

Students' Union Representative Council Meeting

November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 3:00PM

Council Chambers

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 3:02PM.

**Roll Call**

Science Student Representative - Daniel Winters

Business Student Representative – Johanna Gates

Students of African Descent Representative – Kamy Carrington

Graduate Student Representative – William Burgess

Equity Student Representative – Jasonique Moss

First Year Representative – Nick Stinson

Board of Governors Student Representative – Tiffany MacLennan

Board of Governors Student Representative - Ally Hancock

International Student Representative – Sanjidha Ganeshan

Education Student Representative - Todd Boak

Arts Student Representative - Marc Sgro

President - Cecil VanBuskirk

Vice President Finance and Operations - Patrick Wallace

Vice President Activities and Events - Natalie Doumkos

Vice President Residence Affairs - Siobhan Lacey

Vice President External Affairs - Sarah Elliott

Faculty Advisor – Dr. Corrine Cash

**Absent with Regrets**

Vice President Academic - Emma Kuzmyk

Students' Union General Manager – Sean Ryan

## Opening Remarks of the Chair

*“Thank you everyone for coming.”*

## Approval of the Agenda

Nick: Motion to approve the agenda.

Tiffany: Second.

*Motion passes 12-0-0.*

## Approval of the Minutes of November 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Annual General Meeting

Sanjidha: Motion to approve the minutes of the November 3<sup>rd</sup> council meeting and the Annual General Meeting.

Nick: Second.

*Motion passes 12-0-0.*

## Constituency Reports

### Science Student Representative - Daniel Winters

- Nothing new to report.

### Business Student Representative – Johanna Gates

- Have been meeting with business groups.
- UofT came to present to business students.
- Attended senate meeting.

### Students of African Descent Representative – Kamy Carrington

- The art gallery will be hosted for the entire month of February, featuring student art.
- Met to discuss accommodations for Dec break next year, looking to remove or reduce feed.
- Hosted an R&B study session.

### Graduate Student Representative – William Burgess

- Attended panel to discuss the importance of class versus race, and it was an exceptional event.

### Equity Student Representative – Jasonique Moss

- Will be co-hosting a women of engineering ceremony on December 6<sup>th</sup>. This is to honor the women killed in Montreal during a mass murder of women in engineering that occurred 10 years ago.

### First Year Representative – Nick Stinson

- The ongoing student feedback campaign is has started getting feedback.
- ‘Movember’ is in full-swing and has been getting good responses. The radio takeover is happening this week.

#### Board of Governors Student Representative – Tiffany MacLennan

- Spending time with McKenna scholar in residence, discussing politics and race.
- Attended the climate change conference and talks.
- Looked into what the University can be doing to combat climate change.
- There is an upcoming board meeting in December.

#### Board of Governors Student Representative - Ally Hancock

- Nothing new to report.

#### International Student Representative – Sanjidha Ganeshan

- International society hosted a Zumba session that went well.
- There is an international student survey out right now to gather feedback about their experiences at St.FX.
- Met to discuss December residence accommodations for next year.
- Have been in touch with students about changes they want to see at St.FX.
- Organizing the times that the food resource center will be open over the December break.

#### Education Student Representative - Todd Boak

- Constitutes are doing well.

#### Arts Student Representative - Marc Sgro

- Lots of responses in the survey for the B.A restructuring initiative.
- Sat on emergency grant committee and provided a grant.
- Looked at issues with the radio station and how to move forward.
- Passes a new sociology course about science and technology in senate.

### Business Arising

*None.*

### Executive Reports

#### **President - Cecil VanBuskirk**

- Continued the gender-neutral washroom campaign. Focusing on posters and awareness.
- Placed an order for feminine products for all residences that will be here in the spring.
- ‘Movember’ is going well.
- Advocacy week in Halifax went well. Met with government to advocate 7 different recommendations to the government.

- Had conversation with Council of Atlantic University Library's about open educational resources for students.
- Met with X-Ring committee.
- Preparing for conference in Vancouver in two weeks.
- Consultation agreement is being reviewed by the university.

### **Vice President Finance and Operations - Patrick Wallace**

- Educational Health and Safety committee met to discuss having people with first aid in every building, along with giving first responders a better understanding of the campus map. We also discussed the likely possibility of fentanyl coming to campus.
- New computers are here to be installed over the break.
- Peer support program is progressing to open.
- The 'mobile kitchen' took students to the superstore for a cooking lesson free to students, and there is a lot of interest in the next event. Sign up for this is in the food resource center, and marketing will soon be promoting this. Highlighting the work of Katelyn at the center.
- DriveU had a great advertisement come out, and winter tires will soon be put on. The alumni office wants to sponsor the new wrapping of the van.
- The Student Food Resource Centre was overstocked after a successful trick-or-eat.
- House budgets for the year will soon be finalized.

