

Council Package

November 15th, 2020

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Agenda
Students' Union Representative Council
November 15th, 2020, 3:00 PM
Mulroney Hall 3022

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Mi'kmaq Acknowledgment
4. Opening Remarks of the Chair
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Approval of the minutes of the October 25th Council Meeting
7. Approval of the minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting
8. Constituency Reports
9. Business Arising
10. Executive Reports:
 - President – Sarah Elliott
 - Vice President Academic – Siobhan Lacey
 - Vice President Finance and Operations – Patrick Wallace
 - Vice President Activities and Events – Kielan Pilgrim
 - Vice President Residence Affairs – Jack Irvin
 - Vice President External Affairs – Bradley Van Dam
11. Faculty Representative's Report
12. Students' Union General Manager Report
13. Committee Reports
14. Special Reports to Council
 - Presentation about SNS Advocacy Week from Sarah Elliott and Bradley Van Dam
 - Presentation from the Golden X Inn Renovation Committee
 - Presentation from the Health and Dental Plan Committee
 - Presentation from The Northern School Supplies Initiative (Brennah Agnew and Emily Matthews)
15. Old Business
16. New Business
 - Motion to allocate funds from the Council Initiative Fund to the The Northern School Supplies Initiative
 - Motion to approve the proposed dates for second term Council Meetings
17. Closing remarks of the Chair
18. Adjournment

Council Minutes – October 25th, 2020
Prepared By: Deputy Chair – Aidan McMann

Students' Union Representative Council Meeting

October 25th, 2020, 3:00PM

Online Zoom Call

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:02 PM.

Roll Call

Board of Governors Student Representative – Nick Murray

Board of Governors Student Representative - Kamy Carrington

Equity Student Representative – Jasonique Moss

Students of African Descent Representative – Henderson Cartwright

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

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

Arts Student Representative – Alexander Clow

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. Thank you everyone for coming to this council meeting on this beautiful Sunday.”

Approval of the Agenda

Sarah: I motion.

Lauren: I second.

Discussion

None.

Michael: I call the question.

Dhruv: I second.

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

Approval of the Minutes of The October 4th Council Meeting.

Lauren: I move to approve the minutes of the October 4th council meeting.

Siobhan: I second.

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

Sarah: 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 12-0-0

Constituency Reports

Board of Governors Student Representative – Nick Murray

- 2 committee meeting for BOG
 - Building and grounds
 - Advancement and external relations
 - Great meetings, very confident in the direction the committees are going.
- Worked with Kamy and Sarah for advocating for international students.
 - Meeting with admin cancelled, to be rescheduled.
- Governance review
 - Weekly meetings
- Worked with O-Crew
 - S/O Keilan

Board of Governors Student Representative – Kamy Carrington

- Investment committee
 - Met once.
 - Happy to see large student participation in the committee.
- Organizational review committee
 - Looking forward to finishing strategic plan.

Equity Student Representative – Jasonique Moss

- Met with Mr. Upshaw to complete the anti-racism module.
- Reached out to the McKenna center for possible podcast about “uncomfortable questions” students may have.

Students of African Descent Representative – Henderson Cartwright

- Nothing new to report.

Education Student Representative – Michael Adetola

- Looking forward to return to campus reports for second semester.

Graduate Student Representative – Lauren Viana

- Sat on MacIsaac hiring panel.
- Speaking with Gina Sampson of grad studies office about funding opportunity for graduate students.
 - Looks to collaborate soon with them.

International Student Representative – Dhruv Patel

- Students at large application released.
- Successfully ratified the committees.
- Surprise coming for mental health initiative.

Science Student Representative - Daniel Winters

- Attended senate meeting to determine 2nd semester academic dates.

- Met with emergency grants committee.

Business Student Representative – Johanna Gates

- Attended senate meeting to determine 2nd semester academic dates.
- Talking to people about ATM.
- Looking to increase presence in Schwartz rather than the sub to reach more business students.

First Year Representative – Brendan Roberts

- Trying to promote university meetings to get first years more involved and aware of university happenings.
- Searching for more unanswered questions about rules in res.
- Sat on MacIsaac HP and Fraser VP hiring panels.
- New member of Golden X inn renovation committee.

