

May 10th, 2022
5:30 P.M.
Council Chambers/Zoom

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaciwâskahikan (Beaver Hills House), on Treaty 6 territory. From time immemorial, the banks along the river valley have been known as the Pehonan, a meeting place for the nêhiyawak (Cree), the Niitsítapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dènesų́łíné (Dene), Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and others. The University, the Students' Union and much of the city are located on the unlawfully stolen land of the forcibly removed Papaschase Cree.

We acknowledge that sharing this land gives each of us the responsibility to research the historic contexts of Treaty 6, to reflect on our personal relationships to the land, the Nations we've named, and to our roles in upholding justice on this territory. Since they began, the Students' Union and the University have benefited from historic and ongoing dispossession of land and resources from Indigenous Peoples. As a result, it is our responsibility to seek the restitution of this land and its resources. Finally, we seek to do better by working to make our learning, research, and governance align with the histories, languages, teachings, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples in the land presently occupied by the Canadian state.

We encourage critical reflection by asking the following question. In relation to the territory on which you are situated, what role do you play in strengthening the resistance and resurgence of Indigenous students within your communities?

LATE ADDITIONS (SC-2022-01)

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| 2022-0/1 | <u>SPEAKERS BUSINESS</u> |
| 2022-01/1b | Council Installation Ceremony |
| 2022-01/1c | Inaugural Addresses of Executive Officers and the Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative |
| | Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85666007012 |
| | Meeting ID: 856 6600 7012 |
| 2022/01/2 | <u>CONSENT AGENDA</u> |
| 2022/01/3 | <u>PRESENTATION</u> |
| 2022/01/4 | <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT</u> |
| 2022-01/5 | <u>BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT</u> |
| 2022-01/6 | <u>OPEN FORUM</u> |

2022-01/7	<u>QUESTION PERIOD</u>
2022-01/8	<u>BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS</u>
2022-01/9	<u>GENERAL ORDERS</u>
2022/01/9c	Nomination to Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Committee (ARRC) (3)
2022/01/9d	Nomination to Audit Committee (7)
2022/01/9e	Nomination to Bylaw Committee (7)
2022/01/9f	Nomination to Council Administration Committee (CAC) (5)
2022/01/9g	Nomination to Finance Committee (7)
2022/01/9h	Nomination to Nominating Committee (NomCom) (5)
2022/01/9i	Nomination to Policy Committee (6)
2022/01/9j	Nomination to the Student Group Committee (SGC) (2)
2022/01/9k	Nomination to Sustainability and Capital Fund Committee (SCFC) (3)
2022/01/9l	Nomination to the Translation Committee (5)
2022-01/10	<u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>
2022-01/10b	Students' Council Attendance Sheet See SC-2022-01.2
2022-01/10c	Students' Council Committee Interest Form Responses See SC-2022.01.3

