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**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Academic 2020/21 Report #7

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Dear Council,

It's been a busy two weeks! Check out my report for an outline of what the past two weeks have been like for me, but don't hesitate to ask me any questions if you want more information!

### **UASU Nom Com**

- Nom com has met twice since the last council meeting! The first meeting we adjudicated the applications for EDI-T and the SCF-C as well as received the report from the senate interview committee. We filled EDI-T and decided to extend the deadline for the SCF-C. We also approved the conclusions from the senate interview committee. The second meeting we finished the adjudication of the SCF-C seats.

### **Set and Academic Restructuring Town Halls**

- The SET townhall took place last wednesday and the university talked about the process they have in place for SET. It seems as though SET is not as established as academic restructuring as most of the town hall focused on the processes rather than any concrete ideas.
- As an update to the Academic Restructuring town hall, a blog post was released by Bill and Steve which can be found [here](#).
- As an additional update to the SET town hall, a blogpost will be released by Bill and Steve sometime in the next few days similar to the one for the academic restructuring townhall.

### **Student Leaders Week Planning**

- I've been in contact with the Lead Centre to plan Student Leaders Week this year! There should be a lot of exciting new things happening with it this year. We are looking at broadening the scope considerably as well as adding specific streams people can go through and possibly get some form of credential from it. If you have any ideas for a stream you'd like to see, send me an email! I would love to know!

### **Caus Counterparts**

- CAUS counterparts were last week and were quite interesting! Although the majority of the content was for Joel and Rowan, the rest of us got to take part in some interesting "hot topics" sessions with our counterparts as well as a full VP group. The various VP-As found the hot topics sessions very useful and we are currently planning on creating a recurring version for us in order to dive more in depth on the academic issues at our various institutions as well as get to know each other better.

### **TikTok Filming**

- On Wednesday I filmed a TikTok with VP Kidd on asynchronous learning and why the UASU has been advocating for it in preparation for the fall semester. I think the process went quite well and I am very happy with my first ever TikTok! One of my favourite parts of asynchronous learning is asynchronous assessment. Often I have concerns around cheating or

academic integrity brought up to me from the university looking for ideas in order to prevent misconduct. I love these discussions because I get to talk about pedagogical solutions and crafting student friendly assessments that fundamentally reduce the ability to cheat. If you want to learn more about asynchronous learning, I would love it if you asked me about it in QP, or, check out some of these links that talk about similar ideas and strategies that I bring up in meetings ([Insidehighered](#), [BCCampus](#)).

### **Delegated authority mapping**

- One of the things I have been doing over the past weeks is modeling the SU delegated authority. This has been an interesting process as it has involved diving into a lot of documents from a variety of locations to find exactly how, what authority, and to what extent an SU affiliated body has delegated its authority to another body. Through this process I have found a lot of difficulties in finding the information I've been looking for and as a consequence of that I have been working on other possible models in order to simplify the overall layout.

### **Open Education Conference Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Team**

- The work for the Open Education 2020 conference is going great! We've been working on the overall values statement for the conference. One interesting strategy we have for crafting this statement was to start with a visualization of the goals of the conference as well as the high level values behind the conference to begin with. This was really interesting as it provided a great opportunity to add more abstract thought to the planning process which can typically be absent, as a very metaphor based person this provided a great opportunity for me to think about the conference in many different and new ways.

### **Personal life Update**

- In my personal life things have been a bit hectic. Me and AJ are undergoing a bunch of DIY projects to build a breakfast/cocktail nook in our apartment looking out across the legislature grounds! Once the project is all finished up expect some photos in the report! A lot of this is in the early stages, but we got these gorgeous red leather bar seats from a thrift store, only \$20 each!
  - Up next we are building a table as well as working on a project for the empty space on the wall!
- Remember, don't ever hesitate to reach out to me if you want to chat

or have any questions!

All the best,

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