Executive Reports

President – Sarah Elliott

- Attended first university board meeting.
 - Big concerns for international students paying 80% tuition while other domestic students are only required to pay 65% for the September payment deadline.
 - Has been resolved in talks with Andrew Beckett, 65% for all students at September payment deadline.
- On policy committee for students Nova Scotia.
 - Working on policy for student job opportunities.
 - More integrated working.
- Attended take back the night.
 - Major success.
 - Well attended.
- Golden X inn preliminary meeting was held.
- New position for a therapist to address mental health concerns in residence.
 - Nurse was hired and will be meeting in following weeks.
- Spoke at Xaverian welcome.
- Represented student's union at the open house.
- Getting ready for provincial and federal advocacy week (month).

Questions

Henderson: That is awesome that international students next year will have to pay a lower initial amount, but how does that help students this year? A lot of funding from other countries has not

been reached, but the system does it recognize that, and it is affecting course selection, what can be done this year?

Sarah: It really is a case by case situation; Andrew could expand on it.

Andrew Beckett: Just as Sarah said it is very dependent and we have rules in place to handle these cases. They would need to go to the students account office and if nothing can be done there it will be brought up to my office.

Lauren: That is great but the scope of practice between a nurse and a therapist is very different, are there plans to revisit that when new candidates come out?

Sarah: That is the plan, and we understand that there is a difference. If you know Yvon who works in health and counselling, he is planning to take on more patients and the nurse will focus on more programming in residence to focus on mental health/ sexual awareness. But, yes we had the same concern.

Vice-President Academic – Siobhan Lacey

- Result of senate meeting: Classes will begin the week of January 13th in online format and in person classes will be transitioned to a-synchronous for the week. In person delivery will begin January 20th and the 19th will be deemed a study day.
- This was what most students wanted, so we are happy with the advocacy we are doing. The study days will be decided at a later date.
- Rest in report.

Questions

Brendan: Is there a way to get assurance that the courses that are in person will continue in person?

Siobhan: All courses are prepared to go online, but all classes that are meant to be delivered in person will be.

Vice-President Finance and Operations - Patrick Wallace

- Drive U, food bank and breakfast program all running.
 - Bailey Wasdal lead the push for the breakfast programmed.
- Rest in report.

Vice-President, Activities & Events - Kielan Pilgrim

- Shopping for X-ring ideas.

- Attended Lots of ERC training.
- Starting to plan events for second semester, seeing as though the plans and dates are clearer.

Vice President Residence Affairs – Jack Irvin

- Hiring 8 new HPs and VPs in weeks prior
- Has full roster for sub-execs.
- Worked with SUCLs to put on Xaverian Welcome.
- Looking at house hockey future.
 - Hiring coaches.
 - Team meetings to follow.
- Work with university to plan Keppoch Mountain trip.
- Got SUCLs to attend naloxone training with resLife.

Vice President External Affairs - Bradley Van Dam

- Getting ready for provincial and federal advocacy week (month).
- CASA online meetings Tuesdays and Thursdays of the month of November.
- OER campaign completed week prior.

General Manager Report

Students' Union General Manager – Sean Ryan

- Health plan opt out closed.
 - Delayed due
- DCB handheld payment devices introduced at Inn.
- 4th floor office moves nearly completed.
 - Looking for office space for societies meeting space.
- Lots of committee work.

Questions

Henderson: For societies when they must fill out ERC forms, has there been a decided deadline which makes the forms “too late”

Sean: We have not discussed when that deadline will be. I can not guarantee that it will be approved but fill the form out with as much details as you can and me and Kielan will be hopefully able to approve the forms soon.

Special Reports to Council

Financial update from StFX University's VP Finance and Administration

Presented by VP Finance and Administration, Andrew Beckett.

Questions

Patrick: Do you know why the year end is March 31st? Seems odd.

Andrew: It ties in with the province and given the provincial support it made sense. Of course, for our operations it would make sense lining it up with the academic year, but no.

Sarah: That was a lot of information at once so if you guys have any questions reviewing the package later you can email Andrew.

Andrew: Of course! Thank you all, have a great rest of your meeting.

New Business

Motion to approve the proposed dates for the General Election and Representative Council Election

Presentation from Ros Rebecca Cano and Naomi Stobart.

Discussion

Sarah: When we were running in the general election last year, I found it weird that the campaigning period is only 12 days and if you want to submit an ERC it has to be in 2 weeks before. So, could this be pushed to 14 days or can you submit an ERC before campaigning?

Rebecca: I believe you can submit the ERC before there is just no active campaigning.

Sarah: *Yields time to Sean.*

Sean: Do you mean the nomination form or the actual ERC because you do not have to submit ERCs for election things. They are run from the ROs office not the university.

