

Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021

6:00PM

Zoom/In-Person

We would like to respectfully acknowledge that our University and our Students' Union are located on Treaty 6 Territory. We are grateful to be on Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Métis, Blackfoot, and Nakota Sioux territory; specifically the ancestral space of the Papaschase Cree. These Nations are our family, friends, faculty, staff, students, and peers. As members of the University of Alberta Students' Union we honour the nation-to-nation treaty relationship. We aspire for our learning, research, teaching, and governance to acknowledge and work towards the decolonization of Indigenous knowledges and traditions.

LATE ADDITIONS (SC-2021-15)

2021-15/1 SPEAKERS BUSINESS

2021-15/2 CONSENT AGENDA

2021-15/3 PRESENTATIONS

2021-15/3a **KAUR MOVES TO** approve a presentation regarding Government Sanctioned Genocide of Sikhs in India.

See SC-2021-15.14

2021-15/4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

2021-15/5 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT

2021-15/6 OPEN FORUM

2021-15/7 QUESTION PERIOD

2021-15/8 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2021-15/8a **DIXON AND MONTEIRO MOVE TO** approve the second principles of the Climate Action Policy

See SC-2021-15.13

2021-15/9 GENERAL ORDER

2021-15/10 INFORMATION ITEMS

2021-15/10f Council submissions

See SC-2021-15.11 &15.13

2021-15/10g Board of Governors Report

See SC-2021-15.12

2021-15/10h Government-sanctioned Genocide of Sikhs in India

See SC-2021-15.14

2021-22 - Council Submissions

UASU Students' Council Agenda Submission

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Council Meeting Date

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

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Action Requested

Information Items

Information Items

Abstract

meeting 14

Attachments



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_Council Report 21_11_02.pdf

Date: 2021/11/02

To: Students' Union Council

Re: Vice President External 2021/22 Report #14

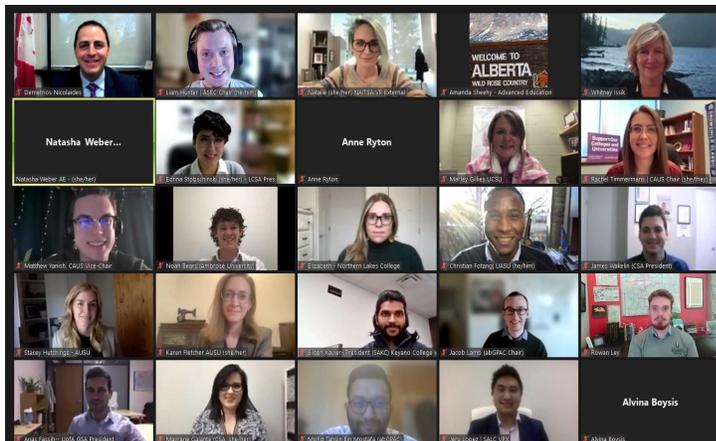
Dear Council,

Like President Ley, VP Monteiro, VP Dixon, and VP Kimanu, I was away on vacation alongside the rest of the exec team. From sightseeing to sushi eating, museum bouncing to sea wall walking, I had a lovely and relaxing time in hopefully what is my first of many more trips to Vancouver.

Have you been to Vancouver ? If so, what is your favourite spot in the city? If you are yet to visit, is there anywhere in particular you have always wanted to go?

Government of Alberta Student Leader's Orientation

Last monday, President Ley and I attended the Government of Alberta's Student leaders's



Orientation (GoA SLO). This event is a 4hr and 30 minute long meeting between the Ministry of Advanced Education and student leaders from all of Alberta's 26 Post Secondary Institutions Student Unions/Associations. The purpose of these meetings is for the Ministry to check in with elected student leaders and provide us with the resources to navigate the system, especially in regards to advocacy. This is also a chance for the minister to provide updates on matters arising or any upcoming government action on post-secondary education. GoA SLO

meetings usually take place in person at Government House and occur thrice a year: Once in summer, another in fall and last meeting in the winter.

