

Council Package

January 10th, 2020

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Council Minutes – November 15th, 2020
Prepared By: Deputy Chair – Aidan McMann

Students' Union Representative Council Meeting

November 15th, 2020, 3:00PM

Mulroney Hall 3022

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:06 PM.

Roll Call

Board of Governors Student Representative – Nick Murray

Equity Student Representative – Jasonique Moss

Students of African Descent Representative – Henderson Cartwright

Arts Student Representative – Alexander Clow

Education Student Representative – Michael Adetola

Graduate Student Representative – Lauren Viana

International Student Representative – Dhruv Patel

Science Student Representative - Daniel Winters

Business Student Representative – Johanna Gates

First Year Representative – Brendan Roberts

Indigenous Student Representative – Justice Gruben

Indigenous Student Representative – Molly Burke

President - Sarah Elliott

Vice President Academic – Siobhan Lacey

Vice President Finance and Operations - Patrick Wallace

Vice President Residence Affairs – Jack Irvin

Vice-President, Activities & Events - Kielan Pilgrim

Vice President External Affairs - Bradley Van Dam

Students' Union General Manager – Sean Ryan

Absent

Deputy Chair – Aidan McMann

Board of Governors Student Representative - Kamy Carrington

Faculty Advisor – Corrine Cash

Opening Remarks of the Chair

“I would like to respectfully acknowledge that STFX is located on the traditional and unseeded land of the Mi’kmaq people. Thanks for coming to our first in person meeting, this is exciting stuff. We have a good agenda ahead of us, so let us get started.”

Approval of the Agenda

Siobhan: I motion.

Johanna: I second.

Discussion

None.

Lauren: I call the question.

Meredith: Is anyone oppose to calling the question? Seeing none we can vote to approve the agenda. Would anyone like to vote no? Would anyone like to abstain?

Motion passes 13-0-0

Approval of the Minutes of The October 25th Council Meeting.

Lauren: I move to approve the minutes of the October 25th council meeting.

Alex: I second.

Meredith: Any discussion on the motion? Seeing none, would someone like to call the question?

Daniel: I move to call the question.

Meredith: Is anyone oppose to calling the question? Seeing none we can vote to approve the agenda. Would anyone like to vote no? Would anyone like to abstain?

Motion passes 13-0-0

Approval of the Minutes of AGM Meeting

Daniel: I move to approve the minutes of the AGM.

Brendan: I second.

Meredith: Any discussion on the motion? Seeing none, would someone like to call the question?

Lauren: I move to call the question.

Meredith: Is anyone oppose to calling the question? Seeing none we can vote to approve the agenda. Would anyone like to vote no? Would anyone like to abstain?

Motion passes 13-0-0

Constituency Reports

Board of Governors Student Representative – Nick Murray

- No committee of BOG meetings.
- Met with Sarah to discuss the harassment and discrimination policy review.
- Joined the quality of life committee.
- Attended weekly Governance review meetings.
- Budget and finance discussed council initiatives fund.
- Participated in Movember polar dunk.

Equity Student Representative – Jasonique Moss

- Interview with Rebecca went well, the interview with her will be published in near future.
- Looking to organize positive space training for the councillors.

Students of African Descent Representative – Henderson Cartwright

- There is now a student of African descent advisor: Warren Kelsey.
 - In office Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Arts Student Representative – Alexander Clow

- Attended weekly governance review meetings.
- Attended senate meetings.
- Appointed new member of academic priorities and planning committee.
 - First meeting week of 16th

Education Student Representative – Michael Adetola

- Attended committee meetings.
- Continues to reach out to constituents

Graduate Student Representative – Lauren Viana

- Finalized list of scholarships available for Grad students.
- Org review- started writing strategic plan.
- Preliminary talks with grad office for a possible Grad student Q and A.

International Student Representative – Dhruv Patel

- Attended and organized Diwali dinner at Morrison.
- Sent out applications for new Student at Large
- Appointed to food committee.
- Organized Glow Yoga.

Science Student Representative - Daniel Winters

- Attended Senate meetings.
- Attended emergency grants committee meeting.
- Met with Sarah to discuss the harassment and discrimination policy review.
- Been placed on oceanic staff teaching awards committee.

Business Student Representative – Johanna Gates

- Met with Snaddjhida for Instagram marketing story.
- Appointed new member of academic priorities and planning committee.
- Been placed on oceanic staff teaching awards committee.
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First Year Representative – Brendan Roberts

- Advocating to jack about side doors in residences open.
 - Will not happen.
- Had a student approached him about emergency EpiPen's around campus.
- Met twice with golden X inn renovation committee.

