

Council Package — November 14th, 2021

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## Agenda of November 14th Council Meeting

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Council Minutes — October 31st, 2021

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Students' Union Representative Council Meeting

October 31st, 2021, 3:06pm

StFX Student's Union Council Chambers

## Call to Order

Naomi: Meeting called to order at time 3:06 pm. We are going to get started with Roll Call!

## Roll Call

Board of Governors Student Representative – Anna Hancin

Board of Governors Student Representative – Dhruv Patel

Equity Student Representative – Tiffany Bondoc

Indigenous Student Representative – Molly Burke

Students of African Descent Representative – Atik Gilao

Science Student Representative – Mackenzie LeVernois

Business Student Representative – Hunter Park

Arts Student Representative – Margaret-Anne Gillis

First-Year Representative – Josh Kroker

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

Deputy Chair of Council – Rebecca Cano

Students' Union General Manager – Sean Ryan

Faculty Advisor – Brandon Malloy

### **Absent with Regret**

International Student Representative – Derin Dericci

Indigenous Student Representative – Sierra Julian

Education Student Representative – Tianna Williams

## 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.

## Approval of the Agenda

Josh: Motion to approve the agenda.

McKenzie: I second.

Margaret-Anne: I move to call to question

Naomi: All those in favour of this motion raise your hand.

*The motion passes unanimously.*

## Approval of the Minutes of October 3rd Council

Anna: I motion to approve the minutes of the October 3rd Council meeting.

Meredith: I second.

Dhruv: I move to call to question.

Josh: Second.

Naomi: All those in favour of this motion raise your hand.

*The motion passes 11-0-3.*

## Constituency Reports

Please see the October 31st Council Package for all Councillor Constituency reports, except Anna Hancin and Derin Derici's reports which are below. Below is any discussion with reports.

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

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

*Governance Review Committee:* We are reviewing drafted policies and have assigned new policies to be written.

*Board of Governors Meetings:* Jack, Dhruv, and I met with the StFX Board of Governors on October 21st and 22nd to discuss plans for StFX and review different reports.

*Other business:* I have been asked to sit on the Joint Committee on Studies.

### **International Representative - Derin Deric**

- Equity Committee Meeting
- ISS events are planned

### **Executive Reports**

Please see the October 3rd Council Package for all Executive reports from the U's Executive Team, except Meredith Cudmore-Keating and Brendan Roberts' reports which are below. Below is any discussion with reports.

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

*Internal:*

OERs!

- Officially launched our Zero-Textbook-Cost platform at the AGM, thank you all for your help populating the list!
- Presented to students about OER at the AGM
- Mackenzie LeVernois and I presented to the Faculty of Science about OER. I'm happy with how it was received, and I'm hoping to offer a similar presentation to Senate next week. The hope is that it will begin a discussion for how StFX can start making advances for OER.
- Spoke on a student leader panel for

Academic Equity Policy

- Met with Elizabeth Kell from the Tramble centre to discuss issues she sees the Academic Equity Policy addressing.
- Met with Lisa Lunney Borden (Chair of Senate) and Megan Fogarty (Human Rights and Equity Advisor) to discuss the AEP. It was decided that many of the concerns the AEP would address would be covered under the Harassment and Discrimination policy, and that it may be a knowledge translation issue.

- Moving forward, Megan wants to incorporate a list of FAQ-type issues to help students understand where they can get help.

#### REES

- Elizabeth has been working on moving it forward with the executive board. Not much progress to update beyond that.

#### *Committees*

- Senate met for the senate team's first meeting ever! It included a lot of reports and committee nominations, and nothing crazy on the agenda.

- APP met and discussed the status of the Academic Plan, restructuring of the Earth Sciences Department, and the potential of adding a BA in human nutrition.

- Joint Committee on studies met, but did not reach quorum so we couldn't discuss the issues at hand.

- The Academic Vice President Search Committee met, and reviewed the guiding documents.

#### *Discussion:*

Dhruv: Is there a date where the FAQ page will be up?

Meredith: Not really, Elizabeth and I both need to align our timelines, so we do not have a set date yet.