Councillor Attendance 2022-23		24	Spring/Summer										Spring/Summer Totals	Fall										Fall Total	Winter						
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VP Academic	Gurleen Kaur	Y											0											0							
VP External	Christian Fotang	Y											0											0							
VP Operations & Finance	Jula Viloso	Y											0											0							
VP Student Life	Joannie Fogue	Y											0											0							
Undergraduate BoG Rep	Alex Dorscheld	Y											0											0							
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Engineering	Adrian Wattamaniuk	Y											0											0							
Kinesiology, Sport and Recreation	Lionel Liu	N											0											0							
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Medicine & Dentistry	VACANT												0											0							
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Faculté Saint-Jean	Gabriela Soto	Y											0											0							
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Science	Charvi Dhamija	N											0											0							
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What is your name?	What is your faculty?	Please provide a brief bio about yourself.	Which committee would be your top choice to serve on?	Which committee would be your second choice to serve on?	Which committee would be your third choice to serve on?	Statement of Interest: Why do you want to serve on the committee(s) that you selected?	Would you be interested in chairing a committee?
Leo Huang	Arts	I'm new to Council. I'm a first-year political science student. Before entering Council I was in my High School's student Council. I'm also currently the Minister of Education in the Alberta Youth Parliament or AYP (formerly, TUXIS Youth Parliament of Alberta) as well, I did Model UN for three years and I hope I could do more conferences in the future.	Policy Committee	Bylaw Committee	Nominating Commi	I want to be in the policy and bylaw committee because I have experience in policy making, I feel my expertise would really help committee when it comes to insight and I feel I can advance my election promises by being in these two committees. For nominations committee I want to enter because I'm critical and meritocratic, I want to help contribute to nominating the best of the best people to get into certain positions.	No
Daniela Carbajal	Science	<p>Im in my fourth year of specialization in psychology and have been involved in student and municipal government for a number of years. Some of the things I have been involved in are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - international senior peer mentor 2019-2021 - student director for alberta student leadership summit 2021 and 2022 - asa vp student life - SU council augustana rep - student group committee <p>Some of the things I am currently involved in are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UASU infolink - director for a federal nonprofit - City of edmonton youth council voting member - gfc programs committee - pllc scholar - WIL policy analyst - lasa president 	Bylaw Committee	Student Group Committee (Policy Committee	I have extensive experience not only being part of student groups at Augustana and North Campus but also having to train and oversee student groups at Augustana. As the only councillor with experience being an Augustana and North Campus student, I believe I can bring unique perspectives to the committees I have chosen as many times Augustana is left out of sgc, bylaw, and policy when changes are being made. I have a lot of interest in EDI and how policy and bylaw reflect that, in particular in ensuring Augustana and CSJ are also a priority in the work the committees do.	Yes
Haruun Ali	Arts	As many of you know, I'm Haruun Ali. I'm a community organizer, activist, and I will be serving on GFC and SU council repping the good ol' faculty of arts! I'm an experienced progressive voice when comes to the issues that are most important to students. As someone who has been actively involved in the move for BLM, Climate Justice and so much more, I have had several opportunities to further my advocacy and to make it better. I hope to be able to further my skills on these committees to ensure that I can improve myself this term! If you want to connect on instagram, @haruunyg! Thanks	Policy Committee	Audit Committee	Council Administrat	<p>Now more than ever, we need experienced student leaders to help provide guidance to a largely new council. As someone who has worked on policy beyond campus including on a municipal, provincial and federal. I have an extensive experience in policy and knowledge regarding effective consultation. I also have significant experience in terms of financial management as I have served on two external boards where I was tasked with providing financial oversight. Finally, as a councillor from the past term I'm committed to making council a safe and welcoming space for everyone. I believe that we can achieve this through small changes to some bylaws through recommendations by CAC.</p> <p>As a committee member, you can expect accountability, student-centric and lots of questions. If you want to learn more about me or the work that I do in the committee, you can learn more at haruun.ca :)</p>	Yes

