

Dean's Advisory Committee (DAC)

October 23, 2019

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

4-20 SUB

In attendance: Azam, Lexyn, Tyler, Varun, Sarah, Duke, Ellie, Lele, Laura Huxley, Ghalia, Paramita, Crystal

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

2. **Approval of Agenda**

3. **Standing Items**

a. Updates from the Vice Provost and Dean of Students

- Provincial budget will be tabled tomorrow (October 24, 2019)
- The UofA will likely receive a budget letter with more specific details within a month
- [Freedom of expression](#) has been a topic since the government mandated the university adopt either the Chicago Principles or come up with a statement that satisfies the spirit of the Chicago Principles. View the draft [here](#).

4. **Discussion Items**

a. Education vs training

- Can there be more classes that expose students to what it's like to work in industry?
- Significant changes in universities from training people to be good citizens to now an environment where advanced education is increasingly seen as an individual good (versus a public one).

b. Services at Campus Saint Jean

- Discussions are happening on this topic related to Campus Saint-Jean and Augustana

c. Saturday exams

- Students need their weekends to recuperate
- DoS thinks that this pattern will continue because the university is under pressure to use our resources efficiently.
- UofA has significant space per capita compared to other post-secondary institutions
- University can do better to coordinate midterms and exams

d. Nutritious food on campus

- Food seems to either be expensive or nutritious, but not always both

e. Mentorship/support for incoming students

- Academic requirement planning support
- Mentorship from more experienced students
- Commuter student lounge and RAs

5. **Roundtable**

6. **Adjournment**

Next Meeting November 27, 2019