The meeting began with a discussion on COVID health measures on campus. Student leaders shared how their respective institutions have been addressing safety on campus, what the student experience has been like and what are more needed supports or services. There was a general agreement amongst my counterparts that while we credit our respective institutions for implementing necessary measures, more funding was needed to undertake the testing, and implementation of these safety measures. Data collection of the status of covid cases on campus was an effective means of showing students that campus was safe and student leaders asked for continuation of collection of said data. There was also consensus amongst student leaders that clarity was still needed in regards to events such as sports and graduation as well as spaces like cafeterias.

We were also provided with updates of other happenings in the system, this included: Apprenticeship/Skilled Trades and Education Act, Micro-credentials, Work Integrated Learning, International Education Strategy and the Alberta Student Grant. The Ministry said there would be coming out with more announcements on partnership with industry for more WIL opportunities. My colleagues and I continued to stress the importance of promoting diverse opportunities that are accessible not only for STEM programs for other programs.

Lastly, we were joined by Minister Nicolaides as well as the Associate Minister of Status of Women, Whitney Issik. In addition to discussions on the progress of addressing campus sexual violence, Minister Nicolaides discussed the upcoming amendments to the PSLA (Bill 74) which President Ley has discussed in his report.

GoA SLO was a productive event with plentiful insights into the current activity of the ministry. There is certainly lots to unpack, so if you have any further questions do not hesitate to ask :)

MLA Meetings

A huge thank you to Councillors Taha, Aamer, Barazesh, Beasley and Korfeh for joining President Ley and I in our introductory meetings with Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta (MLAs).

As President Ley has highlighted, these meetings are conventions that often occur prior to when the legislature is in session. They are an opportunity for us to voice student priorities here at the University of Alberta but also shared priorities from our provincial advocacy body- CAUS.

The last two weeks, we have been able to meet with- MLAs David Shepherd (Edmonton-City Centre), Lori Sigurdsson (Edmonton-Riverview, the University of Alberta's constituency), Janis Irwin (Edmonton-Highlands Norwood) and Thomas Dang (Edmonton-South) and MLA Rakhi Pancholi (Edmonton-Whitemud).

Mental health funding, addressing sexual violence on campus, the increasing inaccessibility and expensiveness of education and dearly needed funding for Campus Saint-Jean were among the topics discussed throughout these meetings. We hope to see the MLAs raise these topics in the chamber and work to implement the solutions that are needed to improve the lives of students on and off campus.

Edmonton Student Alliance

The Edmonton Student Alliance met this recent Friday. During this meeting, we discussed how the Mayoral forum went and asked the board to provide feedback. I asked the board to provide feedback and vice-chair Jerilyn and I have committed to creating a document to be handed off that will provide the next team insights on things to do and things to avoid based on our experience planning this event.

The board also approved amendments to the charter. Among other things, the recent changes to our charter allow online institutions such as Athabasca University Students' Union to become members, it provides more clarity on the scope and roles of the Chair and Vice-Chair and lays out a smoother process for transitions and elections.

Lastly, the board also finalized its priority themes for the year, which will be the same as last year: Transportation, Student Employment and Housing. While the topics have remained, the board agreed or document could be updated to reflect the changing situation that students are facing in regards to this issue and also address these issues from the lens of student groups such as international students who have historically not been well represented on these topics at the municipal level.

THANK YOU ALL and my sincerest apologies for my report being on the late ads. Unfortunately, bad study habits and exam gambits thwarted my attempts to punctually submit my report like a hyped Lenny Kravitz.

Yours Externally,



University of Alberta Students' Union Vice President External
Christian Fotang

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Action Requested Information Items

Information Items

Abstract

Report 12 - Trying to Contact Student Groups :(

Attachments



Date: 11.02.21

To: Students' Union Council

Re: BoG Rep 2021/2022 Report 12 - **Trying to Contact Student Groups :(**

Dear Council,

Equity Seeking Student Groups Meeting

1. After limited success with a group email to student group general/portfolio emails, I have been trying to contact them through Instagram handles. A recent success was sitting down with the Black Medical Students' Association.

Council Mentorship Training

1. I got to attend the training session for mentors and am excited to meet my mentee!

Thanks for reading!



