

Council Package  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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Agenda  
Students' Union Representative Council  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 3:00 PM  
Mulroney Hall 3022

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Mi'kmaq Acknowledgment
4. Opening Remarks of the Chair
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Constituency Reports
7. Business Arising
8. Executive Reports:
  - President – Sarah Elliott
  - Vice President Academic – Siobhan Lacey
  - Vice President Finance and Operations – Patrick Wallace
  - Vice President Activities and Events – Kielan Pilgrim
  - Vice President Residence Affairs – Jack Irvin
  - Vice President External Affairs – Bradley Van Dam
9. Faculty Representative's Report
10. Students' Union General Manager Report
11. Committee Reports
12. Special Reports to Council
  - Mid-year financial presentation from the VP Finance and Operations (Patrick Wallace)
13. Old Business
  - Motion to approve the proposed dates for second term Council Meetings (Appendix A)
14. New Business
  - Motion to place the following question before the Union membership, with a 50% majority necessary for adoption: *“I support a 25\$ Students' Union Bloomfield Renovation fee beginning in September 2021. This fee will remain on the Students' Union fee list until collection of this fee reaches \$2,500,000 or the project is paid for.”*
15. Closing remarks of the Chair
16. Adjournment

## Constituency Reports

**Board of Governors Representative  
Nick Murray  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Constituency Report #8**

### **Business relating to position:**

Hello, Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays everyone! I hope everyone has been having an absolutely terrific end-of-semester season! This past month has not been overly busy in my position, I have mostly been focusing on academics and papers recently. Since my last report, there has not been any major Board of Governors meetings to report. Much of my time these past few weeks has been spent talking to some of my constituents, many of which are from the ex-Atlantic Bubble, regarding exams and the state of 2-week isolation. I, alongside many other members so council, attended the informal meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss these concerns with each other and to ensure that everyone is on the same page regarding advocacy to the university administration and regarding communication to the wider student body. I feel as though it was a super productive meeting, and that we will do our best as a collective to help serve students during these crucial few weeks.

My two Board committee spots, the Building and Grounds committee and the Advancement and External Relations committee, have not met since my last report. I have attended my first meeting as a member of the Quality of Life committee on November 16th. A tremendously productive hour, I feel like I know the ropes already!

### **Other Business:**

Within the Students' Union, I have continued meeting on a weekly basis with the Governance Review committee. As we are officially done for the semester, I would like to comment on just how great of a group we have and how productive and efficient we have worked as a team so far! The policy manual still has work to be done, and I am eager to help get it done in the Winter semester! My other committee spot, the Budget and Finance committee, has not met since my last report.

That's pretty much it for me this time around! If anyone has any questions or comments before the meeting feel free to shoot me a message! Best of luck studying everyone 😊

All the best,  
Nick  
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**Kamy Roberge Carrington  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Constituency Report**

All of the work I've been doing has surrounded discussions on exam format. Many students have reached out to me stating that they are unhappy with decisions that have been made concerning exams and X-ring. I attended a special council meeting where as a collective we decided to advocate for a hybrid model that would give students the choice to take exams online or in person. Additionally, I have attended an investment committee meeting.

**Student of African Descent Representative**  
**Henderson Cartwright**  
**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

This month I have gone over many events and plans for Black students with the Student of African Descent Advisor, Warren Kelsey and I am excited to see what comes of it next year. We still have to meet as a BLACC Collective, but it will happen. A student athlete, Alliah Fraser, invited me and members of BLACC Society to speak to other BIPOC Student Athletes and introduce them to us and what we do on campus for them. I got to meet many students I haven't had the chance to meet before and introduce them to services and supports on campus they might have not known about.

The Equity Committee met to discuss a few more things for the rest of the semester and will continue working on those things well into next year.

**Arts Representative**  
**Alex Clow**  
**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The past few weeks have been as busy and stressful for arts students as everyone else. I have been in communication with many of my constituents who have been stressed, concerned and dismayed by the way the collapse of the Atlantic bubble has effected the end of the semester. As a student from New Brunswick I understand and sympathies with these concerns. I however feel that I have been able to do very little to help these members of my constituency, as I, like many others have very little sense of what is going on.