Adrian Wattamaniuk	Engineering	<p>Hi There! My name is Adrian Wattamaniuk, and I am a 4th year Electrical Engineering Co-Op Student, serving as a councilor for Engineering. I just finished a term as Undergraduate Board of Governors Representative, and President of the Engineering Students' Society. I am also entering my third term as a representative to General Faculties' Council.</p> <p>I have been involved in governance from the beginning of First Year, and it has defined my university experience. I've been able to meet and work with so many amazing people tackling a wide range of issues on campus. I pride myself on being a team-player and inclusive leader, and I am so excited to bring that to council. I'm really looking forward to working with you all on council this year!</p>	Council Administration	Bylaw Committee	Student Group Con	<p>As I've matured in my student governance journey, I have found in serving as a facilitator. I find myself surrounded with incredible people with incredible ideas to improve our campus community and represent our students, and as such have found my skillset is best suited to building environments where those ideas are brought to life. This skillset was applied repeatedly to my work in the ESS. Through Exceptional Tuition Increases, my primary objective was relentless advocacy on the consultation process. While I could have just given my own perspective as one representative of engineering, instead I pushed for general student consultation, and one-on-ones with 10 departmental associations and several student groups, leading to an extremely rigorous consultation. Another example was through Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Decolonization (EDID) work. Recognizing my inherent privilege and under-education in EDID, I worked to educate myself, and focused my efforts on amplifying the voices of marginalized groups. This included launching the ESS's EDID department, bridging several student groups and initiatives in the space, and using my faculty contacts to elevate the voices of students working in EDID.</p> <p>Council has a serious culture problem. As many of you may have witnessed at the end of last term (in what was really a culmination of several incidents), this body has slipped into fairly serious dysfunction. I feel that the skillset I describe above is the right one to help reform council, allowing the rules of the body to match it's function, and to restore it as a safe space for dedicated student leaders. My top three selections: CAC, Bylaw, and SGC, are all dedicated to creating a functional student governance environment. Within any of these committees, I would like to establish a roadmap to reform, starting with thorough consultation, and eventually leading to reform of our bylaws, standing orders, and policies, to establish council as a model of good governance.</p>	Yes
Levi Flaman	Business	<p>4th year Bachelor of Commerce student majoring in East Asian Business Studies and minoring in Business Economics & Law while also pursuing the Certificate in Real Estate, Certificate in International Learning and Certificate in Global Citizenship with an estimated convocation date of June 2023.</p> <p>Previously served on Students Council where I was a member of Audit, Council Administration, Finance and Policy Standing Committees in addition to Chair of CAC. Was also a member of the FACRA Board, ONEcard Advisory Group, Governance Review Task Force, Myer Horowitz Steering Committee and GovWeek Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Served this past year on General Faculties Council with another year upcoming. Also previously served on the Board of Governors and was a member of the Safety, Health & Environment and Reputation & Public Affairs Committees.</p>	Bylaw Committee	Fee Governance Review C	Sustainability and C	<p>Bylaw: I have the most interest in serving on Bylaw Committee as it aligns with my biggest reason for coming back to council; a thorough top-to-bottom review of all bylaws to ensure all cross-references between bylaws are correct and up-to-date, and to ensure recommendations from the Governance Restructuring Task Force in regards to bylaw structure, council size, and council committees that have not yet been implemented get worked in this year to take effect next year.</p> <p>Fee Governance Review: There appears to be some overlap between Fee Governance Review Committee and Bylaw Committee, some of which pertains to what I would like to accomplish so as a second choice, I feel like I would be a good fit for FGR.</p> <p>Sustainability and Capital Fund Committee: I feel like as a Black Hat personality (from the Six Thinking Hats Model), I tend to be critical, skeptical, focused on risk and identifying problems. I feel this would service me well on SCFC; purposefully trying to pick proposals apart and pulling on threads until the the plan unravels. Only when a pitch can stand up to intense scrutiny should it bestowed large sums of funding.</p>	Yes