Sarah: Interesting I was told something different, maybe we can meet and make it very clear for the candidates.

Lauren: I was wondering if anything that governance review is doing will affect these dates or the process?

Lauren: *Yields time to Sean.*

Sean: We are encountering a problem seeing as though our MLA is running for a liberal party candidate and he was supposed to bring our documents to legislature to be passed. In turn the

changes will not come into effect and the current positions of council, will most likely continue to next year.

Nick: Are there debates scheduled?

Rebecca: Yes, there will be, dates to be confirmed soon.

Daniel: I Motion to approve the proposed dates for the General Election and Representative Council Election.

Nick: Second.

Discussion:

None.

Dhruv: I move to call the question.

Daniel: Second.

Meredith: Would anyone like to vote no? Would anyone like to abstain?

Motion passes 12-0-0

Motion to approve guest Chair Mitchell Archibald for the Annual General Meeting 2020

Jasonique: I Motion to approve guest Chair Mitchell Archibald for the Annual General Meeting.

Nick: I second.

Discussion:

None.

Daniel: I move to call the question.

Nick: I second.

Meredith: Would anyone like to vote no? Would anyone like to abstain?

Motion passes 12-0-0

Motion to ratify the Students' Union Community Leaders Omnibus (Appendix B)

Brendan: I Motion to ratify the Students' Union Community Leaders Omnibus from Appendix B.

Dhruv: I second.

Discussion:

Siobhan: *Yields time to Jack.*

Jack: All the SUCLs were great hires, all 8 were unanimous decisions and the panels were very confident in their abilities. Overall great hiring panels and I am looking forward to working with them all.

Siobhan: I move to call the question.

Meredith: Would anyone like to vote no? Would anyone like to abstain?

Motion passes 12-0-0

Closing Remarks

“That concludes the meeting! Thank you all for coming, you guys were great as usual. Don’t forget about the AGM on Tuesday!”

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 12-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:06PM.

Annual General Meeting

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:31 PM.

Confirmation of Quorum

Quorum has been met for this meeting.

Opening Remarks of the Chair

“I will begin to acknowledge that STFX is located on the traditional and unseeded land of the Mi’kmaq people. Thank you everyone for being here tonight. Here are some general ground rules for the AGM, while the presentations are going on, we do ask that your volume and conversation would be kept to a minimum. Generally, there will be times for students to vote, when I ask for a vote the answer will be yes or no. Those in favour will raise their hand, if you do nothing, we are assuming you are voting yes. Abstentions will be voting in favour if your looking to vote nom make. My name is Mitchell Archibald and I work for Minnikin resources inc., we are a governance consulting firm based out of Halifax and we aid your students’ Union with advice on governance and policy. It is my absolute pleasure to be here tonight, let us begin.”

Approval of the Agenda

Siobhan: Motion to approve the agenda.

Brendan: I second.

Motion Passes.

Special Reports

Auditor’s Report in the Students’ Union Financial Statement 2019-2020

Presentation from auditor – Grant Thornton.

Questions

None.

New Business

Motion to approve the Financial Statements 2019-2020

Johanna: I move to approve the financial statement 2019-2020.

Nick: I second!

Discussion

Motion passes.

Motion to approve the auditing services of Grant Thornton from 2021-2023

Daniel: I move.

Alex: I second.

Discussion

None.

Motion passes.

Motion to approve The Annual Plan 2020-2021

Presentation of the Annual plan for 2020-2021 by Siobhan Lacey

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

Advocacy Goals:

- Advocate for open Educational resources (OERs)
- Provide advocacy training to students, Municipal advocacy opportunities.
- Advocate to administration to reinvest interest rates for more bursaries and scholarships.

Engagement:

- Fostering the STFX community experience
- Prepare a referendum for the inn and Bloomfield.
- Solidify the House Hockey Tournaments
- Increased support for Off- Campus students.

Equity:

- Begin to work on indigenization.
- More facilitatory training for sensitivity training in residence

Student wellness:

- Implement voluntary mental health standard
- Prioritize nimbus
- Invest in SU services.
- Creating a consent module for students.

- Advocate for expansion of Winter Break.

Questions

Q (Lauren): Do you guys have a specific goal list or is it all general and vague?

A(Sarah): We want to leave it up to students for their input and consultation before specific goals are made, this is the general executive aim for this year.

Jasonique: I motion.

Nick: I second.

Motion passes.

Students' Union President's Report – Sarah Elliott

Presentation from President Sarah Elliott.

Communication:

- Student awareness
- Increased Student Consultation.

