

COUNCIL PACKAGE

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STUDENTS' UNION REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



Date: February 10th, 2019

Time: 3:00pm

Call to Order

Meeting called to order 3:02pm.

Roll Call

In Attendance

Education Student Representative – David M. Lewis

First Year Student Representative – Mary Bailey

Arts Student Representative – Lucas Middleton

Students' of African Descent Representative – Summer Upshaw

Graduate Student Representative – William Burgess

Board of Governors Student Representative – Cecil VanBuskirk

Science Student Representative – Bryan Fedchun

International Student Representative – Happiness Bhoke John

Equity Student Representative – Iffat Sohi

Students' Union President – Rebecca Mesay

Vice President External Affairs – Clancy McDaniel

Vice President Residence Affairs – Kallie Ross

Vice President Activities & Events – Sean Hopkins

Vice President Finance & Operations – Tega Sefia

Absent with regrets

Board of Governors Student Representative – Emma Crilly

Business Student Representative – Caelan Peters

Vice President Academic – Tiffany MacLennan

Opening Remarks of the Chair

Overview of the appeal for the 2019 SU Presidential election

- Returning officers (ROs) received an appeal and accepted 3 of the 7 appeals.
- ROs can only accept an appeal if they feel the appeal would significantly alter the results of the election.
- Sitting on the appeals committee was myself (Tanaka Chikwavaire), the Deputy Chair of Council – Maggie Bunbury, business student representative – Caelan Peters, and Students' Union General Manager – Sean Ryan.
- Met with the complainant Will Fraser and then met with Cecil who said his peace as well.
- Per the by-laws there can only be one of two results, a redo of the election or denying the appeal.
- We decided unanimously to reject the appeal and leave the results as standing.

Approval of the Agenda

David – *Moves to approve the agenda*

Lucas – *Seconds.*

Motion passes 10-0-0

Approval of the minutes

Rebecca – *Moves to approve the minutes.*

Iffat – *Seconds.*

Motion passes 10-0-0.

Constituency Reports

Graduate Student Representative – William Burgess

- Since last meeting I've attended a couple of other events such as the African heritage month flag raising.
- Had a few informal tet to tets with member sof council
- Still working on getting a listserv for graduate students.
- Reads the following statement:

My fellow Councilors,

The Chair of Council has brought to my attention, off the record of this Council, concerns about some of my words in the Council meeting of 2019 January 27. Those concerns were in turn brought to the Chair by parties who never contacted me, and whom the Chair did not identify to me. Neither was the exact content of the original concerns detailed to me. The Chair and I agreed that I should make a statement for the record to address these concerns.

When Council last met, we heard a presentation on a proposed new Councilor, namely the Gender and Sexual Diversity Student Representative, whose constituency would be—in the proposal’s words—“[s]tudents who identify with the LGBTQIA2S+ community”. When the floor was opened for discussion, I raised my hand and opined that the abbreviation “LGBTQIA2S+” was so long it defeated the point of abbreviations, that it was in fact a 10 syllable-long “abbreviation”, and that the “Q” and the “+” are each umbrella terms that make the other umbrella term redundant. I also said that it was silly. One of the presenters (the President of the Union) responded that “LGBTQIA2S+” was the label chosen by the queer community on this campus. I remained—and still remain—doubtful that “LGBTQIA2S+” could be a useful label for communication. Even during the presentation that proposed to use “LGBTQIA2S+”, the presenters themselves stumbled occasionally, and further abbreviated the term for the sake of speaking it. I judge that “LGBTQ”, “LGBT+”, and “queer” are more understandable labels, and are broadly accepted, including by the community concerned.

I want to support the intersexed, asexual, two-spirited, and all others, but I do not think adding initials to an initialism is the substantial support they need. Moreover, abbreviations change, but institutions are long-lived, and if this Council does not periodically review the fit of labels, then any of the abbreviations may become obsolete or exclusionary. That is one reason I think “queer students” would be the best term: rather than specifying some letters in a certain order, and leaving others to be summarized in a “Q” or a “+”, which indeed risks imbalance of emphasis or erasure, “queer students” refers to all equally. But I did not want to fight, and I kept quiet after the President spoke to me.

I now understand how easy it is, in the heat and rush of a Council meeting, for a Councilor to voice opinions unwisely, and how easy for listeners (whether holding votes in Council or not) to get the wrong idea. The subject of the word “silly” is at issue. Only after speaking with the Chair did I realize that listeners might have thought I was calling the proposal itself silly, or thought that I might have been calling queer students silly.

Although that was absolutely not my intention, I accept that my own carelessness made that misunderstanding possible. I am sorry for hastily saying that the abbreviation was silly. To those whose feelings were hurt by the misapprehension that I was calling any person silly, or calling the idea of a Queer Student Representative silly, I am responsible for that too, and I am sorry for that too.

Sincerely,

*William Burgess
Graduate Student Representative
2019 February 10*

Science Student Representative – Bryan Fedchun

- Things have been pretty quite around the science faculty lately.
- Hoping to reach out to the new dean soon.
- Has found students interested in applying for this position.
- In contact with other science faculty societies to make sure they're moving smoothly.

