

Date: October 20, 2020
To: Students' Union Council
Re: President 2020/21 Report #13

Dear Council,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving long weekend, and found some time to think about what you are thankful for. Though there are a lot of crazy things happening here at the UofA, and in the world generally, it is important to reflect on the blessings that we have, and if we are more fortunate - to be able to share what we have with others and work towards creating a better world for everyone.

Lots is going on right now with AB2030, Academic and Administrative restructuring, Students' Union governance restructuring, fighting for campus sexual violence, building planning, and much more. So I will keep my report brief and highlight some of the happenings.

Academic Planning Committee

- Business Direct Entry approved
- I've been in discussions with students and faculty regarding the School of Business Direct Entry Proposal last year and happy to see this go forward

Joint Advisory Committee on Sexual Violence

- VP Kidd and I presented some of the key issues we see surrounding CSV at the UofA, and are committed to ensuring that tangible steps are taken to create change
- Katie has been taking lead on this file and has approached it with a tenacity and passion that is needed. I am very proud of the work that is going into this.

Academic Restructuring Working Group

- I have presented the existing scenarios to Students' Council, and COFA where I have taken the feedback to the ARWG
- I have been meeting with many student leaders for further feedback and we are currently working on creating social media content (apart from the video we created which has over 18k views) to put out on social media

Governance Restructuring Task Force (GRTF)

- The AdHoc committee was created and seats are being populated. I am in the process of setting up the meeting times, schedule and getting started on the process



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