

Council Package

June 2nd, 2019

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Agenda

Students' Union Representative Council

June 2nd 2019, 3:00pm

Executive Boardroom

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Mi'kmaq Acknowledgment
4. Opening Remarks of the Chair
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Constituency Reports
7. Business Arising
8. Executive Reports:
 - President – Cecil VanBuskirk
 - Vice President Academic – Emma Kuzmyk
 - Vice President Finance and Operations – Patrick Wallace
 - Vice President Activities and Events – Natalie Doumkos
 - Vice President Residence Affairs – Siobhan Lacey
 - Vice President External Affairs – Sarah Elliott
9. Students' Union General Manager Report
10. Committee Reports
11. Special Reports to Council
12. Old Business
13. New Business
 - Motion to approve the Gender and Sexual Diversity Student Representative Terms of Reference (Appendix A)

- Motion to approve the Students' Union Community Leaders Strategic Plan
- Motion to ratify Happiness John for the position of Deputy Chair of Council 2019-2020
- Motion to ratify Erin Kinzie for the position for Chief Returning Officer 2019-2020
- Motion to ratify Kyle McDonald and Allanique Hunter for the position of Returning Officers 2019-2020
- Motion to ratify Nathan Penman for the position of Research and Policy Associate 2019-2020
- Motion to ratify House Presidents 2019-2020 omnibus (Appendix C)
- Motion to ratify House Vice Presidents 2019-2020 omnibus (Appendix D)
- Motion to ratify Taylor Kennah and Avery Malpass for the position of O-Crew Co-Chairs 2019-2020
- Motion to ratify Jack Irvin for the position of House Council Coordinator 2019-2020
- Motion to ratify Riley Landry and Sarah Ritchie for the position of Student Advocates 2019-2020

14. Closing Remarks

15. Adjournment



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Council Report: June 2nd 2019

Name: Cecil VanBuskirk

To: St.F.X. Student Union Council members

Re: Report to Council: June 2nd, 2019

First, thank you to all of the members of Student Council for taking on your important roles as representatives of the St. F.X. students. The following report summarizes work that has been ongoing since May 1st.

Committees:

Since the beginning of our term of office on May 1st, a number of different committees have met to facilitate transition into the 2019-2020 year. These include:

The Campus Planning Committee: The Campus Planning Committee met on May 22nd to discuss the current capital projects and the ten-year plan for our campus. The primary discussion involved how to increase our sustainability and decrease our environmental footprint.

The Board of Governors: Both the Financial Committee and the Board of Governors met over the telephone this month in preparation for the Board meeting on campus on June 22nd. We discussed the financials of the school and the presidential hiring committee.

In the coming weeks, additional committees will be formed, with Students Nova Scotia as well as with the Canadian Alliance of Students Associations (CASA).

External Affairs

Sarah Elliot (VP External) and I have been working on behalf of the Students' Union as representatives on the Board of Students Nova Scotia and also the Board of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA). At the provincial level, Sarah has recently been elected as Chair of Membership for Students NS, which is a terrific commitment on her part. Given her enthusiasm and inclusive nature, Sarah will be a great ambassador for all of us and will help guide Students NS toward a successful year. Additionally, on May 23rd, we had the opportunity to advocate for our members and students in general at our first provincial government roundtable where we met with the Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, the Honorable Labi Kousoulis. We advocated to the minister on capping international student tuition rates as well as getting more information around job opportunities for students both during their 4 years of undergrad and as a new graduate.

During the week of May 27th, Sarah and I attended the CASA Foundations Conference in Ottawa. We met with Students' Union executives from universities across the country to discuss some of the most pressing issues on campuses today, and brainstormed ways of innovating and providing the most effective avenues to help in solving these issues for students. At both the provincial and national advocacy levels, the upcoming Federal election and the Get Out the Vote campaign (coordinated by CASA) were primary topics of conversation. Given the threats to democracy that have been observed in a number of countries around the world, it is fundamental that exercising democratic franchise be encouraged and supported. This conference also provided us with opportunities to learn how to advocate to government, and what it means to lobby, in addition to understanding the political climate in our country right now. We will continue to advocate for students at both Students NS and CASA and are always looking for more topics we can bring up, so please let any of the executive team members know of any issues you would like us to bring forward on your behalf!