Lionel Liu	Kinesiology Sport Recreation	Hi! I am a newly elected first-time Councillor elected by the students in KSR. I am very excited and proud to be able to represent my faculty. I have been involved in student governance since June 2020 when I joined the International Students' Association as an undergraduate councillor, and now I am the co vice-president finance of the ISA. I have also been a member of Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC) and the Campus Recreation Enhancement Fund (CREF) of Campus and Community Recreation since January 2021, I will also be serving the RAC secretary in the coming year.	Finance Committee	Sustainability and Capital F	Council Administrat	As I promised in my election campaign, I would push for SU funding and support for sport and recreation projects like an outdoor basketball court, new climbing wall, and a room for board games. CREF funding is insufficient to cover the construction of these projects so it would be ideal that SU makes its contribution (from its budget or capital funding).	Yes
Ibukun Ojo	Nursing	My name is Ibukun and I am in my fourth year of my nursing degree. University always seemed an inevitable part of my life; it was a sort of benchmark in what I thought my life should look like. I'm grateful and content with the decisions I've made and after first year, I realized the significance leadership and community involvement had in my life. Thus began my efforts be participate more in campus community. With my degree, I hope to challenge our understanding of healthcare as we know it and make it a more holistic, accessible space.	Bylaw Committee	Student Group Committee (Policy Committee	I'm interested in the committees I selected because of the opportunity they offer to enrich my understanding of the SU and experience on council. Although bylaw and policy writing is something I am unfamiliar with, it is something I am willing to learn about as I have a vested interest in both. Finally, as someone involved in leading student groups, serving on the student group committee would offer a differing perspective on the registration process that could be helpful in forming empathy and understanding of all those involved in processes like these.	No
Charvi Dhamija	Science	I am a third-year international student, majoring in computer science. Working for the students have been my passion since first-year of university, and I am committed to provide services and strong advocacy. Being a part of one of the committees would give me the opportunity to work on the same.	Council Administration	Audit Committee	Nominating Commi	Serving on one of these communities would give me the knowledge of how SU works at a deeper level. I will be able to enhance my skillset and grow as a person.	Unsure
Mobashhir Khan	Science	I am Mobashhir Khan, a third year international student. I have a strong interest in advocating for the students and look forward to working with the SU team for the same!	Audit Committee	Council Administration Com	Policy Committee	I have an interesting in Auditing and policy making hence I chose the above mentioned committees. I would like to work with the team and provide the best service for students!	Yes
Jayden Brooks	Engineering	I am entering my 4th year of electrical engineering in the co-op program and during my time, I have been involved with various student groups and communities in an official and unofficial manner. I was recently elected as a GFC and Students' Council Representative for engineering and will be serving my first year on both, but have been stayed relatively up-to-date with what has been going on in Students' Council for the past few years.	Student Group Commi	Bylaw Committee	Council Administrat	Discloser: I am strongly interested in the Student Group Committee and as the Google Form required the three options, selected two committees with significantly lesser interest; please consider this as I will be answer on behalf of the Student Group Committee primarily. Much of my 2nd- and 3rd-years of university have been involved with various student groups including the Engineering Innovation Club, Engineering Students' Society (ESS), various other engineering discipline clubs, and most prominently, the Electrical Engineering Club. Some of these groups I have been involved with has been in an executive role, such as President and Co-President for the Electrical Engineering Club or VP Operations for the Engineering Innovation Club and others as a passionate volunteer. While much of this experience does not translate one-for-one to this committee and what it needs, this experience would allow a unique perspective into student group operations and whatnot. Needless to say, student groups have been an area where I have focused much of my university career in and is an area I have fond enjoyment participating in. In my eyes, student groups are the life and soul of the university culture and experience and it is something I would love to help with on an administrative side.	No