Will – Do we know who the new Dean is going to be?

Bryan – No.

First Year Student Representative – Mary Bailey

- In the midst of planning a time capsule booth event.
- Active on my facebook page promoting positions available in the upcoming election.

Summer – I do appreciate what you're doing on Facebook with promoting the available councilor positions.

Arts Student Representative – Lucas Middleton

- APP met.
 - Subcommittee on exam regulations has met and is making good progress.
- Senate met and we got our fall reading week passed.
- By-law and policy met twice.
- Submitted my letter of support for the English curriculum changes.
- Committee on Studies will be meeting this week.

Education Student Representative – David M. Lewis

- Organizational Review Committee met once.
- Budget and Finance Committee did some email meetings.
- Focusing on getting second years ready to get out there and find jobs.
- Working on family dinners and getting the education students close.
- I was a part of the drag queen bingo and drag show which was fun.
- Working on our first year vs. second year hockey game. Right now we have it scheduled for the 22nd.

International Student Representative – Happiness Bhoke John

- Nothing really has been happening.
- Yesterday there was an international party.

- Have been doing a bit of outreach for people to apply to my position.

Equity Student Representative – Iffat Sohi

- Equity Advisory Committee and the External Advisory Committee met.
- Reaching out to Chinese students to see if they would like to participate in focus groups.
- Got to volunteer for one of the pride month events.

Students' of African Descent Representative – Summer Upshaw

- Been a slow go in the black community.
- Did have the African Heritage Month launch on Jan 31st. It was really awesome to see some council faces in the crowd so thanks for coming out.
- BLACC society made buttons so look out for them on campus.
- Stay tuned for things coming up!

Board of Governors Student Representative – Cecil VanBuskirk

- I am now off my leave of absence so thank you for your patience.
- I would like to thank William for addressing his comments from the last council meeting.
- I would also like to say sorry for not having my report in the council package as I'm experiencing some phishing attempts on my laptop.
- Emma and I have been working hard to prepare for the next Board of Governors meeting. We have met with different individuals and groups on campus. The biggest point brought up was accessibility on campus for people with disabilities. I brought this forward to the Buildings and Grounds Committee which they took into consideration.

Business Arising

None.

Executive Reports

Students' Union President – Rebecca Mesay

- There was a Board of Governors Executive Committee meeting.
 - Discussed physical managements, and the Coady institute.
- I have been having meetings with Andrew Beckett about concerns that were raised about the athletic department.
- Also had a student come into me with some concerns he's been seeing on campus.

Vice President Finance & Operations – Tega Sefia

- The budget has been taking over a lot of my freedom.

- This week I met with The Fox manager, Sean Hopkins and the Inn manager.
- Over the next couple weeks going to be meeting with more groups such as the Xaverian Weekly.
- Met with Andrew Beckett about the budget.
- The Budget and Finance Committee has been reviewing some more society allocation forms.
- Going to be talking about the Info Desk operations soon.

Vice President Activities & Events – Sean Hopkins

- Budget meeting with Tega about ideas for changes to the budget for my office next year.
- Worked with Kallie for the last 3 house hockey cup games. No issues with the games.
- Wellness week is starting tomorrow. Only a few events going on due to lack of spaces.
- Been chatting with Bob Hale about hosting an event in the Lane Hall pit.

Iffat – Who is the lane hall event for?

Sean – Its campus wide but a ticketed event.

Summer – Would it be a chill event or a dance event?

Sean – It's going to be a pit party.

Mary – Will it be 19+?

Sean – Still trying to figure that out. Might make it wet/dry.

Vice President Residence Affairs – Kallie Ross

- Worked 3 house hockey cups this past week. Preparing for the other house hockey cups coming up.
- Has been working with the house leadership team in Cameron Hall to come up with their success plan. TriMac was cancelled due to the atmosphere in the building. The agreement was that we would develop a success plan to turn around what is happening in that building.
- Met the with McKenna Centre Advisory Board to talk about the future direction of that institution.

Summer – Will the female house hockey cup be a series of games?

Kallie – Yes there is a total of 5 games.

Cecil – Has that structure been thought about for the guy's games too?

Kallie – That has been talked about in the past so we'll see how this structure works.

Sean – Mac is back.

Vice President External Affairs – Clancy McDaniel

- Locked down funding for the St. FX bus to take students to the provincial budget release. Still need to finalize some details.
- Ran the Students Lets Act campaign for CASA.
- Presented to senate about why fall reading week would be important.
- Have been working on the consultation agreement which is set to expire at the end of the month. Looking like not much is going to change. The only thing still in the air is tuition rates.
- SNS
 - Going through a website redesign.
 - Planning for the transition weekend we will be hosting with the incoming execs.

- Have a date set for when the MOU will be set.
- Working on the budget for next year.
- CASA
 - Having our AGM in march.

Iffat – Are you targeting students in a specific program for the bus trip?

Clancy – It will be open to all students but I will be reaching out to the political science and public policy in governance programs.

