

Council Package — July 18th, 2021

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Agenda of July 18th Council Meeting

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Council Minutes — June 24th, 2021

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Students' Union Representative Council Meeting

June 24th 2021, 6:00pm ADT

Online via Microsoft Teams

Call to Order

Naomi: Meeting called to order at time 6:02pm ADT.

Roll Call

Board of Governors Student Representative – Dhruv Patel

Equity Student Representative – Tiffany Bondoc

Students of African Descent Representative – Atik Gailo

Arts Student Representative – Margaret-Anne Gillis

Education Student Representative – Tianna Williams

Science Student Representative – Mackenzie LeVernois

Business Student Representative – Hunter Park

International Student Representative – Derin Deric

Indigenous Student Representative – Molly Burke

President – Jack Irvin

Vice President Academic – Meredith Cudmore-Keating

Vice President Finance and Operations – Brendan Roberts

Vice President Residence Affairs – Sophia Fabiano

Vice President External Affairs – Ben Fairhurst

Faculty Advisor –

Absent With Regret

Board of Governors Student Representative – Anna Hancin

Vice President Activities and Events – Kyra Tessier

Student's Union General Manager – Sean Ryan

Mi'kmaq Land Acknowledgement

Naomi: I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1725. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) titles and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

Opening Remarks of the Chair

Naomi: Thank you everyone for being here today, I really appreciate it. We have a lot to go through today, so let's get started.

Approval of the Agenda

Meredith: Motion to approve the agenda.

Atik: I second.

No Discussion.

Dhruv: I motion to call the question.

Motion Passes 11-0-0

Approval of the Minutes of May 23rd Council

Tianna: Motion to approve the minutes.

Derin: I second.

No Discussion.

Mckenzie: I motion to call the question.

Motion Passes 11-0-0

Special Reports to Council

Golden X Inn Renovation Update

Presented by VP Finance and Operations: Brendan Roberts

No Discussion.

Open Educational Resources (OERs) Presentation

Presented by VP Academic: Meredith Cudmore-Keating

Discussion:

Brendan: Who actually sets what textbook to buy? Does the prof or department set the regulations?

Meredith: Technically the professor assigns it, due to academic freedom, but some courses agree to share the same textbook for consistency reasons.

Mackenzie: Have any of the discussions with the Maple League of Atlantic Universities talked about the push for OERs?

Meredith: There has been some discussion at the Maple League, it is on their radar, but there has not been significant action done.

Dhruv: Are there any plans for collective push movements from all student bodies across Nova Scotia?

Ben: Yes there is! We are working on reaching out to the rest of the Atlantic provinces to create student leaders for OERS to create a group push across all Atlantic Universities. IF we can get government funding, it will create a better push, because the more organizations involved, the better quality.

DST Budget Presentation

Presented by Adam Starr from Recircle

Discussion:

Mackenzie: Where is the workplace now and how do you transport the waste?

Adam: It is in the facilities management building by the KMC. We have the plastic delivered to us, but next year we will collect all of the plastic.

Jack: Really nice to see the progress you made since the last time you presented to the council. It is nice to see how far you have come.

Adam: Thank you Jack.

Ben: How are your partnerships with SMU and Dalhousie' Student Unions

Adam: The university helps with the overhead and the lease on campus. Once we find space, the Students' Union at SMU and Dal will handle managerial concepts. I am unbelievably loyal to StFX and I want TheU to help pioneer this first with me.

Dhruv: Antigonish is set to be the first net zero emissions for Canada. So it may be good to connect with the Town and County to help you out.

Adam: I have been in contact with the people spearheading that, thanks Dhruv.

Tianna: You have people already interested in buying the plastics from you - do you see that demand going up as the more work is put in, and more outreach is taken - and maybe exceeding what you planned? Ideally where do you see this going?

Adam: Yes the demand goes up, it has been validated from a lot of customer interviews we had. I will be licensing all of the machines and property to academic institutions to start, but the target market after this is larger campus ecosystems like army camps, malls, indigenous communities, etc. The core concept is that no concept gets on the truck without it being sold, so it never gets into our oceans or landfill.

Meredith: Do you have any plans to make an contract or document that outlines you expectations and

Adam: The first two parts of the contract I have drafted are going to be reviewed with the legal team at theU and Sean and Brendan. We will be collaborating with you all of the way.

Health and Dental Plan Committee Update

Presented by VP Finance and Operations

Discussions:

Meredith: If students used it less this year, could the coverage increase next year?

