

Council Package — June 24th, 2021

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Agenda of June 20th Council Meeting

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Council Minutes — May 23rd, 2021

Prepared by: Deputy Chair – Rebecca Cano

Students' Union Representative Council Meeting
May 23rd, 2021, 3:00pm AST
Online via Microsoft Teams

Call to Order

Naomi: Meeting called to order at 3:06pm AST.

Roll Call

Board of Governors Student Representative – Anna Hancin
Board of Governors Student Representative – Dhruv Patel
Equity Student Representative – Tiffany Bondoc
Students of African Descent Representative – Atik Gilao
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 Activities and Events – Kyra Tessier
Vice President External Affairs – Ben Fairhurst
General Manager - Sean Ryan
Deputy Chair - Rebecca Cano

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 all for coming, I'm so excited for our first council!

Approval of the Agenda

Mackenzie: Motion to approve the agenda.

Meredith: I second.

No Discussion.

Tiffany: I motion to call the question.

Hunter: I second.

Motion Passes 12-0-0

Meredith: Motion to approve the agenda.

Tiffany: I second.

Motion Passes 11-0-1

Business Arising

No Business Arising.

Committee Reports

Naomi: No standing committee has met yet.

Special Reports to Council

Ad Hoc Committees Presentation

*Presentation given by Sean Ryan and Brendan Roberts.
(committee to oversee the Bloomfield Renovations)*

Discussion:

Meredith: Can we add a clause that states the end date of the committee?

Sean: Yes we will. Naomi, can you edit the document to add the clause? We can add under the mandate “this committee will work until April 20, 2022. A new committee will be added if needed when new council is implemented”.

Naomi: Yes, I will do that.

SU Food Sustainability Committee/Kevin’s Corner

Presentation given by Sean Ryan and Brendan Roberts

(committee to oversee the SU's food resource services and Kenvin's Corner Fund)

Discussion:

Sean: A clause that states the end date of the committee will be added to the mandate.

Naomi: I will add the clause as well.

Dhruv: Can you please elaborate on the fourth part of the mandate?

Sean: Basically, because we now have multiple operations happening in the SFRC, we want to be direct and plan on when things happen. We have done a lot of work with all of our programs, so we want to make sure we truly understand what we need in terms of volunteers and resources for each program. This committee is going to help plan student's accessibility and planning for food resources.

Dhruv: The food is frequently outdated at the SFRC. Is there a plan for this?

Brendan: We will be upgrading equipment and having a management deconstruction so we can address a bit more understanding for volunteers for protocols and out of date food. We will address that problem going forward.

Anna: The breakfast program was outside, I believe it was put inside during inclement weather. I wanted to highlight this lack of accessibility as a priority.

Sean: That is why we want to move it indoors, so we can create a front that is more visible and accessible for students so we can distribute food through a pullup window.

Tiffany: Where in the SU Building would it be located?

Brendan: currently thinking of moving it to the back path of the old pharماسave, creating a back entrance. Second floor bloomfield by the Inn, hopefully making it more accessible.

Sean: There are a lot of heavy boxes we have to take, so moving it to the SUB makes it easier to get the food into the space and makes that easier to manage.

Old Business

No Old Business to discuss.

New Business

Tiffany: Motion to Ratify Sarah Elliott as Chief Returning Officer.

Jack: Second.

Discussion:

Meredith: Sarah was great, she came in with a lot of different ideas and enthusiasm. She has a super extensive background and a great fit for the role.

Hunter: I motion to call the question.

MacKenzie I second.

Motion Passes 12-0-0

Tiffany: Motion to ratify Sarah Elliot as CRO.

Naomi: The motion passes.

Mackenzie: Motion to Ratify Cole Curnew as Returning Officer.

Margaret-Anne Second.

Discussion:

Meredith: Cole will be a great hire, good knowledge about elections and was really interested in promoting them. Also seemed like a great fit.

Tianna: I motion to call the question.