Questions

Johanna: I think the EpiPen's are a great idea, if you go om and meet with people I would like to be involved. Are there defibrillators on campus?

Siobhan: *Yields time to Sean.*

Sean: Yes, there in major areas, like the KC. We did talk about getting some in Bloomfield, but COVID hit and derailed those plans. The EpiPen's would be a great quality of life committee topic.

Indigenous Student Representative – Justice Gruben & Molly Burke

- Started introducing and integrating themselves into council.
- Received council training.
- Introduction meeting with Sarah.
 - What they could do for students.
- Molly attended equity meeting.

- Proposed a survey for indigenous students in terms of racism and comfortability on campus.
- Molly proposed indigenous art show.
- Justice met with executive team.
 - How to address racism on campus and in the community.
 - Began talks about policy of grievances of ceremonies.
- Justice sits on emergency grants committee.
- Very excited to be here.

Executive Reports

President – Sarah Elliott

- Diwali at Morrison was a great event.
- Harassment and discrimination policy meeting were a success.
 - Looking for more feedback.
- Met with new indigenous student representatives.
- Going over Students Nova Advocacy asks.
- Attending all virtual advocacy week (Month) for CASA.

Vice-President Academic – Siobhan Lacey

- Focused on committee meetings.
 - Appointing new students to different committees.
- Could not attend Cavs meeting.
- Committee spot will be assigned to indigenous student representatives.
- Now sits on senate library committee.
 - Also, senate library steering committee
 - Will write policy for committee.
- Attended regular senate meeting.
 - Addressing quality of life, president of University and chair of senate.
- Approved courses for science, arts and professional programs faculty.
 - Have not met.
 - Miscommunication with faculty.
- Sent out feedback form to councillors.
 - Problems with moodle page.
- Looking at ways to support students during the second semester.
- Emailing professors to seek out more Nimbus tutors.
- Sexualized violence committee will meet in near future for first policy review.

Vice-President Finance and Operations - Patrick Wallace

- SFRC hosted very successful trick or eat.

- Big helps from residents' buildings.
- Trouble with volunteers missing SFRC shifts
- Breakfast program is running strong.
- Annamika presented first proposal for SFRC.
 - Emphasis on what is available in SFRC.
- DriveU running smoothly.
- PSP has 12 documented visits. 12 undocumented.
 - Running much better than last year.
- Next council meeting there will be full overview of half year spending budget.
- Budget and finance met online to push schedule.
- Weekly meetings with emergency grants.
- Sits on Inn referenda.
 - Chase the ace big events.

Questions:

Sarah: Do you need more volunteers for the SFRC?

Patrick: Yes and no, we have lots of volunteers, but the problem is people showing up for their shifts.

Lauren: Will Drive U be forced to reduce hours or drivers if the usage numbers do not go up?

Patrick: Yes, the hours of service have already been reduced. 33 hours a week. Drivers see a lot more cars at the sub. We are seeing more people driving in.

Sean: Another factor would be the reduced hours of the inn are affecting numbers for driveU.

Brendan: For the chase the ace, lots of first year's struggle going to the inn on Fridays to attend the event. Is possible to make it on another day?

Patrick: We are looking to extend for maybe a Wednesday, but there are a lot of rules regarding gambling on weekdays.

Vice President Residence Affairs – Jack Irvin

- Looking at isolation details for the winter term.
- Looking to meet with SOCC before the end of the year to solidify programs for students in residence and not residence.
- House hockey is a go.
 - Organizing draft night.
 - Organizing ice times.
- Looking at FX hall house budget finalized.
- Attended Movember committee.
- Recorded chase the ace video.

Vice-President, Activities & Events - Kielan Pilgrim

- Attended lots of debriefing meetings to discuss how to improve events.
- Lots of work with Jack.
 - January planning.
 - In person society night planning.
- Sad news about X ring ceremonies.
 - Most likely not in person.
 - Reached out to local business to host people after X-ring ceremony.
- Have a more festival style house hockey tournament.
- Lots of societies starting to host events.

Questions

Johanna: So, there is no chance that everyone could be in the same space for X-ring, but could it be in the same building?

Kielan: That is the next step we are looking forward to. There are some options we are looking at, but we will see. It comes down to that we would need more staff and it would not work. A reservation type thing at the inn will be available.

Vice President External Affairs - Bradley Van Dam

- Attending all virtual advocacy week (Month) for CASA.
 - Meeting with parliamentary members, senators.
- Attended students Nova Scotia advocacy week in Halifax.
- Rest in report.

