

Date: 07/12/2022**To:** Students' Union Council**Re:** Vice President Academic 2022/23 Report #5

Dear Council,

I hope you are having fun at council especially after the GovCamp as we all know each other better now. Weather Report- it is summer! That's all I have to say this time. Let us move to the updates from past couple weeks:

Sikhi On Campus

I was reached by the Sikhi On Campus association which is started "to promote and spread awareness regarding the Sikh and Punjabi Culture". Their motive is to create an association which will make Sikh students connected to their home and their roots. It would also enable Sikh students to celebrate festivals like Vaisakhi, Gurburabs etc. together and will provide them a space to share their experiences with each other.

They asked me for support which I am looking forward to as I believe that it's a very important initiative. Sikh community is increasing in Canada and they often face racism and hate attacks. Even in the University of Alberta, anti-Sikh posters were found in 2016. Therefore, it is very important to spread awareness. You can find more information about the incident [here](#). We used to have Sikh Students' Association which does not exist anymore so I am very excited for the new one which is being established.

ESS Governance Restructuring

I met ESS (Engineering Students' Society) Presidents along with Student Group Services regarding governance restructuring of ESS BOD as they are facing power imbalance. We decided that the SGS will suggest an ESS Governance structure review and the ESS BOD will find out the way to address the issue with governance structure.

NSSA

As the NSSA (Native Studies Students' Association) does not have a team right now, me and Julia, VP Operations and Finance will reach out to the Faculty Dean, GFC representatives from the Faculty and past student leaders to find ways and help NSSA reestablish. Not many updates on this as we recently had conversation about it and have just started to work on it.

Horowitz Renovation Site Tour

The Executive team got a chance to have a tour of the Myer Horowitz renovation site. It was so exciting to see the massive structure being built. It will definitely be a great addition to our campus and I cannot wait to see it in its magnificent form.

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Gurleen's Vacation :)

I went for a vacation with my cousins and aunt. We explored Canmore, Banff, did canoeing in Lake Louise, rafted for 20 kilometers from Golden, BC. And ate ice-cream from a 75 year old ice-cream shop called Mackay's. Don't forget to check out its [history](#). Most exciting part, I did trap shooting for the first time which is my new obsession now.

Here is a picture from my adventurous trip.



Feel free to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, comments, or just want to chat about the ice-cream shop!

Best wishes,



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