

**September 24th, 2024**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Council Chambers/Zoom**

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwacîswâskahikan (Beaver Hills House), on Treaty 6 territory. From time immemorial, the banks along the river valley have been known as the Pehonan, a meeting place for the nêhiyawak (Cree), the Niitsítapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dënesųłíné (Dene), Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and others. The University, the Students' Union and much of the city are located on the unlawfully stolen land of the forcibly removed Papaschase Cree.

We acknowledge that sharing this land gives each of us the responsibility to research the historic contexts of Treaty 6, to reflect on our personal relationships to the land, the Nations we've named, and to our roles in upholding justice on this territory. Since they began, the Students' Union and the University have benefited from historic and ongoing dispossession of land and resources from Indigenous Peoples. As a result, it is our responsibility to seek the restitution of this land and its resources. Finally, we seek to do better by working to make our learning, research, and governance align with the histories, languages, teachings, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples in the land presently occupied by the Canadian state.

We encourage critical reflection by asking the following question. In relation to the territory on which you are situated, what role do you play in strengthening the resistance and resurgence of Indigenous students within your communities?

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2024-08/1a	Reiteration of Council Oath
2024-08/1b	Next Students' Council meeting will occur at Campus St. Jean
2024-08/1c	Retreat Council Treaty Acknowledgement Sign-up (for Councillors)

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# UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form

**Council Meeting Date** Tuesday, September 24, 2024

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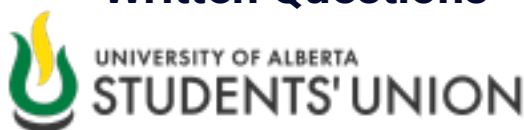
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**President**

**Date:** September 24th 2024

**To:** Council

**Re:** [President Report]

## Week of Welcome

Hello everyone, I hope your first weeks back to class have been exiting for you! Week of Welcome was such a success. I'm so glad to have been involved in some of the great events here; observing the flag raising, flipping pancakes, meeting folks at clubs fair - so many great ways to engage with the campus community. I love to see campus lively and full again. We've had a blast emceeding the President's address, talking with MLAs and the Mayor about student priorities, and talking to engaged students at the UASU tent. Big shoutout to everyone volunteering it means the world to all of us.

## **3rd Party Review**

I have had my third meeting with the third-party reviewer. We further discussed the communication methods of the university and reviewed the document the UASU had submitted. The reviewer should be finished with her review by the end of October and we look forward to the results of this.

## **CAUS**

CAUS is in the process of re-registration. I have been elected as CAUS chair and am in the process of running an election for a new vice chair of CAUS. The group has finalized their priorities for the year and SU's/SA's involved are prepared to continue their provincial advocacy. There was collaboration in the creation of an open letter (public as of this morning) to the Minister of Advanced Education urging them to prepare themselves for next year's student financial aid process in a manner that will aid them in preventing delays to crucial aid for students.

## **Board of Governors Retreat**

I recently attended the Board of Governors Retreat, which took place at Enterprise Square campus this year. This retreat allowed the board to engage in various broad discussions that focused on innovation. We also received a presentation from graduate students on their thesis and presenters on Innovation in Research Panelists, the Black Youth Success Initiative, and Innovation in Education Panelists. It was a chance for great insight into the board's plans for the year and a chance to meet and connect with new members.

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## **School of Dentistry Announcement**

The VPA and I attended the celebration of the announcement of a \$10 million gift to the School of Dentistry in the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry and the College of Health Sciences. Dr. Michael Petryk, DDS'60, practiced dentistry in Calgary for over 40 years. Earlier this year, the Board of Governors approved the naming of the Mike Petryk School of Dentistry in recognition of the family's support of the School's continued leadership in teaching, learning, and research. The Petryk School provides graduates with an outstanding education rooted in patient care in preparation for various rewarding careers.

# UAlberta Mobile App

I have been in consultation with various individuals regarding the revamping of the UAlberta Mobile App and how we can ensure it provides better service to students. Part of the discussion has ranged from design aspects to the inclusion of career services and distinct forums in the concept.

## Tuition Budget Advisory Committee (TBAC)

I attended the year's first TBAC meeting and have been talking with Faculty Associations about what they are hearing from their faculties. We expect that some faculties and programs will propose exceptional tuition increases (ETIs) designed to increase quality. ETIs raise tuition for incoming domestic students in specific programs. While students want a quality education, not just a cheap education, the last round of ETI proposals was very high (16-44% for eight undergrad programs, and 23-104.5% for four graduate programs), and the UASU spent a year fighting to limit them. We are talking with Advanced Education and the Faculty Associations to make sure the University does all the consultations required by the *Alberta Tuition Framework*. I've attached a 'frequently asked questions' document to this report. We've told the University that we expect them to consult with Students' Council soon.

All the best,



**Lisa Glock**

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Exceptional Tuition Increases FAQ  
2024

September 13, 2024

Prepared for UASU Executive Committee



### Overview

The [Tuition and Fees Regulation](#) allows exceptional tuition increases: relatively large domestic tuition increases to improve program quality in specific faculties, departments, or programs. UAlberta received the Minister's [approval](#) for the last round of controversial ETIs in 2022. It is safe to assume that more ETI proposals will come forward.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: Do ETIs impact international tuition?

A: No. The sections of the Regulation that allow for ETIs are specific to domestic tuition.

### Q: Can ETIs just be designed to raise revenue or bring up a program's tuition to match comparators?

A: No. According to the Regulation, ETIs are designed to increase (not maintain) quality in specific faculties, departments, and programs. In practice, this means that while revenue generation may be the goal, the proposals and consultation must centre on improvements.

### Q: Section 61(3) of the Post-Secondary Learning Act caps domestic tuition increases at two percent per year, right?

A: Yes, but that means two percent for domestic tuition across the whole institution. Individual programs can see increases by up to 10% (see section 4(1) of the Regulation) as long as total domestic tuition does not increase by more than 2%.

### Q: Do ETIs count toward the two percent cap?

A: No. The [Alberta Tuition Framework](#) explains: "Institutions can apply to the Minister for an increase to program tuition that does not count against the institution level cap (two per cent), and which can be more than 10 per cent, provided the increased tuition would result in improvements in program quality."

### Q: How often can UAlberta submit ETI proposals?

A: There are two elements here.

- Universities wait for the Minister to tell them that she will accept proposals, which does not happen every year.

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- Per section 5(2) of the Regulation, if a program gets an exceptional tuition increase, five years must elapse before that program can get another ETI. The list of faculties and programs that saw ETIs at UAlberta in 2022 are protected until 2027 (with consultation likely starting in Fall 2026). Any other faculties/programs could see ETIs proposed and implemented in 2025 or 2026.