Polina Reisbig	Engineering	I am an environmental engineering coop student and I spend a lot of time planning events within the engineering community in many different student groups such as the Engineering Students' Society, and Diversity in Engineering. Aside from school I enjoy hiking and spending time outside. I am a huge booklover, and I have recently picked up bouldering! I will also never pass on a mango.	Student Group Commi	Council Administration Com	Sustainability Comr	I would love to serve on the Student Group Committee as I have a strong background with many student groups including but not limited to the Engineering Students' Society (ESS), Diversity in Engineering, and Rotaract. I have lots of experience when it comes to student life and listening to students' opinion. I've also worked countless of times with Student Group Services, and the Dean of Students, therefore approval of student groups and events is nothing new to me. I would be an asset to the Council Administration Committee as I have served on a few exec teams and have many ideas when it comes to structure, and internal affairs that many people gloss over.	Yes
Pien Steinbusch	Education	I am going into my third year of an elementary education degree. I am hardworking, passionate and dedicated to any endeavors I begin. My goal is to listen to the students of my faculty so that I can help improve areas of concern to foster students' success.	Sustainability Committ	Sustainability and Capital F	Audit Committee	I would like to serve on the two sustainability committees because it is something I have always been passionate about and I have tried to implement sustainability practices where ever possible, when feasible. I would love to be part of any effort the university and student unions does to be sustainable. I would also enjoy serving on the audit committee. It is similar to work I have done in the past.	Unsure
Abdul Abbasi	Augustana	I just finished my first year of university, and I have been involved in student governance, I was the Off-Campus Councillor at Augustana Student Association for 2021/2022. I was also part of Student Advisory Council to the Office of Registrar. I love Student Governance and to work for the betterment of the students. As my role at ASA, I was part of different committees, Budget and Revenue Committee, Awards Committee	Finance Committee	Audit Committee	Policy Committee	I was part of Budget and Revenue Committee at Augustana Student Association, and that increased my interest in finance and since I have experience working in that committee, I think I will be valuable and most efficient. The policy committee also draws my interest, since we decide about the political policies and gives a pathway for the work of SU, and it is highly important	Yes
Simran Dhillon	Science	I am going into my fifth year within the faculty of science! Beyond that I have a few interesting passions which include harm reduction/opioid use and addiction, crime shows, and marvel... love iron man and I am still mourning his death deeply. This upcoming year will be my fourth term on the UASU providing me with an exceptional breadth of knowledge and experience walking into this position that helps me better understand its operations and designated power. I believe that this experience and my passion to serve students will be an asset to these committees and will aid me in my role of advocacy on behalf of the student population. I have also spent the entirety of my degree, thus far, representing students within the University of Alberta student's union where I have been establishing mechanisms for successful student consultation to ensure their voices and concerns are heard, as well as developing relationships with faculty associations across campus.	Audit Committee	Bylaw Committee	Policy Committee	I have been on audit committee throughout each term that I have served on council over the past 3 years. I additionally served as chair in my previous year on Audit. I would love the opportunity to be elected back onto audit as there was a lot of work that was started that I would like to ensure is successfully finalized. Within this role, I worked to establish better relationships with FAs, create a more streamlined approach through COFA Financial group, and finalize all audits so that each SRA has all the support they require in successfully achieving their funds! I have also established financial support workshops and worked to have one on ones with many of the VPFs involved in the audit process in order to recognize how to improve our processes. I spent last year dedicated to successfully completing the Bylaw 8000 series. Although I was not officially on Bylaw, I still attended quite a few meetings and lead the completion of the 8000 series to indicate my dedication to improving the SU bylaws. I believe that my breadth of knowledge within council will help me in creating and improving the UASU bylaws this year. I also believe that my approach of prioritizing consultation with SRAs will aid me greatly in this role! Finally, I have spent that last 2 years on policy committee where I have worked to renew many important policies including the student financial aid policy, the EDI policy, the Food security policy and many others! I believe that my knowledge of these processes and my efforts to prioritize consultation will ensure my advocacy within this position is successful. I also began creating a new policy in regards to student addiction and would like to see that finalized this year as it is something very important to me and I know to many students I represent!	Yes