Brendan: Yes, this is always ongoing, every year we review the plan and outline and analyze the trends we saw this year. We can always make adjustments to the plan. Every year the plan has been increasing, so going forward, now with cuts, we won't have to increase the plan

Tiffany: How will these changes be known to students? Is there a way to get student input?

Brendan: We are going to promote and market the entire plan of the whole wil Gallivan and our own marketing team. We will make very clear what coverage we have for students. We do try to consult with students, we have students at large on the Committee. Part of the fee increase has to be done, so we are just trying to do the things that will cost the least amount to students, but we do consult with students through the committee.

New Business

Jack: I motion to Ratify Brandon Malloy as Faculty Advisor.

Mackenzie: Second.

Discussion:

Ben: I have had B. Malloy as my Economics Prof throughout the years. He is the best teacher, he always strives to help students. From my own personal experience, Brandon would take time out of his day to help me. He is really kind, supportive of students, understanding, and is a great listener. He has great characteristics. I would definitely say yes to Brandon.

Mackenzie: I motion to call the question.

Anna Hancin and Hunter Park have given their proxy votes to Naomi Stobart - Chair of Council.

Naomi: Both Anna and Hunter have given their proxy votes to me, and they vote for the motion.

Motion Passes 12-0-0

Naomi: The motion passes.

Jack: Motion to Ratify Anna Payson as Society Coordinator.

Tianna: Second.

Discussion:

MacKenzie: I can speak to Anna. She is a very strong candidate, very organized and very interested in how societies can interact with TheU and the University. She had many fun ideas for more involvement and bringing societies to light and how you can meet people. Really excited to have her as Society Coordinator

Meredith: I motion to call the question.

Anna Hancin and Hunter Park have given their proxy votes to Naomi Stobart - Chair of Council.

Naomi: Both Anna and Hunter have given their proxy votes to me, and they vote for the motion.

Motion Passes 12-0-0

Naomi: The motion passes.

MacKenzie: Motion to Ratify Samuel Delaney as House Accounts Coordinator.

Tianna: Second.

Discussion:

MacKenzie: I yield the floor to Brendan.

Brendan: Sam's interview was really really great, he was the House Accounts Coordinator last year, so consistency is nice. He has lots of experience with accounting, so no one is better to do this job than him.

Jack: I motion to call the question.

Anna Hancin and Hunter Park have given their proxy votes to Naomi Stobart - Chair of Council.

Naomi: Both Anna and Hunter have given their proxy votes to me, and they vote for the motion.

Motion Passes 12-0-0

Naomi: The motion passes.

MacKenzie: Motion to Ratify Evan Fortin as Research and Policy Associate.

Derin: Second.

Discussion:

Jack: I yield the floor to Ben.

Ben: Evan was a great candidate and had a great interview. The things that stood out to us in comparison was his experience he had in the past, he worked for the Centre of Youth Employment. He had experience on the external advisory committee from last year as well. He is very interested in Political Science and developing strong policy plans. He had a lot of great answers on how he will remain nonpartisan and he will be accepting of all ideas from all people. Those are a few of the reasons why he would make a great Research and Policy Associate.

Tianna: I motion to call the question.

Anna Hancin and Hunter Park have given their proxy votes to Naomi Stobart - Chair of Council.

Naomi: Both Anna and Hunter have given their proxy votes to me, and they vote for the motion.

Motion Passes 12-0-0

Naomi: The motion passes.

MacKenzie: Motion to Ratify Kaleigh Halliday and Heenakumari Sharma as Off Campus Leaders.

Dhruv: Second.

Discussion:

Derin: Both candidates were very good, they had a good balance. Kaleigh was an SUCL last year, she had good experience with residence events. Heenakumari has lots of experience in event planning from where they studied previously. They are very balanced people and I believe they will do well.

Tiffany: I motion to call the question.

Anna Hancin and Hunter Park have given their proxy votes to Naomi Stobart - Chair of Council.

Naomi: Both Anna and Hunter have given their proxy votes to me, and they vote for the motion.

Motion Passes 12-0-0

Naomi: The motion passes.

Closing Remarks

Naomi: Thank you all so much for coming and being so patient, I know it was a behemoth of a day. Please go enjoy the rest of your day, wherever you are!

Adjournment

Mackenzie: Motion to adjourn to meeting at 7:56pm ADT.

Naomi: Meeting Adjourned.

