

Date: 2021/11/12**To:** Students' Union Council**Re:** Vice President External 2021/22 Report #15

Happy Reading Week Council, I hope you are all having a wonderful break and taking time off to catch up with your courses or giving yourself the mental health break you deserve.

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)

Marley Gillies, who was VP External for University of Calgary Student Union (UCSU) resigned from her role at UCSU, therefore also resigning from her role as Chair of CASA. Marley accepted a full time position at City Hall in Calgary for the Ward 1 City Councillor. While this was not something anyone on the board looked forward to, and we are especially sad to see Marley go, we are also incredibly happy for this opportunity of a lifetime for Marley and are grateful for her service to the students of Calgary (as she was chair of the Calgary Student Alliance) and on the national stage we are thankful for helping steer CASA through what was a very different and challenging GOTV election period.

Last Friday, CASA's Board of Directors met during its regularly scheduled bi-weekly meetings to elect a new Chair who will take over from Marley effective November 12, 2021. I am pleased to announce that I was voted by a majority of the board of directors to succeed Marley as chair of CAS. I spent most of this week meeting and communicating with Marley in regards to transition. I am humbled by the trust the board members have given me and I look forward with a heart full of joy and a head full of optimism for what the rest of the advocacy year has in store for us.

SRA Summit

Last Weekend, I attended VP Monteiro's SRA Summit. This was a fantastic 2 day summit where we got the chance to know and work with various SRA delegates. The theme of which this summit was centred around (Isolation and Loneliness) provided us execs the opportunity to discuss such an intense topic and challenged us to find ways to help address this. Provided by a framework of design thinking, we worked with SRA execs to come up with strategies that can help address the growing levels of loneliness on our campuses. Thank you once again to VP Monteiro for hosting such a great, smooth and knowledge filled summit. I am glad his vision of the event came to life.

Other Important Notes From This Week

This week has mostly been focused on getting tasks done, such as working on updating various policies, (Student Work Program-CAUS, Internationalization-UASU, ESA priorities doc).

Yours Externally,



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