Accessibility of Information:

- Student Consultation
- Student representative council.
 - Increased number and involvement of students at large.
- Advocacy for Student Issues.
- Student representation and Diversity
- Transparency

Increased Capacity and Sustainability

- Building autonomy
- Renovations
- Food Services
- Students Union Fee Evaluation
- Review of Terms of Reference for Union Positions

Questions

None.

Closing Remarks

“Thank you all for coming. Following adjournment there will be a brief presentation from the governance review committee and time to answer any other questions people may have in a more informal setting.”

Adjournment

Siobhan: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Alex: I second.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30PM.

Constituency Reports

Board of Governors Representative
Nick Murray
November 15th, 2020
Constituency Report #7

Business relating to position:

Hello everyone! I hope you all have been having an absolutely fantastic November, hard to believe the semester is coming to an end soon already! It has been a good past few weeks, and there is much to report. Since my last report, me and the other BoG Reps have attended the annual October meeting on October 22nd and 23rd. While I touched on this briefly during the last council meeting, I feel as though it was a detailed and productive meeting that dealt primarily with recapping how the institution has dealt with the reopening and what is to come in the future. Like always, I would like to comment on how amazing I believe that us student reps are working together as a team, we have accomplished a good deal thus far and I believe we will accomplish even more in the months to come. I have also met with Sarah and a few other members of Council on November 9th to discuss and review the University's proposed Harassment & Discrimination Policy. The document was already quite detailed, but there was certainly much room for improvement and suggestion, and I feel confident with the annotations we provided to the policy on behalf of our constituents.

My two Board committee spots, the Building & Grounds committee and the Advancement & External Relations committee, have not met since my last report. Speaking of committees, this week I also agreed to participate with the Quality of Life committee as one of the Student members. Truthfully, I do not know too much about it at the moment, but I am excited to help out all the same!

Other Business:

Within the Students' Union, it has been a truly productive past couple of weeks. The Governance Review committee has continued to meet on a weekly basis to work on the new policy manual. We have certainly come a long way, and I can confidently say that we'll have it done and looking great before we know! I also had the opportunity to help present our committee's current work and progress to the wider student body at the AGM on October 27th. My other committee spot, the Budget and Finance committee, has been in communication over email recently to discuss a donation request that we have received.

This past week, I have also participated in the "Polar Dunk" to support our Movember team, as well as an interview for the Students' Union Instagram Page, both equally fun!

That just about wraps things up! If anyone has any questions or needs more information, feel free to shoot me a message or ask (in-person!!!) on Sunday! Thanks everyone!

All the best,
Nick
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Equity Representative
Jasonique Moss
November 15th, 2020

Since the last council meeting, The equity committee has welcomed two new Members to the Team Molly and Justice the Indigenous reps.

One of our Students at large Ana Maria, had created a survey for the Latino students and based on the large amount of feedback, we decided that instead of meeting with the heads of minority groups, it would be best to create a survey that would be printed off and given to students from minority groups. As it is more personal and will guarantee honest feedback.

In the faculty equity meeting, a new EDI position was discussed in an effort to make the campus more equitable, in an effort to help define what that position would look like, the committee discussed having a google doc where we would share our own thoughts on what students can expect from the new position that will be brought forward and shared at the next meeting.

After having Rebecca's Article published in the ZAV, The equity Committee students at large interviewed her. That of which will be posted shortly and available to our social media pages once we get in touch with marketing and can post the article.

First Year Representative

Brendan Roberts

November 15th, 2020

Things have been fairly slow this reporting period although I do have a couple of things on the go. I am currently advocating to Jack (VP Res) on behalf of first years and asking for his support as many people living in residence are wishing the side doors could be unlocked during the daytime hours when CLC's and CA's aren't on duty. I, along with my fellow first years understand the complications that this topic could present but I believe that the benefits of the side doors being unlocked outweigh the negatives. I have also had a first-year student approach me and was wondering if it would be possible to have emergency epi-pen kits stationed around the university, especially in designated areas of food consumption. Over the next few weeks I am going to work with her to see if this is a possibility for St. FX.

In other news the GXI Renovations committee had our first meeting a couple of weeks ago and we were discussing very preliminary actions as well as what the committee would need to do in order to move forward with the project. In addition, on Thursday Nov 12 I participated in the Chase the Ace promo video aimed at encouraging student participation.