Jack: I second.

Motion Passes 12-0-0

Mackenzie: Motion to ratify Cole Curnew as RO.

Dhruv: I second.

Naomi: The motion passes.

Meredith: Motion to Ratify Ashley Hatt as Returning Officer.

Dhruv: I second.

Discussion

Meredith: Hi again, Ashley is in PGOV and is really passionate about elections in general. She had a lot to say about student elections and their role in federal and provincial elections. She seemed to know her way around the U, so seemed like a good fit for the role.

MacKenzie: I motion to call the question.

Hunter: I second.

Motion Passes 12-0-0

Mackenzie: Motion to ratify Ashley Hatt as RO.

Naomi: The motion passes.

Jack: Motion to Ratify Hannah James and Natalina Malandrino as PSP Coordinators.

Mackenzie: Second.

Discussion:

Addy Strickland (presented by Naomi): Hannah James co-coordinated with Addy Strickland for the 2020-2021 school year. Her exemplary work as a volunteer during the 2019-2020 year was a key factor in her initial hiring, alongside her experience as a Community Advisor. Hannah did great work in her first year as co-coordinator, quickly becoming familiar with the procedures and routines necessary to running the program, and helping the program grow. Keeping Hannah on in a coordinator position was a very easy decision to make. Natalina Malandrino started volunteering with the PSP in September 2020, and quickly made a good impression through her active participation in training, and her propensity for building positive relationships with other volunteers and PSP visitors. In her interview for co-coordinator, her enthusiasm about growing the program and her detailed plans on how to make it happen helped her stand out among the group of three applicants. As co-founder and developer of the PSP, it is my sincerest belief that Hannah and Natalina are the ideal team to take on coordinating the program for the 2021-2022 term.

Hunter: I motion to call the question.

Mackenzie: I second.

Motion Passes 12-0-0

Mackenzie: Motion to ratify Hannah James and Natalina Malandrino as PSP Coordinators

Dhruv: I second.

Naomi: The motion passes.

Naomi: Please remember the friendly amendments added to the mandates for the next two motions.

Jack: Motion to Ratify AD HOC: Students' Union Renovation Committee: Phase 2.

Dhruv: I second.

No discussion.

Mackenzie: I call to question.

Tiffany: I second.

Motion Passes 12-0-0

Mackenzie: I motion to ratify AD HOC: Students' Union Renovation Committee: Phase 2.

Tiffany: I second.

Naomi: The motion passes.

Hunter: Motion to Ratify AD HOC: Sustainability Committee/Kevin's Corner.

Tiffany: I second.

No Discussion.

Tianna: I move to call the question.

Mackenzie: I second.

Motion Passes 12-0-0

Hunter: I motion to ratify AD HOC: Sustainability Committee/Kevin's Corner.

Mackenzie: I second.

Naomi: The motion passes.

Closing Remarks

Naomi: The next council is June 20th. Thank you all for participating! This went really well!

Adjournment

Meredith: I move to adjourn the meeting.

Jack: Second.

Motion Passes 12-0-0

Meeting Adjourned at 4:08pm AST

Constituency Reports

Board of Governors Student Representative – Anna Hancin

June 16, 2021

Board of Governors Business:

Emergency Grants Committee: We have met twice this month to go over the four applications we have received. I sit on this council with Brendan, Hunter, Mary Fisher-MacDonnell, and Julianne Mattie. We have given grants to two students so far.

Investment Committee: Met on May 31 with StFX officials and Investment Committee board members. We reviewed the Investment Committee Report for StFX Endowment Fund and the Investment Committee Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2021.

Governance Review Committee: Margaret-Ann and I have been appointed to the Governance Review Committee. We have not officially met but with Naomi, we have reached out to two PGov students to apply as the ‘student at large.’

Upcoming Business:

Jack, Dhruv, and I will be meeting with the StFX Board of Governors on June 17th and 18th to review different committees and their reports.

