# Executive Reports

## President

**Name: Taylor Chase**

**To:** StFX Student’s Council

**Re:** Report to Council (September 2016)

**Frosh Week**:

An unbelievable frosh week was pulled off this year, in large part to the hard work put in by Rachel, Joelle and their respective teams. Without outlining all the events at frosh week which were successes I will share the effect and impact these events had on students. We had numerous students come up to us after the “live and local event” and say that they would not have come out was it not for this program. The complementary programing which was largely driven by Rachel was a huge success and should be enhanced for future years. Joelle and her team pulled off an incredible frosh week and through her leadership we offered the students an incredible frosh week.

**Committees:**

Bloomfield Committee: Had committee meeting regarding the extension of the Inn to 2am as well discussed the possibility of lighting the stairs to the smile you are at x sign. Leon MacLennan will be giving us a quote in the following weeks. As well discussed how we can better brand the Student Food Resource Centre.

McKenna Leadership: Attended McKenna leadership summit. Was a great day to see leadership from across the university. And collaborate about what “Leadership Means at St.FX”

X-Ring Committee Meeting: We had a meeting regarding the appeals we have received. We have decided to proceed with one appeal and the second is still in the works. We should be clear of all appeals by first week of October.

Finance Committee (BOG): Great meeting regarding the finances of the university topics which were mostly discussed revolved around the finances of new capital projects on campus (ie. Mulroney Centre of Government).

Executive Committee (BOG): Attended executive meeting, just provided an overview of all committees which are meeting at the board.

**External Affairs**:

Chronicle Herald: Was approached by the Chronicle Herald Union of writers. They are looking for our support as they have been on strike for quite some time. I put them in contact with the Xavarian and I believe the XAV is following up as I determined it was not possible for us to undertake.

Community Barbeque: Attended community barbeque put on by crime prevention committee. Was a great event with an okay student turn out. Would be great to enhance these initiatives. Students from campus attended and said it would be great to have back on campus.

Students NS: Attended meeting with board. Discussed the purchase of SNS pins and discussed what is needed for us moving forward into lobby week.

Minister Reagan: Had a meeting with Minister Regan (Advanced Education and Labour). Discussed opportunities for international students in regards to summer employment and discussed the new council initiatives fund. She was very receptive to the council initiatives fund and has since followed up with us waiting to hear the success of the program. Very exciting!

CASA: Attended first governance committee meeting. Was good, just general overview of what governance is.

**Internal Affairs:**

International Student Open House: All international students were invited to an open house at theU. Was a great event as we were able to really get to know many of the international students on campus. I feel that there was great success that has translated throughout the year as we have seen increased involvement from our international students. Some of whom are sitting on University committees now.

Cultural Awareness Training: Was great to attend with the members of the council. Looking forward to working with Michael and his team regarding the topic of cultural awareness moving forward into the year. I feel there is lots of room for collaboration.

Board of Governors: Attended board of governor’s meetings late in September. They were phenomenal opportunities. Some very exciting (confidential) announcements will be coming in the following weeks. Maddie and Connor represented the student body very well and I believe we as a student’s union have a strong presence on the board. We received feedback that the board would like opportunities to meet more students in their time here. We will be working together BOG reps and myself to allow these opportunities.

Alumni Council: Attended alumni council meetings. They were very beneficial as an observer, really not too much to report other than they are very interested in the work the SU is doing and also would like to see our strategic plan to see if there is anywhere they can fit within this plan.

Student Relations: Students have approached me regarding issues of living space on campus and need for greater accessibility. Sent email to Bob Hale and issue was resolved in days. Another student approached the team regarding facilities for off campus students. We had approached Bob about this he will get back to us. Facilities such as lockers, heating facilities and general space (specifically in lower campus by Schwartz).

If you have any questions comments or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at [su\_pres@stfx.ca](mailto:su_pres@stfx.ca) or call (403)-880-5309.

