

Council Package

October 25th, 2020

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Agenda
Students' Union Representative Council
October 25th, 2020, 3:00 PM
Online Zoom Call

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Council Minutes – October 4th, 2020
Prepared By: Deputy Chair – Aidan McMann

Students' Union Representative Council Meeting

October 4th, 2020, 3:00PM

Online Zoom Call

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:03 PM.

Roll Call

Board of Governors Student Representative - Kamy Carrington

Board of Governors Student Representative – Nick Murray

Equity Student Representative – Jasonique Moss

International Student Representative – Dhruv Patel

First Year Representative – Brendan Roberts

Science Student Representative - Daniel Winters

Business Student Representative – Johanna Gates

Arts Student Representative – Alexander Clow

Students of African Descent Representative – Henderson Cartwright

Graduate Student Representative – Lauren Viana

President - Sarah Elliott

Vice President Academic – Siobhan Lacey

Vice President Finance and Operations - Patrick Wallace

Vice President External Affairs - Bradley Van Dam

Vice President Residence Affairs – Jack Irvin

Vice-President, Activities & Events - Kielan Pilgrim

Students' Union General Manager – Sean Ryan

Absent with regrets

Education Student Representative – Michael Adetola

Vice President External Affairs - Bradley Van Dam

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

Lauren: I move to amend the agenda to add a report from the society review committee, secondly I move to amend the agenda to add a motion to postpone the deadline to ratify the student Union societies to October 14th, thirdly I move to add a motion to ratify Mackenzie Laverne as interim student advocate for the fall semester, finally I move to amend the agenda to add a motion to ratify Marie-Anne Sturgeon as interim student advocate for the fall semester.

Meredith: Are these amendments friendly? Yes. The agenda is so amended.

Sarah: I move to amend the agenda to strike the presentation of the Golden X inn and Bloomfield project for this week.

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

Discussion

Sarah: *Yields time to Patrick.*

Patrick: Why we are striking the presentation today is because the presentation is not ready. There is nothing to present yet, we need a committee before we can present anything.

Sarah: If you read the terms of reference it is clearly outlined how the committee is made up and how it functions. Before a presentation can be made, we need the full committee. So that is where we are at.

Lauren: I call the question.

Daniel: 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 September 13th Council Meeting.

Siobhan: I move to approve the minutes of the September 13th council meeting.

Nick: I second.

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

Siobhan: 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 model.
- Reached out to the McKenna center for possible podcast about “uncomfortable questions” students may have.

Students of African Descent Representative – Henderson Cartwright

- Noticed zoom meeting turnouts being low
 - Not reaching a large percent of students.
 - Not having a student advisor is showing to be a challenge.

Arts Student Representative – Alexander Clow

- Reached out to constituencies
- Governance review project continuing.
- Attended meeting for the committee on studies in the faculty of arts.
- Meeting with Senate next week.

Graduate Student Representative – Lauren Viana

- Main focus: Improving quality of life for graduate students.
 - Pulling together more available scholarships.
 - Streamline payments – (Have been slow)
- Do grad students apply to graduate with undergraduate students?

Questions

Sarah: You can reach out tot the senior class co-presidents, because they know all the information for graduating and all that. If you want, there email I can send it.

Lauren: I have reached out to a few other places, but if I do not hear back ill take you up on that.

International Student Representative – Dhruv Patel

- Brought Tim bits to office hours (awesome)
- Lots of international students applied for MSI
 - 30 students so far.
- Following up on the international students' fees concerns.
- Advocating for the student health plan.

Questions

Nick: We will keep you in the loop about the international fees.

Sarah: Latest you will hear back after the next executive meeting.

Dhruv: Thank you.

Science Student Representative - Daniel Winters

- Getting ready for Senate meeting.

Questions

Siobhan: Has the committee on studies for the faculty of science met yet?

Daniel: No, not yet.

Business Student Representative – Johanna Gates

- Getting back in the swing of things.
- Committee meetings went well.