#### **Vice President External Affairs – Benjamin Fairhurst**

Dhruv: You said \$91 000 was saved, where is it being spent now?

Ben: It was a pilot program, basically the Atlantic library council put a lot of extra funds together to make an online material bank for students with free resources. The \$91 000 was what was saved from this program, instead of spent by students.

#### **Vice President Finance and Operations – Brendan Roberts**

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

Kevin's Corner Food Resource Centre:

- With the renovation nearing completion and the fast-approaching opening date for the convenience store, we will soon be moving onto the next phase of the project which will be to relocate Kevins Corner, and the various services and products it offers, into the new space on second-floor SUB



- The center has been running smoothly and Kali has been in communication with various groups within the community in search of more products and gaining knowledge about how other similar services are operated
- We are currently looking at getting a marketing campaign going to promote the relocation of the center

#### GXI and Bloomfield Renovation:

- Moving into the upcoming months, we will be revisiting some of the design options and ideas with the architects, as well as any updates we have in terms of our wants/needs lists.

#### Convenience 4 U:

- Product mix has been selected with some products still up for debate. If anyone has any suggestions as to which products they would like to see in the new store, please reach out (keep in mind that we have specific vendor contracts that we need to follow (I.e., Pepsi)
- Most of the physical equipment and storage units have been received and built and positioned in their locations. We have gotten our popcorn machine, slushie machine, as well as various others.
- We are currently anticipating a soft opening at some point late in the reading week, with the Grand Opening occurring the Monday that students return from break
- The student manager, merchandisers, and cashiers have all been hired and over the course of the next couple of weeks will be undergoing training in anticipation of the stores opening
- Julieanne (accounts manager), Sean (GM) and I have been putting together an employee manual to provide to the staff with updated instructions on what needs to be done, how certain procedures take place and provides general information pertaining to their jobs
- The convenience store is going to double as an “info desk” of sorts. Meaning that the phone number and info desk email will be attached to the convenience store. The purpose of this is that if individuals have general inquiries regarding the U, the cashier can ideally

provide a general direction to the caller. It's important to note that although employees at the store may be asked to take this role on, it comes secondary to the store itself, and for providing for the customers in-store

#### Drive U:

- We have moved away from the old procedure that drivers took when providing a ride to someone that was on physical paper. We have now created an online form that the drivers can fill out every time they drive someone, and it populates a spreadsheet. From this sheet, the data can be used to gain insight into the efficiencies, deficiencies, etc, of the service.

*External (to portfolio):*

House Hockey:

- I have been in communication with Sophia (VPRA) regarding House Hockey with respect to the budget and costs of different aspects of the event.
- We had our first committee meeting this reporting period with numerous stakeholders across campus where a number of different perspectives were presented. Moving forward we will be looking into how various risks can be mitigated and how to best go about creating this event.

Nimbus Tutoring App:

- Meredith, Jack and I met with Mark Leeming (Student Success Center) to review our agreement and the steps we would like to take moving forward as we approach the end of our three-year agreement.
- As per our Student Satisfaction Survey, there are a number of concerns that students had regarding the usage of the app, however, Mark was able to produce concrete evidence that demonstrated a level of usage on the app worth considering. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be conducting some consultation before making a final decision on whether or not we want to continue with the service or not.

MyLegal:

- Over the past few weeks I have been conducting some basic research into this service which is provided by Gallivan and the benefits of the service. I reached out to all the schools who have the service currently in use but the responses I received weren't very high level.
- I also looked into the implementation process of the service and how a referendum would need to be conducted beforehand.
- I will continue researching the service, but if anyone has any thoughts or ideas regarding this, please feel free to reach out.

*Committees:*

Have sat this reporting period:

Emergency Grants Committee:

- This reporting period we received a total of 9 different applications from students for a wide variety of reasons and situations. We so far dispersed nearly \$7000 of the allocated \$15,000 budget for this program.

Re-Circle Committee:

- We received an updated copy of an agreement from Adam Starr (founder of ReCircle) which was forwarded to our legal counsel who had a number of points he addressed regarding some of the content of the agreement. Certain aspects of the proposal are not viable at the current moment

but we are working to ensure that whatever agreement we do come to is in the best interest of the students.