Thank you,

Taylor Chase

## Vice-President Finance and Operations

**Name:** Chad Hasegawa

**To:** StFX Student’s Council

**Re:** Report to Council (September 2016)

**Committees**

*CFXU Board of Directors:*

The main topic that needs to be discussed is whether CFXU should continue broadcasting on FM radio or whether we should switch to solely an online presence. Factors:

- CFXU needs to install emergency broadcast equipment in order to continue broadcasting. This installment has to be completed by March 31st 2017 (roughly $3k)

- Atlantic Broadcaster's LTD are setting up a new FM radio station on 93.5FM which will obscure our signal on 93.3 FM.  This requires setting up a new frequency sometime in the next 8 months

- The equipment that is used to broadcast our signal is nice equipment and could be disassembled and sold for a reasonably high price.

- If we were to move to an online only presence we would want to improve our internet presence with things like being able to monitor the number of listeners and having a nice user interface on our website.  We would also probably want to improve the amount of network traffic we can receive.

- It is hard to determine for certain but we believe the majority of our listeners listen online.

CFXU is currently performing market research to see if the students and the community are utilizing the F.M. radio frequency. Depending on the results will help influence the decision moving forward.

*Bloomfield Committee:*

The Committee had the head of FM (Leon MacLellan) attend the meeting because of the concerns surrounding the lighting of the Inn stairs and a sign for the SFRC. Leon is looking into price quotes for lighting the stairs (above the “Smile You’re at X” sign) and fixing the pavement as of right now it is becoming a safety hazard especially moving into the winter season.

As for the SFRC, it is in a place which many students are having trouble finding, a sign above the door will help direct the students there that are looking for it. The current sandwich board sigh is too short and being cover by cars in the parking lot.

I am happy to announce that we are the first student bar in the province to be approved for an extension till 2:00am with rules. 1. Alcohol service must cease by 1:00 am. 2. Alcohol must be removed from the tables by 1:30 am. After 1:30 am patrons are not permitted to consume alcohol. 3. Lights must be raised and entertainment concluded by 2:00 am. 4. Patrons must be vacated from the premises by 2:30 am. This is a very big step forward thanks to the large amount of work the Exec team of last year (Troy and Alex) to ensure student safety throughout the night, keeping them on campus rather than looking for a alternate location for social activity after 1:00am. We will use this at the events discretion and it will not be an every night occurrence.

Budget and Finance Committee:

The Budget and Finance Committee is meeting weekly on Fridays (when necessary). The first being Sept 30th which we will go over the mandate, co-chair election, and society allocations.

**External Affairs**

*AGM/Equity and Diversity Forum*

After the AGM there was scheduled to be some forums on drinking culture and equity and diversity. Due to the poor attendance most people left but a small group of students wanted to address some issues and it turned out to be a group of a dozen students and staff. Among these students included Cassia, Taylor and I representing The U and Michael Fisher (African Descent Student Affairs Coordinator) representing the university. A few things that were brought up were:

* E.B.A.E. O-crew committee (equity before anything else)
* International students value face time\*\*\*
* The gap between International students and domestic students
* Many people do not understanding where they are coming from
* Discrimination

*International Students Health and Dental Plan FAQ:*

We are in the process of creating a FAQ (frequently asked questions) for the Health Plan. It is tailored toward the international students but depending on the feedback we can look into one for the Canadian Plan. This will cover issues like “how to print off your benefit card” and “how to submit a claim” to find a quick solution when needed.

**Internal Affairs**

*Website Consulting Project:*

Moving forward with the website we are working with a small group of Advance Majors from the Schwartz Business School for the R.F.P. process. The group has a couple of finance students (including me), three information system students, and a facility advisor in the IS department. We are looking into doing market research from students before looking into a new draft of the RFP.

Frosh Week

Frosh Week definitely too a lot of time and energy from the month of September but paid off immensely after witnessing and reflecting on the experience. My role was constantly changing from selling Frosh Kits to general labor but the support roles were needed and I was happy to fill them.

House Hockey Cup Policy

Joelle (VP Res. Affairs), Evan (Research and Policy) and I are formulating a policy for House Hockey Cups to ensure safety and risk mitigation:

* Looking over the arena policy and recreation policy for research so we are in accordance with the venue
* Dressing room before and after
* Roster submitted with coaches signed liability wavier
* Fan respect
* Drugs and alcohol

Office Supplies & Decorations

With the office reconfiguration we are resupplying supplies for the offices. With it we will reimburse up to $100 per office if they wanted to decorate with posters, flags, chalkboards, etc. I have gone on a few trips to Staples to pick up the necessities and will put in another order when there is a need.

