

Annual General Meeting

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:36PM.

Confirmation of Quorum

Quorum has been met for this meeting.

Opening Remarks of the Chair

Sanjidha: I move to invite Mitchell Archibald to take the Chair.

Todd: Second

“Good evening everyone and thank you Will for the introduction. My name is Mitchell Archibald, I have been graciously asked by your council to be the chair for this meeting, and I am honored to do so. Myself and my colleagues have been doing work to better the governance policies of the Union. We will be following council procedure this evening, and we will also be following Roberts Rules. If you wish to speak, please raise your hand and I will recognize you.”

Approval of Agenda

Nick: Motion to approve the agenda.

Emma: Second.

Motion Passes.

Presentations to the Membership

Presentation of the 2018-2019 Audited Financial Statements - Grant Thornton LLP

The first page is a summary of the auditor's report for this fiscal year. *(The remainder of this report outlines the roles of management, as well as provides greater transparency for the role of auditors.)*

Questions:

Q: (Tiffany) For the clarity of the students, could you break down the student executive expense?

A: Within this line you have honorariums, award banquets, conferences, cell phones, CASA costs, expansion fees, training fees, along with printing, paper, etc.

Q: (Todd) Why is there a large difference between the 2018 expenditures under the Schedule of Union Services, and the 2019 Actual?

A: That is the total of the food resource center for the year, whose budget was recently increased.

Q: (Kamy) What services receive the donations listed under services?

A: This again relates to the food resource center; this is the money that was donated to the center throughout the year.

Motion to approve the 2018-2019 Audited Financial Statements as Presented

Jasonique: Motion to approve the 2018-2019 Audited Financial Statement as Presented.

Marc: Second.

Motion Passes.

Presentation of Proposed Act of Incorporation – William Fraser & William Burgess

We are in the middle of a major governance review currently, including revising all the laws of the Union. The Act of Incorporation is what will be presented today. *(The presentation proceeded to outline the new Act of Incorporation, which is accessible for all students to view.)*

Questions

Q: (Emma) Section 13 reads “Himself/Herself”, I think it is more acceptable in our time to change this to “themselves”, to make it more gender inclusive.

A: If this is legally possible, we will ask our lawyer if he can make this change.

Q: (Cecil) What will the status of our current bylaws be once this act is passed?

A: By the time it is passed, we will have new bylaws ready to be passed by council.

Q: (Unknown Gallery Member) In the case that the province makes it optional to be a member of a student union, will this act stop this from happening at St.FX?

A: It technically would, but in reality, the government could just amend the Act of Incorporation as they see fit.

Q: (Kamy) How does someone become an honorary member?

A: This will be outlined in the bylaws.

Students’ Union President’s Report – Cecil VanBuskirk

This presentation will focus on our annual plan: the promise to the students, and what we plan to do for the students throughout the year.

Destination:

1. Transparency
2. Approachability
3. Collaboration
4. Empowerment

Successful Achievement So-Far:

- Peer Support Program: A service passed in the summer to educate student on sexual violence prevention and mental health.
- DriveU
- Developing the role of Student Advocates: Ethics and integrating with students.
- Governance Review
- House Hockey Tournament: Creating a competitive environment without negative rivalries.
- Prioritizing Marketing
- Improving voter turnout: Updating voting system.
- Booking system for health and counselling: reminder system for appointments.
- Investing in House Councils

Upcoming Initiatives:

- Consultation Agreement.
- Gender Neutral Washrooms.
- Student-Faculty Dinners.
- Developing the Student Food Resource Center.
- Developing a measurable for all services.
- Investing in House Councils.

Projects in Development:

- Developing measurables
- Society events
- Women, Leadership and Advocacy Conference
- Keep it Social program development
- SOC committee By-Law Review

Other Achievements:

- Get Out the Vote Campaign
- CRA Initiative
- Nimbus Peer Tutoring
- Hurricane Dorian Relief
- INN Food
- New Voting Software
- New Computers
- X-FEST 2019

External Advocacy (Presented by Sarah Elliot)

- CASA
 - Get Out the Vote
 - St.FX ranked 3rd for number of students who pledged to vote across the country.
- SNS (Students Nova Scotia)
 - Implementing Open Educational Resources (OER's)
 - Reduce barriers related to MSI coverage for international students.

Adjournment

Emma: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Nick: Second.

Meeting is adjourned at 6:41PM.