survivors of sexual violence
The Year Ahead: EDI on campus

- September: Pronoun Campaign
- Fall: Sexual violence prevention training advocacy
- February: Black History Month
- September: Advocating for family lounge and religious spaces
- January: Aboriginal Awareness Week
- April-May: Childcare strategy implementation
Ensure Student Voices Shape the Future

1. Strengthen our Movement
2. Secure Supports for Students from all Levels of Government
Strategic Plan/ARRC Alignment

**Serving All Students:**
Strengthen our collective voice by engaging students in advocacy

**Building our Relationships:**

**ARRC (Advocacy):**
The SU shall advocate for financial, housing, and job opportunities for Aboriginal students.

**Building our Relationships:**
Develop stronger partnerships with cultural groups and the international student community.
1. Strengthen our Movement

1.1: Effective Municipal and Federal Get Out the Vote campaigns

1.2: Build strong relationships with other student organizations

1.3: Improve grassroots student engagement in our advocacy
2. Secure Support for Students from All Levels of Government

2.1: Advocate for the fair implementation of Alberta 2030 recommendations

2.2: Study-to-stay visa nomination program

2.3: Inflation cap on tuition increases
2. Secure Support for Students from All Levels of Government

2.4: Defeat or substantially improve the University’s exceptional tuition increase proposals to protect affordability, accessibility, and quality for future students
2. Secure Support for Students from All Levels of Government

2.4: Ensure long-term advocacy for Francophone education by creating and passing a federal policy on official languages learning for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations

2.5: Work with the Association des Universitaires de la Faculté Saint-Jean to create an advocacy strategy that will ensure sustainable funding for Campus Saint-Jean
The Year Ahead: External

August to October: Federal Election

October 18th: Municipal Election

September-October: Get Out the Vote campaign

October-November: Alberta 2030 PSLA amendments

November: CAUS Advocacy Week

Late February-Early March: Alberta Budget

Late February: CASA convention/lobby week
Lead the Charge on Sustainability

1. Responsible Environmental Stewardship
2. A Strong Fiscal Foundation for Future Students
**Strategic Plan/ARRC Alignment**

**Empowering our Students:**
Improve access to Students’ Union spaces, resources, and expertise

**Serving All Students:**
Grow the physical presence of the Students’ Union.

**ARRC (Advocacy):**
The SU shall increase the prevalence of Aboriginal art within its collection and create a mural in SUB.

**Strengthening our Organization:**
Explore and pursue more revenue-generating opportunities.
2. Responsible Environmental and Social Stewardship

1.1: Develop a long-term food security strategy

1.2: SUB and events social and environmental sustainability projects

1.3: Expand the free menstrual product initiative
2. A Strong Fiscal Foundation for Future Students

2.1: Ensure strong future revenues and student life, as well as reduced energy use in SUB, by putting the Myer Horowitz Theatre renovation on track for completion in 2022.

2.2: Continue previous work on optimizing SUTV, the Handbook, and other services for revenue generation.
The Year Ahead: Sustainability

- **September**: Myer Horowitz renovation starts
- **August-September**: More free menstrual products
- **Fall**: Perks rollout for on-campus semester
- **Fall**: SUB Planning Committee work
- **Winter**: SUBMart bulk foods rollout
- **Fall 2022**: Myer Horowitz renovation completed