

Date: 05/31/2022

To: Students' Union Council

Re: President 2022/23 Report #02

Dear Council,

I hope all of you are enjoying the start of summer! Below is an update on the many things I've been up to over the past two weeks.

Fall 2023 International Tuition Fee Proposal Update

Since the discussion at our last meeting on June 17th regarding international tuition fees, I have been preparing to fight the proposal at the Academic Planning Committee (APC), the Board Finance and Property Committee (BFPC), and the Board of Governors. At this stage, only APC has seen the proposal and has now recommended it to BFPC for approval.

For context, on May 18, APC voted to table a 6% international tuition increase due to inadequate consultation with international students. Upon that tabling, two consultation meetings were set that included the Provost, SU, GSA, and ISA to discuss concerns with the proposal. Upon completing those consultations, the University made no changes to the proposal before it came to a special meeting of APC.

At the special meeting of APC, I continued to raise the concerns shared by the Students' Council and the ISA. During the special meeting, I also motioned to decrease the proposal amount because we didn't feel as though the projection accurately reflected the University's cost. Despite our efforts, the motion passed to recommend the increase to BFPC for approval.

I will continue to fight this at BFPC and the Board in the coming weeks. Although the meeting of BFPC will occur before our following Students' Council meeting, I look forward to engaging with the Council on ways students can be involved in the next round of meetings.

Kairos Blanket Exercise

On Tuesday, I had the opportunity to attend my first Kairos Blanket Exercise. It was such a moving and impactful learning experience. It reaffirmed my responsibility and commitment to take action and work in solidarity with indigenous people to make our institution an inclusive place for indigenous students.

Abner Monteiro, President

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CASA Foundations Conference

VP Fotang and I will be attending the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations' annual Foundations conference in Ottawa from June 6-10th. Foundations is an opportunity for us to meet our counterparts from coast to coast, learn about federal student advocacy, and elect a new Chair and Board.

Executive Goals Planning

Our team is still in the process of developing our Executive Goals document for 2022/2023. We look forward to sharing our collective vision with the Students' Council soon!

If you have any questions, please reach out any time for a chat :)

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abner Monteiro', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

Abner Monteiro (he/him)

President

University of Alberta Students' Union