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To: Students' Union Council

Re: President 2020/21 Report #1

Dear Council,

Welcome to my first Council report as President. I am thrilled to work alongside you folks this year to work through the challenges we face ahead. COVID-19 has impacted many facets of student life on campus whether it be academic, financial, social or mental wellbeing. I know it has been challenging for many students studying here at the University of Alberta, and that is something we are taking quite seriously ensuring we uphold our values. It is in difficult times like these that we collectively as Council, and as leaders in our campus community, step up without fear making decisions true to our core values:

1. *Do what's right, not what's easy*
2. *Inspire change for the world*
3. *Act with unbridled compassion*
4. *Always keep moving*
5. *Learn from the past, to plan for tomorrow*

1. Executive Committee

The 2019/20 and 2020/21 executives were away on our Transition Retreat for a week, online this year due of COVID. This week-long transition was intense, despite the challenges of not being able to do so in person. I am so thankful to have worked with the 2019/20 executive team, Akanksha, Jared, Adam and Luke, and am excited to be leading as President with my new team. David Draper is succeeding my portfolio, VPA, and I am so excited to see the work he does this year. Alana Krahn is the VPOF and is such a kind soul, I cannot wait to see what she does! Katie Kidd is the VPSL and an empathetic leader so suited for this role. Rowan Ley is the VPX and is going to do a fantastic job in external advocacy.

2. Internal University

- **Board of Governors**
 - The first Board of Governors meeting of my term will be this Friday morning, and I am excited to represent the student voice at this level.
- **General Faculties Council**
 - As VP Academic I sat on many GFC subcommittees, however; the President position holds a seat on GFC, Academic Planning Committee (APC), and the Council on Student Affairs (COSA).

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3. External Advocacy

- **Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS)**
 - The Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) represents over 100,000 undergraduate students from across Alberta (University of Alberta, the University of Calgary, the University of Lethbridge, Mount Royal University, and MacEwan University). I will be attending the CAUS counterparts transition training online from this Friday till Monday along with Rowan Ley.
- **Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)**
 - The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) is the non-partisan national voice for Canada's post-secondary students of which UASU is a member. I will be attending the virtual CASA Foundations conference later in May. Rowan and I will be attending.

I am excited to be working with you all this year. My office hours this semester will be by appointment. Feel free to shoot me an email and I'd be happy to chat!

Yours Sincerely,



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University of Alberta Students' Union President