Constituency Reports

Board of Governors Student Representative – Anna Hancin

Emergency Grants Committee: We continue to meet weekly to review applications. I sit on this council with Brendan, Hunter, Mary Fisher-MacDonnell, and Julianne Mattie.

Governance Review Committee: I was absent from the first meeting on Tuesday, July 13.

Annual Board of Governors Meeting: Jack, Dhruv, and I met with the StFX Board of Governors on June 17th and 18th to review different committees and their reports.

Board of Governors Student Representative – Dhruv Patel

Business related to position: There has not been much happening lately as I am on vacation back home.

Other Business: I had an amazing session of Leaders Hall for an International Students Panel arranged by our healthcare provider - Gallivan. It was held on 8th July in which I was a guest speaker along with a couple of other International Student Leaders from other regions of Canada. We had about 60 students who joined in. We had some amazing feedback from them on how to build amazing inclusive communities. I thank Sean Ryan who recommended me for this.

Upcoming Portfolio:

Gallivan has proposed to further write the terms of reference for the summer internship that they are planning to start for our international students for the next summer.

Thank You.

Equity Student Representative – Tiffany Bondoc

External Affairs Committee: I attended a meeting on July 13th with VP External Affairs and International Student representative to discuss application forms for potential students at large.

Equity Committee: N/A

Hiring Panel: N/A

Other business:

I attended an Academic Plan Consultation Session on June 22nd in which I supported the movement for OERs in order to make education more accessible, recommended the hiring of more BIPOC faculty, as well as discussed other ways to create more diverse, equitable, inclusive, and decolonized classrooms and curricula.

Students of African Descent – Atik Galio

Position Business:

- I have been nominated as co-chair of the equity committee! I'm very excited and looking forward to being a part of an amazing committee.

- Was awaiting the campus affairs meeting that was supposed to take place July 13th however it was cancelled.

Hiring Panel: N/A

Other Business:

- Not sure if you folks know but Eid Al Adha is on Monday! Tell your muslim friends "Eid Mubarak", they'll love it!

Arts Student Representative – Margaret-Anne Gillis

Governance Review Committee – Gov Review met on Thursday the 13th for an introductory meeting. Sean and Nick explained the hierarchy of the student union, and a few of the major policies that the committee is looking to amend. The Gov Review Committee will meet every two weeks throughout the summer.

Consultation with Gina Sampson – Tianna, Hunter, Mackenzie, Meredith, and I are meeting on Friday to continue editing the Academic Plan Consultation questions for students.

Other business:

Brainstorming ways to get connected with Arts Students before they start school in September - some way to help students connect with others in the same program or similar classes

Education Student Representative – Tianna Williams

Education Representative Business: I have been keeping active with Facebook and Instagram postings for the U. I have also been keeping up with the updates on the Memorandum, seeing if there is any concern with the logistics for my constituency.

Committee Work – I have offered myself to be a part of the Library Strategic Planning Committee. This past week the Xavierian Publication Board Committee met to make decisions on a public case. No other committee meetings to report on for this period.

Panels – Nothing to Report

Senate – Nothing to Report

Other Business: The Education Exec and I are starting our work on preparing for orientation for the coming Fall. There will be a meeting in the next few weeks regarding outreach and planning. We are currently discussing ways in which the University and Ed Department can better welcome and prepare students as they enter their programs. We are also taking into

considerations the changes that will be made due to the announcement of full-time, in-person classes for this coming academic year.

International Student Representative – Derin Deric

Answering questions for the Board / StudentsNS Research Inquiry – International Student Experiences along with Dhruv.

- We will have meeting for the international dental and health plan
- We had a meeting with External Affairs Committee

Science Student Representative – Mackenzie LeVernois

Happy Phase 4 to everyone in Nova Scotia! I hope everyone is enjoying their summer, can't wait to see you all in person in the fall :)

Position Business:

Councillor: Nothing to report in my capacity as councillor.

Senate: JCOS, Science COS nor APP met during this reporting period. I have a meeting on Friday afternoon with Meredith and the other senates sitting on APP to go over student consultation questions for the academic plan.

Business Student Representative – Hunter Park

Emergency Grants Committee: The Emergency Grants committee met twice in the past month and gave funds to students in emergency situations

Academic Priorities Planning Committee: Attended a consultation session for the academic plan to give input and prepare to facilitate sessions in the fall.

Other Business: No other business

Executive Reports

President – Jack Irvin

Internal (to portfolio):

It was another busy reporting period this past month. We are now halfway through July and time is not slowing down. We are getting prepared for the return of students at the end of August and are extremely excited to welcome everyone back for a great year.