Beyond this, I have continued my regular duties as a member of council. Within this role there is very little to report. Committee work has wound down as everyone becomes busy at the end of semester.

**Education Representative**  
**Michael Adetola**  
**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Business relating to position:

Education students have begun their practicum placements at various locations across and outside of the province. Due to this, communication with my constituency has been relatively on a person-by-person basis, but there have been no significant concerns or difficulties expressed by constituents in the past few weeks. Practicum period is scheduled to extend to December 22<sup>nd</sup>, but due to the ever-changing climate produced by the COVID-19 Pandemic, whether this period will actually extend to this date remains to be seen. Educations students have shown incredible resiliency and diligence in matters relating to the unique scheduling of our program, along with the influence of social restrictions and limitations. With the help of our tremendous faculty, we are looking forward to completing our practicum period and re-joining the greater student population in the new year.

Other business:

Due to my unique schedule, I have been absent for the majority of Campus Affairs and Emergency Grant committees, but I am looking forward to touching base with these committees in the near future.

**Graduate Student Representative  
Lauren Viana  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Graduate Student Representative Business:

**Organizational Review Committee:** The organizational review committee has concluded its meetings for this semester. We have finished going through our list of problems, made action items, and have selected the outline and format for the new strategic plan. We will soon begin writing the strategic plan and will present it to council next semester.

**Quality of Life Committee:** Both the main committee and the QoL assessment sub-committee met during the month of November. The main committee hosted a general discussion and reflection on student quality of life Re:Return to campus. The sub-committee welcomed Meghan Landry into the fold, who will be assisting with our literature review of QoL assessments.

**Senate:** Senate will be meeting tonight (December 2), with one of the action items being the potential addition of study days.

Other business:

I attended an exam advocacy priority session presented by the SU executive on December 1, where themes of increased communication and clarity between the university and student body were brought up. Lastly, I have started promoting the 2021-2022 graduate student representative position on council to my constituents.

**Johanna Gates  
Business Representative  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Hello! I, along with many others have been busy finishing work to end this semester. I have been talking with business students and have noticed a high level of stress among students, specifically surrounding more midterms and assignments than normal, as well as extra group projects. The upside of this additional work is the reduction of some exams! I have heard from many they are excited for break, as many have not seen their parents in months as they have been following covid rules and not travelling. I have also attending office hours and been on my SU Instagram account.

**Justice Gruben and Molly Burke  
Indigenous students Representatives  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Since our last meeting, Molly and Justice helped organize and plan a holiday celebration for the indigenous students. The event was postponed due to the New Brunswick borders closing, we are planning on rescheduling in the new year. Molly met with Terena and mentioned doing a fundraiser for the Northern School Supplies Initiative to raise funds for mailing the packages up north. Justice met with

Terena and planned new events for the new year. These events include a drum making event hosted by the Student Union on approval, Missing and Murdered Indigenous women, girls and two-spirited action day in February, facilitated by Student Union on approval.

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

**Date:** Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

**Reporting Period:** November 12<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>

## **Internal (to portfolio):**

- ❖ **SFRC:** Winding down operations for the year. StFX has some great food drives coming up for us. Keeping open one day a week over the holiday break since there are still students kicking around.
  - **Website:** Anamika has made some great new changes to the website
  - **Breakfast Program:** We are teaming up with Enactus to grow our audience and hopefully customer base! There will be an event with Enactus and Kevin's Corner Breakfast Program next semester
- ❖ **Budget:** Mid-Year report at following council!
- ❖ **PSP:** Nothing large to report, going well!
- ❖ **Drive U:** Moving into exam hours and closing on the 12<sup>th</sup>

## **External (to portfolio):**

- ❖ **Gallivan:** Nothing new to report!
- ❖ **Charity:** Making progress, slowly and steadily..
- ❖ **Inn:** Filmed an unreal Chase the Ace video with Jack, Brendan and Meredith. It was unreal, Cam yelled at us and Alex Leblanc is probably the quickest and best editor our there!