David – How many seats does the bus hold?

Clancy – Around 50 I think.

Committee Reports

By-law and Policy Committee

- Meeting weekly.
- Last week we finalized the definitions page up to this point.
- Last week also went through the council terms of reference.
- Worked on the gender representative and rejigging the Board of Governors reps.
- Coming up this week we will be finalizing the Board of Governors position and the removal from office bylaws as well.

Equity Advisory Committee

- Chose our chair for the committee which is Summer.
- The main thing on the agenda were the complaints about the Office of Internationalization.
 - Working on ways to hold them accountable.
 - Documenting the complaints instead of it being he said/she said.

Iffat – Trying to make a poster board for the international office so students know where it is. We are leaning more towards having focus groups.

Tega – I wouldn't advise making a poster about where the office is due to the nature of the office right now.

Iffat – Until then what other service do we provide to students?

Tega – I think it would be important to address the problem within. Right now, that office makes it worse for international students.

Tanaka – What is the goal of the focus groups?

Iffat – It would be an evaluation of the International Office. We would invite international students to different focus groups to discuss their experience with the International Office.

Happiness – Were still working on it so all ideas are welcome. The focus group thing is still in discussion.

Tega – Is that the only thing you've had on the table so far?

Iffat – We’ve had surveys and other ideas brought forward. When we all meet again hopefully we can finalize which pathway we want to take.

Tega – I think the university tends to work better with stats then student opinions.

Iffat – I totally agree with that. Our first choice was to get surveys out but there are some issues with anonymity. I would say every approach has pros and cons. It’s about which approach has more pros than cons.

Will – Could I get a bigger picture of the problem? What is the mission of the International Office?

Rebecca – The concerns that have been mentioned have been ongoing for a while. The Office of Internationalization is a support system for international students. If international students have questions about visas or other questions this is where they would go. This year the office has undergone a switch to recruiting more international students. The gaps exist because now there is no place for students who are international to receive support.

External Affairs Advisory Committee

- Discussed the Women in Policy and Leadership Conference happening on March 9th.
- Also discussed the Students Lets Act campaign and the budget release for the bus trip.

Organizational Review Committee

- Met once since the last meeting.
- Focused on the comments that we received from the last council meeting. We took the comments and talked about it and updated the proposal then shipped it off to Bylaw and Policy.

Special reports to council

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Closing remarks

Nomination forms are out. Please tell your friends to apply for these positions. It’s very stressful for the elections team to be rescheduling all of these elections.

Adjournment

Lucas – *Moves to adjourn.*

David M. – *Seconds.*

Motion passes 10-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 3:49pm.

Agenda
Students' Union Representative Council
3rd March 2019, 3:00pm
Council Chambers

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
7. Constituency Reports
8. Business Arising
9. Executive Reports:
 - President, Ms. Rebecca Mesay
 - Vice President Academic, Ms. Tiffany MacLennan
 - VP Finance and Operations, Mr. Tega Sefia
 - VP Activities and Events, Mr. Sean Hopkins
 - VP Residence Affairs, Ms. Kallie Ross
 - VP External Affairs, Ms. Clancy McDaniel
10. Students' Union General Manager Report
11. Committee Reports
12. Special Reports to Council:
 - University Budget Presentation (Andrew Beckett)
 - Council Initiatives Fund Presentation: A photographic and Visual Exhibit (Nic Latulippe)
 - Council Initiatives Fund Presentation: Xaverian Review (Natalie Chicoine)
13. Old Business
14. New Business:
 - Motion to approve the part-time staff of the year award terms of reference
15. Closing Remarks
16. Adjournment



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Office of the **President**

Name: Rebecca Mesay
To: StFX Student Council
Re: Report to Council (February 2019)

Committees

By-Law and Policy Committee has been meeting weekly during February. The committee has focused on revising the terms of reference for the councilor positions with an emphasis on amending the Board of Governors student position. There was also a focus on overseeing the Impeachment clauses for the by-laws with a particular focus on the President and Vice President Academic positions. The committee also reviewed the terms for a new part-time staff award.

Organizational Review Committee has been meeting each week in February. The group focused on reviewing and updating the terms of reference for the Executive positions.

McKenna Advisory Board met every week during the first two weeks of February. The advisory board has been supporting the new Executive Director, Mathias Nilges throughout the transition period for the position. The meetings have been used to discuss the McKenna Centre's direction, activities, academic curriculum, and planned events.

External Affairs

Students' Nova Scotia has continued with board calls on a bi-weekly basis. The organization is preparing for the hiring of a new Executive Director (ED). As Chair of the Policy Committee, I have been focusing on reviewing the terms of reference for various internal committees and the upcoming paper that will be published by Students' Nova Scotia.

The Canadian Alliance of Students Associations' (CASA) Federal Policy Committee has also been meeting on a bi-weekly basis. The work is now focused on creating policy amendments. I also had a phone call with the Chair of the FPC, Victoria Schindler to discuss updates and new proposals for the committee. I have been focused on the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) and have booked accommodations for the conference.