General Manager Report

Students' Union General Manager – Sean Ryan

- Going to present draft terms of reference for the health and dental plan.
- Chase the ace has been interesting and hopefully it expands.
 - Next week will be Nickle Back night so hopefully there will be a good turn out.
- Movember events coming up.
 - Events with international society to do Glow Yoga.
 - Radio stations take over on the 25th.
- We were able to secure sick boy podcast at the end of November.

Special Reports to Council

Presentation about SNS Advocacy Week from Sarah Elliott and Bradley Van Dam

Presented by Sarah and Brad.

List of asks:

- Additional bursaries for students from Nova Scotia demonstrating financial need.
- Mandate the testing for non-Atlantic Canadian students for the return in second semester.
- Eliminate the 31 day period needed for international students to access health plans. Change the 13 months period to a period of the first semester (4 months) to be eligible for the health plan.
- Continued expansion and investment in the CO-OP area. 50/50 pay for co-op students from employer and university to attain a 15\$/hrs rate.
- Expanding online consent module. Mandate across Atlantic Canadian universities.

Questions

Dhruv: Do you know what percent of the allowance money goes to international students.

Sarah: This money is only for students from Nova Scotia attending school in Nova Scotia.

Lauren: The first two grants you were talking about were Nova Scotia grants or students that attend Nova Scotian universities?

Sarah: They must be for students who are from Nova Scotia who demonstrate financial need.

Lauren: For the bursaries of Nova Scotia and the tech, were those to be allocated to the universities or to the individuals who apply? For example, does StFX get a certain number to give out or can Dalhousie students receive them all?

Sarah: No, the bursaries who go directly from the province to the students. Yes, that is a possibility.

Mike: How as the union planning to channel to the demographics that are in need? How would we make sure people who need this money get in?

Sarah: Yeah, the money right now is being primarily allocated to students on student assistance, so people who cannot pay for their schooling.

Bradley: The needs would be accessed by the province and through the application process.

Henderson: The student assistance bursary is for all students or students from Nova Scotia?

Sarah: This one is just for Nova Scotia students attending Nova Scotia universities.

Presentation from the Golden X Inn Renovation Committee

Presented by Sean Ryan and Brendan Roberts

Sean: Should it be a 25\$ fee or 50\$ fee? Students feel more comfortable at 25\$, but with 50\$ the project could move forward much faster. The committee needs help from council to decide and iron out that detail.

Passes piece of paper to amend the agenda for the next meeting determining 25\$ or 50\$ fee amount.

Questions

Lauren: Do you have any idea of a timeline for the start of the project?

Sean: If the referendum is passed, the project could start the patio construction during the summer of 2021. The bulk of the interior would be done once graduation ends in 2022.

Presentation from the Health and Dental Plan Committee

Presented by Sean Ryan and Dhruv Patel

Sean: We were given back 40,000\$ from health care provider, how to manage the money? The rebate amount back to students would not be very much. Therefore, the idea came to create a Student's Union StFX health and wellness grant program, similar to emergency grants.

Terms of reference presented.

Questions

Mike: How do we really exhibit and distinguish who is in the most need?

Sean: Of course, there is a need assessment done by the student and the committee reviews that. The committee assesses where they can.

Mike: Adding someone else on the committee to give a different perspective on disabilities and understands students would be very beneficial to the committee. The future document should emphasize looking for the people who are in the most need.

Sean: Of course, but there are inevitably gaps and health care providers that we will try our best to cover.

Presentation of Northern School supplies initiative presented by Brenna and Emily

Presented by Emily Matthews and Brenna Agnew

Questions

Sarah: Not really a question but thank you guys, we can all tell you have put a lot of effort into this great initiative and we wish you the best.

Mike: I wanted to endorse your initiative because as the education representative I have some communication with people up north and these students do not have the same privileges as the rest of Canada. It does propel them in the right direction with the basic needs. I just 100% appreciate and respect what you are doing, so thank you guys.

Lauren: What would it cost to buy what you have bought and what you had received as donations compared to here and Nunavut.

Emily: we spent a good amount of time researching this and there are no lists of prices online, realistically you would not have been able to get the supplies we have there. I can imagine It would be double or triple.

Daniel: How much have you guys spent already on school supplies?

Emily: It was just above 800\$ for the supplies we have accumulated.

Mike: Have you talked to the education head? I know with their practicum and other resources they could be very beneficial in the helping and accumulating supplies.

Emily: Not yet, but that is a great suggestion.