Internal Affairs

Over the last month, the executive team has been focused on transitioning into our roles as well as collaborating to establish our direction for this coming year. After a successful transition week, we have focused efforts on the creation of an annual plan and a marketing plan. We have also been fortunate to have the guidance and expertise of Frank Gallant, Co-Founder of Peak Experiences, a company that is based on developing teamwork, trust, leadership and efficiency of teams. This has provided us with an opportunity to better understand each other and to embrace consideration of one another at a deeper level. In the coming weeks, we plan to focus on our goals set out by our annual plan, both individually and as a team. In the coming weeks, we plan to focus on our goals set out by our Annual Plan, both individually,

and as a team. In early June the executive team will be traveling to the Maritime Student Congress conference, where we will have the opportunity to discuss our annual plans and develop them further with other universities across the Maritimes. We couldn't be more excited to continue to learn and to advocate for students every day.

What do you think about our efforts to this point? What would you do differently?

I would love to hear your feedback! Please send me an email, text, or give me a call!

Sincerely,

Cecil VanBuskirk



Office of the **Vice President of Academic Affairs**

Name: Emma Kuzmyk
To: StFX Student Council
Re: Report to Council (May)

Committees

Faculty Development Committee: The Faculty Development Committee met on May 9th. Teaching events were discussed, with one having already taken place in May and the next scheduled for August. Ideas for student-faculty feedback sessions were discussed, including an open-forum and student-faculty dinners. The FDC has a budget of \$60,000 a year for the next three years and the use of this money was a major part of the discussion. Moving forward a coordinator position for the committee will likely be implemented, and the draft is already completed.

Governance Review Committee: The Governance Review Committee met twice in May, on the 14th and 30th. This committee aims to revise the guiding documents of The U and a timeline for this is now in place.

Service Learning Advisory Committee: This committee met on May 15th to debrief the past year of Service Learning and to discuss ways to garner more student engagement with the program moving forward.

University Senate: Senate met on May 14th. Several elections were approved, one of which appointed Dr. Will Sweet to Chair of Senate for a 1 year term. Motions from the Committee on Academic Review, the Associate Vice-President Research and Graduate Studies, the Dean of Science, the Dean of Business, and the Dean of Arts were put forth and approved with little discussion.

Advancing Women's Equality Committee: This committee is part of a community-based project which focuses on ending sexualized violence in rural Nova Scotia. The committee met on May 17th and discussed progress made thus far and next steps moving forward. The membership of the committee was discussed and I was tasked with reaching out to athletes to join the committee, I have since found two eager male athletes who plan on joining the project in the fall.



External Affairs

Members of the executive team, myself included, attended the Nova Scotia Secondary Schools Student's Association (NSSSA) opportunities fair on behalf of the StFX Students Union and set up a booth to talk about ways to get involved in student government after high school.

As well, the Executive team met with Dr. Jessica Riddell, the Executive Director of the Maple League to discuss our collaboration moving forward.

Internal Affairs

This month I have worked internally with Addy Strickland to discuss the plans and documents for a Peer Support Program we hope to be implementing in the coming school year. We have met with the rest of the Executive to discuss our ideas as well as Margie McKinnon, Director of Health and Counselling, who is supportive of the program.

I would be happy to answer any questions or comments about my report!

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Name: Patrick Wallace
To: StFX Student Council
Re: Report to Council (June 2019)

Committees

- **JOHSC:** Met with the JOHSC (Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee) for the university. Discussion about updating their Terms of Reference and Policy, Smoking on campus and incidents with employees of the university. The committee may look at going smoke free for the 2020 year if necessary.