### Q: What ETIs have happened at UAlberta?

A: While the ETI process is relatively new, previous processes called ['market modifiers'](#) were comparable and [controversial](#). In 2022, the Minister approved the following ETIs at UAlberta. [Per The Gateway](#):

Exceptional tuition increases for undergraduate programs:

- JD (law): from \$11,701.48 to \$15,094.84 (+\$3,393.36, 29 per cent)
- PharmD (pharmacy): from \$11,431.68 to \$16,460.80 (+\$5,029.12, 44 per cent)
- DDS (dentistry): from \$23,109.16 to \$32,352.76 (+\$9,243.60, 40 per cent)
- APDDS (dentistry): from \$57,093.40 to \$66,337.00 (+\$9,243.60, 16 per cent)
- BSc in engineering: from \$7,309.44 to \$9,099.36 (+\$1,789.92, 24.5 per cent)
- BComm (business): from \$8,012.48 to

\$9,774.24 (+\$1,761.76, 22 per cent) • BSc in radiation therapy: from \$6,091.20 to \$7,309.20 (+\$1,218.00, 20 per cent) • BSc in medical laboratory science (30 credit): from \$6,091.20 to \$7,125.60 (+\$1,034.40, 17 per cent)

Exceptional tuition increases for graduate programs:

- Master in counselling psychology (thesis based): from \$4,192.80 to \$8,573.76 (+\$4,380.96, 104.5 per cent)
- Master in counselling psychology (course based): \$4,286.88 to \$8,573.76 (+\$4,286.99, 100 per cent)
- Master in business administration: from \$14,380.80 to \$24,624.00 (+\$10,243.20, 71 per cent)
- Master in engineering: from \$7,345.20 to \$9,033.60 (+\$1,688.40, 23 per cent)

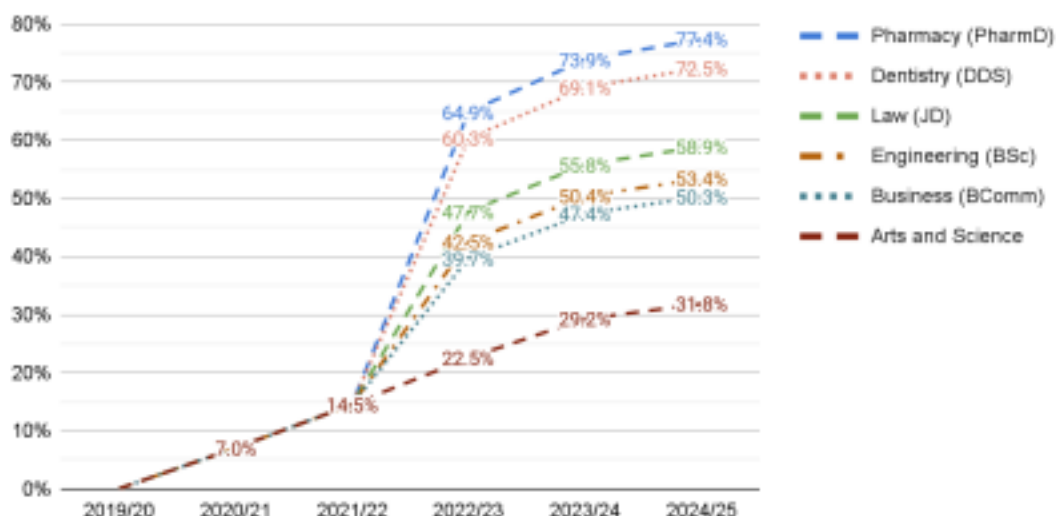
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Q: Considering both ETIs and non-ETI hikes, how much has domestic tuition changed?

Cumulative UAlberta domestic tuition increases since 2019/20

Not inflation adjusted.



This chart of undergraduate domestic tuition hikes is colloquially known as 'the claw.'

Q: How many students did the 2022 ETIs impact?

A: Eventually, over 9,000 undergraduates. (The UASU has not researched the number of impacted

graduate students.) Based on the Annual Report on Undergraduate Enrolment 2022-23, the ETIs impacted around 3000 Business students, around 4700 Engineering students, around 600 Pharmacy students, and around 570 Law students, as well as around 250 students in dentistry, radiation therapy, and medical laboratory science.

However, the 2022 ETIs only applied to incoming students, so at first only a few thousand students were impacted.

Q: What did the UASU do about it?

A: Fighting the 2021/22 ETI proposals was a top priority. See the UASU's press releases on [2021/04/12](#), [2021/07/26](#), and [2022/03/09](#). The UASU amplified and supported the appropriate student associations to ensure they were being appropriately consulted. The UASU also persistently advocated to the Provost, the President, the Board of Governors, and the Minister of Advanced Education. Joint advocacy successes/harm reduction fell into four categories that now save students around [\\$2.7M per year](#) (as less-aggressive tuition bills, or as student financial aid):

- Since the consultations had severe issues, the UASU convinced Advanced Education to send back all the proposals for more consultation, strengthening norms and expectations around student consultation.
- The final round of proposals had two noteworthy reductions:
  - Law students saw a 29% increase instead of 45%, saving each student around \$1,870 per year.

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- APDDS students saw a 16% increase instead of a 40% increase, saving each student around \$13,590 per year.
- The final round of proposals saw increased set-asides for student financial aid from the new revenue.
  - The BSc in Engineering proposal started with 'any excess revenue' and shifted to a 15% commitment.
  - PharmD started at a set-aside of around 10% and shifted to 20%.
  - DDS and APDDS shifted from 15% to around 20%.
  - The BSc in Radiation Therapy started without a set-aside, but did have credible commitments to explore future possibilities; the final version had a 20% set-aside.
- The final round of proposals tended to have a better focus on quality, and since then, the UASU has often supported Faculty Associations in monitoring accountability for promised quality improvements.

Q: What programs or faculties might see ETI proposals within the next two years?

A: Any program or faculty that did not see an ETI proposal in the last round.

- ALES
- Arts
- Augustana
- Education
- Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation (whose FA now reports being contacted about a 2025 ETI)



proposal)

- The MD program (as other undergraduate programs in FoMD saw ETIs in 2022)
- Native Studies
- Nursing
- Faculté Saint-Jean
- Science

In 2021, as shown in a redacted table obtained by FOIP request, it seems clear that programs are selected for ETI proposals based on whether they are substantially lower than U15 average base tuition (a flawed comparison, as it does not take high student fees into account), and whether they would produce significant revenue.

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Domestic Undergraduate Tuition for Major Programs, 2021-21

The following table presents U15 undergraduate tuition across selected programs

Table L. Domestic Undergraduate Tuition for Major Programs, 2020-21

2020-21 Tuition	Arts & Social Science	Business	Dentistry	Education	Engineering	Kinesiology	Law	Medicine	Nursing	Pharmacy	Science
University of Alberta	\$5,692.80	\$7,488.00	\$11,547.86	\$5,692.80	\$6,831.36	\$5,692.80	\$10,916.08	\$12,892.30	\$6,643.60	\$10,684.16	\$5,692.80

Source: U15 2020-21 Tuition & Fees results and institution financial websites.

Q: If an ETI proposal is submitted to Advanced Education, is there a reasonable chance that it can be rejected?

A: The Regulation gives the Minister discretion to accept or reject proposals. However, when flawed proposals have come forward, they have been sent back for refinement rather than rejected outright. This is consistent with Advanced Education's emphasis on PSIs developing more 'own-source' revenue and reducing reliance on government funding.

Q: What does required consultation look like?

A: The Alberta Tuition Framework states:

- Consultation between institutions and students is expected to be meaningful, inclusive and substantive, where student input is considered and addressed, rather than obligatory and superficial. Student organizations, in turn, are expected to provide meaningful and helpful input to institutions that respects the institution's budgetary needs, and that reflects the fact that students must share in the cost of adult learning.