Equity Student Representative – Tiffany Bondoc

External Affairs Committee: N/A

Equity Committee: I have recruited a Student at Large for the Equity Committee in hopes that she would help represent students of African Descent. Recently, I was added by the Chair of Council to a Microsoft Teams group for the Equity Committee, and am very excited for the committee’s first meeting on Friday, June 18th. After receiving the social media account information from previous Equity Representative, Jasonique Moss, I hope to boost @su_equity on Instagram, provide a series of posts involving information on the Equity Committee team, as well as raise awareness on current social justice issues.

Hiring Panel: I have offered my participation for the Off-Campus leader hiring for June 10th.

Other business:

- I submitted my information to the Chair of Council in order to update the Students’ Union website.
- I attended the meeting in which reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on June 3rd. Regarding the 2021-2022 school year, I discussed the importance of student services, specifically regarding mental health, as well as concerns involving campus and academic life as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Provided that Gobs, Apartment Style and FX Hall do not receive the same representation and sense of community as other residences during X-Fest, I promoted the addition of these residences to the t-shirt design competition on @su_equity and @su_equityrep via Instagram stories.

Students of African Descent – Atik Galio

Position Business:

- Awaiting my first Equity Committee meeting on Friday!
- Spent time reviewing the MOU package

Hiring Panel: N/A

Other Business:

- Created my own social media platform (@su_soadrep). Planning to make a post to introduce my position
- Will start using this page to spread awareness to my followers about the many humanitarian crisis going on around the world
- Continuing to learn more about the equity and Campus Affairs Committee

Arts Student Representative – Margaret-Anne Gillis

· Committee on Studies – Faculty of Arts – COS met May 21st to review course proposals, as well as a proposal from the Interdisciplinary AQUA Program.

· Governance Review Committee - I was appointed on May 23rd alongside Anna, and I'm looking forward to working with the committee in the future!

· MOU Consultation – On June 3rd, council and the executive met to review the 2020-21 Memorandum of Understanding. Boosting mental health support and increasing the number of study spaces on campus were among topics discussed in the meeting.

· Joint Committee on Studies – On June 4th, the JCS convened to discuss the PETE proposal and to revise the Academic Integrity Policy & Procedures.

· Quality of Life Committee – The QOL Committee met June 11th to discuss their Strategic Plan for the Planning Sub Committee. Its focus on equity will allow for thorough consultation through focus groups and Town Hall sessions, as well as other strategic areas like Student Mental Health & Wellness. I was interested in being part of the First Year Experience Committee, as well as the Experiential Learning Committee.

Education Student Representative – Tianna Williams

Education Representative Business: The Education Exec and I are starting our work on preparing for orientation for the coming Fall. We are particularly working on our modes of communication and attempting to plan with Covid-19 in mind. There will be a meeting in the next few weeks regarding outreach and planning. Throughout the last few weeks, I have been keeping up with the discussions about the Memorandum, Academic Integrity Policies, and more.

Committee Work – I have offered myself to be a part of the Library Strategic Planning Committee, so I am now involved in: Xavierian Publication Board Committee, Joint

Committee on Studies, Library Strategic Planning. I look forward to attending these meetings and engaging in change.

Panels – I sat on a hiring panel for the Research and Policy Associate position where we believe we found a great candidate for the job. This was a really great opportunity to join in and am excited for more to come.

Senate – Nothing to Report

Other Business: I have been keeping active with Facebook and Instagram postings for the U.

It has been brought to my notice that there is concern amongst many of my fellow students that financially, students are being held to charges on their student account for services that were not valid due to Covid-19 restrictions (i.e. recreational facilities fees). Although to some students this is a small price to pay, to others, it can make the difference between meals for a couple weeks or none (especially with the decrease in job availability/security we still witness). I would like to bring this up with fellow council members to see if there is anything that could be done about this.

