

2016/17

STUDENTS' UNION EXECUTIVE GOALS SUMMARY

The University of Alberta Students' Union is a student-directed organization, with its executives elected annually to steer the \$11 million organization to serve students best. As the 2016 - 17 executive complete their term, here are a few highlights from the year. A significant amount of progress can be seen under these three pillars of the student experience: respecting student agency and autonomy, building foundations for success, and aligning with student needs. Here is a brief snapshot of our successes this year, as they relate to these core pillars.

RESPECTING STUDENT AGENCY AND AUTONOMY

- Seeing the Board of Governors continue the Declining Balance Lister meal plan over the Anytime Dining version
- Giving students improved oversight over Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees (MNIFFs) through a new reporting structure on student fees
- Recognizing Departmental Associations and supporting their role as student representatives
- Bringing back the Lister Hall Students' Association
- Ensuring students have more autonomy on student group discipline and recognition

BUILDING FOUNDATIONS FOR SUCCESS

- Giving students a better learning environment, with investments of over \$149 million to address deferred maintenance in campus buildings
- Advising the provincial government directly on post-secondary mental health, including a continued \$3.6 million towards campus mental health support
- Keeping post-secondary more affordable for students through an extension of the tuition freeze
- Running the InterD Conference in collaboration with the Provost's Office, investigating ways of integrating interdisciplinary learning across our university
- Supporting Indigenous learners' access to post-secondary education across Canada with over \$90 million in funding support for the Post Secondary Student Support Program

ALIGNING WITH STUDENT NEEDS

- Launching the first ever GovWeek, highlighting pathways for diverse representation
- Releasing the first season of the Students' Union Podcast, The Voice of the Union
- Updating the identity of RATT, alongside significant renovations
- Conducting studies on the feasibility and impact of the Myer Horowitz Renovations
- Continuing to give students affordable transportation by renewing and expanding the U-Pass

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