External Affairs

- **Gallivan Conference in Orillia:** Preparing for the Gallivan health plan conference taking place June 3rd-6th. I will be attending alongside Sean Ryan, our general manager. We are continuing our partnership with Gallivan, hopefully making some changes going into our second year. Our provider in years past was the Campus Trust. The conference is intended to introduce, educate, and update attendees on the health care environment and allow participants whether they be student leaders, full time staff members, or health & dental administrators to collaborate and form constructive solutions to issues that arise.
- **Maritime Student Congress:** Together with the rest of the executive team, I would be attending this conference hosted by Acadia University between June 7th and June 9th.

Internal Affairs

- **Hiring:** The new HAC has been voted on for the 2019-2020 year. The SFRC will be hired in the 2nd week of June. The sponsorship coordinator will also be hired by Sean Ryan and myself to help with small sponsorships
- **Drive U Van:** Tires have been changed on the drive U van from inter to summer.



- **Sponsorship Meeting:** Met with the Marketing team alongside Sean Ryan and Natalie Doumkos to discuss and rework the sponsorship package for corporations and businesses.

- **Inn:** Met with Cody McGregor team alongside Sean Ryan and Natalie Doumkos to discuss possible revenue generators for the Inn, along with possible changes that may be made to enhance the experience at the Inn.

Sub-Executive: Research and Policy Associate

DriveU: Lauren MacMichael (Senior Driver) and I have met to start on hiring the Drive U drivers for next year.

Student Food Resource Centre: The SFRC will be hired in the 2nd week of June.

House Accounts Coordinator: The new HAC has been hired for the 2019-2020 year. They will start with us during transition week for the HP/VP/CP/OCL's.

Sponsorship Coordinator: Looking to hire a sponsorship coordinator for the summer months.

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Office of the **Vice President, Residence Affairs**

Name: Siobhan Lacey

To: StFX Student Council

Re: Report to Council (May 2019)

Committees

I did not have any committee meetings during May. This month was mostly dedicated to appointing people to committees, and trying to figure out the availability of everybody involved.

External Affairs

This month, the Executive Team adjusted to our new positions, and began the transition into our respective roles. We went to Pictou County as a portion of our training, where we learned valuable and practical information and skills from last year's team. Pictou County also gave us the opportunity to bond as a team, and learn about how our skills can complement each other's in the upcoming school year.

The Executive Team also worked with Frank Gallant this month, and spent May 13th and 21st doing training sessions based off of our LSI assessment. This was very beneficial to the team, as it gave us insight into our own leadership styles as well as our teammates. During this training, we were able to identify areas in which we wanted to improve individually, and discussed ways that we can use our strengths to have a more cohesive team dynamic.

Internal Affairs

My department has been very busy this month! I have been looking at the roles of my sub-executive, and trying to figure out ways to expand and improve upon the roles so that the student body has the maximum amount of support and resources available to them.

Earlier in May, I had a meeting in which we looked at the role of Student Advocates. I would like to expand their department so that it included academic advocacy as well as conduct related concerns, so we had a meeting to discuss the logistics of that. This is something that I will continue to build upon in the upcoming months, with the intention of introducing academic advocacy to their job expectations starting in September.

I have also begun to look at the roles of House Presidents, Vice Presidents, Co-Presidents, and Off-Campus Leaders. This month, the executive team and I had several discussions surrounding these roles, and how to expand them so that they are an even better resource for students. I have composed a Strategic Plan for these positions, with the intentions of clearly outlining the direction I want to take the department, and highlighting practical action items that will allow me to accomplish my goals.

In May, I also began to discuss Cameron Hall with the incoming House President and Vice President. We had a facetime meeting, in which we talked about their new mascot, as well as house colours. We also discussed potential problems and successes that can come out of Cameron's transition into a single-house building. After talking with these student leaders, I am very confident that Cameron has a strong leadership team who will serve as an enthusiastic support system to the incoming residents.

In May, I also began to meet with Residence Life, to discuss our integrated training week that takes place in August. Within this meeting, we also began to discuss other opportunities for collaboration throughout this year, vaguely touching on House Hockey Cups. While this meeting was very general, I am looking forward to having further discussions with the Residence Life department to ensure effective collaboration throughout this academic year.