Executive Reports

President – Sarah Elliott

- Helped vote crew with first year election.
 - Congratulates Brendan for Winning.
- Helped with Treaty day event.
- Lots of X-ring work.
- Creating a video for CASA for all across Canada.
 - Trying to do a brand recognition of CASA to ramp up interest and knowledge about the organization.

Questions

Henderson: I know you mentioned you had a treaty meeting did they discuss the relations fo first nations students and the U?

Sarah: This was a university event, and I was just there to support. There has been lots of conversation throughout the summer.

Henderson: There are dates for an open house for next term. Is it open to all students or is it for a specific list of people?

Sarah: No, it is open to anyone. The event will be co-hosted by Siobhan and Dr. Wamsley which will be 100% open discussing best case scenarios and how we can mitigate the struggles we had this year.

Henderson: I see the stakeholder ad-Hawk meeting, is there going to be an available list so we know who is on the committee? And will there be an open conversation with the general people before this meeting? Regarding what will happen on campus and in the town.

Sarah: It is really a committee for big decisions, that is the committee that sent out the good neighbours' guide, other than that it is just a conversation of what can be done better. Yes, I understand why you guys would want to be in the loop, s I could make a list of the speaking notes that are discussed and pass them along to you folks afterwards. Just really a chance for big stakeholder to discuss on going issues. I can update you guys after the meetings we have.

Henderson: I heard residences were booked over the Christmas break, does that mean they will be open during the break for people who need to stay in town.

Sarah: This is an issue we have discussed, but there are no definitive plans as the future is kind of scattered as of right now. I will put that at the top of my list of things to follow through with to materialise, so this is not just a conversation.

Lauren: Is there any potential changes to the winter semester start date or is it set in stone?

Sarah: This is a topic that will be discussed at the open house.

Lauren: Is there a decision deadline? Due to prices of flights for example.

Siobhan: This is a senate problem, so I suspect that there will be an emergency senate meeting soon to decide academic dates for the following semester.

Brendan: As first years, a lot of us are concerned about the problem of self isolating again and having to go home. So, if you do have updates, I would love to hear them.

Sarah: It will be soon, after the open house.

Vice-President Academic – Siobhan Lacey

- Had conversation with Dr.Wamsley about the academic calendar dates and the open house.
- Senate decides the dates, most likely to have an emergency senate meeting.
 - Senate Steering committee focus on the issues.
- Lots of committees starting up.
- Breaking down points of advocacy to mainly focus and key in on a few for the school year.
 - OER advocacy strategic plan in the works.
 - Working with Brad for a weeklong OER campaign.
 - Advocate for first generation university students

Vice-President Finance and Operations - Patrick Wallace

- Doing a lot of work on many things, making things smoother.
- Problem with Student food resource center volunteers, service-learning students being slow to appointment of jobs.
- Drive U and Breakfast program starting.
- First launch of Food center website released.
- Committees starting.

Vice-President, Activities & Events - Kielan Pilgrim

- Meetings with student life to “fill in gaps” for the students experience on campus.

- Finding out other ways to use campus to benefit students within new health and safety guidelines.
- Beginning groundwork for the inn events.
 - Start programming for societies
- Sent out preliminary x-ring work.
- Planning take back the night.
- Planning thanksgiving weekend events around the town for students staying.
- Equity committee.
 - Looking for a way to highlight/showcase students equity work.

Questions

Henderson: I see take back the night is supposed to be on the football field, will it all be on the field or move to a walk afterwards?

Kielan: Yeah, we are still waiting for the ERC to be approved, but for simplicity it will be mostly around campus. The football field was chosen to be a big enough space for a gathering of that size, I do not know where the poster making will take place, due to space reasons.

Henderson: I know Vichelle told the CA's to plan programs over the thanksgiving break. I don't know if you'd want to reach out and see if they would open their events to more students, but I think it would be something good to look at.

Kielan: Noted, thank you.

Vice President Residence Affairs – Jack Irvin

- Lots of hiring for SUCLs and student advocates.
- Looking forward to more hiring in the future.
- Looking for consultation to see how the residence experience has been going so far in the year.
- Promoting the Safe and socialized and respectful communities' modules.
 - Prizes to be won.
- Planning Xaverian welcome.