**Sub – Executives**

*Drive U:* (new Driver, Orientation getting started)

* Drive U has started for the year!
* Orientation was completed after Frosh Week for old and new drivers
* 4 new drivers have been hired for the year

*Student Food Resource Centre:*

* The SFRC has started
* Vic has put on a couple of orientation sessions for the volunteers she got at society night and resource fair
* Vic has been talking to service learning students to partner up for projects during the year
* Looking to design and put up a sign outside the door with the marketing department

*House Accounts Coordinator:*

* Shelby has been in constant contact with the HP’s about signing up for direct deposit to make reimbursement request easier and more efficient
* Going over House Accounts and rough budgeting in 1 on 1 sessions
* Putting together the accounting file for Shelby, Julieanne and I to update on a onedrive

*International Health and Dental Plan Advisor:*

* The International Health Plan Advisor has been hired and its Gaojiawei Fu
* She is helping Julieanne and I with the presentations we have been putting on for the international students
* Forming a FAQ to use on our website for the International Health and Dental Plan

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## Vice-President Residence Affairs

**Name: Joelle French, VP Residence Affairs**

**To:** StFX Student’s Council

**Re:** Report to Council (September 2016)

**Committees** *(Here is where you can discuss the different committees that you are a member of. I would recommend providing a brief summary of items that have been discussed and the different initiatives before the committee. Please specify the way in which your office specifically has been a part these projects or the role that you have played in their progress or completion)*

SOC Committee:

* SOC met every day during Orientation Week to discuss the events of the day and what to look forward to the next day
* We discussed successes and challenges that came up over Orientation Week
* SOC will no longer meet in the upcoming months, however we did have one final meeting at the end of September to debrief and discuss what should be kept in mind for the planning of next year’s Orientation Week, this included items such as clarification of the activities of Academic Day, how to further include mature students or transfer students living in Govs and Apartment Style in Orientation Week, as well as looking at a type of Orientation Week for returning students

Campus Affairs Committee:

* Campus Affairs Committee is composed of the thirteen house presidents and the Senior Off Campus Leader
* The two student union representatives that are sitting on the Committee this year are Bry Crabbe, Graduate Student Representative and Victoria Sandre, Science Student Representative
* First meeting was held on Sunday, September 25th
* At the first meeting, we held introductions, went over the terms of reference for the committee, as well as provided residence reports
* One of the main themes of the Residence Reports was damages in the building and concerns about what happens when the damages are done from the outside of the building. There was a high level of damages in Bishops this weekend and concerns about non-residents finding ways into the building
* Discussion about the No Guest Policy that was implemented for Homecoming this year. The solution to this was to compose a collective letter discussing how we respectfully disagreed with this position. This letter was submitted to Jacqueline De Leebeeck (Director of Student Life) and Bob Hale (Head of Student Life) on Monday, September 26th.
* The Student Representative Co-Chair elected for the Committee is Bry Crabbe
* The next date of the meeting is Sunday, October 16th (supposed to be held bi-weekly, however this falls on Thanksgiving weekend so we have moved it back one week)

Senator Murray Sinclair Visit Planning Committee:

* Met with Mary Coyle and Emily Keenan, Editor in Chief of the Xaverian Weekly to discuss facilitating a Student Led panel discussing the TRC and reconciliation on campus
* The hope is to have this held on the Monday (November 7th) afternoon of Senator Sinclair’s visit
* This will hopefully consist of several students from the StFX campus who possess different perspectives of reconciliation and be led by Senator Sinclair
* The full planning committee met on September 22nd, however I was unable to attend due to a prior commitment with the Annual General Meeting.
* Senator Sinclair will be visiting from November 6th-8th

**External Affairs** *(Here is where to indicate what has been happening through your office/department in terms of events outside of the Union, and our executive. Other groups within the university that you have been working with)*

CLT Team:

