

Council Package — March 27th, 2022

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Students' Union Representative Council Meeting

March 6th, 2022, 3:17 pm ADT

StFX Students' Union Council Chambers

## Call to Order

Naomi: Meeting called to order at time 3:17 pm ADT.

## Roll Call

Equity Student Representative – Tiffany Bondoc

Arts Student Representative – Margaret-Anne Gillis

Students of African Descent Representative – Atik Gailo

Board of Governors Student Representative – Dhruv Patel

Indigenous Student Representative – Molly Burke

Science Student Representative – Mackenzie LeVernois

Education Student Representative – Tianna Williams

Board of Governors Student Representative – Anna Hancin

Faculty Advisor – Brandon Malloy

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

Student's Union General Manager – Sean Ryan

Deputy Chair of Council – Rebecca Cano

**Absent With Regret**

Indigenous Student Representative – Sierra Julian

International Student Representative – Derin Deric

Vice President Activities and Events – Kyra Tessier

First-Year Representative – Josh Kroker

Business Student Representative – Hunter Park

## 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 the 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: Thanks to everyone for coming. No precouncil, but it is all on the agenda. We have to go in camera for some of it.

## Approval of the Agenda

Margaret-ann: I would like to move to amend the agenda to add the ratification of Tori Whitmore as the Riley SUCL.

Naomi: A friendly amendment to the agenda!

McKenzie: Second.

*No Discussion.*

Meredith: I call to question.

Naomi: All those in favour!

*Motion passes unanimously.*

Meredith: I move to amend the agenda to add a motion to allocate \$3540 from council initiative funds to the Physics OER grant application.

Tianna: Second.

*No Discussion.*

Mackenzie: I call to question.

Naomi: All those in favour!

*Motion passes unanimously.*

Meredith: I move to amend the agenda to add a motion to allocate \$700 from council initiative funds to the CFXU Radio application.

Molly: Second.

*No Discussion.*

Mackenzie: I call to question.

Naomi: All those in favour!

*Motion passes unanimously.*

Mackenzie: I move to amend the wording of the motion to ratify the Chair of the Council into Elect the Chair of Council. molly

Dhruv: Second.

*No Discussion.*

Meredith: I call to question.

Naomi: All those in favour

*Motion passes unanimously.*

Mackenzie: I motion to approve the 4x amended agenda.

Anna: I second.

*No Discussion.*

Meredith: I call to question.

*Motion Passes Unanimously.*

## Approval of the Minutes of February 6th Council

Mackenzie: Motion to approve the minutes.

Dhruv: I second.

*No Discussion.*

Margaret-Anne: I call to question.

*Motion Passes Unanimously.*

## Constituency Reports

Please see the March 6th Council Package for Constituency Reports. Below is any discussion regarding Constituency Reports.

## Executive Reports

Please see the March 6th Council Package for Executive Reports. Below is any discussion regarding Executive Reports.

## General Manager Report

### **Students' Union General Manager – Sean Ryan**

- The new Marketing video for the Inn is the best!
- We have the DCB terminals for the Conevinece ForU, so hopefully, within this month we have those ready
- We are hosting a national conference at the end of May
- SU Awards Banquet is happening this year!!
- T4s are sent out

## Faculty Advisory Report

### **Faculty Advisory Report – Brandon Malloy**

- Time to talk about scholarships, bursaries and grants!
- Recently, on other committees, it has come up that we have incredible resources on campus, so much money to go to students, and we are having trouble getting students to take this money!
- Is there a lack of communication about this?
- I don't think people realize how much money is available for students.
- The bar is much lower than people think it is.
- There is at least tens of thousands, if not, hundreds of thousands of dollars available in the BMIG scholarships, bursaries and grants.
- Can we incorporate one tab, one webpage, where all of these available grants and such are listed? So it is easily accessible for students.
- There may be other projects or tasks where we can just add another page or portal with this information.
- This will be good for recruitment and student satisfaction!!
- It will be more utilized if the Students' Union approached this, as students are more receptive to other students.

#### *Discussion:*

Sean: In terms of having this on our website, it is very doable. We would just have a form for faculty to aid our posting. There is no committee on this, but we could even create a working group for this project.