Student of African Descent Representative

Henderson Cartwright

November 15th, 2020

This month I am excited that we have a new Students of African Descent Advisor, Warren Kelsey. I spent the past few days getting to know him and assisting in helping him getting settled in. Now that Warrens here hopefully we can get some programming off the ground and remobilize BLACC Society. I am excited to see what is coming. I also finished with assisting Ashley Shepard with promoting the Safer Socializing During Covid-19 and the Respectful Communities modules and they are going to announce the grand prize winners soon!

The Equity Committee met to welcome the new Indigenous Student Reps, Molly and Justice (Justice was not at the last meeting but we met him later), and filled Molly in on what the committee does and was planning to do in the future. The students at large interview Rebecca Mesay about her Anti-Racism Essay that she wrote specifically for the X Equity page! We can't wait for everyone to be able to see it and read her essay. The Health Insurance Committee also met to go over an emergency grant guideline and discuss some other ideas pertaining to mental health on campus.

Arts Representative
Alex Clow
November 15th, 2020

Since the last meeting of council I have contoured my committee work both for Council and Senate. Since the last meeting of council Senate has met to discuss academic dates and to approve various appointments and other regular business. While the discussion of academic dates lead to a lively discussion, the regular business of Senate was much more subdued. Along with these duties I had the wonderful opportunity to go of *Shooting Off with Shaun*, our wonderful GMs weekly radio extravaganza.

Education Representative
Michael Adetola
November 15th, 2020

Business relating to position:

Education students have been notified of their return to campus dates, given that they vary slightly from the rest of students' timeline. Educations students are looking forward to beginning their practicum period, which will span from November 16th until December 22nd.

Other business:

Progress regarding Campus Affairs and Emergency Grant committees has been moving forward efficiently.

Graduate Student Representative
Lauren Viana
November 15th, 2020

Graduate Student Representative Business:

Organizational Review Committee: The organizational review committee continues to meet on a weekly basis. We have finished going through our list of problems and have made action items. Next week we will go over the outline and format for the strategic plan and will hopefully begin writing soon after that.

Senate: Senate met on November 5, 2020. We will meet once more before the end of the semester, with one of the action items (hopefully) going over the addition of “study days” throughout the semester.

Other business:

Through collaboration with the Graduate Studies Office and Financial Aid the MA/MSc Scholarship and Funding list has been completed. The Grad Office has agreed to put the list on their website and I hope to see it there soon.

On Monday, November 9, Sarah Elliot held a meeting with members of council to go over the current draft of StFX’s new harassment policy. Kudos to Sarah for organizing the meeting and forwarding our feedback on the document back to the university.

About a month or so ago I noticed that the COVID MOU agreement between StFX and the StFX Students’ Union has been removed from the StFX website. I had emailed Elizabeth Yeo in hopes this was just a technical glitch, which it seems to be. As of Thursday, November 12 the MOU has still not been re-uploaded onto the website, but hopefully it will be back up soon. It would also be great if the MOU could be publicly assessable through theu.ca. I’ve also been in contact with Elizabeth over adding a publicly accessible computer on campus for students to use.

**Johanna Gates
Business Representative
November 15th, 2020**

Since our last Council I have attended my office hours, walked around Schwartz talking to students, worked the textbook stand, met with budget and finance via email, did a promotional event with Sanjidha for the U’s Instagram, and met with the Chair for a check in.

**Justice Gruben and Molly Burke
Indigenous students Representatives
November 15th, 2020**

Overview of the last few weeks:

Molly and Justice were introduced to the Student Union and Student Council of St. Francis Xavier University. They received council training and training on “Roberts Rules.” They had an introductory meeting with Sarah Elliot, drafting an agenda to issuing statements to the Campus community, and broader community of Antigonish. Molly Burke attended meeting with the Equity Committee. The committee proposed a survey for Indigenous students on their overall experience at StFX with racism, safety, and comfortability on campus. Molly proposed an Indigenous art show to raise profits to go towards the frontlines in Digby and the community of Sipekne’katik to replenish stolen, damaged, and illegally confiscated fishing gear.

Justice Gruben had his first meeting with the Executive council, he proposed community outreach to address racism on campus and within the broader community of Antigonish and Nova Scotia. He mentioned to the executive council to help write a policy centered around grief within Indigenous communities, and to better accommodate students dealing with the loss of community and family members. He also discussed Indigenous student supports, such as; academic achievement, mental health services, and the utilization of time with Kerry Prosper (Elder on campus).