- Institutions must consult the council of the affected student organization before submitting a proposal (i.e., if the proposal is for a graduate program, the council of the graduate students association must be consulted, whereas for undergraduate or apprenticeship education programs, the council of the students association [the UASU Students' Council] must be consulted), and students in the affected program are also expected to be consulted.

In a 2021 letter obtained by FOIP request, the Provost's Office stated:

- The following are suggested mechanisms for consultation. It is recommended that you make use of all of them, plus any others you choose.
  - Consultation with student associations in the relevant program/department/faculty.
  - Town halls with students in the program.

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- Written communication to students with opportunities for students to provide written feedback.
- Information on the website. Be clear that existing students prior to Fall 2022 will be grandfathered from the exceptional increase (although they may still experience an inflationary one).
- Faculties are expected to demonstrate in their proposals how input from students has been considered.

The UASU maintains that, while consultation between FAs and faculties is required, the University is also required to consult with Students' Council as noted in the Alberta Tuition Framework.

The UASU also maintains that a substantive consultation is one where change (i.e. a proposal being significantly altered or even retracted) is possible. See also the Continuum of Student Participation (p. 13) in the [University of Alberta Student Participation Process Handbook](#).

The most well-received consultations for the last round of ETIs came from the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Faculty of Law. The Winter/Spring portion of these consultations was detailed in these [proposal documents](#).

Q: Seeing as ETIs will only impact incoming students, current student leaders will not face tuition increases and may not even be students when ETIs are implemented, why should student leaders care — and why should student representative organizations be consulted at all? A: The PSLA, the Regulation, and the Alberta Tuition Framework require consultation with student leaders in keeping with the UASU's fiduciary responsibility to students' welfare. As prospective students and future leaders obviously cannot be consulted a year or two in advance, consultation needs to engage the current student leaders. It is then student leaders' responsibility to look to the future needs of students.

The University's past shortfalls in consultation caused the Minister to send back all ETI proposals. Instead of being approved in Summer 2021, they were approved in March 2022. This delay was

avoidable.

Q: What does program improvement look like?

A: The Alberta Tuition Framework states: "Examples of improvements could include program instructional improvements, new program resources, program delivery improvements, additional learner services and supports, meeting new regulatory requirements (in some cases), etc."

The specific preferences and needs of directly impacted students are fundamental. In some cases, student associations might consider the planned improvements strong enough that opposing an ETI is not necessary. In many students' perspective, value is a function of quality, not just cost.

Q: Are the UASU and Faculty Associations bound to reject all tuition increases whatsoever? A: No.

This used to be a complex policy issue. However, the current version of the [Political Policy on Tuition](#) states instead: "The Students' Union will work towards a reduction of any tuition increase at

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the University of Alberta." The policy also speaks to transparency, consultation, student financial aid, and quality of education. Faculty Associations have a process for seeking exemption from Political Policy if necessary.

Q: Did the University deliver on the quality improvements promised in connection with the last round of ETIs?

A: As monitored by the student ETI Task Force in 2023/24, the University's reporting process is now somewhat in place, and some implementation has been noted. A full report has been expected in Fall 2024. The UASU and Faculty Associations look forward to assessing whether this report shows credible follow-through on the ETI proposals' commitments.

By demonstrating accountability for these commitments, the University can show that ETI proposals were developed as good-faith attempts to improve quality, and that it can deliver on its promises. This is crucial to the credibility of future ETIs, for these and other programs. It is likely that quality improvement reporting will be a crucial element of the consultations for any upcoming ETIs.

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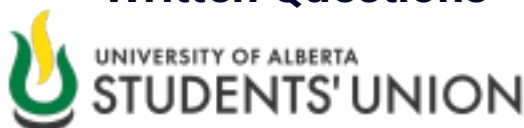
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**Date:** 09/24/2024

**To:** Council

OFFICE OF THE  
**Vice-President Academic**

مرحبا/Hello

I hope your first few weeks of classes have been going well! The execs and I had an amazing time meeting with both new and returning students during Campus Kickoff and Week of Welcome. I enjoyed promoting the Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) program and answering questions about student governance and academic resources during tabling sessions. A big thank you to the Faculty Associations that invited me to their orientations—it was a fantastic opportunity to engage with students and share valuable information. I truly appreciated being part of your events. Wishing everyone a wonderful academic year!

## SRA Summit

This month, much of my time has been devoted to finalizing plans, presentations, and activities for the Student Representative Associations (SRA) Summit. The summit took place this past weekend, starting on the evening

of Friday, September 20th. The event opened with a presentation by the UASU General Manager, who provided an overview of the history of the Students' Union and the services available to students. Following this, interactive stations led by the attending executives covered important topics such as relationships, networking, planning, accessibility, and food insecurity. Additionally, Student Group Services delivered a presentation offering student leaders key insights into the resources available to them, their groups, and the students they represent. The evening concluded with a reflection and expectation-setting session aimed at discussing how the Students' Union can support SRAs. Saturday, September 21st, began with two presentations I led. The first focused on the Zero Textbook Cost program and promoting it, followed by a session on effective advocacy strategies. We were also joined by two representatives from the Student Experience Action Plan (SEAP) team, who presented on SEAP and invited suggestions. In the afternoon, a panel of three former faculty association executives from different faculties shared insights, offered advice, and answered questions from current student leaders. This was followed by a presentation and interactive activities led by the UASU Indigenous Reconciliation Lead, equipping student leaders with valuable knowledge and skills to actively support reconciliation within their roles. The day concluded with a networking session, allowing attendees to further connect and collaborate. The SRA summit received a lot of positive feedback from attendees. A sincere thank you to all the presenters, staff, and students who participated - and a special shout out to Courtney Graham for her incredible support and assistance throughout it all.

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## **ETIs**

We anticipate that some programs and faculties will propose Exceptional Tuition Increases (ETIs) aimed at enhancing program quality, which would impact incoming domestic students in specific programs. While students value a high-quality education over just an affordable one, the previous round of ETI proposals saw steep increases that the UASU worked hard for a year to push back on the increases. I have contacted Faculty Associations to remind student representatives that they have the right to speak with, ask questions, and involve their Students Union to ensure the university complies with all consultation requirements set by the Alberta Tuition Framework. A Frequently Asked Questions document is available in President Glock's report for more information.

## **Committees and Meetings**

I continue working on the Elections Task Force to ensure students' voices are heard and considered. I attended my recurring meetings with Faculty Associations, Program Support Team, EDI Plan Steering Committee, Dean of Students, Vice-Provosts, Library, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) in Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) working group, General Faculties Council (GFC), GFC Nominating Committee, GFC Executive Committee, and GFC Programs Committee and shared student perspectives. I had discussions about experiential learning and information accessibility with the director of Experiential and Work-Integrated Learning (EWIL) and their team.

Best regards,

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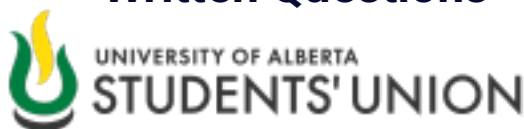
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**Vice-President External**

**Date:** 09/24/2024

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President External 24/25 Report #6

Hello Council,

I hope you have had an excellent start to your classes and are prioritizing your studies and self-care; please find my report attached for this month.