### **Vice President Activities and Events - Natalie Doumkos**

- Planning the X-Ring super-sub, tickets will be released this week. We will be having appetizers that are accommodating to many diets at this event.

### **Vice President Residence Affairs - Siobhan Lacey**

- Someone from the sub-executive has resigned, we are in the hiring process looking for a new one.
- Have been meeting with res-life and students about Cameron Hall. The building is still open, but 20% of students have requested to leave. We are doing our best to support students currently living in the building.
  - Faculty advisor expressed the idea of letting professors know the situation with Cameron Hall, where they should be informed students may be under extra stress or strain.
  - Since everyone in the building has the option to move out, it was expressed that this extra support from professors may not be necessary.

*The chair was asked to invite the head of student services come to another meeting to discuss this.*

- Bishops ball and O'Reagon visor ceremonies were very successful.
- Planning the carol-off.
- Men's health center will be going into residences to do 'Movember' programming.

- Attending meetings with coaches for house hockey.
- Working with housing and facility management to work out payments for damages.
- Extended training is set up for second semesters.
- Have been doing off-campus leader training.
- Met with student advocates to plan this year.
- Exit interviews will be done this year for sub-executive.
- Fentanyl testing strips will be accessible to students in residence buildings.
  - Concerns were expressed about the strips given to students for fentanyl testing, as it could be encouraging students to experiments with these illegal drugs.
  - Hoping to implement programming with Keep it Social to inform students on the risks associated with drug risk.

### **Vice President External Affairs - Sarah Elliot**

- Student Nova Scotia asks that were advocated for:
  - Modernizing student financial aid.
  - Reduced healthcare barriers for international students.
  - Community College students to have access to the Loan Forgiveness Program.
  - Improve student employment programs.
  - Grants for rural students.
- More information can be found on Student's Nova Scotia Website.

### **Faculty Advisor Report**

- Kevin Wamsley announced a partnership between St.FX and the town to introduce an initiative to combat climate change.
  - A committee will be formed with a student representative.
  - A strategic plan will soon be announced on what will be achieved, hopefully with timelines to be met associated with this plan.
  - Students can advocate to the government and companies to help with this initiative, along with working to decrease their own individual carbon footprints.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Governance Review Committee**

- Discussing the structure of the executive and election processes.
- Hoping these changes will be implemented in time for the January elections.

#### **Organizational Review Committee**

- Discussed the plan of what will tasks be done this year.
- Discussed the Unions' strategic plan and see if we are currently on-track.

#### **Equity Advisory Committee**

- Had first meeting with Megan Fogarty Human Rights and Equity Advisor to discuss events that will be hosted later in the year, one for the incoming first years to educate

### **Budget and Financing Committee**

- Had a request from habitat for humanity, but it was cancelled due to their lack of interest for their trip.
- Had request from X-Pride for funding for Sex-Toy Bingo event. We will decide how much to allot for them once more information has been presented.

### **Campus Affairs Committee**

- Discussed house hockey and fentanyl strips discussed in Siobhan's executive report.
- Presented feedback from sticky note campaign.

### **Emergency Grants Review Committee**

- Approved the one request that came in.

### **Society Review Committee**

- Met, but have nothing concrete to bring to council at this time.

### **Old Business**

*None.*

### **New Business**

### **Motion to approve the proposed Council Dates**

William: Motion to approve the council dates:

- December 1, 2019 – 3:00PM
- January 12, 2020 – 3:00PM
- January 26, 2020 – 3:00PM
- February 8, 2020 – 3:00PM
- February 23, 2020 – 3:00PM
- March 8, 2020 – 3:00PM
- March 22, 2020 – 3:00PM
- April 5, 2020 – 3:00PM

Second: Tiffany.

Nick: Motion to amend

Tiffany: Second

The meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February was moved to the 9<sup>th</sup> so that the meeting will be held on a Sunday. The meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February was moved to 6:00PM, so people have time to return from winter break.

*Motion passes 12-0-0.*

Tiffany: Call to question.

*Motion Passes 12-0-0.*

### Closing Remarks

*“Thank you all for coming. See you all in 2 weeks, if there are any additional items for the next agenda please email me.”*

### Adjournment

William: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Johanna: Second.

*Motion passes 12-0-0.*

*Meeting adjourned at 4:22PM.*