CASA's EDI (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) Committee had a meeting on February 15th and is finalizing its strategic plan that will be passed by the membership at the AGM. My section of the strategic plan focuses on developing a consultation framework for CASA as it liaises with diverse groups. The Chair of EDI, Yana Titarenko will be at StFX this week to see the cultural competency training in action with the Representative Council.

On February 28th, the Vice President External, Clancy McDaniel, and I attended a Student Government Roundtable in Halifax.

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Internal Affairs

The StFX Finance Committee met in the first week of February to discuss the university's budget. There was a review of the different budget lines, increases to funding, and a discussion of the absorption of funds from the provincial government.

The University Budget Committee has been meeting almost twice weekly. The meetings increased in frequency as a result of the provincial government's announcement on additional funding for StFX.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors met to discuss a number of high-level issues within the university. This meeting was an update for various members of the Board and also included further discussion of the province's funding allocation to the university.

I had a one-on-one meeting with two society presidents who were asking me questions about how societies could host different events on campus. I also directed the students to Society Coordinator, Tyler Kingston and Vice President Activities and Events, Sean Hopkins as additional sources of information.

February 12th was the Jeanine Deveau Scholars Day. I had the opportunity to meet with students both from local and Halifax high schools.

Over the break, I had a meeting with the Coordinator for African Descent Affairs, Kelsey Jones, to do a video for African Heritage Month.

On Thursday of that same week, I attended the Board of Governors Information Session and Dinner. The following day consisted of Board of Governors meetings throughout the entirety of the day. Immediately after the end of these meetings, I had a meeting with President MacDonald and Vice President of Finance and Admin, Andrew Beckett, as well as the Students' Union's Vice President External, Clancy McDaniel, to discuss the university's and Students' Union's Consultation Agreement.

Executive

The Students' Union internal Sexual Violence Prevention Committee met in the second week of February to discuss progress on the proposed recommendations from October. The committee was able to identify that nearly all of the recommendations had been fulfilled. The recommendation that is still in process has to do with a review of the Sexual Violence Policy.

The Visible @ X Coordinator, Margaret Elliot, reached out to the Executive team to meet with the University's Sexual Violence Taskforce. The team will be meeting with the taskforce in the second week of March.

Over the Reading Week, I had a meeting with the General Manager Sean Ryan, Vice President Academic Tiffany MacLennan, and Frank Gallant as a follow-up to the discussion about the formalization of a Human Resources process for the Students' Union.



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The Executive participated in the Students' Union's Job Fair and met with students interested in the Executive positions for next year.

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Glossary:

Student Nova Scotia (SNS): is an alliance of Nova Scotia post-secondary student associations. It gives students a united voice in Nova Scotia, helping set the direction of post-secondary education by researching challenges, identifying solutions, and creating the political space needed for these solutions to happen.

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA): is 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. It represents undergraduate, graduate and polytechnic associations. At its core, CASA advocates on behalf of post-secondary students to the federal government. When Canada's leaders make decisions affecting our post-secondary education system, they turn to CASA for solutions.

Federal advocacy document:

https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/casaacae/pages/2863/attachments/original/1544131430/Advo-EN-Final_web.pdf?1544131430



Office of the **Vice President Academic Affairs**

Name: Tiffany MacLennan

To: StFX Students' Union Representative Council

Re: Report to Council (February)

Committees

February kicked off right away with a **Senate Forum on Academic Planning**. This forum was directed primarily towards the different academic departments but it was still interesting to hear about how faculties are implementing the university's strategic plan into their department.

The **Sexual Violence Prevention Committee** met on February 1st. During this meeting, there was discussions about the Sexualized Violence Task Force and items for the sexualized violence action plan.

On February 4th, the first meeting of the Dean of Science Search Committee happened. During this meeting, the committee drafted the advertisement and reviewed the executive briefing for the potential candidates.

On February 4th and February 13th, the Frank McKenna Centre for Leadership Advisory Committee met. The advisory committee has been helping the executive director with projects & planning for the 2019-2020 academic year. **On March 7th, the McKenna Centre will be having an open house to talk about these plans. There is FREE PIZZA. I hope to see you all there!**

On February 4th, the **University Librarian Search Committee** met with an external search firm to begin another round of University Librarian Hiring. Because this search is now being run through an external firm, the information is significantly more confidential. I will update you all with the information as provided to me.

On February 4th, there was a **Senate** meeting. At this meeting, the Academic Computing Committee gave an update on their projects/proposals for the year. Following this, there were two motions brought forward for the addition of a Fall Reading Week beginning in the 2019-2020 year. Both motions passed unanimously through Senate and I'm so excited that a Fall Reading Week will begin in the 2019-2020 year. I would like to extend the GREATEST thank you to all of the students who had filled out the Fall Reading Week survey and an even bigger thank you to the

people who volunteered their time to help with such a large project. I would also like to thank four students who volunteered to come speak to the University Senate, Maggie Mugford, Marc Sgro, Clancy McDaniel and Will Fraser, your words and opinions helped have this motion pass through Senate.