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.

Committee Reports

Organization Review Committee

- Met for the first time in person.
- Had list of problems from student satisfaction survey.
 - Divide and conquer to create actions items.
 - Look to send the action items to key stakeholders and experts in the problems to form a strategic plan.

Society Review Committee

- Had preliminary meeting to set groundwork for the year.
 - Starting later than usual. (Reasons that do not have to be said)
- Society training held on October 3rd.
 - General review of Bylaws and ERC process.
- Going through list making sure all societies have taken the proper steps in setting up this year.
- Decided to move the vote for society ratifications to an email confirmation. To be completed mid-October.

New Business

Motion to ratify the Ad Hoc Golden X Inn Renovations Committee

Daniel: I move to ratify the Ad Hoc Golden X Inn Renovations Committee

Lauren: Second.

Sean: To give reference, this has been something we have been talking about for several years now, through Strat plans and organizational review committee. This so the start to create an opportunity to be a bigger stake holder in our building with our services. One thing we asked students about in the satisfaction survey and in a survey a couple years back whether they would support a fee to complete renovation projects in the inn and the rest of Bloomfield. We were given a good boost that students would support this. This is the begging stages of the plan, to see

how much money we must work with, and which projects take precedent. The first step in this process is creating an AD Hoc committee to keep us grounded. A lot of what is written here is based off previous works from governance review and other AD Hoc committees.

Presentation of Students' Union Ad HOC committee: GXI and Bloomfield renovation project Terms of Reference by Sean and Sarah.

Lauren: I move to call the question.

Meredith: Any further discussion on the motion? Is anyone opposed? Would anyone like to abstain?

Motion passes 12-0-0

Motion to postpone the deadline to ratify the student Union societies to October 14th

Daniel: I move to postpone the deadline to ratify the student Union societies to October 14th

Dhruv: I second.

Discussion

None.

Dhruv: I move to call the question.

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

Motion passes 12-0-0

Motion to ratify Mackenzie Levernois as interim student advocate for the fall semester

Nick: I move to add a motion to ratify Mackenzie Levernois as interim student advocate for the fall semester.

Daniel: Second.

Discussion

Lauren: I was on the committee and she had a great grasp of the expectation of the role and demonstrated mental fortitude to succeed in the job. She was a unanimous shoe in for the position.

Siobhan: I move to call the question.

Meredith: Is anyone opposed? Seeing none. We can now move to a vote. Would anyone like to vote no? Would anyone like to abstain?

Motion passes 12-0-0

Motion to ratify Marie-Anne Sturgeon as interim student advocate for the fall semester

Daniel: I move to ratify Marie-Anne Sturgeon as interim student advocate for the fall semester.

Lauren: Second.

Discussion

Lauren: I also sat on this committee and she had a strong resume and grasp of what is expected of her in the position. She was also a unanimous vote for the position.

Daniel: I move to call the question.

Meredith: Is anyone opposed? Seeing none. We can now move to a vote. Would anyone like to vote no? Would anyone like to abstain?

Motion passes 12-0-0

Closing Remarks

“Thank you all for coming. And a big thanks to all of you who had a hand in the first year rep election we just had. I know its not easy to stand outside and ask people to vote, but we did an awesome job. Welcome Brandon to your first council meeting.”

Adjournment

Meredith: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Sarah: I so move.

Daniel: I second.

Meredith: Would anyone like to vote no to the motion? Would anyone like to abstain on the motion? Would someone like to call the question?

Nick: 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 4:09PM.

Constituency Reports

Board of Governors Representative

Nick Murray

October 25th, 2020

Business relating to position:

Hello everyone! I hope midterms are going well for everyone, and I hope that your semesters have been as great as can be so far! Alright, to jump right in, October has not been an overly heavy month in my position. As of my writing of this report, there has not been any full Board meetings to report. There is an upcoming full Board meeting occurring Thursday and Friday of this week however, which myself and my fellow student representatives are preparing for diligently. I hope to have more to share regarding these meetings at this Sunday's Council meeting. Aside from that, I have also met with my fellow student representatives, Sarah and Kamy, on Friday the 16th to attend a supplementary orientation session with other members.