Lastly, this month, Cecil and I had a meeting with Andrew Beckett in which we discussed the possibility of introducing gender inclusive washrooms to several buildings on campus. Specifically, we looked at the possibility of creating gender inclusive washrooms in MacKinnon Hall and Cameron Hall during the summer, so that when the residents return to these buildings in September, the washrooms will be inclusive. I am very excited for this possibility, as they are the only residence buildings remaining that do not have the option of gender inclusive washrooms.

Sub-Executive:

This month, I have been working on finishing up the hiring of my sub-executives. My last hiring day will be June 3rd. After I have hired the entirety of my sub-executive, I plan on sending them a newsletter, highlighting all of the information they will need throughout the summer. I am very confident with the House Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Student Advocates I have hired thus far, and am very eager to have my entire team hired!

I have also been maintaining close contact with my House Council Coordinator, Jack Irvin, to discuss our goals for this year. We have begun to look at the possibility of changing the positions on house councils, as well as updating the house point system. We will continue these conversations throughout the summer, and I am very enthusiastic about working with Jack during this year!

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Office of the Vice President of Activities and Events

Name: **Natalie Marie Doumkos**

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Re: Report to Council (June 2019)

Committees:

- Student Orientation Committee (SOC)

Emma Kuzmyk, Vice President Academic, has appointed me to Co-Chair S.O.C with Jaqueline DeLeeBeck for the 2019 year. Mrs DeLeeBeck, Mrs Kerri Arthurs, the Student Transition Coordinator, Student Union GM – Sean Ryan and I have met once to review the events of 2019 X-Fest and discuss reoccurring events. We are planning to have our first official S.O.C meeting in the next weeks.

External Affairs:

- COCA 2019

Flights for the Canadian Organization of Campus Activities (COCA) and hotels have been booked and I have received the schedule. The Golden X Inn Bar Manager – Cody McGregor and I will both be out of office June 15th – June 22nd.

Internal Affairs:

- Frosh Kit Planning
 - Meeting P.W Leopard
 - Meeting Big Tree Promotions
 - Meeting Festival Promotions

Overall, no official decisions have been made quite yet. Looking into product and finalizing items before deciding what company to work with.

Sub-Executives:

- O-Crew Co-Chairs: Taylor Kennah and Avery Malpass
- Shinerama Committee: Ashley Power, Callie McCutcheon and Emma Manning
 - Met to discuss Shinerama carnival event idea for Saturday September 7th.

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Missing Reports

- Sarah Elliot – VP External Affairs

Appendix A – Gender and Sexual Diversity Student Representative

Section 5 Article 5: Special Constituencies

6. Gender and Sexual Diversity Student Representative

- a. Members of the Union who self-identify as a member of the LGBTQIA2S+community with the Gender and Sexual Diversity Office will be eligible to run for this position.
 1. Will be required to get a nomination from the Gender and Sexual Diversity Advisor and the Human Rights and Equity Officer.
- b. Students who self-identify with the LGBTQIA2S+community will be eligible to vote for the position.
- c. Shall organize a minimum of one (1) initiative per semester in alignment with goals of the Gender and Sexual Diversity Office. The initiative(s) should promote LGBTQIA2S+students and equity on campus.
- d. May hold office hours in the Diversity and Engagement Center
 1. Shall maintain a positive relationship with the Director of Student Life, Manager of Residence Services, Human Rights and Equity Advisor and the Gender and Sexual Diversity Advisor.
- f. Shall sit on the Equity Advisory Committee.

Appendix C – House Presidents

Elizabeth Delaney - Cameron Hall House President

Liam Aitken - MacNeil House President

Mackenzie LeVernois - Chillis House President

Benjamin Fairhurst - Burke House President

Zachary Foran - MSB House President

Appendix D – House Vice Presidents

Taylor Van de Wiel - Cameron Hall Vice President

Meredith Cudmore-Keating - MacNeil Vice President

David MacIntyre - Chillis Vice President

Lauren Steylen - Burke Vice President

Marion Sullivan - Riley Vice President

Mary Bailey - MSB Vice President