### Minister Sawhney:

On September 3rd, Minister Sawhney attended the UASU Week of Welcome at our invitation. She joined us for the pancake breakfast and the club fair, where she engaged with several students. I also gave her a tour of the Horowitz Theatre and the Students' Union offices. During our conversation, we discussed Open Educational Resources and other key goals the UASU is pursuing. I also brought up the issue of delays in student financial aid processing.

### Flix Bus:

Transportation between Camrose and Edmonton has been a significant issue, with Augustana students paying over \$150 for a one-way trip. VP Alva and I have been working to bring the bus service back to Camrose, with routes running on Mondays and Fridays from September 27 to November 8. Free tickets for students are available through UASU Perks. We've also been advertising the service in Camrose newspapers and on social media. Our goal is to ensure it's well-promoted so that students and community members use it enough for the service to become permanent.



## **MLA Rakhi Pancholi:**

On September 3rd, at our invitation, the Deputy Leader of the Alberta NDP, MLA Rakhi Pancholi, joined us for the pancake breakfast. She served breakfast to students, and we discussed UASU's goals and potential areas for collaboration. It was great to see her engaging directly with students.

## **Meeting with Mayor Sohi:**

The Edmonton Student Alliance (ESA) had a productive two-hour meeting with Mayor Sohi, where I presented ESA goals. We covered important topics, including a housing survey, integrating students into the city's housing strategy, transit safety, student transit surveys, and increasing student leader involvement with the city. The city administration also presented on student support; a considerable part of my time since the last council meeting focused on preparing for this meeting as ESA Chair. Additionally, at our invitation, Mayor Sohi

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attended the UASU Week of Welcome Clubs Fair, where we provided him with a tour of the fair and the main stage.

## **Meeting with Minister Boissonnault:**

President Glock and I met with Minister Randy Boissonnault. We discussed several key topics, including funding for Campus Saint-Jean, the permanent increase of the Canada Student Grant to \$4,200, and an increase in funding for the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) for Indigenous students. We also discussed changes to the co-op work permit requirements for international students. After the meeting, we provided the Minister with a tour of the Clubs Fair.

## **Meeting with MP Heather McPherson:**

I, along with Erica Norton, the Vice President of External at AUFSJ, met with MP Heather McPherson to discuss funding challenges faced by CSJ. Currently, CSJ is uncertain about securing 50% of its annual funding, which creates instability in its budget and complicates long-term planning. This uncertainty particularly impacts their hiring processes, as they are unable to offer long-term contracts to new faculty and may struggle with course offerings and service expansions.

With two instructors set to retire, CSJ can only hire temporary replacements due to these funding issues, leading them to rely on shorter-term contracts. This situation not only hampers their ability to attract and retain top talent but also undermines job security for faculty members. MP McPherson expressed her support and commitment to advocating for increased funding for CSJ. We also discussed potential changes to international students' co-op work permit requirements.

## **Meeting with MP Ziad:**

I met with MP Ziad to discuss the Student Work Placement Program and ways to enhance work-integrated

learning opportunities for students. We also covered support for housing and supporting Indigenous students. We plan to meet again in the future.

## **Week of Welcome:**

The Week of Welcome was quite busy, and I hosted 15+ elected officials from various levels of government at the pancake breakfast and club fair. I hosted MLA Sigurdson, MLA Rakhi Pancholi, Councillor Knack, Minister Sawhney, Councillor Principe, MLA Irwin, MLA Brooks, Councillor Tang, Minister Boissonnault, MLA Lovely, MLA Hoyle, MLA Shepherd, Councillor Wright, Mayor Sohi, MLA IP, Councillor Stevenson, and MLA Schmidt. I spent most of my time engaging with them during the pancake breakfast and accompanying them through the club fair.

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However, the highlight of the week was interacting with students. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm of both new and returning students as they filled the campus once again. This was my first week of Welcome and an incredible experience. I want to thank the UASU staff for their hard work in making it happen!

## **Met with MLA Hoyle:**

President Glock and I met with MLA Hoyle, who has just become the Shadow Minister for Jobs, Trades, and Economy, transitioning from the Advanced Education Critic role. We discussed Open Educational Resources (OER), grants, and work-integrated learning opportunities. We also agreed to continue our meetings and collaborate moving forward.

## **Met with MLA Eggen:**

President Glock and I also met with MLA Eggen, the new Shadow Minister for Advanced Education. We discussed our respective goals for the year and explored how we can collaborate. Our conversation included OER, grants and work-integrated learning (WIL) opportunities.

We look forward to working with MLA Eggen this year.

## **Student Financial Aid Delays:**

We know that many students are facing delays in student financial aid and are experiencing significant anxiety. I have reached out to the ministry to voice these concerns, and they have assured us that they are ramping up efforts to address the backlog and return to standard processing times by the end of September.

The University of Alberta Students' Union, along with other student associations across Alberta, is actively advocating for students. We have sent an open letter to the Minister of Advanced Education, urging the development of a transparent, long-term plan to ensure that Alberta Student Aid can meet the increasing demand and avoid future delays.

In addition, I am working closely with the registrar's office to improve communication, ensuring that students are informed about the available support resources and know that they will not be charged interest until November 1st if their tuition is paid in full through student loans. We remain committed to continuing our advocacy for all students.

## **CBC Interview: Housing**

The rising cost of rent is the primary reason students are turning to campus food banks. With rents in Edmonton increased by approximately \$380 over the past two years, I recently [spoke with CBC](#) about how this surge is significantly impacting the students. If there is a really small vacancy rate, landlords have other options that they can get other renters for a higher price. So that's affecting students," said Abdul Abbasi, vice-president external at the University of Alberta Students' Union. He said with particularly intense housing

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demand in neighbourhoods around school campuses, there's a need for more purpose-built rental buildings, especially with multi-bedroom units. He's also advocating for a dedicated student housing strategy with more action to boost supply. "The U of A plans to increase their population. The city plans to increase their population. If we don't address this, it's going to keep becoming a bigger issue."

## **Global News Interview:**

I [spoke to Global News](#) about the financial challenges faced by post-secondary students in Alberta as they prepare for the upcoming semester. I urged the provincial government to provide more grants for students. Abdul Abbasi, the University of Alberta Student Union vice-president (external), said if the Alberta government wants people to stay in the province and contribute, it needs to prioritize supporting post-secondary students.

When you invest in these students, they will contribute to Alberta's economy once they complete their degrees. They will work and give back to the community, he said

Abbasi is striving to get the province to provide more grants to alleviate financial burdens and decrease the debt load of post-secondary students.

"I myself was doing two jobs. And if you're doing two part-time jobs or full-time jobs, you don't have time to study. Not studying? You're not getting those good grades. Then it affects your scholarships, so supporting students with needs-based grants are really important," Abbasi said.

## **Ched 630 Interview:**

I participated in an interview with Courtney Theriault on Ched 630, where I discussed the rising cost of education and the challenges students face today. I urged the provincial government to increase need-based grants and called on the federal government to support students. You can find more about my remarks [here](#).

## **UPASS Negotiations:**

UPASS negotiations are ongoing. We are collaborating with other student associations across Edmonton to

ensure that students receive the best possible deal and we will meet with ETS again next month.