International Student Representative – Derin Deric

External (to portfolio):

- I am on the hiring panel for 2021-22 Off-Campus leaders
- We did the statement for the London attack where a Muslim family was murdered

Committees:

- External Affairs : I got the information template from Naomi
- Equity Committee: We will have first meeting on June 18
- Health Insurance Plan Committee: We had a meeting to discuss the health and dental plan.

Science Student Representative – Mackenzie LeVernois

Councillor: I had a great time joining Jack, Meredith and Elizabeth Yao for an open discussion and read through the MOU. It was super insightful and I believe some strong ideas were brought up that the U and the university will be able to incorporate into the new MOU. It was a great turnout amongst exec and councillors.

Senate: In this reporting period, I have continued my work on the APP committee, where Hunter, Meredith and I have volunteered as facilitators for consultation groups for the new Academic Plan that will be taking place throughout the summer and into the school year. I like the momentum in how we are engaging and gaining confidence in being able to give a student perspective to committees that are dominated by faculty and staff.

I've also been approached to join a Quality of Life sub committee, looking forward to that as well!

Other Business:

I've had the opportunity to reach out to a lot of chemistry students and faculty through my summer job in the PSC, and I look forward to building on these connections and expanding into the other science departments soon. I have been working on my informal consultation skills, and have been asking around for what science students think I can do to help make the Science Rep a more approachable and well-understood position on campus.

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, Brendan has a tally of how much we have been giving out

Joint Committee on Studies: Reviewed academic integrity policy with Joint Committee on Studies, met with Meredith, Margaret and Mackenzie to discuss edits we could submit.

Quality of Life Committee: Discussed student end of Strategic plan. Elizabeth appointed me to the mental health sub-committee.

Academic Priorities Planning Committee: Discussed the strategic plan and consultation to gather information from students and faculty. I will be sitting in on a consultation session to better facilitate sessions in the fall.

Other Business: No other business

Executive Reports

President – Jack Irvin

Internal (to portfolio): It was a busy reporting period as the Executive team really got underway with their portfolios. We completed a few more training sessions and have now gotten into the swing of things. This was also an exciting time as we have now begun to work on campus from our offices which has been great to be able to work in person. Below I have listed things I have been up to, if you have any questions about anything please feel free to reach out and ask!

- COVID-19 MOU: We are still developing an MOU with the university for the fall. We have taken the previous document and are editing it as this academic year will be looking different than last year. We will be getting feedback from council and be reaching out to students before it is finalized.
- REES: We met with a company called REES which provides a secure online platform for reporting sexual violence that can be tailored to individual campuses. The executive team so far has been interested in getting this platform at StFX and are continuing to meet with the university to see if this is something we can achieve this summer.
- Province/University MOU: Ben Fairhurst and I with SNS went over the MOU between Nova Scotia universities and the province to see what we would like to continue to advocate for. We had a brief meeting with the province and the universities to ask questions or mention concerns. We will be having a round table with the same individuals on the 24th which we are excited for.
- Nimbus: We met with Nimbus very recently to give Meredith (VP Academic) and I access to the administration side of the app. We also talked about how to market to students this year who are looking for tutors as well as how to find more tutors for the app. We are looking forward to really promoting this service to students and improving students' academic successes.
- Check-ins: Meredith and I continued check-ins this last reporting period with the executive members. Everyone has been doing an incredible job so far and we are all getting very excited for students to return this fall!

Students Nova Scotia (SNS):

- Naomi Stobart is now the secondary delegate to represent StFX at SNS as Ben Fairhurst (VP External Affairs) is the Chair of SNS and can't represent StFX. So far, we have placed board members into the three committees for SNS and they will begin to meet soon. We met on the 10th of June with the Province and Nova Scotia University Presidents to briefly go over the MOU between the Province and Universities. We will be having a round table later in June to have more of a discussion where we will further advocate for prevalent student issues. We are beginning planning for a GOTV campaign in anticipation of an upcoming provincial election.