Siobhan: Maybe making this a service learning initiative for students. It could be super helpful and a great way to get students involved. Also involving the Coady could be very beneficial as they do a lot of work already with funding and outreach work.

Lauren: I move to allocate funds to this council initiative.

Siobhan: I second.

Discussion

Lauren: Patrick do we have the funds to allocate right now?

Patrick: Yes, we have 500\$ as of right now so we can give 0-500\$.

Sarah: We can take this opportunity seeing as through we do not have the 700 dollars that was asked for to advocate to the university to get the rest of that money.

Siobhan: As I said the Coady would be a great place to go or if Houses on campus have not chosen a charity you can ask about that.

Alex: I think we should give the 500\$ we can.

Alex: I motion to allocate 500\$ from the council initiatives fund to the Northern School Supplies initiative.

Nick: I second.

Discussion

None.

Lauren: I move to call the question.

Motion passes 13-0-0

Discussion of main motion

None.

Alex: I move to call the question.

Motion passes 13-0-0

New Business

Motion to approve the proposed dates for second term Council Meetings

Daniel: I move to approve the proposed dates for second term Council Meetings.

Nick: I second.

Siobhan: I would like to table this motion as we do not yet have the academic studies dates set for second semester. I move to postpone this motion to the next meeting of council.

Alex: I second.

Closing Remarks

“That concludes the meeting! Thank you all for coming to our first in person meeting.”

Adjournment

Lauren: I so move.

Brendan: I second.

Discussion:

None.

Sarah: I call the question.

Meredith: We can now move to vote to adjourn the meeting. Would anyone like to vote no?
Would anyone like to abstain?

Motion passes 13-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32PM.

Council Minutes – December 6th, 2020
Prepared By: Deputy Chair – Aidan McMann

Students' Union Representative Council Meeting

December 6th, 2020, 3:01 PM

Coady Hall 341

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:01 PM.

Roll Call

Board of Governors Student Representative – Nick Murray

Board of Governors Student Representative - Kamy Carrington

Students of African Descent Representative – Henderson Cartwright

Arts Student Representative – Alexander Clow

Education Student Representative – Michael Adetola

Graduate Student Representative – Lauren Viana

International Student Representative – Dhruv Patel

Science Student Representative - Daniel Winters

Business Student Representative – Johanna Gates

First Year Representative – Brendan Roberts

Indigenous Student Representative – Justice Gruben

Indigenous Student Representative – Molly Burke

President - Sarah Elliott

Vice President Academic – Siobhan Lacey

Vice President Residence Affairs – Jack Irvin

Vice-President, Activities & Events - Kielan Pilgrim

Vice President External Affairs - Bradley Van Dam

Deputy Chair – Aidan McMann

Students' Union General Manager – Sean Ryan

Absent

Equity Student Representative – Jasonique Moss

Vice President Finance and Operations - Patrick Wallace

Absent with Regrets

Faculty Advisor – Corrine Cash

Opening Remarks of the Chair

“I would like to respectfully acknowledge that STFX is located on the traditional and unseeded land of the Mi’kmaq people. Welcome to the last council meeting of the semester, thank you for making time to come in during this exam period.”

Approval of the Agenda

Alex: I so move.

Brendan: I second.

Discussion

Nick: I move to postpone the approval of the dates for council next semester to the first council meeting of the second term.

Alex: second.

Meredith: Is that amendment friendly? Yes, the agenda is so amended.

Siobhan: I move to postpone the financial presentation to the first council meeting of the second term.

Meredith: Is that amendment friendly? Yes, the agenda is so amended.

Siobhan: I call the question.

Meredith: Is anyone oppose to calling the question? Seeing none we can vote to approve the agenda. Would anyone like to vote no? Would anyone like to abstain?

Motion passes 12-0-0

Constituency Reports

Board of Governors Student Representative – Nick Murray

- Reaching out to constituents regarding exams and students’ travelling situations.
- Finished governance review for the semester.

Board of Governors Student Representative – Kamy Carrington

- Sat on investment committee.

- Focused on students reaching out with concerns about second semester and the exam season.

Students of African Descent Representative – Henderson Cartwright

- All information in report.

Arts Student Representative – Alexander Clow

- Focused on regular duties and committee work.

Education Student Representative – Michael Adetola

- All information in report.

Graduate Student Representative – Lauren Viana

- Wrapping up committee work for the semester.
- Attended senate meeting and achieved confirmation of 2 study days for the winter semester.

International Student Representative – Dhruv Patel

- Attended meeting with university regarding international students coming back to campus in the second semester.

Questions

Alex: Any international student who is coming back and do not have a space w=to isolate the university will cover the cost of housing and food?