University of Alberta Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative
Dave Konrad

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Action Requested Approval

Approval

Motion DIXON and MONTEIRO move to approve the second principles of the Climate Action Policy

Abstract

These are the second principles (resolutions) of the climate action policy. If you have any questions please feel free to DM me or ask in council.

Attachments



Climate Action Policy Resolutions_Second Pr...

Political Policy

Climate Justice Policy

Second Principles

Policy Resolutions

1. The Students' Union will advocate for the University to declare a climate emergency.
2. The Students' Union will advocate for the creation of an Indigenous-led climate action plan.
3. The Students' Union will advocate for and support Indigenous-led climate action projects and research that are led by students and/or involve students. These projects should be funded through:
 - a. The University of Alberta; and
 - b. All levels of government.
4. The Students' Union will advocate for and support climate action projects and research that are led by students and/or involve students. These projects should be funded through:
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5. The Students' Union will advocate for the University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Properties Trust Inc. to return private land trusts to the Indigenous communities who traditionally lived on those territories:
 - a. The Students' Union will advocate for full Indigenous control of that land, and where communities seek to co-manage those lands, the Students' Union will support those wishes.
6. The Students' Union will support student efforts for the University of Alberta to divest from all fossil fuel corporations:
 - a. The Students' Union will call upon the University of Alberta Pension Plan to divest from all fossil fuel corporations.
7. The Students' Union will advocate for the provincial government to recognize the immediate and urgent need for action that will limit global warming to 1.5 C.
8. The Students Union will advocate for all levels of government to take action to address the climate crisis until a point at which it is not an existential threat to students.
9. The Student Union will advocate for the University to prioritize climate action. This includes:
 - a. Incorporating climate action into their strategic plans and other long term initiatives;
 - b. Advocating for the University to create a plan to be carbon neutral by 2030;
 - c. Consulting with students who are disproportionately impacted by climate change, particularly Indigenous Students.
10. The Students' Union will advocate for the University to reduce and ban all single-use plastics on all its campuses by 2027 at the latest:

- a. The Students Union will advocate for this to be done in a way that accommodates complex accessibility issues.
- 11. The Students' Union will call on the City of Edmonton to reduce and ban all single-use plastics on all its campuses by 2027 at the latest:
 - a. The Students Union will advocate for this to be done in a way that accommodates complex accessibility issues.
- 12. The Students Union will advocate for the University of Alberta to go zero waste in their events, programming, and services by 2027 at the latest:
 - a. The Students Union will advocate for this to be done in a way that accommodates complex accessibility issues.
- 13. The Students' Union will reserve the right to support student-run climate action groups in their efforts:
 - a. Efforts supported must align with the definitions of climate justice and climate action defined above.

Disclaimer:

Contains disturbing images.

Not meant to hurt anyone's
sentiments.

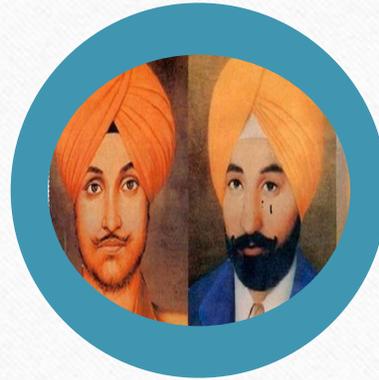
November 1984

Government-sanctioned genocide of Sikhs in India

A brief background



- On October 31, 1984, Indira Gandhi was assassinated by her Sikh bodyguards, for ordering an attack on the most revered historical Gurdwaras for Sikhs, Harimander Sahib.



Satwant Singh & Beant Singh

- After delivering justice, they dropped their weapons and surrendered. Then they were taken to a closed room by other guards where Beant Singh was shot dead. Later Kehar Singh was arrested for conspiracy in the attack and both Satwant Singh & Kehar Singh were sentenced to death and hanged on 6th January 1989.