- Board of Governors: The Board of Governors (BoG) met this reporting period for the first time this year. It took place on the 17th and the 18th of June. It was a great experience for Anna, Dhruv and me to be able to meet the Board members and see what direction the school is looking to take this upcoming year.
- REES: Meredith and I have been following up with the University about getting REES (an online platform for reporting sexual violence) to our campus as we see a gap on our campus.
- X-Ring Policy: Nathan, Ailie (Sr. Class Co-Presidents) and I have begun to look into the X-Ring policy for students. We are looking for areas that could make it easier for students to understand, the exemption part of the policy, and adding an area for COVID resubmission due to the pandemic.
- President's Connection: Andy Hakin and I had our first President's Connection this term to meet and chat about some of our goals for the year. It was a pleasure to meet with him and get to know him better. Looking forward to continuing our line of communication and working on issues that we see on campus.
- Off-Campus Advocacy: There has been a lot of conversation around Off-Campus students this fall between the town, University and Landlords Association concerning conduct and supports. We will be continuing to meet with these stakeholders and ensure that we are advocating for students' best interest.
- Parking Fees: It was brought to the Students' Union's attention that students are very unhappy with the new parking fee that will be necessary for a day parking pass. Meredith and I are going to be meeting with Andrew and Elizabeth July 19th to bring forward students' complaints and see what we can do.
- COVID-19 MOU: Meredith and I are continuing to work on the COVID-19 MOU between The U and the University. We meet with Elizabeth weekly to edit the document and we will have it available to students soon so we can hear any feedback necessary for it.

Students Nova Scotia (SNS):

- Government Roundtable: This month with SNS we sat at a Provincial Government roundtable between the province and student associations/unions across Nova Scotia. Presentations were presented by SNS, CFS (Canadian Federation of Students) and Dalhousie University. The presentations consisted of asks or areas where we think there are gaps for students. SNS's presentation focused on Open Educational Resources and the

importance as well as the massive benefits for students. Ben Fairhurst presented this alongside Lydia Houck (Executive Director of SNS) and they did a fantastic job.

- Membership Committee: I sit on the Membership committee for SNS. I had to miss the first committee meeting due to prior commitments but the next one will be next week.

- GOTV: Get Out The Vote is a massive priority for our team as well as SNS. Seeing as a Provincial Election may be called by the end of the week we need to focus on getting students attention to the election and promoting them to vote! This will be more difficult as it is the summer and we will have to rely mostly on virtual events/info sessions but SNS and The U are committed to doing all we can!

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA):

- CASA will be meeting later this summer to go over our policy development. I met with the Membership committee to talk about our intentions for this year. We meet again next week to continue our discussions and begin planning out the upcoming year for our members.

External (to portfolio):

- Leadership Development: We have continued sessions with our external provider Frank Gallant to work on our leadership development as individuals as well as while working in a team setting. This will help our efficiency and collaboration as a team as we go through the year.

- MSC: The Maritime Student Conference started this reporting period. This conference is for all executive members in the Maritimes. It gives the executives from all student associations/unions an opportunity to meet each other while also receiving numerous training sessions specific to our portfolio or our team. This year it is taking place completely virtually and spread out over a month's period.

- Annual Plan Building: We really began building our annual plan for the upcoming year during this reporting period. We now have the structure of the plan we want as well as the general goals we want to focus on this year. The next step is working on the measurables for each goal to give us even more of a direction and show the steps that will be taken to attain those goals.

- Inn FUME: We conducted a brainstorming session with the new Bar and Events Manager, Shawn Kieley. This was just a large brain dump of where we want to see the Inn go this year. This included what kind of events, drinks, or food we would like to see throughout the year and new ways of communicating with underage students.

Committees:

Communications Task Force: Typically has been meeting weekly as long as there are agenda items. The focus has been on the vaccine campaign being led by the University as we continue to promote to students to get vaccinated with two doses before arriving to campus.

X-Ring Committee: Did not meet this reporting period.

Residence Renewal Advisory Committee: Met this reporting period but wasn't able to attend. Sophia Fabiano was in attendance for that meeting.

Town and County Updates: Committee with representatives from the Students' Union, StFX, the town, and the Landlords Association. Most discussions have been taking place around students returning to campus, what supports we can give them and what we can do to ensure the community is safe and comfortable. Lately discussion has also surrounded more specifically off-campus students, how conduct will look and what supports can be given to students so they are aware of their rights as tenants.

Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee: Has not met yet.

Vice President Academic – Meredith Cudmore-Keating

Internal:

· OERs!

o Met with Lisa Borden (Chair of Senate), Erin Mazerolle (faculty), Karen Brebner (Dean of Science), spoke with Dr Jason Potts about OER and their perspectives on it

o Met with Erin Austin, the chair of the committee that handles PD for faculty, Meghan Landry, one of the librarians and Erin Mazerolle to begin developing a PD session for faculty regarding OER

o Began working with Ben Fairhurst and Jack Irvin to start planning to meet with Andrew Beckett, Andy Hakin and Tim Hynes about OER.

· Academic Integrity Policy

o I've begun research about academic integrity policies

o Brought it up at senate steering and discussed some strategy. Will probably include something about it in my report to senate on students.

· REES

o Met with Heather Blackburn, Margie Mackinnon, Sean Ryan, and Jack Irvin about REES and agreed to a plan we were all comfortable with moving forwards. We are waiting on the final OK from Elizabeth and a risk assessment by Randy Peters as well as IT Services.

· The Team

o I've had lots of good check ins with Jack and the team, Sean and Naomi to keep things running and afloat!

o Went on a retreat to Cape Breton with the executive board and came up with a first draft of our annual plan! Super exciting!

o We've been doing some good LSI training to help support our leadership skills and ability to work as a team.

· MOU

o Have been meeting with Jack to work on the MOU as well as Elizabeth. We're hoping to get a draft out to students soon.

External:

- Have has a few Maritime Student Congress meetings. We had an introductory session, and about project planning and management.
- We also had a mini Get Out the Vote conference to get that kicked off. Happy provincial election!

Committees:

· Academic Priorities and Planning

o Followed up with Gina Sampson regarding the academic plan consultation sessions and discussed some good changes we can make to get better responses from students.

o Met with the student senators on Friday and will go through the questions with them.

· Student Orientation Committee

o Had been up and running. I've been working on supports for first generation University students with Siobhan Lacey. We're starting to develop a few orientation sessions for parents to support those students.

· Senate Library Committee

o Met and discussed library finances, renovations, and strategic plans.

Vice President Finance and Operations – Brendan Roberts

Name: Brendan Roberts (he/him)

Position: Vice President of Finance and Operations Reporting Period: May 24 – June 20, 2021

Hey Everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and taking advantage of the nice weather. Thank you to everyone who has been putting in work over these past few weeks in terms of committees and different consultation, its truly appreciated. If there is anything that I can do to help anyone or to answer any questions, don't hesitate to reach out or even set up a meeting and we can chat!

And if you're hanging around nish at all this summer, hit me up and lets vibe! All the best,
Brendan

Internal (to portfolio) :

- Hiring:

- Nick Murray has been hired as the Organizer, Special Events and Promotions Coordinator and started the 9-week work term on Monday July 12 and will finish on Monday Sept 13

- Drive U:

- Nothing to report

- Student Food Resource Centre:

- We have introduced new nighttime hours in which the SFRC will operate on Wednesdays this summer from 7-10 pm
- We are currently receiving donations from Feed Nova Scotia, Farmers Nova Scotia, and Sobeys

Garden:

- The garden covers being built by Daniel Winters are nearing completion
- I have learned that these garden covers will allow us to grow plants until late in the fall, possibly as late as November or early December

SFRC Instagram has been used to show off progress made at the SFRC garden

- Health and Dental Plan:

o We have provided Gallivan with our decision regarding Health and Dental plan adjustments

- CFXU Radio Station:

o Over the past few weeks Sean Ryan (GM), Ethan Draper (CFXU Station Manager) and I have been meeting weekly to go over the Radio Station's operations and how it will run this year

o A new job posting has been created targeted at a student who has experience with radios to assist Ethan over the summer with reviewing the radio stations equipment, on air requirements, making recommendations, etc.

