

**Date:** 08/23/2022

**To:** Students' Union Council

**Re:** Vice President Academic 2022/23 Report #8

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Dear Council,

Hope you are doing well and getting ready for the school year.

Moving to the updates:

## **SUDS**



The exec team went to the Student Union Development Summit (SUDS) in Vancouver last weekend.

As it was my first time attending this conference, I found it to be a great opportunity for meeting my counterparts across the country. There were some very good sessions which I found very informative and valuable. The ones I particularly liked were the keynote by Deputy Minister Daniel Quan-Watson and the session named 'Anti-Racist Approach to Media Literacy' by Amrita Aggarwal.

There were networking sessions which gave us a chance to get to know people from other institutions better and exchange some interesting facts. I found it very fascinating to learn the structural differences between Student Unions and also the variation in roles and responsibilities between the counterparts.

Also, we got to know what it looks like to live in a UBC residence.

## **Meeting with Hussain Alhussainy**

I met a GFC student representative, Hussain, who is also VP External for OASIS (The Organization for Arts Students and Interdisciplinary Students). He shared his priorities and vision as a GFC representative, the main one being the support and exemptions for students with disabilities to make GFC more accessible. This is very important as there should not be any barrier for students who want to come forward and represent their fellow students. I will be working with Hussain and supporting him to approach this issue.

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## DOS Meeting

I had a meeting with the Dean of Students Office. As September is almost here, like us they are also busy with the preparations for the school year and orientations. We had a discussion about the problems students face with Work Integrated Learning and the plans for solving them moving forward.

## CoFA

CoFA Joint Board met. We had two presentations at the Joint Board, one from Vice-Provost (Programs) on Embedded Certificates and the other from CRO (Chief Returning Officer) of the Students' Union on UASU elections. Both of them were very insightful and contained a lot of information to be shared with the Faculty Associations. I am very grateful to the presenters for all their hardwork.

## ZTC

We have scheduled a time to meet with Subject Librarians and promote the Zero Textbook Cost Project. Also, I reached out to the Registrar's Office regarding the communication with instructors and they have agreed to send emails every term. Other than that, I have been answering emails with ZTC related queries and providing them resources.

## Student Emails

Lastly, I have been receiving emails from students about academic issues that they are facing so just trying to figure out the situations they are in and helping them accordingly.

This is all from me for now. Let me know if you have any questions, I would be happy to provide more details.

Best wishes,



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