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA):

- Ben Fairhurst and I had our first CASA conference of the year during May. It was a digital foundations conference where we became comfortable with the organization,

its members, and its mandate to students. We also received training to help develop us in our role, to become more aware of current global issues and to have a more equitable eye when advocating federally. As a collective, we created themes we wanted to advocate as an organization for this upcoming year. We meet occasionally with our teams to get work done but will be meeting with everyone again virtually in July to go over policies we want to pursue.

External (to portfolio):

- Hiring: I spent some time hiring for the new Bar and Events Manager for the Inn last week. We are finishing up some deliberation and we will soon have a new manager! I am very excited to see them added to the Students' Union team and to have a successful year.
- Student Advocates: We have been meeting to figure out how to give more training to Student Advocates and see how we can develop their role and make them more accessible for students.
- Annual Plan: We have had some preliminary meetings about the annual plan, but we will really be getting underway in the coming weeks.
- Leadership Development: The executive team is continuing to develop our leadership styles as a team as well as individuals.

Committees:

- Communications Task Force: Met weekly during this reporting period. Discussed the communications the school was going to be putting out during this time. Began discussion about a vaccine campaign for this fall to promote students to get their first or second dose!
- X-Ring Committee: Met for the first time this term. Welcome the new co-presidents (Ailie Sullivan and Nathan Penman), as well as myself to the committee and we completed a recap of last year. This included issues the committee ran into last year concerning the X-Ring policy for a few different groups of students. Nathan, Ailie and I are excited to be on this committee and to work to ensure the policy is equitable to all students.
- Residence Renewal Advisory Committee: Met for the first time this term. Went over the long-term plan for the upcoming year including timelines for each phase of the renewal. Also, went over long term trends in residence to give everyone on the committee an idea of what we are looking to improve and things we intend to keep.

Sub-Executive:

N/A

Vice President Academic – Meredith Cudmore-Keating

Reporting Period: May 1st – May 19th 2021

Internal:

- OERs! This is quickly becoming my favourite topic.

- I've been meeting with a previous VP Academic Tiffany MacLennan to discuss how to advocate for OER this year.
- I've developed a strategic plan to advocate to have OER included on the academic plan.
- I've done some research about OER to help inform my advocacy and will be presenting it to the council to help inform you all too!
- I've been setting up meetings with faculty and APP committee members to start conversations with them about OER.
- Developed an 'elevator pitch' for OER

· Marketing FUME – had a FUME with the execs about the U's marketing, and how we can improve it this year. We also had a fun discussion about ways we can make the U appear more engaging and exciting for students.

· Have been working with Elizabeth (VP Students, StFX) and Jack (President) on the MOU and developing the draft.

· Have had lots of regular check ins and meetings to make sure the team is doing well.

Committees:

· Academic Priorities and Planning: APP has been discussing the consultation sessions that will be the first they are doing to help inform the academic plan. I've volunteered to facilitate a session and have had a few meetings about that.

· Joint committee on studies: JCOS has been reviewing the Academic Integrity Policy. I am trying to communicate with one of the faculty about a specific position they would like to start called the Academic Integrity Advisor to advocate to have a student assistant role worked in there to help with approachability.

· Committee on studies, faculty of arts: Met with this committee and looked at a few new arts courses.

· Student Orientation Committee: Had the first SOC committee meeting! Had pretty introductory discussions.

Outreach:

· Went through the Academic Integrity Policy with the student senators to develop a strong idea of feedback we'd like to see.

· Had a session with Council about what they'd like to see on the MOU this year.

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

Happy last day of spring everyone,

I hope course registration went well for all of you, I know it was both stressful and eventful as always for me! Over the past few weeks, the majority of the executive team has gotten

back to Antigonish and gotten out of isolation. In fact, most of us are working from the office now which has been incredible. I've met many of you either through council last year or from committee work this year, but if we haven't had the chance to meet and you want to chat, just shoot me an email!