Mackenzie: On Senate, Dr. Isnor is going to be giving an update about scholarships. We will maybe approach him and see if we can collaborate on this.

Brandon: There are so many levels in external and internal scholarships and grants.



Dhruv: These are all great points! The university's website has not been updated in a while, since 2014, and there is a lot of planning on building a new website, so this would be a good point to bring up to the VP Student Life. A lot of other Atlantic Universities are doing this.

Tiffany: The criteria for some scholarships are sometimes restrictive for people of equity-seeking groups. It is also hard for some people to know the difference between scholarships, bursaries and grants.

Brandon: A lot of money is put aside for so many specific criteria. Some criteria changed, so with the creation of this project, it would be beneficial to keep it current.

An action item has been made! A working group will be constructed to work on this initiative!  
Thanks, Brandon Malloy!

## Special Reports to Council

### **PHYS 121/122 Open Textbook Project Presentation by Meghan Landry and Mark Baker**

- Proposal to create an open textbook to replace the exiting Pearson textbook
- This would save \$110 per student or \$10 000 per year in total based on the history of enrollment
- Hire a current StFX Student for summer 2022
- Student hired and Mark Baker would help create and publish OER
- Currently, \$2 000 in funds are secured, \$4 000 are applied for (not including Council Initiatives Program)
- Asking for \$3 240 from the Students' Union Council Initiatives Program
- \$9 240 is the aspiring total, and 100% of this would go to the hired student's salary

### **CFXU Radio Request for Council Initiative Program by Brendan Roberts and Sean Ryan**

- The CFXU Radio Manager Ethan is requesting \$750
- The radio needs new furniture, paint and just an update in general
- Staff also needs to be paid for the labour paired with this furniture update.
- A lot of things can be provided by Facilities Management
- Everything is falling apart from CFXU
- Needs some tender lovin' care down at the station

#### *Discussion:*

Sophia: How much do you think they need to do what they want to do?

Brendan: We can meet with Ethan to figure out details about the renovation.

Jack: \$750, they could use it. I don't think \$100 would make a difference. If we do go forward with this, I want to see the lamp CFXU has.

Sean: You will see a lamp, sir.

Mackenzie: Let's put our money towards our own union, please.

## New Business

Tiffany: I motion to ratify Sam Delaney as Vice President of Finance and Operations for the 2022-2023 Executive Team.

Dhruv: I second.

*Discussion:*

Mackenzie yields time to Brendan to speak.

Brendan: We had four amazing candidates! After a lot of deliberation, we found that Sam's work experience and school experience, and also SU career was the best fit. He had a lot of enthusiasm pertaining to this role.

Meredith: Was the committee vote unanimous?

Brendan: Yes.

*End of Discussion.*

Anna: I call to question.

*Motion passes unanimously.*

Naomi: The two proxy votes from Hunter and Derin are in favour of the motion.

Mackenzie: I motion to ratify Sophia Fabiano as the Vice President Residence Affairs for the 2022-2023 Executive Team.

Tiffany: I second

*Discussion:*

Margaret-Anne: We had a lot of deliberations. It was a unanimous decision to hire Sophia.

*End of Discussion.*

Anna: I call to question

*Motion passes unanimously.*

Naomi: The two proxy votes from Hunter and Derin are in favour of the motion.

Tiffany: I motion to ratify Ben Fairhurst as the Vice President External for the 2022-2023 Executive Team.

Dhruv: I second.

*Discussion:*

Margaret-Anne: Ben demonstrated a lot of passion and expertise in the responsibilities of the position. He has the best experience, and it was a unanimous decision.

*End of Discussion.*

Margaret-Anne: I call to question

*Motion passes unanimously.*

Naomi: The two proxy votes from Hunter and Derin are in favour of the motion.

Anna: I motion to ratify Kali Beaton as the Vice President Activities and Events for the 2022-2023 Executive Team.

Mackenzie: I second.

*Discussion:*

Margaret-Anne: I sat on the panel, we interviewed six candidates. It was a difficult decision in the end, but we are confident in Kali. She showed us a lot so interesting ideas and passion for the role. It was a unanimous decision.

*End of Discussion.*

Mackenzie: I call to question

*Motion passes unanimously.*

Naomi: The two proxy votes from Hunter and Derin are in favour of the motion.