On February 6th, the **Honorary Degrees Committee** met. The committee will be passing named through Senate to vote on.

On February 7th and 19th, the **Enrolment Advisory Committee** met. During this meeting, we looked at the projected student enrolment for 2020-2021 and began discussing a student retention plan.

On February 11th, the **Joint Committee on Studies Committee** met to hear two student appeals. Following this, the committee had planned to discuss the ability to receive a grade of 100 on a transcript but the committee ran out of time. From this meeting, there was a few “gaps” within the academic integrity policy found and brought to the attention of the chair of the JCOS.

On February 14th, the **Students' Union Awards Banquet Committee** met. It's a fun committee, that's all. Nominations for awards for the banquet are now open!

On February 15th, the **Advancing Women's Equality Committee** met. At this meeting, there was discussions on the AWE forum, the AWE project and the men's hockey team.

On February 20th, the **Senate Steering Committee** met to set the agenda for the March 4th Senate Meeting.

External Affairs

On February 25th, I attended the Council of Atlantic University Librarian's Forum on Open Educational Resources. At this forum, Emma Drake (VP Academic/External for UPEI SU) gave a presentation on the “student perspective” of OERs on our campuses. A lot of great ideas/initiatives came from this forum. I will be meeting with Dr. Kevin Wamsley (Current acting University Librarian) to discuss some of these initiatives.

Internal Affairs

On February 4th, the Pre-Senate meeting with the Student Senators happened.

On February 7th, I met with Dr. Erin Austen to create a survey surrounding Student Class Attendance. This survey will be released through the Students' Union within the next week.

On February 7th, I met with Dr. Richard Isnor to discuss student research on campus. For the first part of this meeting, we talked about the Students' Union's previous involvement with Student Research Day. This year, the executive team has committed to helping promote student research day. Following this, Dr. Isnor and I discussed barriers that students face in research and how to remove barriers moving forward.

On February 10th, I attended the Students' Union Representative Council Meeting.

On February 19th, Rebecca and I met with Sean Ryan and Frank Gallant to discuss the year so far.

On February 20th, I met with Dr. Kevin Wamsley to discuss academic appeals at StFX. During this meeting, we discussed some of the gaps that were identified in the academic appeals policy. Following this, we discussed the potential of giving the current student advocates to be able to help students with academic appeals.

Over the break, I met with Sean Ryan to discuss the creation of a textbook bursary through the Students' Union. I will update you all as we go.

Throughout the month of February, I continued to attend the twice weekly Executive Team Meetings and also weekly meetings with Sean and Rebecca.

Thanks for reading,

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

Name: Kallie Ross

To: StFX Student Council

Re: Executive report – February 2019

Committees

The Campus affairs committee was not able to find a meeting time February. Due to this month being short and everyone being very busy with midterms, it has been difficult to find a time that works. A meeting was scheduled for February 13th, but I was forced to cancel it because of bad weather and a campus closure that day. The committee will be meeting very soon to discuss upcoming events on campus such as relay for life, and the hiring of the new House Presidents and Vice Presidents.

On February 4th, the McKenna Centre Advisory Board met to discuss some of the upcoming things that are happening with the McKenna Centre for Leadership. Some of the topics that were discussed were the eventual resurrection of the Xaverian Leaders program, as well as soon new courses that will be offered that are designed to help students develop their leadership skills as well as their personal skills to set them up for success after graduation.

Internal Affairs

There were three house hockey cups that happened in the month of February. The first was Bishops vs. MSB on February 2nd, which went extremely well and was a great start to the house hockey cup season. The next game was on February 8th which saw the first MacIsaac vs. OC match up. This game also had a great turnout and we saw great spirit. The following night was the Bathtub Cup between Riley and O'Regan Hall, which was successful, which the exception of the condition of the O'Regan Locker room following the game. I have been in the process of following up on this incident to determine what the repercussions will be for the members of this team.

February also consisted of finalizing the details for the Female House Hockey Tournament and planning a game for MacNeil house seeing that they still wanted a chance to play in a house hockey cup although TriMac was Cancelled. On March 2nd, MacNeil will be playing against MacIsaac Hall, and I expect this to be a very good hockey game. Myself and VP Activities and Events, Sean Hopkins, have been communicating with the staff from the Box Office and the Recreation Department to make sure that everything is set to go for these events, including door personal, time keepers and officials.

I had a one-on-one meeting with the Students' Union General Manager, Sean Ryan, as a general check-in to how things have been going with my office this semester. I also met with the Chair of Council to go over the Terms of Reference for the VP Residence affairs position and look at where adjustments need to be made and eventually based through by-law and policy. The terms of reference are slightly outdated and currently state that the VP Residence Affairs sits on a few committees that no longer exist, and oversees policies that the Students' Union does not have.

Over reading week I attended a dinner with the Board of Governors along with a few other members of the Students' Union Executive. This was a good opportunity for the Students' Union to advocate for and represent students at StFX to the University Administration and members of the board.

I continue to maintain connection with the Residence Life Team to discuss successes and challenges that students living in residence have. We have also been discussing ways to integrate residence life staff with the house councils, and how to work more collaboratively on the planning of House Hockey Cups.

