

**Date:** 01.12.21

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** BoG Rep 2020/2021 Report 14 - **Emails and Town Halls**

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Dear Council,

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! I hope 2021 holds good things for all of us, especially a COVID-19 vaccine and any vaccines for new strains.

### **Student-Friendly Communications**

1. In response to a Service Excellence Transformation update, I recommended to Todd Gilchrist, Vice-President Finance and Administration, that students would best interact with progress updates on the Service Excellence Transformation through Instagram content, as I did not see that platform included in his outreach strategies. He received the recommendation openly.

### **College Dean Portfolio Development**

1. In response to an update regarding College Dean portfolio development, I asked Bill Flanagan how students will be included in shaping this portfolio as the update did not cite student contribution in portfolio development. No answer yet. **If you have any ideas about what College Deans should do, let me know, and I can bring them to developers.**

### **AB 2030 Town Hall**

1. Although he said nice things, the Minister ignored his government's failed oil and gas investments that made them feel justified in cutting post-secondary and decided to operate from the standpoint of, "Now that Alberta is in a tough financial spot, I expect institutions to be fiscally responsible and innovative," throughout the town hall.
2. A primary goal of AB 2030 is to co-develop a strategic plan between the government and PSIs in Alberta.
  - a. Because of time constraints I did not get to ask about recommending mandating data collection on minority-based violence, sexual or otherwise, or about populationally accurate representation in institutional governments in Alberta. Others, of whom many were UAlberta students, like Harnoor Kochar, Adrian Wattamaniuk, Beth Blanchette and Rowan Ley, shared tackled about sexual violence response, tuition deregulation, "brain drain<sup>1</sup>," bursaries in light of cuts

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<sup>1</sup> "Brain drain is a slang term indicating substantial emigration or migration of individuals. A brain drain can result from turmoil within a nation, the existence of favorable professional opportunities in other countries, or from a desire to seek a higher standard of living." ([Investopedia](#))

and tuition increases, domestic student enrolment over international student enrolment, and Indigenous student recruitment.

Thanks for reading!



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