Mackenzie: I motion to elect the 2022-2023 Chair of Council Molly Burke.

Meredith: I second.

*Discussion:*

Mackenzie: Molly was our proud and only candidate for Chair. The hiring panel was very impressed with Molly's enthusiasm. Molly has been on council and comfortable with there's an organization for so long, so we are excited to welcome her. It was a unanimous decision to direct her to the council for election.

Tiffany: I call to question

*Motion passes 11-0-1. Molly Burke abstains.*

Tiffany: I motion to approve the new Students' Union Awards Policy.

Anna: I second

*No discussion.*

Margaret-Anne: I call to question.

*Motion passes unanimously.*

Naomi: The two proxy votes from Hunter and Derin are in favour of the motion.

Margaret-Anne: I motion to ratify Tori Whitmore as Riley Hall SUCL.

Tiffany: I second.

*Discussion:*

Tianna: Tori was our only applicant, but she was so excited and passionate about this role. She had previous experience in-residence experience. Unanimously, the committee supported Tori.

*End of discussion*

Mackenzie: I call to question.

*Motion passes unanimously.*

Dhruv: I motion to approve the allocation of \$3240 from the Council Initiative Program to the Physics OER proposal by Meghan Laundry and Mark Baker.

Tianna: I second.

*Discussion:*

Mackenzie: Brendan do you think this is responsible?

Brendan: I think this is good, but I don't want faculty to start applying to this program and not the University's pilot program starting soon.

Meredith: I'm sure this won't be a concern, it was only brought to attention by my delegation.

Ben: My question is, when they apply for the OER grant, they may get more money than they allocated, so could we get the money back?

Brendan: we also only have had these two council initiatives, and it is later on in the year.

Sean: They may not use all of the money if they get the StFX OER Grant.

Meredith: I think it is okay, it guarantees the OER is made, so I am in support of giving them the money we have. I am in favour.

Sean: This money is for students. It helps a student get a summer job, and also saves money for the first year.

Dhruv: I have the same comment, Sean.

*End of discussion.*

Dhruv: I call to question.

*Motion passes unanimously.*

Mackenzie: I motion to approve the allocation of \$750 from the council initiative program to CFXU.

Margaret-Anne: I second.

*No discussion.*

Tianna: I call to questions.

*The motion passes unanimously.*

## Closing Remarks

Naomi: Thank you for being patient!! Thanks, everyone. We have done some impactful things today. We all appreciate it. I love yall. I am neutral.

## Adjournment

Mackenzie: Motion to adjourn the meeting at pm ADT.

Jack: I second

*Motion passes unanimously.*

Naomi: Meeting Adjourned.

## Constituency Reports

### **Equity Student Representative – Tiffany Bondoc**

Equity Committee: Nothing new to report.

Equity Advisory Committee: We had a meeting on March 25 to discuss funding applications to support PACAR and other EDI efforts at StFX, as well as talk about feedback on PACAR consultation sessions.

External Advisory Committee: Nothing new to report.

Other business:

- I volunteered to sit on the SU awards committee and expect to meet on March 28th.

### **Arts Student Representative – Margaret-Anne Gillis**

*Councillor:*

Committee on Studies (Arts) – COS (Arts) met briefly on Friday March 11th to review course proposals from the Fine Arts Faculty and Religious Studies Faculty. We will reconvene March 31st to review the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) Proposal from the Department of Economics.

Quality of Life Committee – QOL met Wednesday March 16th to continue reviewing the Student Experience Opportunity Plan and will meet again on April 7th.

Governance Review – Gov Review met on Friday March 18th, but I was absent due to a work commitment. However, I was able to attend our meeting Friday March 25th and have continued working on the policies assigned.

Joint Committee on Studies – JCOS did not meet during this reporting period but has a meeting scheduled for April 1st.

Performance Review Committee – nothing to report.

*Senator:*

- Senate met via Zoom Monday March 7th to hear proposals from the Arts, Science, and Business faculties, as well as a motion from the Registrar's Office regarding academic regulations for take-home examinations, and the 2022/23 Calendar of Events.

- The Senate Forum on PACAR will be held Tuesday March 29th, where we will discuss the ongoing PACAR consultation processes on campus.