* Held weekly meeting with the CLT Steering Committee (Shannon Travers Manager of Student Life and Jacqueline De Leebeeck, Director of Student Life) – in these meetings the Steering Committee discusses the CLT team reports that are submitted from each meeting. The meetings are currently held weekly but will migrate to bi-weekly starting in October)
* Discussing ways to celebrate success in residence – will be beginning a CLT newsletter which will highlight the awesome things that are happening in residence, and try and shift the focus from the few negative things that are happening in residence to the many positive things that are happening

June Webber Meeting:

* Taylor Chase (SU President and CEO) and I had a sit down meeting with June Webber to discuss the continuation of the Residence working groups from last winter.
* We discussed the conversations that were had in these working groups and the structure that will continue.
* Although there were originally five working groups, moving forward these will be collapsed in to two main groups consisting of one group that will be focused on academic success in residence and the other will focus on what is going well in residence and how to strengthen these characteristics
* I look forward to reporting more on these meetings in future reports

Leadership Summit:

* Attended the Leadership Summit at X on September 24th at the Frank McKenna Centre for Leadership
* Enlightening to discuss with fellow leaders on campus and what leadership at X really looks like
* There was a lot of discussion about equity and diversity in leadership at StFX and I believe the information will be very helpful moving forward in the programming and decision making that happens at the Students’ Union
* From the information that was gathered, I am hoping to connect with Michael Fisher and Terena Francis in the upcoming months to look at the best way to help in supporting international students and students of visible minorities in residence

**Internal Affairs** *(Here is where to indicate what has been happening through your office/department in terms of events within the Union, and our executive. I would recommend discussing projects that require collaboration between your office and the office of another member of the Executive Board)*

House Hockey Cup Policy:

* Myself, Chad Hasegawa (VP Finance and Operations) and Evan Davison-Kotler are working together to develop a concrete House Hockey Cup policy
* The purpose of this policy is to develop a solid and concrete framework for accountability and responsibility for House Hockey Cups
* This is in the initial stages of development and we are extremely open to feedback and suggestions
* If you have a suggestion of what you believe should be included in this policy please feel free to email me at [su\_resaffairs@stfx.ca](mailto:su_resaffairs@stfx.ca)

House Hockey Cup Forum:

* Working alongside Janiyme (INN Bar Manager) and Sean Ryan (General Manager) to lan and facilitate the first annual House Hockey Cup Forum
* The point of this forum is to gather feedback on what is going well in house hockey cups, what can be improved, what students would like to see more/less of, as well as various ways that House Hockey cups can be linked up with charitable initiatives and provide back to campus and the surrounding community.
* At this forum I hope to present the House Hockey Cup policy, the House Hockey Cup Dates, and finally the new name for the inaugural tri-tournament of Plessis, MSB, and Off-Campus

#MyDefinition:

* At the beginning of September, I was approached by a student who wanted to begin a mental health campaign that is currently found at other universities
* It is a poster campaign that highlights students who struggle with mental health issues but demonstrate that it does not define them, and that there are several other factors that define a person – the purpose is to reduce the stigma
* We are hoping to have this campaign up and running by December, and are researching the costs and logistics etc. and have partnered up with X-Mental Health Connections
* If you would like to know more about the campaign please follow this link <http://www.mydefinition.ca>

**Sub – Executives** *(Here is where to discuss your interactions and plans for your sub-executives. Please include any hiring of sub-executive positions, as well as communication that you have had with your different sub-execs. This would also be a place to discuss any planning that you may be doing for training sessions for each of the various positions that fall beneath your office)*

* In the first week of September I hired the fourth Student Advocate. Her name is Olivia Ells and I am confident she has both the capability and the intelligence to do an excellent job in the role of Student Advocate.
* We held Student Advocate training on September 18th, where we discussed their roles, the CORE Values of the U, what to expect in the upcoming year, as well as the roles of the Student Conduct Officer, the Community Code, the Appeals and Discipline Committee and engaged in some role play
* As well, on September 26th, we received Sexual Assault Disclosure training – the first ever program of its kind to be offered at StFX – I would highly recommend that you all try to receive this training at some point, if you are interested you can contact Jacqueline De Leebeeck (Director of Student Life)
* At the beginning of September, I had my House Council Coordinator step down from the role due to personal reasons. In their spot, I hired Sydney Pagan. Together we have set our expectations and created a few collective goals.
* Together Sydney and I have worked to get the new House Board up and running. Please find below some useful information for the timeline of House Board.