To anyone currently in a spring course, good luck on your finals!

All the best,

Brendan

Internal (to portfolio):

- Hiring:
 - o No new positions have been hired for however the Organizer, Special Events and Promotions Coordinator position has been posted on the website and will be left open until June 30.
- Drive U:
 - o Winter tires have been taken off and stored and the summer tires put on
 - o The vehicle received an oil change and a regular service check
- Student Food Resource Centre:
 - o Summer hours are going to be Thursday: 9:00-11:00 am and 1:00-3:00 pm, and Saturday from 9:00-11:00 am
 - o We are now receiving bi-weekly shipments of food from Feed NS due to the high number of students utilizing the program
 - o Garden:
 - § Topsoil has been added to the garden and an assortment of vegetables and herbs have been decided on to be planted
 - § Daniel Winters is going to be building covers for the gardens (costs still being discussed due to high cost of goods). In the past few years, a significant portion of the crops has been eaten by deer in the area which reduces the amount we bring in. These covers would help eliminate that.
 - o SFRC Instagram has been used to show off progress made at the SFRC garden
- Health and Dental Plan:
 - o We (Sean Ryan, Julieanne, and I) have been having meetings over the past few weeks with the representatives from Gallivan to review our past years plan usage and how it will affect us moving forward. They provided us with several options to cut costs, increase fees, or a combination. We reviewed some different options with the full Health and Dental Plan Committee and came to a consensus which we will share later on today.
 - o More information regarding these changes will be provided in mine and Sean's presentation to council this meeting
- Annual Giving's:
 - o For those who may not know, Annual Givings is an up to \$20,000 budget line that The U disburses annually by reviewing applications and deciding whether to give/how much to give to each applicant. Over the past reporting period, every individual application has been reviewed and I have sent out the amounts that will be provided to each applicant. For

more information on Annual Givings, go to the U's website and check out Annual Givings under "Forms"

- Annual Givings for the 2020-2021 year have been sent out. *To view the specifics of the Annual Giving's, please view appendix A*

External (to portfolio):

- Canadian Organization of Campus Activities (COCA) Conference:
 - During the week of June 7 – June 11 I attended a conference that was aimed at educating student union executives about campus life activities, marketing, clubs, inclusivity on campus, and a variety of other topics. We also given the opportunity to watch a number of virtual performances and shows. For more information about this conference, reach out to VP Activities and Events Kyra Tessier as she attended all of it because it falls under her portfolio.
- GXI and Bloomfield Renovation:
 - More specific information regarding this project will be presented later on at this meeting

Committees:

Have sat this reporting period:

- Emergency Grants Committee: Met twice
 - Over this past reporting period the committee received 4 applications for the grant which is quite high in comparison to previous years. We provided financial assistance to two students and redirected the other two to different resources.
 - We have dispersed \$800 of a budgeted \$15,000
 - Due to the increase in applications and perhaps a degree of misunderstanding on the behalf of the committee due to limited information from the applications, Anna, Hunter and myself will be reviewing similar emergency grant programs application process and looking for areas we can improve ours.
- Health and Dental Plan Committee: Met once
 - Reviewed the recommendations that Gallivan had suggested to Sean Ryan, Julieanne Mattie and myself in various meetings over the course of the reporting period
 - Agreed upon a recommendation that will be presented and explained to council in a presentation later during this meeting
- Drastic Scholastic Thermoplastic (DST)
 - The committee has been meeting weekly to review what contributions The U can offer DST and we have also used this opportunity to set our expectations to ensure the successful management of this business/service before just jumping on board. For more information regarding the project proposal from DST I would direct you to Adam Starr, founder of DST at dstplastics@gmail.com