Milan Regmi	Arts	In my previous ventures in governance, I have been a part of the Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee with the University of Alberta Students Union. I have also been a part of multiple committees in my year as an undergraduate Senator on the University of Alberta Senate, including the Communications Committee, the Student Experience Committee, and the USchool Fundraising and Outreach Committee. In my time in OASIS, I took on a major leadership role as a part of the Finance Committee, serving as the Granting Director.	Nominating Committee	Council Administration Com	Audit Committee	I believe that I bring a vast amount of experience to these committees from having been involved in similar initiatives on OASIS and the University of Alberta Senate, and I believe that I will bring the best of students' interest at heart as a member of these committees. I am highly committed to advancing initiatives and promoting EDI as a part of the Nominating Committee, which is something I have addressed as a part of the Student Experience Committee in Senate, and a huge part of how I hope I can continue to help the Senate meet its EDI goals in its new Strategic Plan. On the part of the Council Administration Committee, I believe that having transparency and a diverse range of opinions are important, and when considering the motions passes, is something I am committed to applying and am committed to seeking out the truth and making decisions that serve in the interests of all students, not only a few students. For Audit Committee, I believe my experience not only as a member of a Finance Committee, but as a leader in helping ensure granting and spending is responsible, will serve me well on the Audit Committee, and I hope I can become a leader in this committee as well.	Yes
Sarah Opeña-Sakar	Arts	I am an Arts Councillor going into my third year of Sociology and will be transferring to specialize in Criminology hopefully by next Fall. I am also the current president of the UABSA (University of Alberta Black Students' Association). I am very excited to be on student council this year and see how we can all work together to serve our fellow students.	Aboriginal Relations and	Policy Committee	Audit Committee	ARRC: While it is great to see a formalized call to action regarding Indigenous relations at our university, I am passionate about ensuring that reconciliation isn't just performative but rather actively consistent and genuine. Audit: I had experience overseeing financial auditing during the SU elections on my respective campaign teams and I appreciated its procedural nature, which is why I would love to extend that experience to Audit Committee because I have developed the skill sets for it. Policy: After the conflict regarding the Policing Policy almost a month ago now, I saw ways in which we can improve moving forward to prevent similar conflict down the road such as possibly conducting consultation in the form of in-person town halls. Regardless, I want to contribute to curating policies that all students feel satisfied with.	No
Rebeca Avila	Faculty of Arts	I am going into my third year of a philosophy and political science double major. I served as an Arts Councilor in the previous year, and I was part of CAC and SMS.	Sustainability and Cap	Aboriginal Relations and Re	Council Administrat	It is a great opportunity to collaborate on projects more closely. I think my experience in committees in the past year will help me in my role in committees this year.	Yes
Gabriela Soto	Saint-Jean	Hi! My name is Gabriela Soto, but most people call me Gaby. I will be starting by 4th year as a Faculté Saint-Jean doing a political science major with a psychology minor. I like to think of myself as a pretty welcoming person and as easy to work with. This will be my first time as a Councilor so I might be a little inexperienced, but I am determined to do my job well. I am very excited to get to work with everyone!	Translation Committee	Nominating Committee (No	Student Group Con	Translation: I am trilingual, French being my second-ish language and English my third. Because of this, I am lucky that I do not struggle when things are only in English, but I am aware that not everyone in my faculty has the same ease as me when it comes to understanding written English. NomCom: It sounds like a lot of fun! I have always been the one applying for positions or other stuff, never on the Nomination side of things so I would like to experience how that works. I think it would give me more insight on the whole process and help me in future endeavors. SGC: The event approval is what seems the most interesting here. I love going to events on campus as their a big part of student life, which is a big part of the university experience. With COVID I have not been able to participate and be an active member of the community and I am hoping that will change this year!	Unsure

