

Date: 10/18/2022**To:** Students' Union Council**Re:** Vice President Academic 2022/23 Report #12

Dear Council,

I think you must be happy with the weather just like I am, it's mid October and surprisingly winters don't seem to be coming. And I hope you had a great long weekend and enjoyed thanksgiving with your friends or family :)

Here are some updates from me:

Coca-Cola Adjudication

'As part of the Single Source Cold Beverage Agreement with the Students' Union, Coca Cola provides awards to recognize academic achievement and student leadership skills, and to assist with financial needs'. I was on the adjudication committee for these prizes where we go over all the applicants, shortlist and finalize 15 winners. Although it was very hard to decide the final winners as there were so many individuals with tons of skills, it was fun, inspiring and satisfying at the same time as we had multiple discussions about individuals to make sure the adjudication was fair. You can find more information about these awards [here](#).

Exec Retreat

Execs had a retreat to discuss the status of the various projects we have been working on. We also discussed the approaches and initial plans for some issues coming up such as tuition consultation and approval processes and the ways of resisting tuition increases.

Meeting with College Deans

Myself and President Monteiro had a meeting with associate deans of colleges. We discussed many important ways of making student experience better, for instance, we had a long discussion about academic advising and the gaps that exist. UASU Perks also have a survey running to get information regarding students' experiences with academic advising which we will use to continue advocating for a better structure. You can submit your response and ask your friends and constituents to do so at <https://perks.uasu.ca/>

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The exec team also had a meeting with the Registrar's Office and got some updates from them around exploration credits etc.

Qawwali Night and Garba

Lastly, the Friday before the long weekend, I attended the Qawwali Night organized by the Pakistani Students Association. It was such a lovely event and I felt very happy to be there. It was also something I am personally

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attached with since a large area of Pakistan is Punjab which was separated in 1947 and people of Punjab still carry a lot of pain of that separation so it felt like being home with the people who were separated from our ancestors.

After that, we attended a Garba event organized by the Indian Students' Association which was a huge event in the Butterdome and we had fun there learning about the culture of people from other parts of the country. Here are some pictures :)



Let me know if you have any questions and take care :)

Best wishes,

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