### **Edmonton Student Alliance:**

Since the last council meeting, the Edmonton Student Alliance (ESA) has taken up a significant amount of my time. I chaired an ESA meeting where we discussed our priorities for the year and welcomed ETS for a presentation on potential collaboration. Additionally, we hosted an Advocacy 101 session before the meeting with the mayor, and I've been working on building connections with other organizations in the city.

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### **CAUS Board Meetings:**

Since the last council meeting, we have held two CAUS Board meetings. The VP External of SAMU and the former Chair of CAUS resigned for personal reasons. I'm pleased to announce that President Glock has stepped in as the new CAUS Chair. During the second meeting, we outlined the CAUS asks for the year.

### **Canadian Alliance of Student Association:**

CASA has held several meetings over the past month. I attended the CASA Plenary last week, where we approved the 2023-2024 Audit, an operating policy, and several policy papers, including one on artificial intelligence and another on the repayment assistance plan.

I also participated in consultations for the Governance & Internal Review Committee and the Federal Policy Committee, which provided an opportunity to raise any concerns.

Additionally, I chaired the National Advocacy Committee (NAC) meeting, where we discussed the evolving federal political landscape and received updates on CASA's advocacy goals.

### **Minister Valdez:**

I met with Minister Rechie Valdez, the Minister of Small Business for the Government of Canada, on the sidelines of a government announcement at the Horowitz Theatre. I shared our plans for the year, and we discussed ways to support students better. I look forward to meeting with her again in November.

### **Senate:**

I attended the new senator orientation, where I learned about the Senate's role and how to operate most efficiently as a senator. Last week, I also participated in the Senate Plenary, which included a presentation on SEAP by Melissa Padfield, discussions on fundraising, and several other topics. During the two days of the Senate Plenary, I had the opportunity to meet with several senators.

### **Meeting with Policy Director:**

I met with the City of Edmonton's Director of Policy to discuss potential speaking opportunities for me to represent students at the city council. We also explored ways we can collaborate in the future.

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**Garneau Community League:**

I met with the Garneau Community League to exchange perspectives on housing and explore opportunities for collaboration. I will be meeting with them again next month.

**Meetings with SRA's VP:**

I also met with the VP Externals, Presidents, and their equivalents from various student representative associations, including APSA, ASA, NUA, KSRSS, ISU, and others. During these meetings, we shared our goals for the year, and I emphasized that the UASU is committed to supporting them and fostering collaboration.

Additionally, I attended several other meetings and events alongside the executive team.

Thank you for reading this detailed report. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of these topics or anything else related to the VP External portfolio, please don't hesitate to contact us.



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Monday, September 23, 2024

## **UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form**

**Council Meeting Date** Tuesday, September 24, 2024

[Meeting Schedule](#)

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**Type of Item Submission** Information Item

**Is this a Consent Agenda item?** No

### **Approval/Discussion Items**

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# Information Items

**Agenda Title** VPSL Report #7 Sept. 23, 2024

## Description of the Information Item

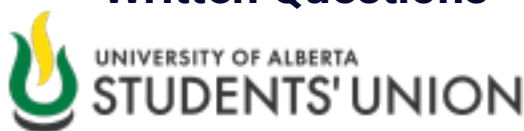
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## Attachments

VPSL Council Report \_7 Sept... .pdf

## Presentations

## Written Questions



OFFICE OF THE  
**Vice-President Student Life**

**Date:** 09/23/2024

**To:** Students Council

**Re:** Vice President Student Life Report #7

Hi Council, I hope your classes are going well so far. I was told Executives don't take more than 1 class at the most but I'll be taking 3 classes (BIOL 322, EAS 201, EAS 208) this Fall and hopefully I'll end this term with 3 classes.

## Augustana Has A Bus!

For the past several years, the Students' Union has been advocating for improved connectivity between Augustana and North Campus. From letters to the provincial government to being various SU candidate's election promise and a part of our executive goals for this year, the bus between Camrose and Edmonton is finally taking off as a pilot project on Sept. 27th! Get your free bus ticket voucher code at UASU Perks (or check [our Instagram](#)). Then head to [flixbus.ca](https://www.flixbus.ca) or their mobile app to book your free ticket, and enter the voucher code. Please use the bus, take a day trip between Augustana & Main Campus and hopefully ridership data will prove that this route is viable for the long term.

## More Prayer/Wellness/Meditation/Smudging Rooms!

Thanks to good ol' UASU advocacy, we now have 3 new wellness/prayer/meditation/smudging rooms across DICE (3rd floor) and the Mechanical Engineering buildings (4th and 5th floors). These rooms will be operational in the coming months and the SU will continue advocating for more student spaces on campus. If councilors hear feedback from their students and peers that they would like to see more wellness rooms across other areas of campus, please feel free to reach out to me and I'm happy to work on this.

## **Residential School Memorial**

As a part of Truth and Reconciliation Day and our commitment to the TRC's calls to action, we'll commemorate Residential Schools Memorial with elders, storytellers, jingle dancers and drummers to honour the past and find healing for the future. All students and community members are welcome to join. There will be a smudging station at the memorial, and stew, bannock, fruits and refreshments will be provided. I would like to thank Deena and Sophie from the ISU for helping us put together this event.

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## **WOW**

A big shoutout to all our staff, volunteers and councilors who were at the UASU tent for making WOW a success. This year, the executives worked on new initiatives as part of our commitment to EDIA (equity, diversity, inclusivity, accessibility) including the more accessible and firm flooring at clubs fair, the low sensory clubs fair and raising of the Treaty 6 and Metis flags.

## **UASAC**

Following meeting with Dr. Dunsie and Dr. Ravina from the DoS, the UofA Sexual Assault Centre released their recent community update. Drop-in and virtual services are available and they are currently working to recruit volunteers for outreach programming. I will also be representing undergraduate students on the Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) Advocacy Council which will work on initiatives related to the prevention of SGBV.

## **Mental Health Day**

World Mental Health Day takes place on October 10th this year. I am involved in planning the Mindful Drawing Workshop facilitated by U of A alumna Stephanie Medford, this workshop will introduce you to mindful drawing, a skill which you can take with you and utilize to care for yourself during times of stress. All students are welcome to learn more about the events for WMHD and [sign up here](#).

## **UAlberta Mobile App**

Lisa and I are having conversations with the developers of the UAlberta Mobile app. We have suggested improvements that students would like to see being made to the app from better accessibility to more student centric information. If councilors hear more feedback from students on ways we can improve the app, please feel free to let Lisa and/or I know.



## Community Engagement

The Executive Team has made progress on our goal to be more engaged with students and promote the role of the SU. We have a document tracking [exec attendance](#) at various places and events on

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campus throughout the year. We'd be happy to attend student group events that we are invited to and will try to be present at student events across all three campuses.