I have had a few individual meetings this month with a few folks who expressed interest in applying for the VP Residence Affairs positions. I think it is great that these individuals reached out to me to learn more about the job, and we had some really good conversations about the expectations of the role and how the Students' Union Operates. In addition, the Students' Union also hosted a Job Fair/Information session on February 27th for any students who were interested in applying for the executive positions. This job fair consisted of introductions of each position followed by questions and break out groups. The attendance was relatively low, however the students that did attend were able to have intimate conversations with the executive team about their questions surrounding the role.

Sub-Executive:

Normally my days in office consist of several informal visits from my sub-executives stopping by my office. Whether they are submitting ERC forms or asking general questions, it provides me with a good opportunity to check in with them, and see how they are doing in their role, and seeing what I can do to support them.

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Office of the Vice President Finance and Operations

Name: Tega Sefia

To: StFX Student Council

Re: Report to Council (February 2019)

Committees

- **Budget & Finance Committee:** We continue to receive and review society allocations. In addition, over the past three weeks we have received three Council Initiatives requests, two of which will be presenting at council on Sunday March 3rd.
- **Bloomfield Centre Committee:** We met this week. Most of the topics covered were on upcoming renovations, particularly to the SUB café. However, unfortunately the SU will not be receiving any funding or assistance from the University regarding our renovation plans. The university have put our plans on hold, pending the completion of ongoing projects.

Internal Affairs

- **SU Executive Info Session:** This was held this week in the SU building, but unfortunately, due to personal reasons I was unable to attend.
- **Terms of reference review:** I met with David Lewis, Education Student Rep, to go through my terms of reference to highlight potential changes that could be made to suit the operations of my position.
- **Budget meetings with departments:** So far, I have met with all the SU department heads, except for the Xaverian. Starting next week, I will begin having regular meetings with Julieanne and Sean Ryan to start work on the budget proper.
- **X-patrol and the Inn Security:** We are considering having X-patrol as the only student security service on campus. More information would be provided as conversations progress.
- **Information desk:** We are currently in conversations with the University for a potential takeover of the Maritime Bus service. As you might be aware, we currently run at a huge loss operating the front desk. Handing the responsibility over to the university would help cut our losses.
- **Kevin's Corner:** We received a donation of \$2500 from the UNIFOR Organization.

Sub-Executive: Research and Policy Associate

DriveU: Positions for new drivers are going to be open once the new VP Finance and Operations

is hired.

Student Food Resource Centre: This week, we made an ask to the campus affairs committee for a sum of \$4000 to go towards the SU food bursary program. This amount is expected to cover an additional five students, at \$800 in gift cards per student (for 8 months of the school year).

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Office of the **Vice President Activities & Events**

Name: Sean Hopkins

To: StFX Student Council

Re: Report to Council (February 2019)

Committees

Student Orientation Committee (SOC): The Student Orientation Committee did not meet for the month of February.

Event Review Committee (ERC): Met with the committee on a weekly basis to review all risk assessment forms. Only issue that has come up is the booking of spaces in Conference Services. We have been asked to remind societies and house councils that they may not book spaces over email, and instead must hand in a Risk Assessment Form in order to confirm a room booking. Other than that, there have been no issues with this committee.

Society Review Committee (SRC): The Society Review Committee did not meet in the month of February. If issues come up in the future, we will schedule meetings at that time.

Equity Advisory Committee (EAC): The Equity Advisory Committee met on Thursday, February 14, however I was unable to attend due to conflicting midterm schedules. The main point of conversation during this meeting based on the agenda and reading the minutes continues to involve the Office of Internationalization and how we can best ensure that our fellow students are utilizing it as best as possible and we can advocate for improvements.

External Affairs

This month, external affairs has been mainly focused around booking for upcoming events. These include:

- **Talent Source:** Finalized entertainment contracts for the following events: Senior Night at the Inn as well as all events during convocation weekend (convocation events include Parents Night at the Inn, Graduation Gala, and Convocation After Party).
- **Darwin Events Group:** coordinated the return of pipe and drape.
- **Feldman Agency:** Worked with Joe Clark from the Feldman Agency to draft and finalize the contract for another concert we have coming up on Saturday, March 23. Contract has been signed and we are current working on marketing materials as well as payments.
- **Eric Bindman:** Eric is the manager of the Toronto DJ duo, Waves. Coordinated another booking for these guys that will be announced at a later date.

COCA (Canadian Organization of Campus Activities)

I sit on the board of directors for this organization and for the month of February, the board met twice to discuss the following:

- Progress on the upcoming National Conference in June;
- Strategies to retain membership in Ontario given the current political climate;
- Review of the RPF (Request For Proposal) for our new website; and
- Review of the budget for the current fiscal year, in preparation for the upcoming national conference.

Internal Affairs

Because Reading Week is in March, there is not a lot to report on regarding Internal Affairs for the month of February.