Other business:

- I attended consultations facilitated by Elizabeth Yeo on March 6th and 14th, where councillors and the executive reviewed the Strategic Planning & Opportunity Plan

**Business Student Representative – Hunter Park**

Senate: Met on March 7

Emergency Grants: Met on March 8, March 15, and March 22 to provide emergency funding to students in need.

Quality of Life: March 16 met to discuss the new student experience and opportunity plan

**Science Student Representative – Mackenzie LeVernois**

Councillor:

- Leave of absence from March 14th to the 23rd
- Missed Org Review but excited to get back to it!

Senate:

- ... Leave of absence applies here too #sad
- Faculty of Science COS and JCOS met during this time. Looking forward to getting quick updates here at council and getting back into the student senator life!

**Board of Governors Student Representative – Dhruv Patel**

Hello & Namaste everyone, Happy Spring and a happy never ending elections season.

Business: There has not been a lot of business happening on my side. However, an important piece of business coming up is my meeting with Andrew Beckett (VP -Finance and Operations) at Stfx University for sustainable campus initiatives. I attended the session by Elizabeth Yeo for a campus Wellbeing scrap plan. Additionally, in my further advocacy I reached out to Bob Hale and respected members of campus food and services to advocate for increasing meal hall timings.

Other business: I met Angus Kennedy from ALPCA to discuss their initiatives and find a possible collaboration window. Again, they have proven to be an extra-ordinary group of folks who happen to always do good job. Last weekend they did seed bombing which is again an amazing initiative.

Thank You.

**Education Student Representative – Tianna Williams**

Education Representative Business: Education students are now back to practicum, and I am offering online meetings via Teams to account for students now living away from campus. Representative elections are in full swing and am happy about communicating that to my

constituents even in this busy time. I am happy to see a good response to our candidate for Education Representative.

Committee Work – Deliberations on this years Outstanding Teacher Award have started and I am in the process of evaluating the applications. Library Strategic Planning Committee will meet on the 25th of March to discuss the recommendations that have been proposed by the committee, staff and students. We are concentrating our efforts on Engaging and Transformation, as well as Sustainability.

Panels – Nothing to Report

Senate – Senate will be meeting at the beginning of April

Other Business: No Other Business

### **First-Year Representative – Josh Kroker**

#### *Position Business:*

- Attended a House Hockey Committee meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2022. Vice President Sophia launched a great plan and framework that is comprehensive and realistic, given the University's safety concerns and the province lifting restrictions.
- Met with Gerard Balcolm and XREC to discuss specialized gym times for females and members of the LGBTQ2+ community. Two first-year students approached me, stating they felt sexually harassed at the XREC gym and would like safe spaces once a week to exercise specific muscles and skills that are required for their required sports as athletes, respectively. According to the two students, these necessary training exercises may be perceived as sexual to other gym patrons.
- Participated in the hiring panel for the next Vice President of Finance and Operations (VPFO). I am very pleased and endorse the choice the hiring panel came to.
- Although I was signed up, I could not participate in the hiring panel for the next Vice President Residence Affairs (VPRA) due to a conflict of interest with a candidate.
- Meeting with President Jack Irvin to discuss potential first-year events as the end of the academic year draws near, and provincial COVID-19 restrictions lift.
- Some first-year students have approached me about the difficulties with the times at meal hall not being conducive to their class schedules and extracurricular activities.
- Many first-year students are also frustrated with a "trayless" meal hall. Most want to see trays come back to meal hall, so it is easier to grab food and put their dishes on the cleaning rack.
- Students want to see the university's COVID-19 restrictions parallel with the province.
- In terms of harm reduction, students voiced their disagreement with Residence Life locking the lounges of St. Patrick's Weekend.

#### *Other Business:*

- Volunteered in the Golden X Inn's promotional video recently released on their social media.
- Attended a society conference in Saint John, NB, from March 4, until March 6.