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
 - I have been seeing Kali quite regularly over the past few weeks especially with the garden starting up. We have also been having weekly meetings to discuss the SFRC and to ensure that there is an open line of communication between us.
 - SFRC Garden Coordinator: Kali Beaton
 - § The garden was weeded almost 2 weeks ago and top soil was added before the boxes were tilled. From there another layer of topsoil was added and fertilized before any seeds were planted. We will be planting seeds early this week!
- Peer Support Program Coordinators: Natalina Malandrino and Hannah James
- Sponsorship Coordinator:
 - Applications are now being accepted

Vice President Residence Affairs – Sophia Fabiano

Executive Report: Sophia Fabiano, Vice President Residence Affairs

May 20th, 2021

Reporting Period: May 24th - June 18th 2021

Internal (to portfolio) :

- Due to a high number of first year applicants for the SUCL position we will be delaying hiring ON CAMPUS until the fall.
- I sat on the interview and hiring panel for Off Campus SUCL's
- 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 Sandy MacIntosh and the ResLife team about integrated training week in August
- I've had to meetings with Jacqueline DeLeebeck in order to discuss the SUCL's in Cameron and MacKinnon Hall this upcoming year
- I have started to meet with the Residence Renewal Advisory Committee, as well as the Staffing working group and the Training working group for the Residence Renewal
- I have been working on changing the structure of House Points for the upcoming year
- I have been working with the Marketing Team in order to roll out house pages on the website.
- 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 and discussing the concept of academic advisors for academic infractions

- I ran a t-shirt contest for O-week T-shirt designs
- I had a preliminary meeting with Kevin Benjamin about House Hockey

External (to portfolio) :

- I have been to a few meetings regarding the MOU and the waiver.
- I have been in two FUME sessions as follows:
 - SUCL FUME
 - Social Media Revamp FUME
- I have been participating in an LSI evaluation and group training surrounding the results of that evaluation
- I was in meetings with the team about REES, a sexual violence reporting software
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Committees:

- The Student Orientation Committee had its first meeting in which we discussed what worked last year and what didn't and what we were hoping to try this year. We also discussed the start date for O-week
- The FSLC also met and we discussed the renovations to Morrison Hall, the rebranding of the Sodexo campus branch and the month of April's budget.
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Sub-executive:

- House Council Coordinator: Communicating regularly right now as House Points are being changed
- House Accounts Coordinator (with VPFO Brendan Roberts): no new discussion from VPRA office
- SUCL's: Off Campus hiring completed, others will be hired in the fall
- Student Advocates: Applications haven't been opened yet

Outreach:

Nothing to report

Vice President Activities and Events – Kyra Tessier

Internal (to portfolio):

- Bar Manager Hiring:

- Reviewed applications for the Bar Manager job to narrow down our interview pool
 - Sat on the hiring panel alongside Jack Irvin and Sean Ryan for the Bar Manager position.
- Shinerama :
- Met with the Shine committee to discuss Shinerama and what it may look like this year, discussed T-shirts and repayment plan
- COCA (Canadian Organization of Campus Activities):
- Attended the weeklong COCA conference where I attended education sessions, showcases, and had networking opportunities.
 - Met with different agents and suppliers
 - Had regional meetings where I discussed different harms reduction, inclusivity, diversity, and O-Week plans
 - I also was elected as the Eastern Regional director for the COCA Board. I sat in on my first meeting where we discussed the recent conference as well as transitioned into what we will be doing in our roles as Directors.
- O-Week Kits
- Finalized O-week kit item lists, working with Jay from Big Tree Promotions we are looking at numbers to ensure nothing is going over budget
 - Marketing Meetings
 - Meet to discuss marketing strategies and what is going out and when.
- O-Week logo:
- Finalized the O-Week logo with Matt.
- Budget and Finance Info Session
- Looked at budget and financing with the other executives
- Chair Expectations Session
- Had the chair expectation session held by Naomi. Went over the summer hiring regulations and looked at other expectations of the Chair.
- 2-on-1 Meetings
- Had a 2-on-1 meeting with Jack and Meredith to discuss how I am doing in my role
- Meeting with Elizabeth and Jacqueline discussing the province's reopening plans and StFX's plan.
- O-Week sponsorship Meetings
- Looking over what sponsorships we have / could obtain

External (to portfolio):

· MOU

- Looked at the MOU with council and execs

· Got vaccinated woot woot

· LSI session

- Meeting with Frank Gallant and the Execs & Chair to continue going over our LSI results

Committees:

· Residence Program Team:

- Have met twice now, introduced ourselves and worked on goals for what we want the team/committee to look like and focus on.