I continue to meet weekly with Cody McGregor and Michelle Campbell, our Bar Manager and Marketing and Communications Manager respectively, to plan our events at the Golden X Inn. Our meetings take place every Tuesday at 2:00pm. As of right now, we have all events ready (with exception to only a couple dates), and we now look to finalize details such as food/drink special(s), prize(s), and entertainment.

Prior to reading week I had a meeting with all stakeholders involved in the planning processes of Spring Convocation. The meeting was fairly short overall and the main points of discussion involved check ins to make sure everyone is on task. Things are going very well and it is shaping up to be another great convocation weekend.

We hosted our first ever Wellness Week, which included events such as Free Hot Chocolate and Cookies, a live streaming of Bohemian Rhapsody, and a Public Skate. Overall these events were very well attended and seemed to serve as a great de-stressor for our students.

We hosted three house hockey cups in the month of February. These games included MSBHops, Bathtub Cup, and Mac-Off. The games went very well and were very well attended. Only issues that came up were minor incidents in the crowd but they were all handled excellently by Safety and Security.

Applications for this job for the 2019/20 year are now open and at the end of the we held an information session about the Executive jobs, which was very well attended. I've had multiple students approach me to express interest.

I met with Tega Sefia, Vice President Finance and Operations, prior to reading week to review the current Activities and Events budget and where we are to date, as well as making recommendations for the next budget which he is currently working on. Few changes are expected for next years' budget, but there will be some updates so the budget more accurately reflects actuals.

Also prior to reading week, I had a Students' Union Awards Banquet meeting. Here we discussed expectations for the event and began the initial planning process.

Finally, I also had a PEP-AH (Postsecondary Education Partnership – Alcohol Harms) committee meeting, where we discussed the feedback and results taken from the alcohol and substance abuse survey that went out in January.

Sub-Executive

Entertainment Coordinators: No update from the Entertainment Coordinators. Plan on having conversations with the incoming Vice President Activities and Events and Sean Ryan to discuss the future of this role and how it may best be utilized.

Society Coordinator: Tyler continues to organize booking for grilled cheese and coat check at our Inn events. In addition, he continually meets with societies to address any issues that they are currently having. If the issue is large enough, he will consult with myself, but that has not been the case for the month of February.

O-Crew Co-Chairs: Communicating with the O-Crew Co-Chairs to inform them of potential hiring dates so that they can begin preparations. Hiring will be conducted by the incoming Vice President Activities and Events, who will hopefully be hired by mid-March.

Glossary

Student Orientation Committee (SOC):

Standing committee involving The Students' Union as well as staff and administration with the University. This committee is the main organizing body for Orientation Week and Homecoming.

Event Review Committee (ERC):

Standing committee involving The Students' Union as well as staff with the University. This committee meets weekly throughout the year to review all student lead events on campus. Student groups who complete these forms include campus societies, house councils, and Students' Union employees.

Society Review Committee (SRC):

The mandate of the Society Review Committee is to discuss, deliberate, and recommend and report on all matters regarding Societies called before its attention. This may include but is not limited to; reviewing and evaluating societies prior to ratification, reviewing all by-laws and policies relating to societies

Equity Advisory Committee (EAC):

The committee will assess inequity within the Students' Union and come up with solutions to make the Students' Union a more equitable place. They will also examine ways that the university can improve in regards to equity and present recommendations to the administration at the end of each year.

Talent Source:

Talent Source is a talent agency located in Halifax, NS, which represents multiple artists who are all local to the province.

Darwin Event Group:

Local event company in Nova Scotia that works as a supplier for many supplies, such as pipe and drape.

The Feldman Agency:

The Feldman Agency is an international talent agency with one of their many offices located in Toronto, ON. The Feldman Agency also represents hundreds of artists from around the world, some of which include James Barker Band, The Reklaws, Alessia Cara, Lil Jon, and many more.

COCA (Canadian Organization of Campus Activities):

The Canadian Organization of Campus Activities, represents more than 60 member post-secondary institutions across Canada from Vancouver to the Atlantic provinces. COCA also has more than 80 Associates. These are artists and suppliers who provide services to the Canadian campus activities sector.

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Graduate Student Representative - William Burgess

I wish to note first that I completed my nomination (form turned in on Feb. 23) to be on the ballot for this office; no other grad students expressed interest in running for this office when I raised the possibility. The Council should be concerned that given how diffuse StFX's grad students are, and given that StFX's infrastructure for graduate students ranges from haphazard to nonexistent, ordinary grad students will not have the ability to contact ten nominators without unusual difficulty and burden. This type of burden represents a barrier to proper representation of graduate students, and perhaps other non-traditional students, in StFX's Union.

Since last Council meeting, I have continued by email my work on the Budget and Finance Committee. On Feb. 14 I attended a talk by Dr. Margo Watt about experiential teaching and learning, especially as applied to forensic psychology and carceral visits. At the time of this writing (Feb. 25), I anticipate having attended on Feb. 28 a talk by Dr. George J. Sefa Dei entitled "Black Like Me: reframing blackness for decolonial politics", as well as mandatory cultural competency training on Mar. 3 prior to Council. On Feb. 25 I obtained from StFX's Graduate Studies Office a list of my constituents' email addresses (too late to use in the nominating process, and a resource that I think no other grad student has), and I used that list to figuratively "open my doors for business". My constituents from now on should know that they have a representative in the Union, and may be freely in touch with me. I became able to unlock the door of the Student Representatives Office in the Union building, so I will now hold office hours (initially 9-10 am WThF), and I will hold them there.