- Contacted President Andy Hakin on supporting Ukraine, a sovereign state, against Russian aggression, invasion, and war crimes. I urged President Hakin to fly the Ukrainian flag on campus at Alumni Plaza to publicly display our support for the free and innocent people of Ukraine. The flag-raising ceremony means a significant amount to me because my heritage is Ukrainian Mennonite. During the early twentieth century, my family escaped the Odesa region of present-day Ukraine from Russian tyranny. They fled to Canada following my great-great-grandfather, Peter Frank Kroker, getting his ear sliced off while standing up for his people and family's livelihoods against the Russian military. My family was jubilant to see the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 and had great hopes that our ancestral homeland would be free and sovereign. Today, that hope is crumbling, and despair is slowly sinking in. However, please join me in supporting the free people of Ukraine and rallying around their cause against senseless Russian aggression.

### **Board of Governors Representative – Anna Hancin**

Emergency Grants Committee: We continue to meet weekly to review applications.

Other Business: I will be attending the Committee on Arts Studies meeting in April. I will be attending the Joint Committee on Studies meeting on April 1st.

### **International Student Representative – Derin Dericci**

- Health and Dental Plan Committee Meeting

- Meeting with Lubna and ISS :

o New Halifax trip for International Students – April 16

- Contacting class of 2022 because of the delayed graduation due to decision of StFX and international students not being considered during the decision making

### **Indigenous Student Representatives – Molly Burke and Sierra Julian**

Hello everyone,

This is a collection of what we've completed since our last meeting.

#### *Position Business:*

- Sierra held a book discussion with the author of Noopiming
- Molly is finishing adding the final details on the new Indigenous Library Guide.
- Donation made to The Legacy of Hope Foundation

#### *Other Business:*

- Training for the Chair of Council with Sean and Naomi



**Student of African Descent Representative – Atik Gilao**

*Position Business:*

- Campus Affairs: N/A
- Performance Review Committee: N/A
- Equity Committee: N/A

*Other Business:*

- BLACC collective meeting with interim Black Student Advisor Robert Upshaw

## Executive Reports

Missing reports from Vice President Activities and Events – Kyra Tessier, President – Jack Irvin, Vice President Finance and Operations – Brendan Roberts. Reports will be located in March 27th Council Minutes.

### **Vice President Academic – Meredith Cudmore-Keating**

- I attended the PACAR consultation and offered feedback on some of the recommendations.
- Attended Senate where the calendar of events was approved. Mackenzie LeVernois (Science rep) and I advocated against having only one day in between the end of classes and start of exams. M.L. made a motion to add another day but it was not passed, although it almost did!
- Met with Sean Ryan, Dr Brandon Malloy and Alex LeBlanc about starting a page on our website that houses link to various scholarships, bursaries, and job opportunities. Alex did an amazing job pulling it together.
- Attended the Residence Renewal session with Council and Elizabeth Yeo where council could weigh in on the project.
- Committee on Studies faculty of science met
- Had a FUME with the exec team about how to move forward with the residence renewal. Came up with a list of asks.
- Released the call for proposals for the OER grant and found 2 faculty to sit on the committee.
- Hosted 2 drop-in info sessions about the OER grant with Meghan Landry.
- Have started transition meetings with Naomi and Naomi/Brendan/Jack

### **Vice President Residence Affairs – Sophia Fabiano**

*Internal (to portfolio):*

- I have been having meetings weekly 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.
- House Hockey:
  - During this reporting period the University Executive reported to the committee that they could not support the tournament and therefore we were unable to continue planning the tournament
- Residence Renewal
  - The executive team has been asked to draft a response to the proposal for the consultants - Meredith Cudmore-Keating and I are starting to edit a previous

response in order to use it as a formal response

- The executive team also had a FUME on next steps and wrote a list of asks for StudentLife in order to look at moving forward with the project
- We are hoping to continue conversations with Elizabeth and Jacqueline next week
- I had an onboarding meeting with Tori Whittemore
- I had a question time meeting for SUCLs surrounding House Hockey
- I met with multiple people in regards to the House Council Coordinator position
- I met with Brendan Roberts about Budget for the VPRA position for the 2022/23 school year
- I helped a couple groups of SUCLs with planning end of year banquets

*External (to portfolio):*

- I started transition meetings with Sean Ryan
- I also have started meeting with the incoming exec team and am starting to look at planning for the next year in the VPRA position

*Committees:*

- Res Renewal Advisory: Did not meet during this period
- FSLC: Did not meet during this reporting period
- SOC: nothing to report
- Campus Affairs: did not meet this reporting period
- House Hockey Committee: House Hockey Committee met once during this reporting Period.

