

Date: 18/05/2021

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President Academic 2021/22 Report #1

Dear Council,

These last couple of weeks have been really interesting. Although there has not been much going on from a governance standpoint, I have had the opportunity to start to build relationships with some amazing people in the SU and the University. Below are a few of the highlights since the last report, and I'm happy to offer some more insight during the question period or open forum.

Elected Nom Com Chair

Nominating Committee met for the first time on May 5th and I was elected as the chair! I am very excited to work with an amazing team and look forward to collaborating and making the necessary changes to improve the reach of our volunteer postings.

Faculty Association Introductions

I have started to set up meetings with Faculty Associations (FA) across campus and am looking forward to getting to know the many amazing student leaders on our campus, their students' priorities, and how we can strengthen the relationships between them and the Students' Union.

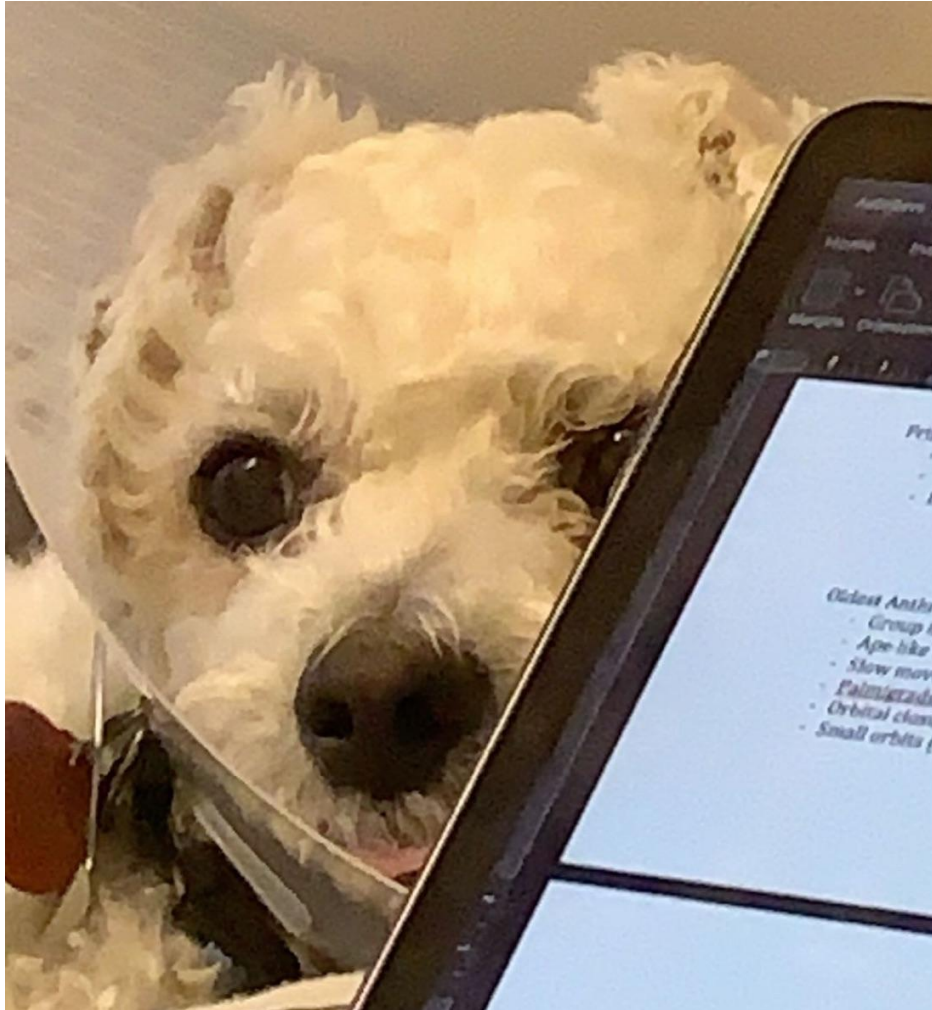
GFC Student Caucus

I'm very excited to get the GFC student caucus up and running for this year! With only four vacancies to fill until the student caucus is full, we are well on our way to a successful year of student advocacy. I'm looking forward to getting to know many of the new students and exchanging thoughts and experiences in order to better inform student perspectives.

The more I learn about the position of VPA, the more excited I get about building new relationships and advocating for students! It has been amazing to learn about the SU and what it's capable of. Moreso, I feel that the knowledge I have gained will be invaluable in empowering student leaders on council and SRAs to make the most of their Students' Union and represent their students well.

Finally, I have been thinking long and hard about something interesting to share with you. I think it would be more entertaining for all of us if I just shared something random in every report.

First up, we have this photo I found from final exam season. As you can see, my dog was being very sus...



As always, if you ever want to chat please don't hesitate to reach out! I hope you had a great last two weeks and continue to enjoy the amazing weather that May is giving us!

Cheers,



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