

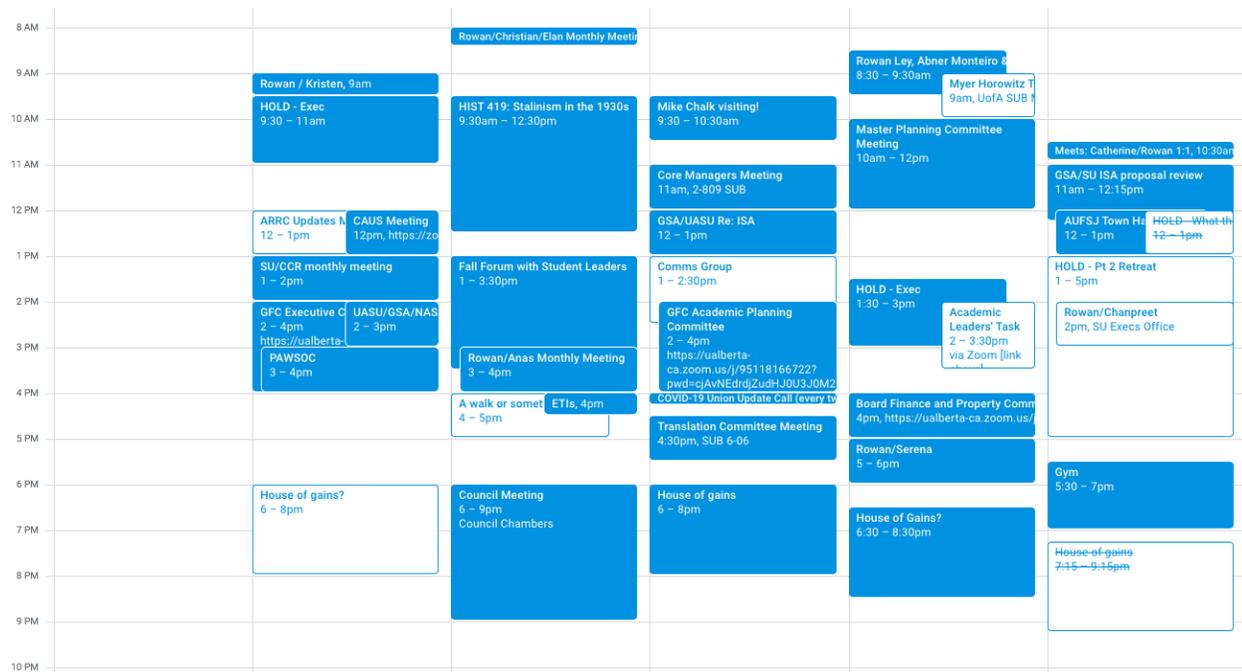
Date: 10/19/21

To: Students' Union Council

Re: President's Report 10/19/21

Hi Council,

I hope you are all doing well as the sun comes up later and later and the weather gets colder. It's a challenging time of year as committees get back into full swing, GFC starts up, and we reach the halfway point in our terms. If anyone is wondering what a week around this time of year looks like as an executive, here's an example:



I'm sure many of you are beginning to think about your plans for next year. If you are considering running for an executive position, we will be hosting executive job shadow days soon. You can also reach out to any one of us to discuss our roles and whether an executive role is right for you. These jobs are tough, but they are rewarding-- and I would strongly encourage you to consider a run.

Exceptional Tuition Increases

This week the Board of Governors is voting on the exceptional tuition increase proposals. We anticipate that they will pass the Board, as the Board has never (to my knowledge) rejected a tuition increase. But we plan to expose the truth about these increases as best we can in that venue. The Board is not the end of the road for the ETI process, as we are preparing a submission to the Minister reflecting our perspective on changes to the proposals and continued consultation. I have spoken to the Minister's staff about the proposals and we will be engaging with the Minister and his office in late

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October and throughout November. We continue to prepare other options to resist increases in tuition.

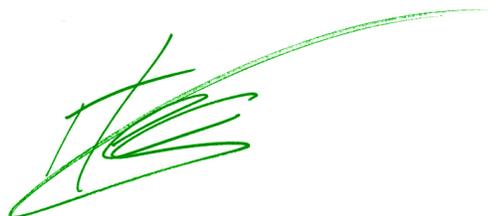
Public Campaign Planning

We are working with our partners at CAUS to work towards planning a public advocacy campaign in late fall to share the importance of post-secondary education to Alberta's future while the provincial government is in its budget planning cycle. Given the government's instability and present unpopularity, it is very difficult to know where their budget decisions will fall this March-- but it is still valuable to try to influence it while we can.

SUB Master Planning

The first meeting of the SUB master planning committee was held last week, and we had the opportunity to discuss the process to identify students' principal concerns and goals in SUB renewal. I am looking forward to continuing this process with the diverse perspectives we will consider and topics we will discuss.

As always, get in touch if you have any questions or concerns!



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