- Various positions are being hired by the company and they have been working on their outreach to the student body.
- They are currently anticipating the second semester as the official beginning of their operations.

#### Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee (JOHSC):

- A training session was held for all members of the committee. This session was mandatory and went over the roles and responsibilities of the committee and the different procedures that should be taken in the event of a workplace incident.
- We had another committee meeting where we discussed a number of items and concerns that individuals had. Some of the old businesses that we discussed were: fume hoods, scent awareness and the ongoing building inspections that are being conducted campus-wide.
- In addition to this, we touched on concerns that individuals had regarding certain residences not taking their garbage out, and an increasing lack of compliance with the mask mandate. Both of these items will be revisited next meeting to see if there is any improvement.

#### Budget and Finance Committee

- We met twice over the past reporting period to review 3 society allocations.
  - o We provided funding to the curling society to help subsidize the expense of 2 players who were only going to be participating on a part-time basis but would be required to pay the full-time rate otherwise.
  - o We also provided funding to the Boxing Society to help cover the cost of 12 new pairs of boxing gloves.
  - o The final society allocation we reviewed was for the Public Policy and Governance Society, we are still in communication with them regarding their application so nothing has been decided as of now.

#### Org Review:

- We met and have reviewed the strategic plan to gain a sense of where we are at in terms of organizational success.
- Members of the committee will be taking the next two weeks to review the student satisfaction survey and summarize the information so that the committee can apply that information to the strategic plan to identify any shortcomings that need to be addressed.

Have not sat this reporting period:

University Budget Committee

Bloomfield Centre Committee

Health and Dental Plan Committee

Food Sustainability/Kevin's Corner

*Sub-executive:*

· Senior Drive U: Sarah Ritchie

o Restarting our Outstanding Driver Award which provides a gift card of the winner's choice to an individual on the team who has excelled over the course of that scheduling period.

o We have been working to get merch for our drivers through the book store.

· House Accounts Coordinator: Sam Delaney

o Sam has met with all of the SUCL's to provide two on one budget competency and smart spending training to ensure that they have the skills to manage the large house budgets that they now have access to.

· Kevins Corner Food Resource Centre Coordinator: Kali Beaton

o Kali has been working with members and groups within the community to increase her level of understanding regarding food insecurity and the best way to handle these situations. She has also been looking into ways to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of our operation.

· SFRC Garden Coordinator: Kali Beaton

o Kali has been ensuring that the garden is properly tilled and watered daily or every other day

· Peer Support Program Coordinators: Natalina Malandrino and Hannah James

o Met with Natalina to discuss ways to increase engagement with the center including but not limited to: better promotion and marketing increased funding with the hope of providing programming to students, etc.

### **Vice President Activities and Events – Kyra Tessier**

Discussion:

Sophia: Will the Inn be open to all students or just X-Ring Recipients on Wednesday?

Kyra: Just X-Ring Recipients.

## Students' Union General Manager Report

- Barb at the Health and Dental Office will only be open Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays next week
- Movember has kicked off! Back in the glow of my moustache
- A lot of people signed up at the Movember table!
- Movember Mindfulness every Wednesday at Wellspring.
- Moga (Movember Yoga) is coming soon
- Movember Polar Dip is on November 25th
- Working through insurance renewal - we are switching insurance providers for DriveU
- We hired a new custodian for the Inn! ANgela is doing great.
- Julieanne is focusing on the convenience store
- Sean and I are working with Kyra for Inn events
- New job postings at the Inn will be coming soon!
- Additional hiring for the convenience store as well!
- We will be adding new things to theU website as well!
- Talked with Heather Blackburn, I will be a facilitator for ManMade, which is a toxic masculinity seminar, next semester!

## Faculty Advisor Report Brandon Malloy

- I am loving your Halloween costumes!
- I talked with Meredith about the no-cost OER list!
- The information I got, is that most faculty are supportive of OERs and no-cost courses!
- No other university has a no-cost list as we have, so it is awesome to see this great idea kick-off.
- It is a great time now to get faculty on board as well, it can up enrollment as well.
- I am very impressed with the council and all of these ideas!