My two Board committee spots, the Building and Grounds Committee and the Advancement and External Relations Committee, have not met since my last report.

Other Business:

Within the Students' Union, it is always a busy (and fun!!) time, October has proven to be no exception. I have continued to meet weekly with the Governance Review Committee, and I gotta say, the progress that this group is making is astounding! We have been continuing to write and review our new policy manual as individuals and as a group. While there is certainly a long-ways to go, progress is being made at a solid pace. At next week's AGM, I will be helping to deliver a presentation to the Union regarding the work that the committee has accomplished thus far, and I am excited to hear what others have to say! My other Union committee spot, the Budget and Finance Committee, has not met since my last report.

Aside from that all, I don't have much else to report. We're truly in a busy part of the semester, but just remember that you folks are all doing so amazing! If anyone has any questions about my report or anything at all, just shoot me a message!

All the best,

Nick

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Kamy Roberge Carrington

October 25th, 2020

Constituency Report

Since my last Report, I continued communication with Nick Murray and Sarah Elliott concerning the fees paid my international students and Masters students on campus. We will have our next Board meeting this week where we will bring up this subject.

With the board, I had board orientation and a meeting with the governance and nominating committee. I enjoyed meeting the new board members. The discussions on equity during this meeting highlighted the need

for a more diversity amongst board members and better discussion across campus; this is something that is frequently acknowledged by board members.

I also had a meeting with the Organizational review committee. I look forward to seeing how the students Union can better incorporate equity into its everyday practices. This has been an ongoing topic of discussion.

I will continue my work with Shana Hopkins and Marc Rodrigue on networking opportunities for graduating students.

International Students Representative
Dhruv D. Patel
Thursday October 25th, 2020

Hello everyone, hope you all are sailing smoothly through your mid-terms. Happy marriage anniversary Sean.

Business: It was a quite productive time ever since we met last time.

Equity Advisory Committee: We had a kick start with our Equity Advisory Committee. Our student-at-large are amazing in putting things together. We have a social media account on Instagram. Please follow and share.

External Affairs Advisory Committee: We now have our students-at-large applications out now.

Society Review Committee: We successfully ratified societies online. Thanks for the support everyone.

New Business: We are planning a big event that is proposed for the upcoming month. Let's keep it a surprise. Hint: it is awesome for mental health in initiatives.

Equity Representative
Jasonique Moss
October 25th, 2020

Since our last meeting, the equity committee has decided to meet with the leaders of minority societies in order to find the best way in which all groups can meet and go over the similarities in the issues faced. The Goal is to choose one issue to focus on in an attempt to make campus more equitable. Additionally, we have decided that our first student to be featured would be Rebecca Mesay a former Students Union President.

The equity Committee meeting consisting of University faculty went well as the new policy being worked on was discussed, points such as history of discrimination, how hiring will look moving forward, along with the best way to log in the data being given by the faculty was brought up along with the modules that are currently being worked on by Mr. Robert Upshaw and Megan Forgy the Human Rights and Equity Advisor.

After reaching out to Dr. Mathis Nilges regarding the Uncomfortable conversations podcast, bringing awareness to the issues here on campus along with the resources available, the idea of a videocast was brought forward in which the first topic "Race and Racism," would be discussed. It is an ongoing project that I soon hope to report more on as it develops.

First Year Representative
Brendan Roberts
October 25th, 2020

Hello to All,

I just wanted to start off my first constituency report by thanking everyone for being so welcoming and helpful as I learn about how the U works and how I can do better at my role as First Year Rep and as a counselor. The past few weeks have been fairly slow for me as I transitioned into this role however, I have been trying to communicate with my constituents as often as I can, whether that's in person or through social media. The biggest topics of conversation for first years continue to be the reopening plan for second semester, and whether or not some of the restrictions in residences will continue to be lifted as we progress through the year.

