

SMUSA Elections

- Election Results

- SMUSA is happy to announce the results of our 2021 election. Franklyn Southwell was successfully elected as the 2021-2022 President. There were five members elected to the Board of Directors: Mihika Mihika, Miyah Basden, Alex Wilson, Joshua Lafond, and Adam Snow. The new President and Board Members look forward to the year and work ahead.
- Over the next few weeks, SMUSA will be hiring a new executive team and we will be reporting back on the new team at the Senate Meeting in April.

Semester Plans

- Delay of Registrations

- Many students were confused by the recent announcement of delaying Fall registration. Students felt blindsided by this announcement and would like more consistent communications from the University, especially as it pertains to the Fall Semester.

- Fall Semester Announcement

- Students are continuing to ask about the Fall semester and its delivery model (Hybrid, In-Person, Blended, etc). Early communication about this decision will be positively received by students who are looking to make plans regarding a variety of issues including registration, housing, and travel.

University Budget

- University Budget Process

- Since the announcement of the tuition increase last year, students have been asking for a more transparent University budget process. More consistent and transparent communication on the budget process is one-way students want this addressed. Students would like to know any

changes to their fees and tuition as soon as possible and the reasoning behind any changes.

Digital Transformation

- Digital Transformation Announcement

- Students had a mixed reaction to the Universities Digital Transformation announcement. Current students are unsure what this transformation will mean for their degrees, with many concerned that they will not be able to return to campus. Students have questions and concerns about this process and would like more information and an opportunity to ask questions.

Extending Library Hours

- Extended Library Hours for the end of term.

- As the end of term approaches, students are preparing for final assignments and exams. Students find it challenging to complete assignments and focus at home, and the limited campus library hours on Fridays and weekends are also creating a barrier. Students would like extended library hours to help them prepare for the end of the semester.