## Special Reports to Council

*Students NovaScotia Minister Report Presentation by VP External Affairs Benjamin Fairhurst*

*Discussion:*

Dhruv: Our MP, Sean Fraser, is now the Immigration and Refugee Minister. Is there any overlap there?

Ben: Yes! It helps that we have Sean Fraser as an ear to help retention of students and increase Nova Scotia's population and economy. We have to look into the provincial and federal jurisdiction overlap, but it is still amazing.

Brandon Malloy: Do you have an idea or a sense of student perception/awareness of other types of bursaries or grants available? We have had grants go unused because of a lack of applicants,

so I was wondering how students see this or don't see this. Is there a lack of transfer of information?

Ben: We talked to the minister about the lack of knowledge of grants and bursaries. If we want to knock down the barriers of accessibility at universities, we need to advertise the bursaries and grants before people get to university so they know they are able to achieve post-secondary education. We need to make people in secondary schools aware of the full potential of universities and try to show that financial barriers can be overcome.

Josh: How are you trying to define these need-based scholarships? Are they only monetary?

Ben: Those who are disproportionately impacted benefit from these need-based scholarships, but they are not overarching. So we need to create a formula for each applicant. Different disabilities or accommodations are all unique, so we are trying to keep that in mind because people are impacted differently by a lot of factors. WE are trying to focus on shifting from merit-based to need-based scholarships right now.

Tiffany: That is a great idea. I know a lot of people in high school who worked to support their families, and they did not have a good work-life balance, which affects their grades and their merits. That affects their ability for scholarships, so this need-based scholarship is great.

Sophia: Are there any new ideas for out-of-province recruitment?

Ben: That is not something I am super knowledgeable about. WE are focusing on the Nova Scotia population right now to focus on retention in the province.

Sophia: Are there any specific bursaries for out-of-province students?

Ben: most people applying to Nova Scotia grants or loans, you need to be from Nova Scotia, but independent institutions could create out of province

Josh: What work is being done with the government about the stand-alone sexualized violence prevention (SVP) policy?

Ben: We have an institutional review every three years. We have a provincial coordinator for SVP, Cindy Trandel, and she maps what universities need which resources. The government can fund certain resources for on-campus events or training regarding sexualized violence prevention.

Josh: Could students access the SVP stand-alone policy?

Ben: Yes.

Josh: Are we heading for a zero-tolerance policy provincially?

Ben: We are asked to follow certain guidelines, so we have things we are following provincially.

## New Business

Anna: Motion to Ratify the Societies as an Omnibus:

- World University Service of Canada
- Nursing Society
- X-Pride
- B.L.A.C.C.

- Kendo Society
- Women in Science and Engineering Society
- Latino Society
- Rowing Society
- Schwartz Business Society
- Gaelic Society
- Muslim Students' Association

Atik: I second.

Hunter: I move to call to question.

Naomi: All those in favour.

*The motion passes 11-0-3.*

Josh: Motion to Ratify these SUCLs as an Omnibus:

- Griffin Cudmore-Keating as the Chillis SUCL
- Grady Squires as the Cameron Hall SUCL
- Ciara Wainright as the MacIsaac Hall SUCL

Atik: I second.

Dhruv: I move to call to question.

Naomi: All those in favour.

*The motion passes 11-0-3.*

McKenzie: Motion to approve the election dates below:

**GRAD REP ELECTION:**

- Nominations open November 7th at 12:01 am
- Nominations close November 14th at noon
- Campaigning begins November 15th at 12:01 am
- Campaigning ends November 22rd at 11:59 am
- Pooling runs November 23th at 12:01 am
- Polling ends November 24th at 4 pm

**GENERAL ELECTION:**

- Nominations open December 3rd
- Nominations close January 14th at noon
- Campaigning begins January 15th at 12:01 am
- Campaigning ends 24th at 11:59 am
- Polling runs January 25th at 12:01 am
- Polling ends January 27th at 4 pm

Dhruv: I second

*Discussion:*

Sean Ryan: We will be running a referendum in this election for the Acts Of Incorporation. We are doing this so we have proof that we have student support before we present this to Legislature. We will need a lot of help to get students to understand this and get support behind it!