- GXI and Bloomfield Renovation:

o Currently we are in discussions with different financial institutions and the school as to how we can best finance this project in a responsible way that looks out for the best financial interest of the organization, but also allows us to maximize the number of items we can check off in this renovation

o More information regarding the new Convenience For U store, and the relocation of the Student Food Resource Centre will be covered later in my report

- Orientation Week Sponsorships:

o Sean Ryan, Nick Murray and myself are reaching out to a wide variety of potential o-week sponsors to secure as many as we can over the course of the next 6 weeks

o We are coordinating with Kyra Tessier (VPAE) to ensure she is in the loop as to who our sponsors are

External (to portfolio):

- **Exec Retreat:**

I attended a retreat along with the rest of the executive team where we brainstormed ideas to include in our Annual Plan

- By creating an annual plan, we are able to set a direction for ourselves in terms of goals for the year
- This plan will be shared with both council and the student body once it's been finalized

- **Parking Passes**

o A petition was brought to my attention regarding the new day parking pass fee that will be implemented by the university this upcoming academic year

o I have also had a number of students reach out to me regarding this fee and were seeking clarification as to what this fee means

- **Students Nova Scotia- Get Out The Vote Session**

o Met with student union executives across different SNS member campuses regarding the upcoming provincial election

o Together we explored different ways to engage students in the election

o It was made clear that the purpose of this campaign is not to support one specific party or policy, but to present students with the information that will allow them to make a responsible, meaningful decision on their own

Committees:

Have sat this reporting period:

- **Emergency Grants Committee: Met twice**

o Over this past reporting period the committee received 5 new applications o We have dispersed \$1600 of a budgeted \$15,000

- **Health and Dental Plan Committee:**

o Has provided Gallivan with our suggested health and dental plan adjustments

- **Re-Circle Committee (DST):**

o The committee was still meeting at the beginning of this reporting period and moving forward with discussions regarding the revenue/loss breakdown between Re-Circle, TheU and the University stakeholders

o During the second half of this reporting period, Adam Starr (Founder and CEO) has taken some vacation time so the committee has not met since

- **Bloomfield Centre Committee**

o Myself, Carla Gillis, Sean Ryan, Jack Irvin, and Bob Hale have been meeting on a weekly or bi-weekly basis

o We have been reviewing the old contract between the University and The U and looking into potential changes and areas for improvement or further clarification

- Food Sustainability/Kevin's Corner
 - o This committee met for the first time this past week to review the relocation of the SFRC
 - o We looked at the ways the relocation of the center will benefit students as well as the doors that it opens for future program development
 - o We will be looking at a name change of the SFRC as well as some minor rebranding

Have not sat this reporting period:

- JOHSC: did not meet
- Budget and Finance Committee: did not meet
- University Budget Committee: did not meet

Sub-executive:

- Senior Drive U: Sarah Ritchie Nothing to report
- House Accounts Coordinator: Sam Delaney Nothing to report
- Student Food Resource Centre Coordinator: Kali Beaton
 - o Kali and I have a formal meeting once a week on top of the check-ins that I do in the SFRC during its operations
- o SFRC Garden Coordinator: Kali Beaton
 - Kali has planted a number of plants in the garden as Daniel finishes up the garden covers one by one
 - Kali has been ensuring that they plants are regularly watered
 - She has also been contacted by a number of students living locally who are interested in helping out with the garden and who are interested in learning the fundamentals of gardening
- Peer Support Program Coordinators: Natalina Malandrino and Hannah James Nothing to report
- Sponsorship Coordinator: Nick Murray
 - After a week working together, Nick and I have been able to make a list of target sponsors and begin reaching out to them and crossing names off the list

Vice President Residence Affairs – Sophia Fabiano

Internal (to portfolio) :

- I have been working on a proposal for in House SUCL elections for the fall.
- I have been having meetings biweekly with Elizabeth Yeo, Meredith Cudmore - Keating (VPA) and Jack Irvin (President) about Updates from The U and the Student Life Office.
- I have been attending weekly Executive Meetings with the other Executives.
- I have been having meetings with the Training Sub Committee of the Residence Renewal about training week in August
- I have been meeting with the Residence Renewal Advisory Committee, as well as the Staffing working group and the Training working group for the Residence Renewal

- I have finalized the new format of House Points for the upcoming year with the help of the HCC
- I have been working with Meredith Cudmore Keating (VPA), Ben Fairhurst (VP External) and Brendan Roberts (VPFO) on looking at an online booking system for student advocates
- I have started to look into Student advocate training and have posted the job on the website.
- I ordered the House T-shirts for O-week

External (to portfolio) :

- I've been participating in the Maritime Student Congress Conference for the past month in online sessions about being student leaders.
- I have been in two FUME sessions as follows: - GOTV FUME - Golden X Inn FUME
- I have been participating in an LSI evaluation and group training surrounding the results of that evaluation
- We did a consultation session about the new website design for theu.ca Committees: - The Student Orientation Committee has been meeting every week in order to discuss O-week and other aspects of student orientation.