In terms of the semester 2 plan, students are concerned with whether or not there is a definitive plan to move to in person classes again after self isolation as there have been instances where professors have moved their classes online due to personal concerns. Although I respect that everyone has a different mindset during this pandemic, many students out of the bubble are worried that they might fly in after the holidays and self isolate only to find that their professors have moved their classes online. As the semester progresses I am going to continue searching for a more clear answer although I respect the fact that this is any extremely uncertain and ever-evolving situation.

Other Business:

I was selected to be a member of the GXI Renovations Committee which I am extremely excited about and can't wait to get started on such an incredible project. As well I assisted Jack with SUCL hiring on two separate occasions, the first was for FX Hall's House President and Vice-President, and the second was for Frasers Vice-President.

Once again thank you all so much for making me feel so welcomed and excited to be a part of this incredible community.

Brendan

Student of African Descent Representative
Henderson Cartwright
October 25th, 2020

This month I have assisted Ashley Shepard again by promoting the Safer Socializing During Covid-19 and the Respectful Communities modules to various classrooms in an attempt to get more students to participate and do the modules. I have also been working with BLACC Society to give out and give away the supplies left over from the Bahamian donations form last year. Hopefully, folks will come and get some stuff and the rest can be donated to the Students Resource Center.

The Equity Committee has met multiple times over the month and have made some plans for the Instagram page and getting in contact with all the minoritized groups on campus in order to properly gauge how those communities are doing and what we can do to help them and make this campus a amore equitable place for them. The Health Insurance Committee met and discussed some things that should change in terms of the health insurance plan as well as guidelines for an emergency fund to help out students that need it.

Arts Representative
Alex Clow
October 25th, 2020

Since the last regular council meeting, I have continued working as a member of the Governance Review Committee as we move forward with policy writing. I have also taken part in a senate meeting and will be attending the upcoming Senate meeting which I presume will discuss the dates of next semester. I am excited for this meeting and am very curious to hear what everyone thinks about the topic. To prepare I have tried to engage members of my constituency on the topic.

Education Representative
Michael Adetola
October 25th, 2020

Business relating to position:

Education students continue to proficiently adapt to campus life and measures taken by surrounding town of Antigonish. The majority of practicum placements have been announced and students are eagerly awaiting their return to schools to begin their practicum period.

Given the upcoming announcement of official return to campus dates, the education faculty is preparing the official date that their students will be returning according to their independent schedule.

Other business:

Campus affairs and emergency grants committee meetings have been progressing well.

Graduate Student Representative
Lauren Viana
October 25th, 2020

Graduate Student Representative Business:

Organizational Review Committee: The organizational review committee continues to meet on a weekly basis. We are continuing to develop goals and are now making measurable objectives to address each point.

Hiring Panel: I sat on a hiring panel for HP/VP positions for both Chillis and MacNeil. The panel was able to reach a unanimous decision on the chosen candidates, and I look forward to seeing them succeed.

Senate: I officially attended my first scheduled senate meeting and orientation earlier this month. An emergency senate meeting has been called for November 22, and if possible I will elaborate on this meeting during council.

Other business:

I have created a first scholarship sheet containing all the scholarships graduate students are eligible for. The Graduate Studies Office has been very helpful and provided feedback on the initial draft, and I am in the process of addressing their comments. The Grad Office has agreed to put the list on their website when it is completed!

I also have an update on getting councillor information on our website. Alex LeBlanc has been hard at work in adding councillor information to theu.ca. By this point I hope that all councillors have submitted the required information. If not, please get it to Alex LeBlanc (su_marketing@stfx.ca) as soon as possible.

Science Representative

Daniel Winters

October 25th, 2020

Greetings! A special Senate meeting is occurring on October 22nd to discuss the winter semester start dates and schedule. The emergency grants committee met twice so far and has helped out two students in need of funds. I hope everyone is doing well!