*End of Discussion*

McKenzie: I move to call to question

Naomi: All those in favour.

*The motion passes 11-0-3.*

## Closing Remarks

Naomi: Our next council is on the 14th! It is online and we will hopefully have everyone there! Also, my pronouns are she/they, I am a Non-binary god. Happy Halloween everyone!

## Adjournment

McKenzie: I motion to adjourn council.

Meredith: I second.

Naomi: All those in favour raise your hand.

*Council is Adjourned.*



## Constituency Reports

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

#### *Board of Governors Business:*

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

Governance Review Committee: We are reviewing drafted policies and have assigned new policies to be written. I will be drafting a policy on Students' Union Bursaries.

Board of Governors Meetings: Nothing new to report.

Arts Committee on Studies: I attended my first COS meeting on Tuesday, November 9 as an art student representative alongside Margaret Ann. We discussed a new course proposition. The next COS meeting including art student representatives will be in the new year.

Other Business: Nothing new to report.

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

Please see November 14th Council Minutes.

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

#### *Equity Representative Business:*

Equity Committee: Nothing new to report.

External Advisory Committee: We hope to meet sometime next week to discuss the selection of the External Advisory's Students at Large positions.

Hiring Panel: Nothing new to report.

#### *Other business:*

- National Forum on Anti-Asian Racism Students Advisory Committee:

- I spoke on a panel called "The Intersectionality of Gender, Sexual Orientation & Asian Identities" and it was an extremely rewarding experience! Some topics that were brought up include: how colonialism has impacted the queer Asian experience, queer Asian invisibility in higher educational studies, and anti-Asian sentiments within the queer community.

- StFX's Marketing and Communications hopes to do a story on me and Molly's involvement with the forum, in addition to Dr. Derrick Lee, who I also recruited for participation.

- Dean of Science Search Committee:

- I am scheduled on the morning of November 25th to have a short list meeting.

**Students of African Descent – Atik Galio**

*Position Business:*

- Campus Affairs: N/a
- Performance review Committee: n/a
- Equity: N/a

*Other Business*

Quiet two weeks

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

*Councillor:*

COS (Arts) – Met briefly on Nov. 9 to approve a course proposal for PSCI3XX - Fault Lines in Israel/Palestine.

QOL Committee – Nothing in particular to report, except for that Elizabeth Yeo reported to Senate during the Nov. 5th Senate meeting on how consultations have been going with students.

QOL Experiential Learning Working Group – nothing to report.

Gov Review – Met Nov. 2 to check in on how each of our policies were coming along.

JCS – nothing to report.

Performance Review Committee – nothing to report.

*Senate:*

- On November 5th I attended the second Senate meeting to hear reports from the Quality-of-Life Committee and the Dean of Arts. We also passed motions from the Associate Vice-President of Research and Graduate Studies and got to hear a wonderful presentation from Meredith and Tianna about OERs!

- The Senate Forum on Student Life is Thursday November 25th. Looking forward to conversations about improving the student academic experience.

**Education Student Representative – Tianna Williams**

*Education Representative Business* – Education students have received their placement announcements and there is a lot of excitement. Practicum starts on November 15th and the last

day will be December 21st. I have arranged an alternate form and time for my office hours while my constituents and myself are out in schools for the rest of the semester. New hours:

Monday's and Wednesday's from 4:00-5:30 pm via Zoom which links will be posted at a later date.

I will always be reachable via email, which was communicated to our Ed. students during our last executive meeting for the year.

*Committee Work* – There will be an emergency meeting of the Outstanding Teaching Award Committee this coming Wednesday. Library Strat. Planning Steering Committee will meet on November 16th. Joint Committee on Studies will meet on November 18th.

*Panels* – No Panels to Report

*Senate* – Helped Meredith with her wonderful presentation of OER's to Senate. Generated wonderful discussion and we are both hopeful for further action on the subject.

