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To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Academic 2020/21 Report #22

Howdy Council!

I hope you are all doing well! Finals are fast approaching, best of luck rounding out the term! Check out below to see what ive been up too!

GFCECAHGPRC

The GFC Executive Ad Hoc Governance and Procedural Review Committee met for the first time. This committee is struck every 3 years to review the procedures and practices of GFC. Items of note which i have brought up to this committee include retaining the ability to attend online meetings for individuals who cant attend in person meetings. I have also been floating the idea of moving the GFC Question period earlier into the meeting in order to more feasibly dedicate time to it.

Proctoring

The push to ban online proctoring is still hard underway. We have made some leeway in the reduction of its use for the winter semester, with the university soon sending out communications stating that it should only be used where absolutely necessary. Similarly, I will actually be writing a piece for the Ualberta Student Newsletter for distribution BY the university about the deep inequities inherent in online proctoring and the need to move away from the use of any algorithmic online proctoring services. I also took part in the filming of a few short FAQ videos with Vice Provost John Nychka aimed to help provide clarity to students and professors experiencing issues with online proctoring.

CLE Subcommittee on Student Experiences with Teaching

CLEA SEAT has been continuing its work on new ideas around the USRI experience. Currently we are looking at drafting our report for CLE as per the terms of reference. Key items within this report will most likely include the importance of closing the loop on student feedback, increased accessibility of USRI Data, increased options for data breakdown, new possible questions for the inclusion in USRIs, and possible a change in name to SCOOP “Student Collaboration on Organizations and Pedagogy”

GFC/BoG/Senate summit

The GFC/BoG/Senate summit took place. There discussions around what a successful Ualberta would look like in 2030 were discussed. This exercise was broken down into what success would look like for various constituency groups such as Students, Faculty, Alumni, Government, and various other stakeholder groups.

GFC Lunch and Learn

The GFC Governance team and myself hosted a Lunch and Learn for the new GFC students in order to give them more information around GFC Subcommittees prior to the application deadline for the annual replenishment of student positions on GFC Subcommittees. This was a fantastic event and I feel it was able to provide quite a lot more information and context to incoming GFC members that I wished I had when I first joined GFC.

Transition

The transition process for the incoming Vice President Academic is well underway. As april fast approaches it is already clear to me that VP-Elect Monteiro will be a fantastic Vice President Academic.

As my time as Vice President Academic comes to an end I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has supported me throughout this year. I know that I would not have been able to succeed this year without the support of so many fantastic friends, and colleagues. Most importantly I would like to thank my partner AJ for his constant support and the unyielding drive to do what's right that he has instilled in me.

Finally, as some on council may have already noticed, I am now fully able to claim that this job has given me gray hair.

All the best,

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