**Key Dates:**

September 19th – Applications for House Board are open

September 26th – Applications for House Board are due to the House President by 12:00pm (noon)

September 30th – Candidates must be chosen and notified by this date; Doodle poll sent out to all representatives to determine the day that House Board meetings will be held bi-weekly (starting the week of October 2nd-8th)

October 2nd-8th – First House Board meetings are held, all meeting minutes are due to the House Council Coordinator within 48 hours of the meeting being held

* The House Board Training will be held on October 2nd from 2:00pm until 4:00pm ion Nicholson Hall 151
* The House Presidents and Vice Presidents have been planning several awesome events which includes the Burke Toque Ceremony, the Bathtub Backyard BBQ, several movie nights and fast friends.
* Moving into October, I will be looking at setting up one on ones with each person to check-in
* Off-Campus – the Off Campus Leaders, myself and Shannon Travers (Manager of Student Life) have gotten together to identify ways that the university can support Off-Campus students and different initiatives that can be implemented to help with first-year off-campus student engagement. Some of the ideas have been making lockers more easily accessible, a room/lounge for off-campus students to facilitate speakers and events, as well as finding ways to provide more information about by-laws, the tenancy act and how to resolve issues with landlords.
* Finally, out of the discussions with the House Presidents and Vice Presidents I am gathering that there is a lot of frustration surrounding university decisions about residence, and feel that there is a serious lack of student consultation. One initiative I am looking to implement in the upcoming months is Residence Town Halls, where we will invite various residences to come and discuss what they think is working well and what needs to be improved. The information will be compiled into a report that I hope to present to the University. This is still in the planning and brainstorming phases, and I would be very interested in having help or suggestions as I start this initiative. Please feel free to reach out to me if you are interested.

## Vice-President Activities and Events

Rachel LeBlanc - VP Activities and Events

Executive Report  
September, 2016

St. F. X. Students’ Union

**Committees**

ERC:

* ERC continued to meet throughout the month every Wednesday at 10 am to review event requests. In our initial meetings, we discovered that many students were not able to submit ERC forms in time because of lack of preparation and training. As a result, the committee discussed how to better prepare student Society Presidents for event planning before the summer begins, as oppose to in September. In September, we did the following:
* Approved several house and society events including the Bathtub BBQ, House-related ceremonies and activities, society meetings and events.
* Did not approve events that were not submitted on time (i.e. 2 weeks plus a Friday prior to event date) in order to stick to our timeline.
* Hosted three separate ERC training sessions for society presidents in the month.
* Currently looking to prepare an Emergency Plan document for students to have

Student Orientation Committee:

* Held daily meetings throughout Orientation week to debrief and gear up for events as they passed.
* Held a debrief committee meeting to discuss the week as a whole. Looking to find a way to offer students more opportunities to meet friend outside of their residence buildings.
* Hosting a Banquet to celebrate in November.

Society Review Committee:

* Held an initial meeting to review societies eligible for ratification before our special council meeting (i.e. special council meeting included the ratification of societies who met the required criteria)
* After discovering that 14 societies had filled out their constitution form improperly, the committee met to review corrected constitution forms by societies before the second special council meeting.

**External Affairs**

**Side Stage Presents:**

* Working with company to put together a concert for students in the coming months. Details are not yet finalized and will be released once they are.

**One Stop Entertainment:**

* Worked with Fred Alexander on This is 2020 and Country Night Super Sub for decoartions

**IMPACT sound:**

* Worked with Shannon on This is 2020 and Country Night Super Sub for lighting and Production

**Glow Parties:**

* Company that brought in the Orientation Weeks’ laser tag and mini golf, and brought in Country Nights’ Mechanical Bull

**Various Artists and Agencies:**

* In order to put on entertainment at events throughout the month.

**Internal Affairs**

**This is 2020:**

* Overall, the week was extremely successful! Events were executed with only a few small bumps and student attendance was incredibly high. O-crew, Student Union executive team, full time staff, conference services, facilities management, IMPACT sound and One Stop entertainment all helped create an incredible week for students.
* Goals for next year include: Improving Glow games concept with Run n’ Gun executive members (O-crew), ensuring sprinklers for the Jell-O slide have better safety mechanisms so students don’t step on them, and ensuring we have spare tarps on hand for the Jell-O slide.

