

**Date:** 10/04/2022

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** President 2022/23 Report #12

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Dear Council,

I hope all of you are doing well! These past two weeks have been extremely busy. Below is an update on what I have been up to.

### **Break The Record**

Last week, we attempted to not only break the record for the world's largest dodgeball game, but we set out on a broader vision to revitalize student life and build community at the U of A after 2.5 years of isolation and challenge. BTR was a dream come true, with 4,967 people all gathered together to celebrate our return to campus and build a connection with one another. I am so proud of our UASU team for their hard work and dedication in making this event possible and the University of Alberta and the Graduate Students' Association for coming together as one university to make this event a reality!



### **Board of Governors**

#### **Board Learning, Research, and Student Experience Committee**

At BLRSEC, we discussed the sexual violence and student conduct policies, access to Mental Health resources, and food insecurity. Regarding SV/SC policy, I followed up on the concerns raised by VP Fogue at the September GFC Meeting and presented the same concerns around resources for Augustana and CSJ, as well as issues with the collective agreement and what commitments the university will make to addressing these serious concerns from students.

Discussing mental health and food insecurity, I shared some recent internal SU data surrounding student access to mental health support and wait times for support. It is clear that access to mental health support is limited on campus, and we will be advocating for the government and university to provide financial support to decrease wait times or help students find alternate ways to access therapy or support that may not be directly on campus.

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### University Commons Tour

The other day, Council had a chance to tour University Commons and provide feedback on what we would like to see the space look like. I asked many questions about how we will use the space, the available space for students and student groups to book and use, and the technology available in rooms to support students in their learning and extracurriculars. The new building will also have 49 gender-neutral washrooms - a massive win for the SU in their advocacy to improve accessibility on campus.



### Work Integrated Learning

VP Kaur and I will be working with Karsten Mundel (Provost Fellow for Experiential Learning) to provide better support for students on WIL terms. More updates to come in future reports!

### Forward Slash / Edmonton Global

VP Fotang and I attended Forward Slash, an event hosted by Edmonton Global - an economic development group aimed at showcasing what Edmonton has to offer - to promote innovation and discuss Edmonton's economic future.

The event allowed us to promote work-integrated learning opportunities to many businesses and companies to showcase their work and discuss advocacy around accessible and safe transit, affordable housing, and employment opportunities that keep students in Alberta.



Cheers,

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