Sub-executive:

- House Council Coordinator: I have had two more meetings with Broden about House Points and in order to Check In
- House Accounts Coordinator (with VPFO Brendan Roberts): no new discussion from VPRA office
- SUCL's: I had a preliminary meeting with the OC SUCL's about their role and responsibilities
- Student Advocates: Applications opened this week Outreach: - I did a Takeover Tuesday this past week on @theuofficial instagram.

Vice President Activities and Events – Kyra Tessier

Internal (to portfolio):

- Bar Manager
 - o Began meeting weekly with Sean Ryan and the new Bar Manager Shawn Kieley to discuss the Inn and what this year will look like
- Shinerama :
 - o Met with the Shine committee to discuss Shinerama and what it may look like this year, discussed T-shirts and logistics behind what Shine day will/can look like
- COCA (Canadian Organization of Campus Activities):
 - o Began our weekly Summer Board meetings where we discuss the policies and what we can improve within COCA, also began looking at planning next year's conference in Ottawa
- O-Week Kits
 - o Finalized O-week kit item lists, working with Jay from Big Tree Promotions, some items have begun to arrive and the rest has all been finalized and sent in
- Marketing Meetings
 - o Meet to discuss marketing strategies and what is going out and when.
- 2-on-1 Meetings

- o Had a 2-on-1 meeting with Jack and Meredith to discuss how things are going, if I need help with anything and just overall ways to see success this year
- O-Week sponsorship Meetings
 - o Looking over what sponsorships we have / could obtain
- Meetings with potential partners
 - o I've been on many calls and meetings with people/companies that we may use for different events during O-Week
 - o Discussing logistics of events and finding ways to put these events on that fit in our budget
- Sponsorship Coordinator
 - o Sat on the hiring panel for the Sponsorship Coordinator position
- Inn FUME
 - o Participated in a FUME to discuss strengths and weaknesses of the Inn and what the year will look like
- Retreat to Baddeck
 - o Went to Baddeck with the Execs where we worked on our annual plan and goal setting
- Executive Meetings
 - o Updates and agenda items to discuss as an exec team
- O-Week Logistics
 - o Weekly meetings with Sean Ryan and Shawn Kieley to discuss the overall logistics of O-Week and what we can/cannot do
- Meeting with Conference Services
 - o Met with Jennifer Sylvester to book rooms for O-Week events

External (to portfolio):

- MSLC (Maritime Student Leadership Congress)
 - o Participated in many different sessions put on by the MSLC
- Got double vaccinated woot woot
- LSI session
 - o Two meetings with Frank Gallant and the Execs & Chair to continue going over our LSI results
- GOTV
 - o Participated in a FUME to come up with ideas for GOTV

Committees:

- Residence Program Team:
 - o Sat on many meetings of the Program Planning team to discuss program implementation
- SOC:
 - o We meet once a week and I co-chair this committee, so I prep the agenda and take down the minutes
 - o Meet with University admin to discuss how O-Week will look between theU's events and the University's events
 - o Have started getting into the real planning of events and how they will look
- Equity Committee:
 - o Nothing to report

Sub-Executive:

- Society Coordinator:
 - o Met with Anna to discuss her role and get her started on reaching out to societies for them to be ratified
 - o Working together to discuss how the society fair will look
- Meeting with Co-Chairs
 - o Meeting with Sophia and O-Crew Co-chairs to discuss O-Week and leadership within residence buildings throughout that week.
 - o A resource for them when they have questions or need anything

Outreach:

- **Acadia:**
 - o Discussing with Acadia's VP Student Life different block bookings we could partner for
 - o Looking at harms' reduction and diverse & inclusive programming
 - o Discussion how we can be a bigger voice for East Coast students when it comes to conferences such as COCA (and many others).
- Shopper's Drugmart
 - o Working with Shopper's to implement Naloxone kit training into O-Week for incoming students

Vice President External – Ben Fairhurst

Internal to Portfolio

• Maritime Student Congress: This conference is a collaboration between StudentsNS, New Brunswick Student Alliance, and UPEI to bring all of the exec teams from different SUs across the maritimes and provide us all with job specific training as well as tips from past student leaders on how to achieve the most that we can in these roles. So far, our team has attended sessions on task management, goal setting, advocating, policy development and professionalism. There have also been job-specific sessions for external/academic, presidents, finance and operations, and activities/residence affairs so everyone has gotten to talk to others in their role from all over the maritimes!