Executive Reports

Executive Report: Sarah Elliott, President

Date: November 12th

Reporting Period: October 26th – November 12th

Internal:

- **X-Ring:** December 3rd is coming up very soon! With everything going on in the world there is a lot of effort needed to make sure we can still have this very special day. We are working on not only the logistics of the ceremony as well as the after-party, but also securing the guest speaker, approving X-Ring exemptions, and choosing the honorary X-Ring recipient!
- **Mental Health Policy Review:** I am teaming up with Jack.org, a mental health advocacy group on campus, to review StFX's mental health policies and advocate for any additional supports the standard includes. The Mental Health Commission of Canada produced a Mental Health Standard earlier this month that reached a standard of mental health resources that should be met by all post-secondary institutions. I am very excited to be working with everyone on this project!
- **Hiring of new RN:** Shauna is our new registered nurse that will be doing programing in residence and providing sexual health and substance abuse resources. Shauna will be working directly in residence and on campus in Bloomfield.
- **Harassment & Discrimination Policy:** The University asked the Students' Union to review the new Harassment & Discrimination Policy so we had a meeting to review the policy and I will bring forward the recommendations to the University. **If you still want to send comments/recommendations/questions about the policy, please do ASAP!** All comments welcomed and appreciated.
- **August-September Debrief:** In the debrief all of the individuals who were involved with students returning to campus had a meeting Tuesday afternoon to discuss the semester thus far and reflect how to ensure next semester is even better than this semester.

External (affairs):

- **SNS:** Last week we had our yearly Provincial Advocacy Week! The VP External, Brad, and I went down to Halifax for the week to advocate with Students' Nova Scotia on behalf of StFX. I will list the following asks below; however, we will also be doing a presentation!
 1. **StudentsNS recommends that the Government of Nova Scotia invest \$9 million into Nova Scotia Student Assistance to increase weekly allowance amounts and adjust student living allowances, through direct investment or reallocation of the Nova Scotia Tuition Bursary.**
 2. StudentsNS recommends that the Government of Nova Scotia provide \$750-\$1000 per Nova Scotia Student Assistance recipient to provide a one-time technology grant to students in need.

3. **StudentsNS recommends that the Government of Nova Scotia invest \$250,000 to create up to 125 Nova Scotia Based Open Educational Resources (OERs), hosted through AtlanticOER with funds being matched by home institutions.**
 4. StudentsNS recommends that the Government of Nova Scotia amend its current provision to eliminate the time spent outside the province restriction. StudentsNS further recommends the current 13-month eligibility period be reduced to 4 months, approximately one semester.
 5. **StudentsNS recommends that the Government of Nova Scotia implement mandatory COVID-19 testing for all non-Atlantic Bubble students in January 2021.**
 6. StudentsNS recommends that the Government of Nova Scotia invest an additional \$1 million annually into the Co-Op Education Incentive, creating approximately 200-250 more Co-Op positions and enabling more employers to hire students.
 7. **StudentsNS recommends that the Government of Nova Scotia mandate that all 10 universities and NSCC implement the Made in Nova Scotia Consent Module, possibly through a renegotiation of the Memorandum of Understanding, which can be renegotiated by mutual consent of both parties.**
- **CASA:** This month we are having our yearly Provincial Advocacy Week (this year it is a month)! The VP External, Brad, and I are taking virtual meetings with MPs, stakeholders, and other CASA delegates to advocate with the Canadian Alliance of Students Associations on behalf of StFX. I will list the following asks below; however, we will also be doing a presentation!
 1. **CASA recommends that the federal government reduce financial barriers to apprenticeships by expanding the Apprenticeship Incentive Grant to provide upfront support covering the first year of apprenticeship training**
 2. CASA recommends that the federal government permanently maintain the pandemic funding for mental health and wellness support for Indigenous communities in an effort to support healing intergenerational trauma and increase access for all indigenous people who wish to pursue post-secondary education.
 3. **CASA calls on the federal government to allow international students to participate in an internship or co-op under their existing study permit rather than requiring them to apply for and obtain a separate co-op or intern work permit.**
 4. CASA calls upon Employment and Social Development Canada and Statistics Canada to jointly investigate the needs for childcare amongst students with dependent children through the biennial Longitudinal and International Study of Adults (LISA), and provide costed recommendations to improve access and the availability of affordable childcare.