*Sub-executive:*

- House Council Coordinator: Broden and I have been doing SUCL check-ins, Broden has been tallying the points and we have a winner for house of the year!
- SUCL's: I've been doing weekly check-ins with SUCLs, will be scheduling final exit interviews for April
- Student Advocates: Nothing to report, will be scheduling final exit interviews for start of April

*Outreach:*

- We took an Exec Team photo!

**Vice President External – Ben Fairhurst**

*Internal To Portfolio*

- Student Government Roundtable - Jack and I were invited to appear before the department of Advanced Education along with student leaders from all post-secondary institutions in Nova

Scotia. The government wanted a two minute presentation from each school on their current state of affairs so we have planned a presentation on the issue of mental health on campus.

- StudentsNS Board Meeting - Chaired another board meeting for the delegates for StudentsNS. We discussed differing mask mandates at our schools, the campaigns we have for the last bit of school and the outgoing transition before next year's board comes in.
- StudentsNS Transition Planning - Jack and I have ended up having a large hand in planning this year's SNS Transition conference because we are going to be holding it in Antigonish! We've been teaming up to book some rooms and activities for the weekend.
- Expanding Membership - I have been working on presentations for CBU and NSCC (all campuses) in order to see if they want to join StudentsNS. These presentations will be held over the next two weeks and would more than double the existing membership of StudentsNS.
- VPX Budget Consultation - Met with Brendan and Sam to discuss the VPX budget line for next year, the areas which need more funding and those which need less. We'll be meeting up again to get into more specific funding.
- Transition with Soph and Sean - As Soph and I will be coming back next year, Sean brought up the fact that we should be transitioning ourselves so that we are set up for success. Us three have been meeting up to discuss what went well (or not so well) from this year, and how we can best prepared ourselves to hit all our goals in the upcoming term.
- StFX Town and County - Had another consultation session with the StFX administration and Town + County representatives. Most of the conversation was surrounding HOCO protocol for next year. I was talking a lot about the importance of collaborative events between town and University in order to solidify that students are part of the town. Also, allowing more dry and drinking events on campus in safe environments so that there is less raging in the town.
- Housing Campaign - The StudentsNS membership team has put together a housing campaign to go out on socials at the end of March. This will touch on the difficulties understanding housing contracts, what to look for and what your rights are. At the end of the week there will be a tenancy rights workshop thanks to the help of Nova Scotia Legal Aid.

*External To Portfolio*

- Student Life Strategic Plan - Post-consultation on the university's strategic plan for the Student Life office, I was part of many conversations about the pros and cons.
- Residence Renewal - Lended my perspective to the team when discussing the residence renewal put forward by Student Life. Soph, Mere and Jack have been working incredibly hard and it was great to try and give them a hand.
- R&P Associate Search - Hiring for the next R&P Associate is back on so if you know anyone interested, please send them my way or to [theu.ca/jobs](http://theu.ca/jobs)

- Vice President Finance and Administration - Continuing my role on the search committee for the next Vice President Finance and Administration.

*Sub-Executives*

- Evan is continuously working on the policy documents for the following year.

## Appendices

Please see all appendix items below in the email thread along with this Council Package, or contact [su\\_dc@stfx.ca](mailto:su_dc@stfx.ca) to request to view an appendix item.

1. **BIRKS AWARD:** Shall be awarded annually to a graduating student for outstanding contribution to student government. The Student's Union Representative Council shall nominate and then elect, by secret ballot, the recipient of the Award. There shall be a permanent trophy bearing the names of all the recipients. The trophy will be kept in the University Centre.
2. **JASON SIMMONS MEMORIAL AWARD:** Michael Jason Simmons '96 was a Business Administration student who died in a tragic car accident on February 7, 1997. He was the House President of Lane B and served two terms as Activities Commissioner of the Students' Union. The award is to recognize a member of Council who enjoys life to the fullest both socially as well as extra-curricular. This award is not judged on academics but rather on enthusiasm, energy, and X- spirit displayed throughout the Xaverian community. This person is a true ambassador of StFX both here and away from our university. The Students' Union Representative Council will choose the award annually by secret ballot. The award is not to be given in a year if Council does not feel there is a deserving recipient.