

SMUSA President's Report

Shiray Tan, President & CEO

New Residence

The Request for Proposal and Qualifications (RFPQ) process for a new residence is now closed. SMUSA is advocating for housing affordability, student employment opportunities, accessibility needs, and the preservation of our vibrant residence life culture.

Food Committee

Through the food committee, SMUSA is advocating against long food wait times at Starbucks, Tim Hortons, and Gorsebrook. We are advocating for late-night menu options and are seeking broader student input. Additionally, we are also advocating on increasing options for halal, gluten-free, lactose-free, vegetarian, and vegan food.

Society Summit

SMUSA extended invitations to members of our community and all student societies to partake in the Fall 2023 Society Summit. The primary objective of this summit was to provide society executives with valuable insights into policies, funding procedures, and operational guidelines for the effective management of their societies. Furthermore, a post-summit survey has been distributed to all participating societies, seeking their valuable feedback, which will enable us to improve our support and services to better meet the needs of our diverse student societies.

Events

Regular programming, such as trivia nights and open mic sessions at Gorsebrook Lounge remains a consistent feature of our campus activities. As we approach the final week of October, we have an exciting plan in store—a week brimming with Halloween-themed events. These festivities will encompass a thrilling costume contest, a creative paint night, and a variety of other engaging activities. We are eagerly anticipating the opportunity to connect with our students and immerse our campus in the enchanting spirit of this eerie holiday.

Non-Grade Appeals

SMUSA is advocating for having student representation in decision-making processes related to registration appeals and appeals concerning academic suspension or dismissal. This advocacy underscores our commitment to ensuring student voices and perspectives are considered and represented in matters critical to their academic journey.

External Stakeholders

During the homecoming event, SMUSA President Shiray took the opportunity to participate in the Golden Grad Luncheon, where she engaged with SMU Alumni and Associate Alumni.

Additionally, our team, including General Manager Cathie Ross and Anubhav Gupta, joined Shiray in attending the official opening of the Sobey's Inspiration Hub. These engagements with external stakeholders, including alumni and partners, reflects our commitment to fostering meaningful connections and collaborations beyond our campus community.

Hiring

SMUSA has recently hired our Board Secretary and Street Team. A welcome message is extended to Afif Tahsin, Abdulrehman Iqbal, Aniket Sharma, Khuloud Saqib, Nahriza Zahid, Lily Bowman, and Abdul Rahman Abdelmageed. We look forward to the value they will bring to our team and working with them for the betterment of our students.