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From the office of the... Vice-President (Education)

| TO: | Members of the Student Representative Assembly |
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| FROM: | Maya Hobbs, Vice-President (Education) |
| SUBJECT: | CASA Policy & Strategy Conference |
| DATE: | November 17th, 2024 |

Dear Members of the Assembly,

On behalf of the MSU, I attended CASA's Policy & Strategy Conference held at Centennial College on July 15th-19th, 2024. The purpose of this conference is to set the direction for CASA and develop federal budget & advocacy priorities. The itinerary consisted of various presentations and discussions of CASA's operations and advocacy. Some of the sessions we participated in included consultations, a guided tour of the Indigenous Centre at Centennial College, an Observer Roundtable, and a Beading Event hosted by the National Indigenous Advocacy Committee (NIAC).

Key items reviewed throughout the week included CASA's Board Action Plan, federal budget & advocacy priorities, campaign proposal, internal policy priorities, and updates from CASA's committees. The priority themes decided by members are Student Financial Aid, Research, Job Opportunities, and International Student Express Entry. The internal policy priorities determined at the conference are Food Insecurity, Artificial Intelligence, Campus Safety, and Affordable Student Housing.

Up next for CASA is Federal Advocacy Week held in Ottawa on November 25th-29th.

Best,

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