Committees:

- **X-Ring Committee:** The senior class co-presidents and I have decided to team up with the Grad Student Representative and Education Representative to create a focus group to learn more insight to what the best way for Grad/bED students to receive their X-Ring.
- **Organizational Review Committee:** Org Review has been meeting diligently to try to create the Students' Union Strategic Plan 2021-2024. We are doing a number of surveys to try to find deeper issues of inequity and how we can combat them going forward.
- **Communication Task Force:** has been working hard on a number of different projects, the objective for everyone is to communicate the announcements, COVID-19 updates, and new regulations. There is a set of new marketing materials coming out very soon, all regarding keeping social groups to ten and reminding everyone to stay safe to combat complacency.

- **StFX and Stakeholders COVID plan:** We have created an ad-hoc committee of all of the stakeholders in the town, to plan and discuss any challenges that come from COVID. This is made up of town representatives, landlords, the RCMP, the students' union, and the administration. Right now, we are working on return to campus in January.
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If anyone has any questions, please feel free to email me or schedule a meeting!

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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, Saint Mary's, and NSCC Campuses. 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, Clancy McDaniel at 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/>

Executive Report: Patrick Wallace, Vice President of Finance and Operations

Date: Oct. 21st, 2020

Reporting Period: October 21st – November 12th

Internal (to portfolio):

- ❖ **SFRC:** Trick or eat was a huge success! Laura and I were a little worried about residents putting out food, but we received way more than expected. We are still a little slow with our volunteers coming to shifts. We are putting out a call for more soon!
 - **Website:** Some more kinks have to be worked out after some second takes. Will look at rolling out second semester.
 - **Breakfast Program:** Staying outside as much as possible to keep students coming in. Received a grant for 850\$ that Bailey and I will be purchasing new equipment for!
 - **Garden:** We totaled in at roughly 215lbs of food from the garden! Sodexo will now match that donation for this year.
- ❖ **Budget:** Nothing to report
- ❖ **PSP:** Nothing large to report, going well!
- ❖ **Drive U:** Official contract has been signed with the Alumni Affairs office and they are now the official sponsor of Drive U!

External (to portfolio):

- ❖ **Sponsorship:** Nothing new to Report!
- ❖ **Gallivan:** Nothing new to report!
- ❖ **Charity:** Nothing new to report.
- ❖ **Inn:** Chase the Ace has started! We are off to a slow start but that's how it always works!
- ❖ **Away Weekend:** Had a great time away with the executive team. Fortunate that we were still able to get away and focus as a team. We really re-grouped so we can tackle the rest of the year

Committees:

- ❖ **Emergency Grant:** Met three times. Distributed around \$1,275.00.
- ❖ **Budget and Finance:** Did not meet
- ❖ **Health and Dental:** Approved a ToR for a new health and wellness fund. There will be a presentation at council.
- ❖ **University Budget:** Discussed projections for the end of year compared to budget. Only real surprise was that full time students were down, and part time were up.
- ❖ **JOHSC:** Did not meet

- ❖ **GXI:** Did not meet

Sub-Executive:

- ❖ **Senior Driver:** Nothing new to report
- ❖ **SFRC Coordinator:** Struggling a little with volunteers. Doing her absolute best with keeping the centre stocked.
- ❖ **HAC:** Loves coming into his office hours. Needs more work to do he too quick!
- ❖ **Program Coordinators:** Runnin smooth!

Outreach:

Met with the new Marketing and Sports Management Society. Very eager group of students with lots of questions. May be the first group to ask for some society monies!

Executive Report: Kielan Pilgrim, Vice-President, Activities & Events

Date: Wednesday, November 11th, 2020

Reporting Period: Wednesday, October 21st, to Wednesday, November 11th, 2020

Internal (to portfolio):

Lots to talk about, and it is not chronological!

We met to talk about what the future of other events like Be Epic At Keppoch could be like. There is an interest from the school in partnering with Keppoch further, as they saw that these were positively received by all those who participated. This includes setting a stronger foundation at the beginning of the year, next year (thoughts circulated about potentially including outdoor activities in the county for new students), as well as thinking about how this could look for winter activities.

There was a lot of brainstorming for second semester, including what the isolation will be like, and what a Frost Week-esque week could include (frost fest? During isolation and after?). There was brainstorming that both happened and has unfolded during this reporting period, with the Movember campaign kicking off. An ice-bucket challenge of sorts replaced a polar bear dip, and we are talking to the Sickboy podcast to come do a live show at a time of year where discussion is abound about health. Finally, there was a meeting to go over the details of the lottery night for the house hockey tournaments of second semester, as well as what the tournament itself will look like, and what kind of house hockey season-festive activities could happen!