· SOC:

- met for the first time, discussed different goals we have for the year and what did not work last year/what we need to change or work on to make work. We decided on times that work for us to meet biweekly.

· Equity Committee:

- Nothing to report

Sub-Executive:

· Society Coordinator:

- Met with Anna the potential society coordinator (waiting on ratification) to explain to her what the ratification process is

· Meeting with Co-Chairs

- Meeting with Sophia and O-Crew Co-chairs to discuss O-Week and leadership within residence buildings throughout that week.

Outreach:

· Acadia:

- Discussing with Acadia's VP Student Life different block bookings we could partner for
- Looking at harms' reduction and diverse & inclusive programming
- Discussion how we can be a bigger voice for East Coast students when it comes to conferences such as COCA (and many others).

Vice President External – Ben Fairhurst

Executive Report: Benjamin Fairhurst - VP External Affairs

Date: June 16th, 2021

Reporting Period: May 24th - June 19th

Internal to Portfolio

- CASA Digital Foundations Conference - Jack and I spent an entire week attending the CASA Foundations Conference. Was a great experience meeting other student leaders from all over Canada, with differing areas of policy experience and interest.
- StFX Town and County Update - Got a few members of the team together to give feedback on the Good Neighbours strategy for this year, which is the plan for town, RCMP, and landlord support for students coming back to campus in August/September. Sent in our feedback, and had a meeting a few days later to work over the results with the town and university.
- CAUL/CBUA OER Strategy Meeting - Was made a part of the CAUL/CBUA OER Strategy committee. I gave advice to their organization on how they can utilize the student voice to advocate and champion free textbooks.
- Get Out The Vote - Have started meeting up weekly with VP Externals and SU Presidents at different post-secondary institutions in order to organize huge GOTV campaigns at our respective schools! Trying to get students to vote when the time comes.
- AtlanticOER Student Advocacy Group - Working with the ED of StudentsNS to set up a committee of student leaders/OER Champions from every Atlantic province. Reached out to the New Brunswick Student Alliance in order to get some help with this goal.
- MOU Partnership Committee - Had the opportunity to speak with all University presidents in N.S, and government representatives from the ministry of Labour and Advanced Education on the pros and cons of the existing memorandum of understanding between universities and provincial government.
- OER Presentation for Government Roundtable - Will be presenting an OER implementation strategy to all university presidents, and LAE representatives next week, so just working with the ED of SNS to build an influential and well-researched policy proposal.
- Research and Policy Associate Hiring - Held interviews for the position, and worked with a great panel in selecting the name to put forward for ratification.

External to Portfolio

- Marketing Strategy Meetings - Been working with the team and marketing staff on new strategies for our social media presence
- LSI - Completed individual goal setting and team decision-making exercises so that we can be more task-oriented individually, but also operate well as a team when making big decisions
- Internal OER planning for StFX - Working with Mere, a couple times a week, on how to get the university to include OERs as a part of their administration's strategic and academic plans.

Committees

- External Advisory Committee: Haven't linked up yet but that's being set up presently

Sub Executive

- Research and Policy Associate - Name has been put forward for ratification at Council.

Absent Reports

Board of Governors Representative – Dhruv Patel

Appendices

Please see email thread for the following presentation slide decks:

- DST Budget Presentation Slide Deck
- Health and Dental Plan Committee Slide Deck
- Open Educational Resources (OERs) Presentation Slide Deck
- The Golden X Inn Update Presentation Slide Deck