**Country Night Super Sub:**

* Successfully hosted the event on September 23rd with close to no problems. Students were engaged in both floors’ events, the mechanical bull, wet bar and the inn. Performance by Trade winds was a success! Sold almost 800 tickets through both physical tickets and the U app.

**World Market:**

* + Collaborating with the International Society, Coady Participants, Students of African Descent office, Aboriginal Students office and International Students’ Office to host our first world market on Sunday, October 16th from 2-4 pm in the Coady Gardens. Market will have participants from the StFX community and the Antigonish community celebrating their heritage by hosting a booth to showcase their food, clothing, accessories, and cultural materials of information.
  + Preparation includes: Gathering “world market participation” forms. Booking space and booths, contacting local food producers and trucks, creating promotional material and spreading the word.

**X Talks:**

* Working with Ryley Erickson, Ian Pygott, Andrea Boyd and Mary Coyle of the McKenna Centre to launch X Talks on October 25th at the Bauer Theatre. Talk will be entirely open to anything and everything, giving students the freedom to share ideas and express thoughts.

**Sub – Executives**

**Society Coordinator:**

* Met with Tiffany regarding events not approved and steps that need to be taken by societies so that they may be approved.
* Had a busy month helping societies get ratified with their constitution and ratification forms.
* Looking to set goals to make societies more accessible to students and helping ease the transition process in place.

**O-Crew Co Chairs:**

* Met to discuss the week’s success and challenges
* Discussed moving forward with the E-Bae committee and how to intergrade it into the committee

## Vice-President External Affairs

**Name: Annie Sirois**

**To:** StFX Student Council

**Re:** Report to Council (September 2016)

**Committees**

* StFX University’s *Nicholson Hall/Brian Mulroney Institute Planning Committee:* after not receiving as much funding as the university had hoped for, the renovations for the Brian Mulroney Institute will be moving forward just on a lesser scale. The Committee met to discuss the overall design, accessibility, and composition of the building from green space and walks-ways, to classrooms and the number of seats in the auditorium.
* CASA’s *Member Relations Committee:* met to review the work plan and assign actionables and deliverables to members within the Committee, providing deadlines for what needs to be done
* SNS’s *Policy Committee:* I sit on this Committee as the Chair and I have just finished the new Terms of Reference for the Committee that are pending Board approval sometime in October

**External Affairs**

This month has been largely focused around the upcoming municipal election. On Sept.14th I attended the **Mayoral Candidates Debate** at St. James’ Church. On the 16th Taylor and I had a meeting with **Minister Regan of Labour and Advanced Education** where we discussed the new Student Council initiative, which allows students are large to apply for money from the Students’ Union’s student council for initiatives they would like to take on. The Minister was very interested in this idea. Later that day there was an unsuccessful yet well-intended **Town Hall with MP Sean Fraser** held in Schwartz. Due largely to a lack of marketing, very few students attended but those that did had the opportunity to give feedback to Mr. Fraser about electoral reform and climate change. I attended the **Town Council Meeting** on the 19th with nothing of significance to report. I held an extremely successful **All-Candidates Debate at the Golden X Inn** on September 22nd where students had the opportunity to meet with candidates for mayor, council, and the school board. The event was exactly what I had envisioned: an opportunity for students to partake in intellectual debates and think critically will drinking beer sociably over dinner. Students had the opportunity to **register to vote** while at the debate, and were given a second opportunity to do so on September 29th between 1PM and 3PM in the SUB. Lastly, I have just been periodically doing revisions and work for CASA and SNS; CASA specifically towards the Member Relations Committee on increasing and maintaining membership, for SNS it has been revising and approving monthly financial statements as Vice-Chair and developing work as the Chair of the Policy Committee.