In the “events that happened” world, lots happened. Since the bar capacity was limited, there was a ‘senior week’ made to replace the usual one month festivities. I attended the AGM, did ERC training for the House Council training, and helped with getting the modified Cam Hall Haunted House through ERC – Allie did a really good job rethinking how it could look, and the folks who made it before the rain had a blast!

We did more leadership training out in Pictou, had our usual marketing meetings, and I am submitting a document to the Governance Review Committee about how the VP, Activities and Events job can be partitioned in the new governance structure. I also am going to write to different restaurants in town to see what is being offered on X-Ring day to be able to inform recipients.

External (to portfolio):

Nothing to report.

Committees:

Equity Committee:

This period's meetings saw the addition of new membership after an acknowledgement of an absence of an indigenous voice on the committee (welcome Molly!). The first of (hopefully) many Equity pieces were published online in the Xav, this one being from former President Rebecca Mesay! We also had a member of the Org Review Committee come in to get feedback on some new policies through a lens of equity.

Event Review Committee:

ERC has been steadier, with lots of societies finding ways to safely meet in person, and submitting those forms to the committee for in-person standing meetings. There were a couple of forms that are for very cool projects that needed a bit of help, but so far most student-organized activities are being approved.

House Hockey Committee:

Unable to attend the committee meeting, but have started planning the draft night and thinking about the tournament

Society Review Committee

Did not meet.

PEP-AH:

Did not meet.

Student Orientation Committee:

Back, and better than ever. There was an initial meeting to discuss the need for another collaborative project with the return of students in January.

Sub-Executive:**O-Crew:**

First report with nothing to report here!

Society Coordinator:

Society review happened, with plenty of new societies being ratified! Some took longer than others, but only due to factors largely out of their control (e.g. finding a faculty advisor). Ailie has been working closely with Alex LeBlanc to gather information for putting together a Societies Instagram page as an interim fix for until the website is ready to be transferred. This page will have spots showing when societies have recurring, weekly meetings, and have weekly posts showing what unique events are coming up for students to check out! This could be linked to from the U Instagram page, and is essentially just Instagram being used as a temporary website. Discussions have also been had about a second semester society night, this time looking outside of the strictly virtual form. This would be in the first week of in-person classes

Outreach:

Nothing to report.

Executive Report: Bradley Van Dam, Vice-President External Affairs

Date: Thursday November 12, 2020

Internal:

- I. Rolled out a weeklong campaign for increased awareness of open educational resources (OERs).
 - A. This took place in Mulronev hall 9-4pm.
- II. Attended advocacy week in Halifax.
 - A. Participated in advocacy training.
 - B. Met with various MLAs, staffers, and stakeholders.
- III. Attended CASA advocacy training session in preparation for Federal Advocacy month.
- IV. CASA's advocacy months will take place in November with meeting being every Tuesday and Thursday.
 - A. These meetings will consist of MPs, staffers, and Senators.
- V. Met with MP Kody Blois to discuss CASA's advocacy asks.
- VI. Met with MP Corey Tocher to discuss CASA's advocacy asks.
- VII. Met with MP Ruby Sahota to discuss CASA's advocacy asks.
- VIII. Attended the August-September debrief and January return planning meeting.
 - A. This meeting consisted of staff, administration, and student executive.

External:

- I. Attended an Executive working retreat.
 - A. This was design to further leadership training and complete our executive annual plan.
- II. Attended the Annual General Meeting.
- III. Harassment and Discrimination Policy Review meeting.

Committees:

Ad-hoc Covid-19 Committee (SNS).

- I. Weekly open form discussions with student associations from SNS with the addition of Cape Breton University and the University of Prince Edward Island.

Policy Committee (SNS).

- I. Policy due date set for end of fall term. Committee will regroup to determine next semesters policy goals.

Governance Committee (SNS).

- I. Nothing new to report

Organizational Review Committee.

- I. Finished evaluation of categories moving to next stage of document organization and layout.

Federal Policy Committee (CASA).

- I. Policies are starting to finish up, will set new policy goals for winter term.

Sub-Executive:

- I. Chloe is continuing to provide excellent support in research and policy formation for the VP external's SNS policy work.

Appendix A –Proposed Dates for the Second Term Council Meetings

1. January 10th, 2021
2. January 31st, 2021
3. February 21st, 2021
4. March 7th, 2021
5. March 28th, 2021

Appendix B – Missing Reports

Kamy Carrington – BoG Representative

Daniel Winters – Science Representative

Siobhan Lacey – Vice President Academic

Jack Irvin – Vice President Residence Affairs