## Meetings & Committees

The executives and I met with Campus Services to present our goals. I met with representatives from other universities and colleges from Edmonton as part of the U-Pass negotiations. As a Board member, I attended the board meetings of the Campus Food Bank and Students Union and Community Early Learning Centre . I also attended the Policy Committee, Social Media Subcommittee meetings and General Faculties Council. I have also been working with Club Periodically on ways to make the SU's Period Equity Project sustainable for the long term. I had meeting with the Indigenous Student Union

Regards,



**Renson Alva**

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Tuesday, September 24, 2024

## **UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission Form**

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[Meeting Schedule](#)

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**Type of Item Submission** Information Item

**Is this a Consent Agenda item?** No

### **Approval/Discussion Items**

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# Information Items

**Agenda Title** BOG Monthly Report - 2024 September

**Description of the Information Item**

The monthly September report highlights key meetings, initiatives, and platform updates.

**Attachments**

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# Presentations

# Written Questions

Is there anything else that you would like to include?

N/A

# BOG Rep Monthly Report

## Acknowledgement

09.24.2024

The University of Alberta respectfully acknowledges that we are located on Treaty 6 territory, a traditional gathering place for diverse Indigenous peoples including the Cree, Blackfoot, Métis, Nakota Sioux, Iroquois, Dene, Ojibway/ Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Inuit, and many others whose histories, languages, and cultures continue to influence our vibrant community.

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# SUMMARY

Dear UASU Council,

Happy back to school season! As I am sure, everyone has been extremely busy getting back into the swing of things. This month has been not only one of my most productive months, but dreadfully also one of the most exhausting. Lots of new and exciting things have happened over the past few weeks and I am excited to share some of these initiatives.

Currently, the survey platform has been approved by the University of Alberta Trademarks Office. They are welcome to contact me at any point to tell me to make changes. This decision was approved during the second day of Week of Welcome,

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which means I had QR code handouts made and ready to go for the following day.

In addition to the first week back, our annual Board Retreat was held recently and both Lisa and I had the chance to attend. It was a very heavy meeting full of many new things discussed and I am excited to share what I am allowed to with everyone. Also, I did not forget to keep updates on my previous set meetings!

## Updates, Highlights, and Action Items

### **Week of Welcome!**

○ Got a chance to table lots during this week, met lots of new faces. ○ Opportunity to hand out QR codes to website to many students (over 200+) were given away, with many having submitted the form already.

- Got a chance to meet a lot of student groups, many of whom were wanting to

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collaborate with survey initiatives. Student groups who approached me were encouraged to submit feedback on what they would like to see improved on campus.

- Had the privilege of meeting with two MLAs who were kindly invited by VPX Abdul and SUP President Lisa during their visit to campus. Had a chance to engage in ongoing discussion about student concerns and how the provincial government can better support student initiatives.
- Collaborated with RA's and students at Augustana campus about promoting the website in the coming months.
- Looking to meet with Campus Saint Jean Dean Jason Carey next month to discuss what roles I can take to promote survey to students there and some ongoing student concerns.

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## Attended the School of Dentistry Announcement

- U of A has renamed the dental school to Mike Petryk after having donated \$10 million to the institution.
- Got a chance to meet many individuals there, along with Dean Hemmelgarn discussing EDI initiatives.

## Ongoing Meetings

- **Sep 4<sup>th</sup>: Met with Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Dr. Yiu.** • We addressed several important student concerns, particularly around services offered at the Sexual Assault Center. We discussed strategies for promoting these services and expanding support for students who may not yet be aware of these resources. Additionally, we explored potential academic opportunities, such as the possibility of introducing new programs.
- **Sep 16<sup>th</sup>: Met with Vice-Provost EDI Dr. Smith.**
  - Discussed the anonymous survey platform. We focused on the importance of appropriate demographic data collection and their opinions on the survey platform are (i.e. what I could include).
  - Additionally, based on student feedback, I addressed concerns related to graduate and post-bachelor program applications. We are exploring how a volunteer-led initiative might provide students with support on their applications, touching on the Equity branch of EDI.

- Will be in touch with Vice-Provost and Dean of Students Dr. Sanghera to discuss student group events and cost. Had to reschedule due to conflict.

## **Board Retreat Dinner & Other Events**

- **Sep 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>**
  - **University Budget Overview:** We delved deeply into the budget projections for the upcoming year and how we can continue to maintain academic and research excellence.
  - **Green and Gold Campaign:** Got to participate in discussions about the ongoing Green and Gold Campaign. Potential strategies for broadening student involvement were brought up and how well the campaign has been.
  - **Future of Research and Innovation at UofA:** A focal point of the retreat was the future of research with Artificial Intelligence and how the U of A can position itself as a leader with some special panellists. We were also introduced to the exciting grand opening of the Artificial Intelligence Discovery Place.

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- **Partnerships and Collaborations:** Another theme of the retreat was the university's role in global and community partnerships. We discussed how U of A can build stronger partnerships with industries and governments, both provincially and globally.
- **Student Voice:** It took the opportunity to raise concerns about the need for improved community engagement with students and raised concerns about student's financial situations.

## **Community Service Learning Partnership**

- **Sep 5<sup>th</sup> & onwards**
  - Got to meet the CSL co-ordinator Helen Zhang about potential collaboration effort to promote CSL to more students! This is not only a wonderful certificate program, but also there are many amazing opportunities to get in touch with community and apply for scholarships.

## **GALD Fall Cohort Presentation**

- **Aug 30<sup>th</sup>:**
  - Thank to our VP OPs FI Levi, I got a chance to meet university administration from all over China with him and show them around campus for a little. We toured the SU building and talked about some of the internal operations that happen at the S

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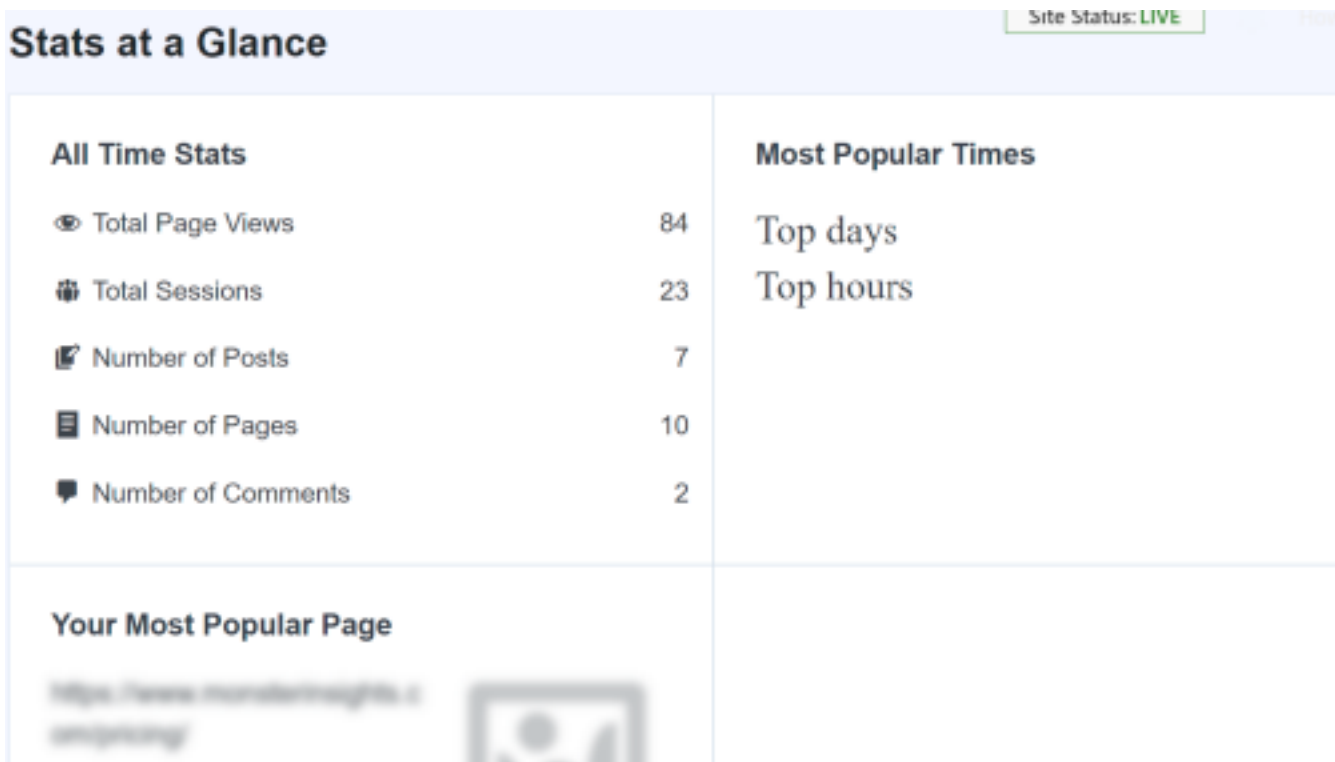
- What I learnt is I need to improve on my Mandarin...