Panjae (David) Lee	Science	<p>This past year, I served as the President of the KGK: East Asian Studies Undergraduate Students' Association, was the VP Public Relations of the Pharmacology Student's Association, and also was a Science Mentor with the Faculty of Science as well as a Senior Peer Advisor with InfoLink. Serving in these positions, I talked to and heard from my fellow students on a daily basis, understanding and emphasizing their concerns while learning invaluable interpersonal skills that allowed me to enjoy communicating with other people.</p> <p>Community service has long been a true passion of mine, as I have actively demonstrated through serving my university and local communities by volunteering these past years. I have also been involved in numerous positions where I had to pro-actively take the initiative and make decisions for the good of the people I served. In particular, in my position as the President of the KGK, I organized our first Department Night for students to gain exposure to their future research studies and make meaningful connections with professors.</p> <p>Integrating my experiences, I have become excited and ready to address the barriers faced by my community by serving the Students' Council. I firmly believe that my experiences have equipped me with the ability to listen to and connect with students, which would be critical in ensuring that their voice is heard and actions are taken to advocate for them. During my term this coming year, I hope to work with everyone to make changes in the best interest of my university community constituents.</p>	Student Group Commi	Finance Committee	Bylaw Committee	<p>Student Group Committee: As someone who has been heavily involved in student groups, I have come across and, therefore, can deeply relate to the challenges that student groups often experience: grant application, event and club registration, and internal conflicts. Furthermore, working closely with the Student Group Services as part of the InfoLink team, I came to realize that many more student groups than I thought go through major conflicts every year. One memorable instance was a complaint letter we received from a student group explaining that they were subject to the new re-registration policy on Bearsden that requires student groups with greater than \$5,000 in assets and cash to procure insurance, which per se placed the group in an existential crisis. They searched for months for insurance companies to purchase insurance, only to be rejected and find out that their requests were not treated with seriousness. Having witnessed such issues and concerns, I could sense the passion and desire to make changes in myself, now looking to assist student groups with administrative errands so that they can focus on their initiatives to keep the campus community vibrant and moving forward. In other words, serving on the Student Group Committee, I intend to 1) facilitate administrative procedures for student groups 2) and provide them with support and advocacy in case of conflicts.</p> <p>Policy Committee: As the VP Public Relations of a student group, my duties included contacting external organizations on campus and professors to organize joint events. For example, I was assigned the role of assisting the President with contacting other science departments for an interdepartmental trivia night, answering inquiries and coordinating everyone's schedule. Moreover, in my position as the President of another student group, I applied my experience from the other position to organize a department night, but single-handedly communicating with professors this time. To this date, I have learned to effectively communicate with other people out of my comfort zone, now able to deliver messages with succinctness and precaution. From this experience of mine, I have become literate in the interactions with people from different organizations, therefore able to orient our political policies in the right direction to serve the best interest of everyone working toward advocacy for students.</p> <p>Finance Committee: Money is a daily concern of many students and represents arguably the most frequently discussed barrier among them. As a student, I have heard from a myriad of students that complain about their tuition increases and cutdown of services, developing my wonder about how and how well the university and the Students' Union are spending our money. As a result, I have become interested in serving on this committee and learning about the logistics around the expenditure of the Students' Union, making necessary interventions to ensure that students' money is efficiently utilized to maximize the benefits to students and that the whole process is transparent. There is no doubt that my experience as the President of a student group makes me one of the best candidates to serve on this committee. During my term, I was responsible for operating a budget of a few thousand dollars, learning to spend money that was not my own with control, responsibility, and integrity.</p>	Yes
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Vedant Vyas	Science	<p>My name is Vedant Vyas, and I am an incoming third year computing science student. I am currently a research intern at Compiler Optimization Laboratory at University of Alberta. As a student researcher, I understand the amount of effort required by summer research, which is often volunteered as many students fail to get grants, so one of the key things that I have in mind was to push for more research opportunities. I firmly believe in strong student leadership and advocacy. I was very active in student politics even during high school. One of my most significant achievement was convincing the school to switch to blended learning options by using pre-recorded study material to boost the learning.</p>	Policy Committee	Finance Committee	<p>Fee Governance R</p> <p>I would like to share some of the key things I have in mind for my tenure. I want to push for no tuition hike for the next two years. Some faculty of science classes still use SEM to monitor, which is very displeasing. I would advocate stopping the usage of SEM completely. The next thing on my agenda is to ask for better lab facilities. Some lab facilities haven't been updated in recent years and are outdated, so advanced equipment will help in more effective learning. Labs in Computing Science Center aren't powerful enough to provide quality education for some courses (Like GPU programming). And there's a similar situation for physics labs. Last year faculty of mathematics started MSS USRA, which gives research grants to people who didn't get NSERC or don't qualify for NSERC. I want to push for more such awards or increased funding for MSS USRA. Since many of the above mentioned points fall under policy committee and the finance committee, I chose those two as my top two choices. Lastly I chose fee governance review committee to push for no hike. The uncertain nature of this pandemic has taught us repeatedly that the university can't take things lightly and need to prepare for the worst so that university doesn't have to make last-minute changes to delivery options to tackle the growing number of cases. So I would like to push for better prevention and plan for a smoother switch if the pandemic hits again.</p>	Unsure
Rana Thind	Science	<p>Hi, I'm Rana , second-year science student and the SU&GFC councilor for the upcoming year. I like conversations, building stuff and cooperating with people. Having a keen interest in providing positive change for the people around me I hope to aid the council in it's vision.</p>	Finance Committee	Audit Committee	<p>Student Group Con</p> <p>I personally enjoy strategic planning and making decisions be it for the welfare of the students we serve or the institution in general hence I believe the vision of the committees resonates with my own interests . The committees chosen by me concur with the major agendas I've for my upcoming year and with my goals for the council as well. Serving these would also enable me to better understand how the council and student governance works, and also give me the chance to interact with like-minded individuals.</p>	Unsure