Dhruv: This is right yes.

Science Student Representative - Daniel Winters

- Sat on outstanding staff committee.
- Attended inn Formal Meeting.
- Attended committee of studies meetings.

Business Student Representative – Johanna Gates

- All information in the report.
- Focused on reaching out to students struggling during exam time.

First Year Representative – Brendan Roberts

- Golden X inn renovation team has not met.
- Consulting first years regarding possible exam time struggles.

Indigenous Student Representative – Justice Gruben & Molly Burke

- Helped organise holiday event for indigenous students.
 - Was postponed due to COVID related reasons.

- Both Councillors back in New Brunswick.
- Planning new February events.
 - Drum making session.
 - Indigenous women's day of action.

Alex: What kind of events would you do on this day of action?

Justice: During the month of February there is a week for the red dress campaign and were looking to build on some ideas to have some activities.

Alex: I would like to voice my support for this, where I am from, we put a great emphasis on the event, and I don't see it as emphasised here.

Siobhan: If you want to connect with Kielan, he would be the guy to talk to set up events like this.

Executive Reports

President – Sarah Elliott

- Congrats to everyone who received their x-rings and keeping up their mental health throughout exams.
- Rest in report.

Vice-President Academic – Siobhan Lacey

- Approved 2 study dates for the winter term during the senate meeting.
 - Two 4 day weekends during second term.
- Quality of life had a large meeting.
 - Committee is being cut down to 6 people.

Questions

Alex: At the last senate meeting here was talk about the planning and priority committee, are there any updates on that.

Siobhan: Essentially one of the problems brought up at senate which was that faculty keep proposing classes through the forum and one of the questions is if indigenous content present in the course and a lot of faculty are saying possibly. As senate we have decided this is unacceptable, so are action point is that academic priority and planning is going to have an open forum in January. Academic forums are open to all students so I hope to see you all there.

Vice President Residence Affairs – Jack Irvin

- Attended Christmas tree lighting
- Many meeting with Dr. Yeo
- Completed exit interviews with HPS and VPs summing up the first semester.
- Organizing more programs for students isolating in residence.
 - More outside time.

- Better meal delivery.

Questions

Alex: Would the physical activity be outside?

Jack: Yes 2 recreational activities a day, one outside and the other will be in the AUX gym or rink. Main gym will also be used for recreation. The use of equipment is still up in the air but we will know more soon.

Vice-President, Activities & Events - Kielan Pilgrim

- Got report in on time. All information in report.

Vice President External Affairs - Bradley Van Dam

- Lots of committee work, focused on policy writing.
- Finished federal lobbying month.
- Lots of internal committee work.

General Manager Report

Students' Union General Manager – Sean Ryan

- Thank you everyone who participated in the Movember event.
- SFRC only open on Tuesday from 12-4 and 5-7.
 - Looking for more volunteers.
- Drive U ends Sunday the 14th.
- Going to open on on 3 days. December: 18, 23, 28
 - Looking for more programming ideas.
 - Looking for workers.

New Business

Motion to place the following question before the Union membership, with a 50% majority necessary for adoption: “I support a 25\$ Students’ Union Bloomfield Renovation fee beginning in September 2021. This fee will remain on the Students’ Union fee list until collection of this fee reaches \$2,500,000 or the project is paid for.”

Siobhan: Motion to place the following question before the Union membership, with a 50% majority necessary for adoption: “I support a 25\$ Students’ Union Bloomfield Renovation fee beginning in September 2021. This fee will remain on the Students’ Union fee list until collection of this fee reaches \$2,500,000 or the project is paid for.”

Nick: Second.

Discussion:

Alex: Does that mean if the project ends up exceeding 2,500,000, we would have to bring it back to council?

Siobhan: Yields time to Sean.

Sean: As we move through the project there will be numerous updates to council. Looking back at other institutions they have used similar language and we felt comfortable with this wording.

Nick: 50% seems good, I do not believe there is a need to go over the regular majority.

Alex: Does anyone want to raise it to 60%?

Siobhan: I call the question.

Motion passes 12-0-0

Closing Remarks

“That is all for today, 38 minutes is record time! Thank you, guys.

Adjournment

Alex: I so move.

Brendan: I second.

Discussion:

None.

Siobhan: I call the question.

Meredith: We can now move to vote to adjourn the meeting. Would anyone like to vote no?
Would anyone like to abstain?

Motion passes 12-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:39 PM.

Appendix A – Second Semester Council Dates – 2021

January 31st

February 21st

March 14th

March 28th