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**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Academic 2022/23 Report #7

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Dear Council,

Hope you are doing well! As it has started raining again, it reminds me of a poem by Emily Dickinson, sharing a part of it with you:

A Drop fell on the Apple Tree – Another – on the Roof – A Half a Dozen kissed the Eaves – And made the Gables laugh – A few went out to help the Brook,  
That went to help the Sea – Myself Conjectured were they Pearls – What Necklaces could be ...

The name of this poem is 'Summer Shower', in case you want to read more:)

Moving to the updates:

### **Academic Integrity Policy**

As the University is working on developing a new Academic Integrity Policy which will focus on different areas including how to avoid inappropriate academic behavior in the first place and many more which would be quite helpful for the students. President Monteiro and I had a meeting with Chris Hackett, Acting Director of Student Conduct and Accountability to discuss the policy where he mentioned that they are at the initial stages and the Students' Union will be the part of the group in developing this policy. Also, Chris will be joining us in the Council meeting to give a presentation and this is an opportunity for us to ask any questions and provide suggestions.

Later, probably next week, I will be meeting the Vice President Academic for 'Students' Association of MacEwan University (SAMC) to know how their Academic Integrity Policy operates in terms of dealing with various issues.

### **Meeting with Tommy Mayberry**

I and President Monteiro had an introductory meeting with Tommy Mayberry, Executive Director of the Centre for Teaching and Learning. We shared our plans for the year and it was interesting to see that many of Tommy's priorities align with our priorities and I look forward to working with him on various projects.

### **CoFA**

We had CoFA Senior Board as well as CoFA Advocacy Board. I am happy to see that the executives of the FAs are doing really well and are passionate about working and collaborating with us on some important projects. We are also planning a Joint Board for this month where Janice Causgrove Dunn, Vice Provost (Programs) will

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be joining to give a presentation about micro-credentials to get students' feedback. Also a heads up, she will also be joining us at our next council meeting.

## Campus Food Bank

The executive team had a tour of the CFB and it was really good to see all the great work they have been doing to support students facing food insecurity.

## Weekend

Finally, a little update about my last weekend. I got an opportunity to interview a lot of people at the 'Sikh Heritage Mela' organized by the Sikh Federation of Edmonton for 'Channel Punjabi'. It was my first time doing this kind of reporting so it was really fun and a great experience. Here are some pictures :)



Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

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