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The focus for November has been to create a strong and student centric forward plan for the next few months and to ensure we have strong operational strategies in place to support our members when they return to campus in 2024.

I have been meeting with our university stakeholders to ensure student voices are heard and advocated at all levels. We will continue engaging with other student organizations like SRC and SUPRA to better support our members. This collaboration is critical creating a welcoming, diverse, and supportive network and campus for students.

I appreciate that it is a difficult time for many of our members as we hear of tensions rising and the conflict exacerbating in the Middle East and other parts of the world impacting many communities here. We extend our solidarity and support to any of our members that are impacted. Please reach out to the relevant <u>student support services</u> provided free of charge for students through the University.

On behalf of everyone at the USU, I hope you all have a wonderful summer break!

We look forward to welcoming to the new year starting with Welcome Fest in February.

Naz Sharifi

**President**