*Other Business*: No Other Business to Report

### **International Student Representative – Derin Derici**

Nothing

- Diwali – Thank you Dhruv !
- Will meet with the External Committee later this week

### **Science Student Representative – Mackenzie LeVernois**

*Position Business*:

Councillor:

- Nothing to report

*Senate*:

- Senate met on November 5th
- Joint Committee on Studies did not meet this reporting period
- FOS - COS will meet November 24th
- APP did not meet this reporting period

### **Business Student Representative – Hunter Park**

*Committees*:

Budget and finance: Granted funding by email vote to Catholics at X.

Emergency Grants: Met November 3rd, reviewed applications and granted emergency funding to students.

Student Mental Health and Wellness Committee: Had our biweekly meeting on November 4th. Kerri had compiled more information from consultations and we gave feedback on how to best organize it into the Mental Health framework.

Joint Committee on Studies: Nothing to report

Academic Priorities Planning: Nothing to report

Quality of Life: Nothing to report

*Other Business:*

*Senate:* Attended Senate on November 5th, Meredith presented about OER's and there was a positive response.

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

Please see November 14th Council Minutes.

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

*Position Business:*

- Attended the two House Hockey Committee meeting on Friday, October 29 and November 5, 2021. Progress is being made in key areas.
- Met with Kyra Tessier to discuss the Olympic agenda for campus. Changes are being made to the posters and attitudes around cheering on whichever team you prefer.

*Other Business:*

- Next year, I want the SU to develop a stronger poppy campaign on campus and hold a Remembrance Day ceremony for students before they leave for break. We're the next generation of Canadians who must never forget service women and men's service and sacrifice. Their legacy is our freedom.
- Entered Movember, and ready to "Mo my own way." Thanks to Dhruv and the committee for publicizing and attracting participants.

## Executive Reports

### **President – Jack Irvin**

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

Residence Discussion: Met with Elizabeth, Jacqueline, and Leigh Gillis to talk about the Residence Renewal and they showed us specific models that they were interested in getting consultation on from different stakeholders. The consultation period will be taking place next during the week of the 25th-29th.

President's Connection: Met with Andy to talk about what our teams have been up to and talked about the general culture on campus. We talked about where we might be able to help each other out and spoke of setting up a time to meet with both our teams to go over some strategic planning to get our feedback on.

Students Nova Scotia (SNS): Had a Board meeting on the 1st of November. We went over the HealthyMindsNS Campaign that will be beginning soon, the budget for SNS and completed campus and committee updates. Beyond that, we are preparing for the SNS Advocacy Week which is taking place between the 22nd and 26th of November in Halifax.

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA): Met with the Director of Advocacy from CASA to talk about my experience with CASA so far. He brought me up to speed with the Advocacy Booklet and I will be giving feedback on it soon. Met with the Membership Committee briefly because I had to go to lab, but we talked about another social, as well to get feedback from other members on CASA. We are setting up a new time to meet so everyone will be able to attend. Beyond that, there is nothing new to report from CASA, the directors and the board are working hard to finish policies and bring our advocacy points forward for advocacy week.

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

Office Movement: Brendan and I began to work on some office space organization. In specific preparing the new Students' Union Meeting room by measuring the space and finding a table, as well as getting new names for all of the office doors.

Convenience4U: Helped to prepare the convenience store for opening day by helping to move some things around and get things into the convenience store.

Xaverian Fund Celebration: I was invited to attend the Xaverian Fund Celebration as the fund hit \$50 million in donations which will all go towards student grants and scholarships. Meredith spoke at the ceremony and did a wonderful job.

Diwali Feast: I went to the Diwali Feast with Sean and Meredith. Shoutout to Dhruv for working with students and Sodexo to get the feast going for its second year, it was delicious!

*Committees:*

Communications Task Force:

We spoke of the testing centre and ways to get more students attention to submitting their proof of vaccination or to go to the testing centre. 96% of students have now submitted their proof of vaccination which is incredible, and it sounds like a similar number for the faculty and staff. More students have been continuing to submit their proof of vaccination so this number might continue to increase.

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

Residence Renewal Advisory Committee: Met on the 1st of November.

Town and County Update: Is now meeting on a monthly basis or when something arises as nothing too pressing has been coming up and the year has been off to a great start.