Daniel

Executive Reports

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

Date: Oct. 21st, 2020

Reporting Period: October 4th – October 21st

Internal (to portfolio):

- ❖ **SFRC:** Now closed Thursdays to take in the feed ns order. Overstocked a little but that's okay. Getting ready for trick or eat next week!
 - **Website:** Laura Anamika are working on getting it implemented to volunteers!
 - **Breakfast Program:** It has started and it is awesome!
 - **Garden:** Potatoes and squash coming soon.
- ❖ **Budget:** Nothing to report
- ❖ **Annual Giving's:** Nothing to report.
- ❖ **PSP:** Nothing large to report, going well!
- ❖ **Drive U:** Van Wrap is officially done! Looks like a cbu help vehicle according to Bob... Operating hours have changed and we now must comply with the health standards.

External (to portfolio):

- ❖ **Sponsorship:** Moving into talks with alumni council to discuss wrap on van!
- ❖ **Gallivan:** Nothing new to report!
- ❖ **Charity:** Nothing new to report.
- ❖ **Inn:** Talking about referendum and how to adjust to Covid-19. We have also looked into starting chase the ace to help raise funds for the inn and give students a chance to win big!

Committees:

- ❖ **Emergency Grant:** Met twice. Distributed around \$1,000.00.
- ❖ **Budget and Finance:** Did not meet
- ❖ **Health and Dental:** Did not meet
- ❖ **University Budget:** Did not meet
- ❖ **JOHSC:** Did not meet
- ❖ **GXI:** Did not meet

Sub-Executive:

- ❖ **Senior Driver:** Sarah and I had our first check in of the year. No bumps yet, hopefully it doesn't end up looking like Uni Ave...
- ❖ **SFRC Coordinator:** Getting through it...
- ❖ **HAC:** Loves coming into his office hours. Needs more work to do he too quick!
- ❖ **Program Coordinators:** Still trying to figure out the key situation. No bumps other than that!

Outreach:

N/A

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

Date: Wednesday, October 21st, 2020

Reporting Period: Wednesday, October 1st, to Wednesday, October 21st, 2020

Internal (to portfolio):

This period saw a lot of smaller projects take off, as well as some prep for upcoming events!

I went in to Halifax with the bar services manager to grab some decorations for upcoming occasions at the INN, including Halloween and a Senior week we are planning as a supplement to one-month to X-Ring.

I was a sort of ERC liaison for the planning of Take Back the Night, which is happening on the 22nd. It was a different process to plan this year, given the nature of COVID, doing it on campus, and how this necessitates a more formalized booking procedure for the space. It is going to be different than years past, but this constraint has allowed for some innovation on an event that has always been done one way.

The collaborative “Be Epic at Keppoch” event unfolded, over fifty students taking advantage of the chance to get out to the county for the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend. We had some U volunteers, and were hoping to use this as a launch point for other events aimed at getting people out to various parts of the county.

I had regular meetings with the Marketing team and the INN team to look ahead and get as much set to make it clear what they can expect to make graphics for! This process also includes making the trivia still, but we have started to find other hosts who are going to gradually assume more responsibility of the process!

We also had separate meetings, one with the Alumni Council just for a brief hello, and one with the University Administration as a sort of check in and discussion on current issues and to provide some feedback about how the year may look moving forward.

External (to portfolio):

There was one meeting for the board of directors for the Canadian Organization of Campus Activities, where we elected a new chair!

Committees:

Equity Committee:

We moved around the meeting time for the semester one final time, and have had folks reach out to faculty members who may help us get a spotlight on student work! There are also questions that were prepared to ask the students who are selected.

Event Review Committee:

ERC has been meeting regularly, and the initial flurry of forms has settled down a bit. The ERC process has been enjoyable, as we have seen lots of student groups attempting to plan events while keeping COVID measures in mind. I am happy to be able to do whatever they need to get their events approved!

House Hockey Committee:

I was unable to attend our meeting, however we have started to think about how the house hockey tournaments will play out, off the ice. We are hoping to have a streaming setup at the rink, which means we can bring the games to the INN/OC/To residence! We also are hoping to explore what the possibilities of attendance may be, although those decisions may be mostly out of our hands.