• SNS Board Meeting: Organized and chaired another edition of the bi-weekly meetings of the SNS Board. We discussed many different items from Get Out The Vote to financial literacy workshops for students. Naomi and Jack were there as the two delegates from StFX and they did a great job! Naomi will now be a permanent member on two different SNS committees; Policy and Governance. Jack is now a permanent member on the SNS membership committee. As chair of the board, I sit on all SNS committees so feel free to ask some questions!

• GOTV Session: All the student union executive teams from SNS schools got together for a huge Get Out The Vote session. We spent time talking to officials from ElectionsNS on the technicalities of an election in Nova Scotia. We also received a GOTV toolkit from Lydia

(our lovely executive director) and took tons of time to brainstorm with our individual teams on how we want the GOTV campaign to look!

- GOTV Launch Video: We filmed a launch video for the provincial get out the vote campaign with each of us saying different lines, overlooking the X football field (very cute). Our video was combined with similar videos from Acadia, NSCC and SMUSA so that we have an epic launch video that gets students ready to vote!
- Off Campus Conduct: Sat in meetings with representatives from StFX admin, RCMP, Bylaw Services, and landlord's association to discuss off-campus conduct as we start to steer away from the pandemic
- Off Campus Students: This meeting saw a presentation from NSCC on their attempts to create a housing website where students can go to find off campus housing postings, and connect easily with landlords. StFX admin looking for advice and consultation on the practicality of a similar service here at our university.
- GOTV FUME: Organized a meeting for all of our exec to get together and just get as many of our ideas for X's Get Out The Vote campaign down on paper as possible. We came up with tons of ideas and were able to single it down to the things we wanted to see the most throughout the campaign!
- SNS Policy Paper: Every year, SNS hires a student as a summer policy analyst and they create a policy paper about a certain student issue which is then used by SNS and presented to the government. This year's summer student chose to address the existing challenges and barriers for international students at post-secondary institutions in Nova Scotia. Derin and Dhruv have been helping out tons with feedback from our campus and I've been the middleman, sending their feedback to the right people. I'll be reaching out to more and more folks who have expertise and knowledge in this area in order to give SNS the most information possible so that we can create change in these policies.
- Police and Licensee Committee: Had my first in-person meeting with the Mayor, several town councillors, representatives from the university admin and RCMP in order to talk about parking bylaws in town, and the effects STFX's new parking payment plan may have on the availability of parking places in the town. We agreed to keep the cost of parking (in the town centre) very low, but the ticket for not paying your parking meter and trying to beat the system has gone up from 10\$ to 25\$.

External to Portfolio

- OER Presentation: Working with Jack and Meredith on an OER presentation for the university's executive team. We hope to underline the mutual benefits for students, faculty, and administration through the adoption of an OER-positive environment and incentives for faculty to create open resources for students.
- INN FUME: Worked with the team, and the new bar manager, to come up with some fresh ideas for the Inn this year! We talked about what worked, what wasn't so great, and new things that could be a game changer for the Inn!

- **Media Training:** Had a huge media training session with Clancy and Lydia (the former and current EDs of SNS) and they put our whole team through some super intense media situations to make sure we can respond well to the camera even in the worst-case scenario for each of our positions.
- **Annual Plan:** Went out of town with the team in order to live in the same cabin and turn all of our minds on insane mode. We spent the entire time talking about what we want our annual plan to look like, what goals we would love to take on, and who should be the lead on which goals. The result was super positive and now all we need to do is finalize these results into a document sometime within the next couple weeks.
- **LSI:** Had another big session with Frank and the team. We worked on communication and delegating work when in stressful situations. All in all, we're continuing to become closer as a team and more cognizant of each other's strengths and challenges.

Committees

- **External Advisory Committee:** Linked up with Tiffany and Derin to talk about our vision for the external advisory committee this year! We talked about the existing mandate of the committee and how we hope to make this committee as inclusive as possible in the year to come. We need a few students at large so we created a few application questions and agreed to meet up again once we put out the application.

Sub-Executives

- **Research and Policy Associate:** Nothing new to report about Evan! Very happy to see he was ratified at the last council and still working out how to get him going in this new role.

Appendices

Please see email thread for the following appendix items:

- SUCL Elections 2021 Presentation Slide Deck
 - SUCL Elections 2021 Proposal
- Executive Annual Plan 2021-2022 Draft
- Presentation from Sandy Iverson Slide Deck
- Presentation from Anamika Saxena Slide Deck
- Presentation from Gallivan Slide Deck