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Akum Sidhu (she/her) is a 3rd-year Political Science major hoping to attend law school to pursue her Juris Doctor. Her decision to go down this path stems from her strong sense of justice and her passion for social justice issues. More specifically, Akum became interested in public policy for women and climate justice after taking POL 350 (Public Policy for Women) and REM 350 (Sustainable Energy and Materials Management) at SFU.

Akum first got involved at SFU as a third-year representative for the Society of Arts and Social Sciences (SASS) with the mission to increase student engagement, success, and activism. In that same year, she got the chance to sit on the Simon Fraser Student Society Council as the SASS representative. During her time as a third-year and council representative, Akum gained invaluable experience and insight into SFU's governance structure.

Along with being a third-year and council representative, Akum has experience:

- In a paid position as a Voting Officer, a non-partisan representative of Election BC. This position allowed her to take part in the democratic processes she has spent so much time learning about in class.
- In several executive positions and leadership roles that have focused on the organization and execution of several fundraisers and events. In these positions, she has had the opportunity to work with organizations such as DIVERSEcity, B.C. Children's Hospital, and B.C. Lung Cancer Association.

Re-elected as the SASS Councillor and appointed as the AVPESA for the 2021/22 year, Akum hopes to further her role in advocating for student interests.