## **Committees:**

- ❖ **Emergency Grant:** Did not meet.
- ❖ **Budget and Finance:** Did not meet.
- ❖ **Health and Dental:** Did not meet.
- ❖ **University Budget:** Began a full breakdown of the budget and what it will look like for next year. A lot of unknowns and a lot of requests from the government.
- ❖ **JOHSC:** Scheduled meeting while I had class?? Rude...
- ❖ **GXI:** Did not meet

## **Sub-Executive:**

- ❖ **Senior Driver:**
- ❖ **SFRC Coordinator:** Was finally able to double book every shift as the semester ended. Will be ready to start strong second semester
- ❖ **HAC:** Had to go home ☹️ Next semester will be doing Co-op in Moncton so all interactions will be virtual. We knew this when we hired Sam and it shouldn't be a problem in this covid world!
- ❖ **Program Coordinators:** Runnin smooth!



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

**Date:** Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

**Reporting Period:** Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, to Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Internal (to portfolio):**

I hope everyone has endured this more difficult stretch! This is going to be a bit of modge-podge again!

The last stretch has been a lot of looking ahead. We have looked ahead at programming for Pride Month, including another Sex Toy Bingo, possibly during isolation. We have looked ahead at populating the trivia theme schedule, and hopefully being able to get those mostly assembled over the break. We have looked at what has and has not worked at the INN more generally, and hopefully will be able to apply what we have learned in second semester. We have also looked at what chase the ace could possibly become down the road.

I have met with some university staff who we worked alongside of for planning the isolation activities in September, as we will be working with them again for the second isolation stint coming up. It will be much smoother, now that we can say that we have organized activities for something like this before.

We have had meetings about what programming for the House Hockey Tournaments could look like, including conversations about a possible winter carnival theme. This would just be how we could brand a collection of winter activities that occur throughout the beginning of the semester. Like a Frost Month, but a bit more relaxed.

An update on X-Ring: We ended up reverting the INN to its original form, scrapping the 40\$ plated dinner option. This would hopefully encourage folks to come and socialize safely on our premises, as the deterrent of cost has been removed. We were planning on publishing a restaurant list for students who had yet to make plans, but were slow to the draw, as we learned that everyone had already made plans.

With council, we had our first in-person council meeting, which was sick, and then went bowling together, which was also sick. We also met to share thoughts on the situation with Halifax and the suspension of the Maritime Bubble – it was a really great discussion!

November came and went. Sean killed it. We had planned to bring out the Sickboy Podcast to do a live show at the INN, however they had to cancel for personal reasons. I am open to considering other types of live events like this that could be safely pulled off in second semester!

**External (to portfolio):**

For COCA, I have been involved in a by-election being held to fill a new vacancy for an Eastern Region Director position on the board – this has largely been outreach work for the organization!

**Committees:**

**Equity Committee:**

Some members attended the EDI Conference planning meeting with the McKenna Centre and Robert Upshaw. A bigger point of discussion from a previous meeting was the impact of the federal policy on international student isolation requirements. This was also discussed at our emergency meeting with council.

**Event Review Committee:**

The usual workload. After meeting with a student, we proposed a new addition to the Risk Assessment Form that would be for the deans to indicate whether this is an event they are sponsoring, to eliminate any speculation.

**House Hockey Committee:**

No meeting, see above for work

**Society Review Committee**

Did not meet.

**PEP-AH:**

Second meeting was rescheduled.

**Student Orientation Committee:**

Again, working with some members of SOC on isolation programming for second semester.

**Sub-Executive:**

**O-Crew:**

Nothing to report

**Society Coordinator:**

Society information has all been collected – we are hoping to throw something together talking about what societies plan to be doing in second semester after having had this semester to set their feet, and get this into the hands of students looking for communities to join!

**Outreach:**

Nothing to report.

## **Appendix A – Missing Reports**

Equity Student Representative – Jasonique Moss

International Student Representative – Dhruv Patel

Science Student Representative - Daniel Winters

First Year Representative – Brendan Roberts

President - Sarah Elliott

Vice President Academic – Siobhan Lacey

Vice President Residence Affairs – Jack Irvin

Vice President External Affairs - Bradley Van Dam