Society Review Committee

We had one meeting to read through the societies we had already received all of the info from, and those were able to be ratified! Then, we had a second batch of society presidents' training, which rounded out more ratifications, allowing them to be voted on digitally!

PEP-AH:

Met initially to lay out what the work of the committee is, and go through the documents provided by the other bodies. The work of the committee will certainly be different this year, considering the nature of residence, and how alcohol in residence is an entirely new dynamic this year.

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

Some O-Crew members volunteered to help with Be Epic at Keppoch!

Society Coordinator:

As mentioned above, there were more societies ratified after the last round of presidents' training! We have also started to move along with getting the information together for the societies Instagram hub, as well as working to get the domain rights to our website name to share the new, fully up to date society page!

Outreach:

Nothing to report.

Executive Report: Jack Irvin, Vice President Residence Affairs

Date: October 21st, 2020

Reporting Period: October 1st – October 21st

Internal (to portfolio): We are already into October! Time is flying by, but everyone seems to be doing so well given the circumstances we are in! These past three weeks were very hiring focused, completing hiring for the first ever House President and Vice President of FX Hall, as well as hiring for Fraser, MacNeil, Chillis and soon to be MacIsaac! With all this finally completed I am feeling confident in the SUCLs to really bring campus together with more programming and social development of the students On and Off-Campus. I worked alongside the University to plan and execute the Xaverian Welcome which the SUCLs had a huge part in. It was a huge success with hundreds of students attending at different locations across campus to finally complete the Xaverian Welcome. More planning and organizing for House Hockey has been taking place as we have been gathering together the Coaches from across campus to have coaches meetings and really set a concrete timeline for the upcoming months. Work is going to be continued on the Safer Socializing Module as well as the Respectful Communities Module to work to get more students to use it and become more knowledgeable in these areas.

External (to portfolio): External to my portfolio, we had a busy couple of weeks prepping for some programming in unison with the University for Thanksgiving Weekend. I travelled with Sarah Elliott and Bethany Theuerkauf to Keppoch Mountain to check out what it had to offer to students. Buses were organized to transport students to the mountain so they could get Off-Campus in a safe way to check out what the county has to offer during the long weekend. I also took part in many interviews with CTV and CBC about the Thanksgiving weekend and what students were going to be doing and what we were offering. The Students' Union Executive team had the opportunity to meet with the University Executive and talk about all of our portfolios. We were able to advocate for some issues we had heard on campus, for example, a lounge space for Off-Campus students, as well as ensuring FX Hall would have a house budget to use for the year. The SU Executive team also took part in a team photo shoot on campus for any events coming up throughout the year which was very fun!

Committees:

House Hockey Committee: The House Hockey Committee met again on October 13th to discuss a timeline for the upcoming semester and make sure it will be met. Two Student at Larges were picked for the committee and we are all very excited to work with them and hear more of the student voice. Discussion also took place around the confirmation of dates for the House Hockey schedule; however, nothing will be certain until we hear from Senate about the academic dates for the Winter Semester. We also figured out the Ref Contact as well as the Livestream contact so the games will be able to be livestreamed and accessible to all students.

Quality of Life Committee: Did not meet.

Campus Affairs Committee: The Campus Affairs Committee met for the first time this year. More hiring still had to take place, however, a round table of introductions took place as well as updates from each

House that was able to attend. Agenda items that were cause for discussion included the Xaverian Welcome and ensuring the House Presidents knew their role in the event, the Keppoch programming for Thanksgiving weekend, House Points, conversation about the substance ban being lifted slightly in residence, House Hockey and finding coaches, and finalizing House Councils in residence. We are all looking forward to the next one!