Board of Governors Student Representative - Cecil VanBuskirk

Councillor Report: March 3rd, 2019

Over the last two weeks, Emma and I have been very busy preparing for the last board meeting of the year, and a number of meetings corresponding to it. Being on both the Building and Grounds committee and the Governance and Nominations committee, I have had opportunities to bring up, and have meaningful conversation around topics like diversity of the board and accessibility on campus. These two topics were then addressed at the board meeting, on February 22nd and I can tell you that there was a lot of improvements to where we want our school headed for students.

As I begin my transition into my newly elected role as Students' Union President, I am very excited to start creating a team of positive, engaged students so that we can plan an impactful year of building on what has already been done this year. I feel fortunate to have experienced everything that I have had on the board this year, because it has laid the ground work for the understanding we need in order to have the most impact next year. I look forward to the next few weeks and what we the students can achieve next!

We need your help St.FX!

Let us know how we can serve you better or if you have any questions at all!

Sincerely,

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Board of Governors Student Representative - Emma Crilly

Since my last report my office has been quite busy. I was unable to be at the last council meeting as I was at Bishops university for the Maple League Conference. There I learned a lot about the issues facing campuses very much like our own and that has compelled me to bring talks about how we can create or integrate council members into more discussions with other universities to see that collaboration and knowledge sharing allows us all to grow and succeed. In addition, I attended the investment committee meeting. The ongoing theme of these meetings have been around the weight of asset classes the university's portfolio is comprised of and seeing that we meet our benchmark targets. I also will have an AER committee meeting coming up. In our prior meeting we discussed the Donor report and the coming one we will be discussing the Universities branding when looking to share the STFX story. I met with bylaw and policy and am excited to see the motion come from that meeting. My break was cut short this past week as I had the Board of Governors meeting. Here we discussed the ongoing projects being done both in the Saputo center and the Mulroney center. Both projects are going well, and I am excited to say that both projects continue to move forward. It was a bittersweet meeting as it was my last board meeting before I graduate, and I would like to thank everyone who took the time to fill me in on their thoughts, opinions and constituency, that really made for a well-informed meeting. I've had a number of students approach me regarding the board of governor's role and I am very excited to see that people are excited about where they could take this role next year. I will be attending cultural competency training on Sunday and am very much looking forward for the change to learn and hold a greater understanding. Thank you for taking the time to read my report, if you have any questions please send them along to x2015lbo@stfx.ca or drop by the office 4th floor sub 414 on Friday between 9-12.

SUB-SECTION 2: INDIVIDUAL AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

16. Part Time Staff of the Year Awards:

These awards will be given to part time staff employed by the Union during the academic year. These awards will be presented to the part time staff that exemplified outstanding work ethic, leadership, and enthusiasm during their employment. These awards will be given annually when candidates are nominated. No more than one award per department may be awarded in any given year. One award will be given for each of the following departments:

- i. The Golden X Inn;
- ii. Drive U;
- iii. Information Desk; and
- iv. Marketing Team.

SUB-SECTION 6: PART TIME STAFF AWARDS COMMITTEE

1. Nomination of candidates for these awards will be provided by each department head in consultation with senior staff members.
2. In the event that more than one person is deserving of such an award, the award may be shared among all deserving candidates.
3. Candidates with an academic average of 60% or higher shall remain on the final candidate list while those below shall be dropped from the list. New candidates may be nominated to replace the dropped candidates and checked for a 60% academic average.
4. This committee shall meet at least two weeks prior to the announced date of the Awards Banquet.
5. The Nominations Committee should base their decisions on the degree to which the candidate has fulfilled and/or exceeded the basic requirements of their respective departments and consideration of the extent to which nominees possess some or all of the following criteria:
 - i. The candidate's work attendance record;
 - ii. The candidate's leadership within their field;
 - iii. The candidate's character, integrity, and service; and
 - iv. The candidate's interaction with other staff members.
6. Nominations will be reviewed by a committee made up of the following voting members:
 - i. Bar Services Manager, Golden X Inn;
 - ii. Accounts Manager, Information Desk;
 - iii. Marketing and Communications Manager;
 - iv. VP Finance and Operations, DriveU;
 - v. Chair of Council; and
 - vi. One (1) Representative Councilor.

Missing Reports

- Vice President External Affairs - Clancy McDaniel
- Science Student Representative - Bryan Fedchun
- Arts Student Representative - Lucas Middleton
- Business Student Representative - Caelan Peters
- Equity Student Representative - Iffat Sohi
- International Student Representative - Happiness Bhoke John
- Students' of African Descent Representative - Summer Upshaw
- Education Student Representative - David M. Lewis
- First Year Student Representative - Mary Bailey