**Internal Affairs**

For my office, the beginning of the month was largely focused on being a support system for those heavily involved in **Orientation Week**, such as the VP Activities and Events, VP Residence Affairs, and Orientation Crew members. The entire Executive Team attending all the Orientation Week events. My favourite event would have to have been Playfair where the execs were given the chance to mingle with first years as students, removing our titles for the evening. On September 22nd we held our first ever **Annual General Meeting** which was an opportunity for every student to vote on the issues put forth in the agenda. While there were certainly growing pains considering it was our first ever, it is good practice and I think we have a lot of room for growth for next year’s. We also passed the **Policy Proposal Package**, which is a resource for students that I worked on all summer. The **new website** is now up and running and the Policy Proposal Package and **Off-Campus Opportunities** submission form are now available! A huge thank you to the Marketing Team for all their hard work. VP Finance and Operations, Chad Hasegawa, and myself had the opportunity to meet with some of the coaches of the BurMac teams. The focus of the meeting was to ensure that all parties knew where the other’s heads were at. We ensured the coaches that nothing substantial has occurred within the Students’ Union and that we are looking to wait to make any decisions until after the House Hockey Cup forum which will occur later on in the Fall. The forum will be an opportunity for all students to come and raise concerns or suggestions about house hockey cups on campus, so-as to ensure that the Students’ Union is making decisions that properly reflect the views of all students.

**Sub-Executive: Research and Policy Associate**

Evan has been hard at work developing a new policy that will advocate for the provincial government to change their voting requirements to be less ambiguous for elections. He has also been working for Residence Affairs office helping to develop a House Hockey Cup policy.

Annie Sirois, Vice President External Affairs

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**Glossary**

**StudentsNS/SNS:** Students Nova Scotia is the STFXSU’s Provincial Lobbying Group. It is an alliance of Nova Scotia post-secondary student associations, including StFX, Acadia, Cape Breton, Saint Mary’s, Kingstec, and Annapolis Valley. The organization gives students in Nova Scotia a united voice, helping set the direction of post-secondary education by researching challenges, identifying solutions, and creating the political space needed for these solutions to happen. For more information: <http://studentsns.ca/> or contact the Executive Director Sophie Helpard at [director@studentsns.ca](mailto:director@studentsns.ca)

**CASA:** Canadian Alliance of Student Associations is the STFXSU’s Federal Lobbying Group and a national voice for Canada’s post-secondary students. Established in 1995, CASA is a non-partisan, not-for-profit student organization composed of student associations from across Canada. For more information: <http://casa-acae.com/> or contact the Executive Director Michael McDonald at [ed@casa.ca](mailto:ed@casa.ca)

**MLA:** A Member of Legislative Assembly is a representative elected by the voters of a constituency to the provincial legislative assembly. The MLA for the Antigonish constituency is Mr. Randy Delorey of the Liberal Party. Contact: [office@delorey4antigonish.ca](mailto:office@delorey4antigonish.ca) or 902-870-5899

**MOU:** refers to the Memorandum of Understanding, an agreement between the provincial government and all the universities in Nova Scotia. It serves to provide operational direction for universities.

**MP:** A Member of Parliament is a representative elected by the voters of a constituency to the House of Commons (also known as the Lower House). The MP for Central Nova constituency is Sean Fraser of the Liberal Party. Contact: [sean.fraser@parl.gc.ca](mailto:sean.fraser@parl.gc.ca) or 902-867-2919

**PSE:** refers to post-secondary education, also known as higher education, which encompasses universities, academies, colleges, seminaries, and institutes of technology.

## Vice President Academic Affairs

**Name: Ryley Erickson**

**To:** StFX Student’s Council

**Re:** Report to Council (September 2016)

**Committees**

Senate Steering Committee

* 2 meetings (September 2 & 20)
* **1st Meeting**
* Looked into moving our special Senate meeting for Senator Sinclair, as he was coming on the same day. Ended up delaying making the decision until the next meeting
* Discussed the role of Senate vs Board of Governors
* Created a new special meeting for Kent MacDonald to present the Strategic Plan to Senate
* **2nd Meeting**
* Confirmed the dates of the Special Senate Meetings (November 14th for the Strat Plan and October 24th for the Bachelor of Health Sciences)
* Confirmed what the Senate Steering Meeting Dates are going to be for the rest of the year (Monday at 1:15pm)
* Put the agenda for the first meeting of Senate together
* Discussed indigenization and how we are now going to recognize that we are on unceded Mi’kmaq territory

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