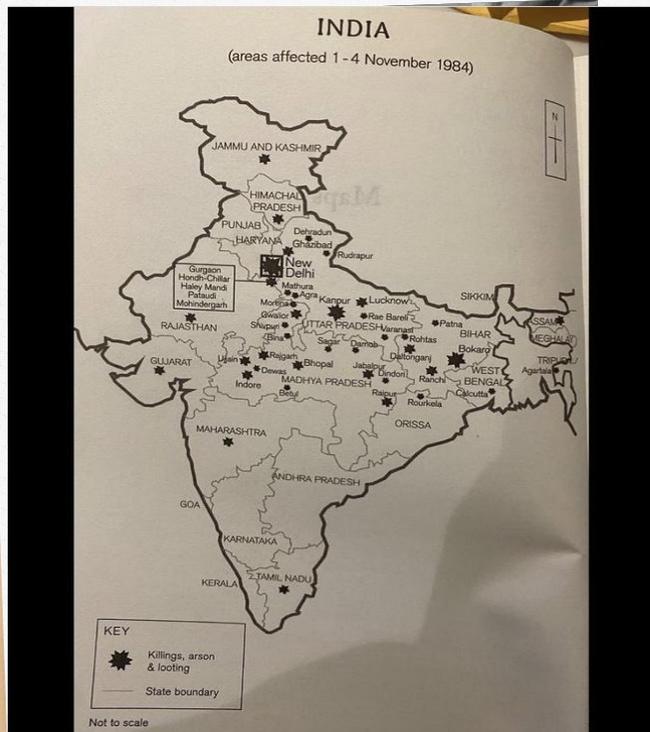
- After Indira Gandhi's assassination, her son Rajiv Gandhi gathered mobs and lead them to kill Sikhs in the country's capital. He even justified the killings saying "When a big tree falls, the ground shakes"



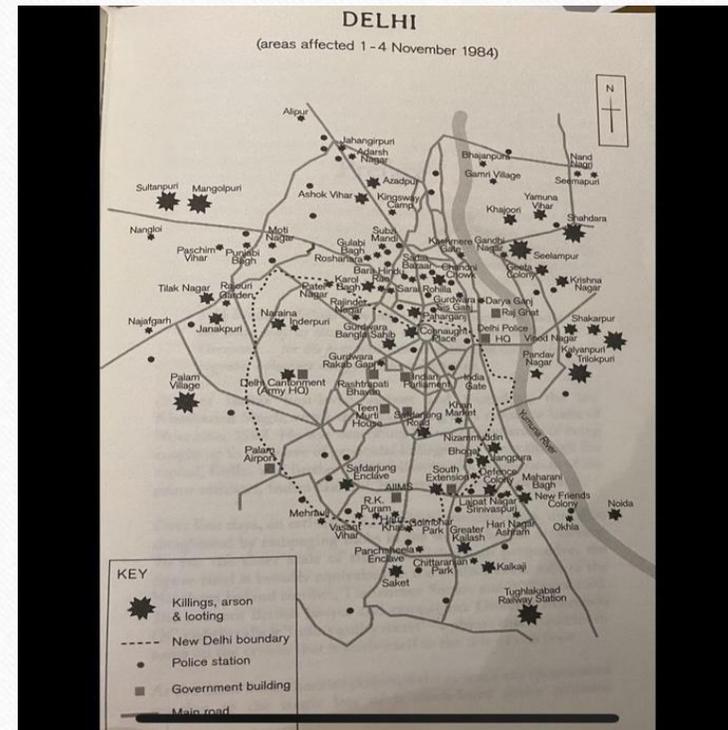
Days of terror

November 1-3 mark the peak of the planned act by the government which was a series of brutal acts including pogrom, mass murder, mass rape, arson, looting, acid throwing and immolation. Thousands of innocent Sikhs were killed. And we are still craving for justice.