### Survey Platform

- Coded an analytics section that tracks student engagement, student traffic, who opened the form (but does not equate to the number of people who filled it out), processes data in charts. This was completed Sep 20<sup>th</sup>, still needs improvement but they at least it works!
- Got a good traffic of student engagement compared to August. ◦ Students booked meetings with me through the platform, via email, as well as left me comments on where the survey can improve.
- Because of the Platform, I was able to meet lots of student initiatives who wanted to open more student parent spaces on campus, this will be brought up in more detail in the next meeting! Not exactly anonymous since they wanted to meet me.
- Got to upload more engagement post on both social media and the bulletin board!

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### Survey Platform



### Important Events/Meeting Calendar:

# September

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M	T	W	T	F	S	S
31 WOW						1 WOW
2 WOW	3 WOW	4 WOW Meeting Dr. Yiu	5 WOW	6 WOW	7 WOW	8
9 CSL Meeting	10 Mike Petryk School of Dentistry Announcement	11 Faculty Sc EDI	12 UofA Board Retreat	13 UofA Board Retreat Dr. Smith Meeting	14	15
16	17 Oxford Leader Meeting	18	19 DLA Pipeline - Event Board	20	21	22
23 GFC New Members Orientation & Meeting	24 Council :) )	25 SU Dinner with Chancellor	26	27 UofA BRPAC	28	29

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## What's Next?

### Goals for Next Meeting and/or Next Month

- Text to speech plug-in code didn't work the way I wanted too, looking at a different plug-in. • Didn't have time to get to it, but a section and TLDR for role of Board of Governors will be

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added!

- Emailed perks@uasu hoping to see if we can connect perks to survey platform! • Continue to do more formal bulletin event posts on the website, more fun ones on social media. • Provide updates on committee meetings when those happen soon!

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- Will be in contact with Dean Jason Carey.

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Tuesday, September 24, 2024

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**Council Meeting Date** Tuesday, September 24, 2024

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**Type of Item Submission** Information Item

**Is this a Consent Agenda item?** Yes

## Approval/Discussion Items

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## Information Items

**Agenda Title** Elections Task Force Terms of Reference Amended

### Description of the Information Item

The Elections Task Force wishes to inform Students' Council of amendments to the timeline and membership composition as outlined in the terms of reference.

### Attachments

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## Presentations



## Written Questions

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Elections Task Force

## Terms of Reference

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### 1. Purpose

The 2024 UASU General Election highlighted both longstanding and recently identified gaps with the UASU Elections. In order to address these, the Elections Task Force is being established, as it has become increasingly clear that the 2024-25 Council should reevaluate the UASU elections, and as such the Task Force will have the following purposes:

The first purpose of the Elections Task Force is to lead an analysis of the UASU elections, including but not limited to the UASU bylaws relevant to elections, the administration of elections, barriers students face leading up to and during elections, UASU programming in relation to elections, student engagement during elections, turnout during elections, student appointments to university governance bodies through UASU elections, concerns around vacancies and replenishment, and any other relevant concern(s) in relation to the UASU elections.

The second purpose of the Elections Task Force is to provide recommendations for changes to any of the areas analyzed, including but not limited to proposing changes to the UASU bylaws.

## 2. Principles

The Elections Task Force is committed to committing its work efficiently, effectively and fairly, and as such, the following are the Task Force's guiding principles:

- **Impartiality**

- The Task Force shall maintain strict neutrality in its analysis and recommendations, ensuring that no political, ideological, or personal biases influence its work, with the sole goal of improving UASU elections and connected areas.

- **Data-driven analysis and recommendations**

- When dealing with social analyses, it can be challenging to obtain data, but the Task Force is committed to basing as much of its findings and recommendations as possible on rigorous analysis of factual, empirical data previously collected by the UASU or through comparisons to other existing models.

- **Transparency and accountability**

- To build trust with the Students' Council and with the student body, the Task Force will operate transparently, with public reports from the Co-Chairs to Students' Council.

- **Interest-holder engagement**

- Recognizing the diverse perspectives on UASU elections, the Task Force will respectfully seek to actively engage with a broad range of interest-holders. ●

- **Adaptability and learning**

- The Task Force acknowledges the breadth and depth of the work it seeks to undertake, as well as the dynamic nature of student elections. Therefore, the Task Force is committed to being adaptable in its approaches and open to learning from new information and evolving contexts, without being stuck in "the way things have always been done."

## 3. Reporting

At the conclusion of their work, the Task Force will provide a report to Students' Council that shall:

- Outline the priority areas the Task Force has identified;
- Outline concerns identified in the areas analyzed in relation to UASU elections; ●

Describe all recommended changes or actions needed in response to the analysis of the UASU elections, including but not limited to bylaw changes; and

- Report back any additional lessons learned in the overall process.

## 4. Responsibilities

The core responsibilities of members of the Elections Task Force shall be to:

- Engage with constituents and interest-holders;
- Educate themselves about the current UASU elections processes and concerns in relation to the UASU elections;
- Complete any assignments given by the Task Force to an individual member or members, including but not limited to researching a specific topic or engaging with a particular interest-holder group;
- Seek out information on how students, candidates and other relevant interest-holders have interacted with elections and the gaps they have identified; and
- Regularly attend Task Force meetings.

## 5. Composition

The composition of the Task Force is meant to reflect its commitment to being inclusive and representative, it is not meant to reflect the perspectives of only the current executives, or

councilors, but instead to capture a wide array of views and levels of experience. As such the composition shall consist of:

### **Voting members**

- Vice-President (Academic) - Co-Chair
- Two (2) councilors, selected by the Students' Council, one of which will be the Co-Chair
- ~~Four (4)~~ **Three (3)** students-at-large selected by the Council Administration Committee (CAC)

### **Resource members (non-voting)**

- UASU Chief Returning Officer
- UASU Governance Manager
- UASU General Manager

Resource members are invited as needed and at the discretion of the Co-Chairs, with input from the committee.