Sub-Executive:

The Sub-Executive have had a busy three weeks! Now that two new Student Advocates have been hired, I am continuing to work to get them finished with their training and working with students to help them through the conduct process. New hiring took place for the first ever FX Hall House-President and Vice-President, a new Vice-President of Fraser, new House-Presidents and Vice-Presidents of MacNeil and Chillis House, and a new Co-President of MacIsaac. Most of the SUCLs were able to take Naloxone training that was in partnership with Residence Life. It is really great that so many of the SUCLs will now have the tools and knowledge to prevent an overdose on or off-campus now. The House Council Coordinator, Liam Aitken, did a great job collecting all of the House Points for the month of September and has worked very hard with me to complete check-ins for the SUCLs to see how they are all doing and where we can help. He is currently in the process of planning House Council Training for all of the House Councils which is also very exciting!

Outreach: These past three weeks, I have really been utilizing the SUCLs as my main outreach source. They have been very helpful at giving insight into each of the buildings. To see what is working in residence and what is not! I have also been promoting out to students through the U's social media that I am looking for House Hockey Coaches for the upcoming year and have already received quite a bit of interest from the campus!

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

Date: Tuesday October 20, 2020

Internal:

- I. Attended StFX and Stakeholder Covid-19 Planning Committee meeting.
- II. StudentsNS board meeting.
- III. Attended OER student campaign, advocacy and marketing meeting with Atlantic student union leads, and project heads.
- IV. Planning an advocacy week for open educational resources. The Executive Director of SNS will be in attendance Wednesday October 21 to Friday October 23.
- V. Planned an OER campaign booth for the week of October 20 to be set up in Mulroney hall.
- VI. Graduate Advisory Group (GAG) Committee for CASA meeting.
 - A. Discussed next steps in consultation plan.
- VII. Attended the alumni Association Council Meeting and Alumni Chapter.
- VIII. Met with Bob Hale director of ancillary services for approval of campaign related activities.
- IX. Met with Tramble Centre directors to discuss accessibility, resources, and gaps.
 - A. This was part of the on-going research being done to inform a SNS policy for post-secondary accessibility.
- X. Attended a meeting with the office of Diversity and Engagement regarding the presence of Canadian Blood Services on campus.
- XI. Met with Director of Health and counselling services.
 - A. This was to seek consultation in regard to CBS.
- XII. Attended student union and university administration meeting.
 - A. Topics of discussion included budget, second semester draft plan, and steps moving forward.

External:

- I. Participated in a hiring panel for HPs and VPs of MK.
- II. Was a guest on the CFXU radio show, Shooting Off With Sean.

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.
- II. Advocacy guide pillars being fleshed out.

Policy Committee (SNS).

- I. Continuing to research and collect data to inform SNS's policy position on accessibility to post-secondary education.
- II. Began to formulate policy template.
- III. Committee moved to approve updated policies.

Governance Committee (SNS).

- I. Nothing new to report

Organizational Review Committee.

- I. Continuing to evaluate each category of services and operations.
- II. Creating fleshed out points to further strategic plan creation.

Federal Policy Committee (CASA).

- I. Began the development of an affordability policy.

Sub-Executive:

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

Outreach:

- I. OER Campaign Booth.

Appendix A- Proposed Dates for the General Election and Representative Council Election 2021

General Election:

- Nominations: December 3rd at 12:01 AM to January 20th at 12:00 PM (noon)
- Campaigning: January 21st at 12:01 AM to February 1st at 11:59 PM
- Polling: February 2nd at 12:01 AM to February 3rd at 4:00 PM

Representative Election

- Nominations: February 9th at 12:01 AM to February 16th at 12:00 PM
- Campaigning: February 17th 12:01 AM to February 24th at 11:59 PM
- Polling: February 25th at 12:01 AM to February 26th at 4:00 PM

Appendix B – House Presidents and Vice Presidents to be Ratified

House Presidents

Mackenzie Illingworth – FX Hall

Michaela Jacksch – MacNeil

Lily Turnbull – Chillis

Cole Kennedy – MacIsaac (Co-president)

Vice-Presidents

Robert Hughes – FX Hall

Stuart Bowden – MacNeil

Brayden Lee – Chillis

Kaleigh Halliday – Fraser

Appendix C – Missing Reports

Johanna Gates – Business Representative

Sarah Elliott – President

Siobhan Lacey – Vice President Academic