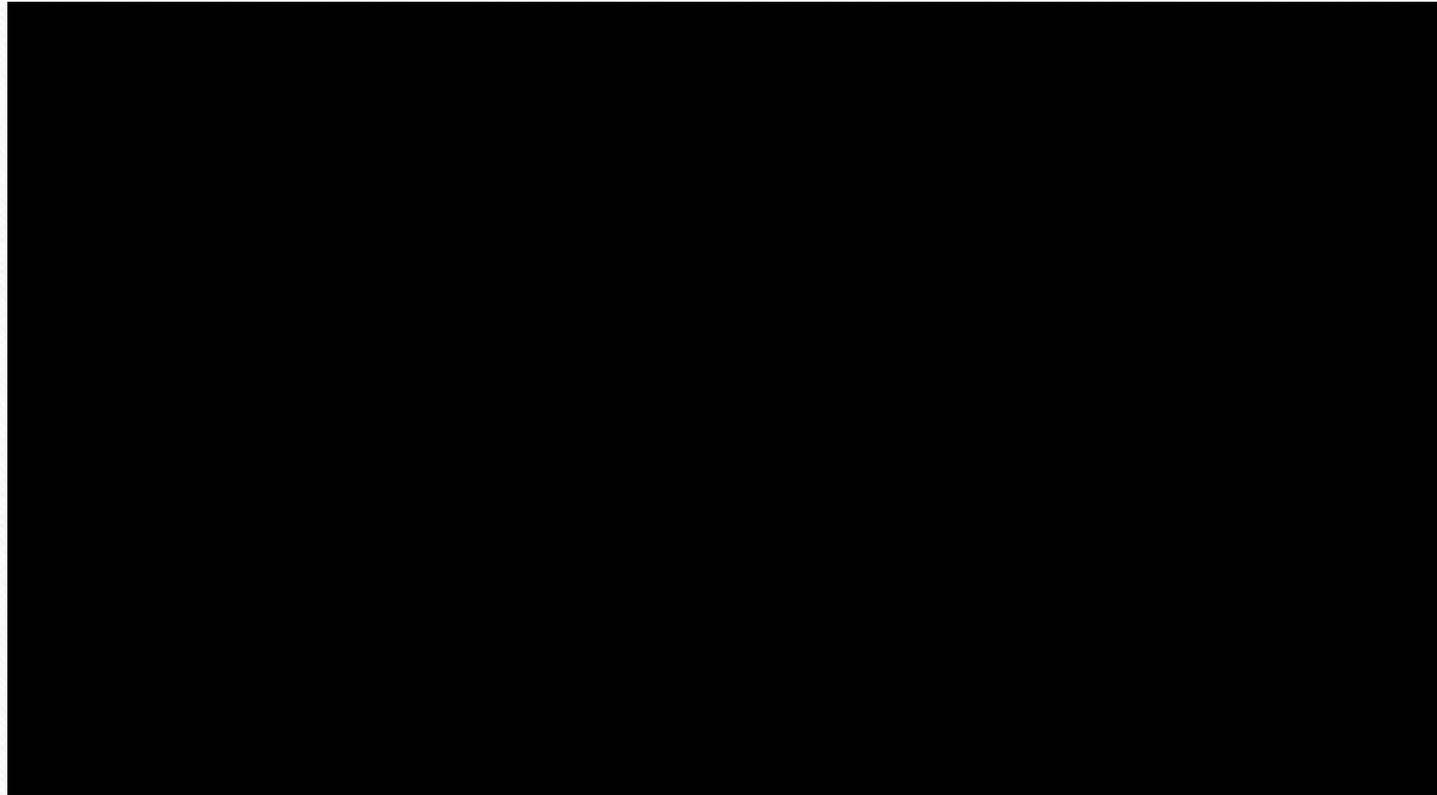
Areas where the atrocities took place



- “Almost as many Sikhs died in a few days in India in 1984 than all the deaths and disappearances in Chile during the 17-year military rule of Gen. Augusto Pinochet between 1973 and 1990,” Barbara Crossette, former *New York Times* Delhi Bureau Chief
- “Tyres? As a murder weapon? Let’s talk tyres. This method of killing was gut-wrenchingly unusual. Everywhere, large numbers of Sikhs were ringed with burning tyres. In years of reporting crime, I had never seen such a method of killing in Delhi, never before, never since. Over those three days, this became the chosen way to kill all over the city. How did this suddenly happen?” - Sanjay Suri
- Use of voter lists



Forgotten pain of women



#TheyLiveHere

In Delhi, 37 years ago, they marked and targeted our homes. On Nov 1st - 3rd, we ask you to light a candle outside your home to fight darkness with light in remembrance of the innocent lives lost in the Sikh genocide.

Share your photo on social media with the hashtags
#TheyLiveHere #SikhGenocide #NeverForget1984

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Remembrance week at the university

Gurleen Kaur