## 6. Frequency of meetings

The Task Force will conduct the majority of its work between May 2024 and ~~August~~ **December** 2024. ~~In May,~~ The Task Force shall meet to analyze the scope of the work it is hoping to accomplish, and to establish the frequency of meetings that members find appropriate in order to conclude all necessary work by ~~August~~ **December** (e.g. weekly, biweekly, etc.).

The Co-Chairs shall be responsible for organizing the meeting times and providing that information to all other members.

The Task Force shall have a conclusionary meeting once the final report is provided to Council for

endorsement in by the end of Fall 2024.

## 7. Supplemental information

[Identity Matters! A Study of Undergraduate Involvement and Leadership in Student Government at UAlberta](#)

[Identity Matters 2: Diversity of Ancestry and Aboriginality](#)

[Identity Matters 3: Gender and Student Leadership, 1908-2023](#)

[2020 General Election Exit Poll Survey Report](#)

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**Type of Item Submission** Presentation

**Is this a Consent Agenda item?** No

## Approval/Discussion Items

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## Calls for Nominations

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## Written Nominations

## Information Items

## Presentations

**Motion** ALVA

**Mover** ALVA

**Seconders** GLOCK

**Presenters** ALVA & Club Periodically

**Should this Presentation Occur in a Closed Session?** <sup>No</sup>

**Office/Committee Responsible** VPSL

**Abstract**

UASU & Club Periodically would like present about a UASU period product referendum for menstrual products on campus and exemption from UASU Bylaw 6100 Section 3 (Point 10).

**Presentation Slides Upload**

UASU & Club Periodically Pre... .pdf

**Written Questions**



# Dedicated Fee Unit

**Proposal:**

**Period**

**Equity**

**Initiative**



# OVERVIEW

***Purpose:*** to fund menstrual product dispensers and baskets across campus

***Goal:*** at least one basket/dispenser per building

**Amount:**

Fall/Winter = \$1 per term for full-time and part-time students  
Spring/Summer = \$0.50 per term

**Opt-outable?** Yes

## **Implementation for 2025/26:**

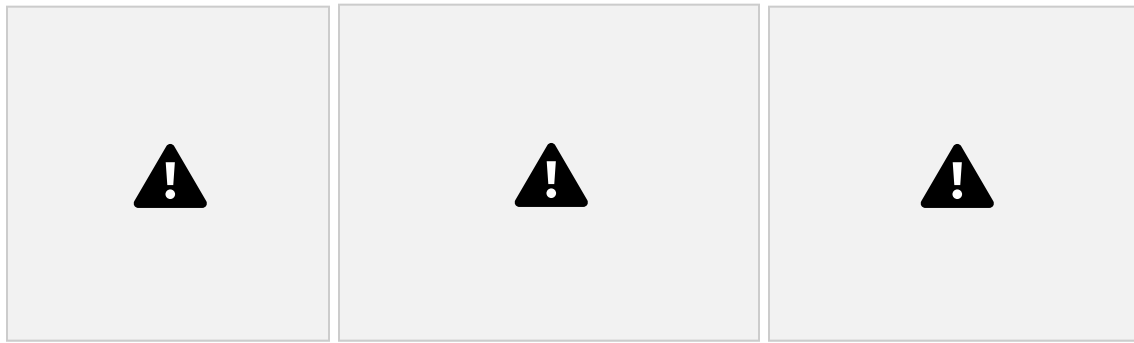
North Campus, Augustana and Campus Saint-Jean

# **CURRENT STATUS**

4 dispensers and 13 baskets  
distributed across North Campus  
Locations available on Period Pin  
Map

## **MOU between Periodically & UASU:**

Periodically refills UASU's  
dispensers in SUB UASU provides  
free storage space for products



Currently the project runs on free samples, grants and awards, but this is sporadic and **not sustainable**.

# INCREASING DEMAND...

As knowledge of the Period Equity Initiative expands, the UASU and Club Periodically have received **many requests** to provide menstrual products from the...

# **University Health Clinic (UHC)**

Office of the Dean of Students

Career Centre

Alberta Pharmacy Students' Association

(APSA) Rehabilitation Medicine

Students' Association (RMSA) Radiation

Therapy Program

**The need for free and accessible  
menstrual products is evident and  
substantial.**

# **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

"Thanks for doing what you do!! I've

been on campus over a decade and **this has been such a source of stress at times.** So thank you :)"

"Thank you for doing this, **period products are expensive** and **not that accessible as a student living [on] campus"**

"The work that you and the Club Periodically Team [are] doing is exceptional and **so important to supporting our campus community"**

# What

**brings  
us  
here  
today?**



“Students' Council shall retain the authority to **wave the petition requirements** for Dedicated Fees and Student Representative Association Membership Fees outlined in Bylaw 320.06.4 when the petitioner is:

“When the petitioner is a Students' Union service or operation as outlined under Bylaw 6100.10.c, the **service or operation is required to separate from and cease to be a Students' Union service** or operation and apply as a registered Society under

a.

The current recipient of a Dedicated Fee or Student Representative Association Membership Fee,

b.

A recent recipient of a Dedicated Fee or Student Representative Association Fee where such fee lapsed within three (3) academic years, or  
Bylaw 6200.3.2.

**c.A Students' Union service or operation."**

# WHAT WOULD AN EXEMPTION ALLOW THE UASU & CLUB PERIODICALLY TO DO?

Establish a long-term initiative  
that ensures **reliable access to  
menstrual products** across

campus which is **essential and long overdue.**

**The demand for this initiative is ever-increasing, and the UASU cannot sustain the Period Equity Project without introducing this referendum.** We are asking for your help in removing this obstacle so that the UASU and Club Periodically can continue providing this much-needed service.

**Hundreds of people** access the SUB dispensers every week. The UASU runs through 3 boxes of pads (360 pads) and 6 boxes of tampons (96 tampons) every two days.

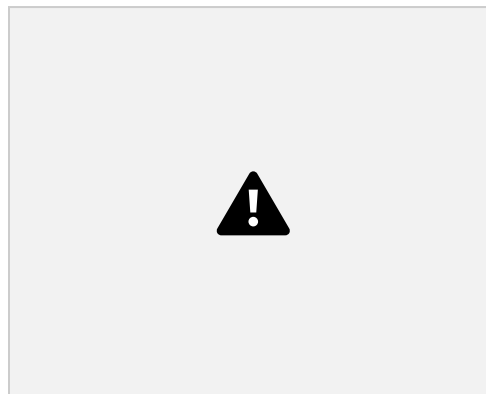
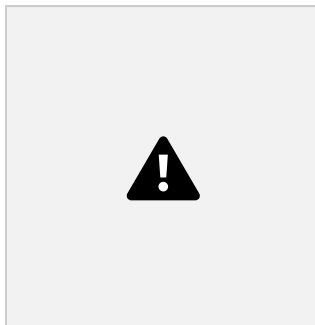
Our menstrual baskets require refilling approximately once per week, costing on average \$26 to refill one basket. Maintaining just 10 baskets costs \$260 per week.



# Thank

**you for  
your  
time!**

**ANY QUESTIONS?**



**Club Periodically & UASU September 24, 2024**