JOHSC: JOHSC Committee met on the 28th of October. There wasn't a lot of new updates, however the scent awareness campaign has begun which had been being worked on by the committee.

*Sub-Executive:*

N/A

*Outreach:*

Letter Writing Campaign: Helped Meredith for an hour with her Letter Writing Campaign. We walked around the SUB and told students about the campaign and showed them the website and how they could send emails to their professor or the admin.

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

*Internal:*

- OERs!: Presented to Senate about OER, had a really positive response. Will be following up soon to see what next steps are best, Met with Sandy Iverson (Head Librarian) and Megan Landry (Scholarly Communications Librarian) about OER. We are looking at what we could do for Open Education week in March).

- Academic Plan: Offered feedback to Gina Sampson on questions for an academic plan survey they want to put out. Need to put in a marketing request to create some adds for that.

- Nimbus: Have been discussing contract renewal of Nimbus with Jack, Brendan, and Mark Leeming from the Student Success Centre.

*Committees:*

- Academic Priorities and Planning: Met and discussed some new programs, they are overhauling the earth sciences program and want to start a BA in Human Nutrition.

*Outreach:*

- Met with a student concerning the cost of notes for classes.
- Spoke at the University's celebratory event for having raised 50 million dollars for their scholarship endowment fund.

**Vice President Finance and Operations – Brendan Roberts**

Please see November 14th Council Minutes.

**Vice President Residence Affairs – Sophia Fabiano**

Hi everyone! Hope you all had a good break!

*Internal (to portfolio) :*

- I have been meeting with The House Hockey Committee every week.
- 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 meeting with the Residence Renewal Advisory Committee
- The Executive team had a House Hockey FUME.
- I have been accepting applications for House Hockey Coaches
- I met with Jacqueline DeLeebeck to chat about House Hockey and other campus trends.
- Started work on a House Hockey Survey to send to multiple groups on campus
- Looking to start to reach out to coaching applicants and have a meeting about preliminary practices

*External (to portfolio) :*

- I sat at our Movember table to continue to encourage sign up to our STFX Movember page
- A Student Ambassador for Keep it Social was selected and attended training.

*Committees:*

- Res Renewal Advisory: We met once during the reporting period to talk about the consultation and proposed residence structure plans
- FSLC: there was one FSLC meeting during this reporting period
- SOC: nothing to report
- Campus Affairs: Will look to meet during the next reporting period
- House Hockey Committee: House Hockey Committee met once during this reporting period and discussed this years concerns surrounding the tournament

*Sub-executive:*

- House Council Coordinator: Broden and I have continued SUCL biweekly Check Ins

- SUCL's: The remaining 3 SUCL positions were filled and I have been working to continue their training and onboarding.
- Student Advocates: Nothing new to report!

*Outreach:*

Nothing to report

**Vice President Activities and Events – Kyra Tessier**

*Internal (to portfolio):*

- Inn Meetings: Continue meeting weekly with Shawn and Inn management staff to discuss Inn events and the upcoming week
- Marketing Meetings: Meet to discuss marketing strategies and what is going out and when.
- 1-on-1 Meetings: One on one meetings with Sean Ryan to discuss how things are going within my role
- Executive Meetings: Updates and agenda items to discuss as an exec team
- Movember: Started Movember headshots
- Continuing to collaborate and work on events throughout Movember
- X-Ring: Starting meeting with folks involved in this to start preparing for X-Ring events, Booking artists for the SuperSub, Figuring out Super Sub logistics
- Meeting with Senior Co-Presidents: Meeting to discuss senior class events on campus and how I can help out
- One Month: Lots of one month prep, Started decorating on Tuesday, will give a good idea of what X ring will look like as well, The event was really great
- The Inn: Booking bands and artists for the Inn and different Inn events
- Meetings with Aimee to discuss Pride week in January and what events we can collaborate on
- House Council training: Did ERC training for the house councils of all of the residences
- Frost Week: Started doing bookings for Frost week and looking at an overall rough draft of the Frost week schedule

*External (to portfolio):*

- COCA (Canadian Organization of Campus Activities): Rewriting and approving policy, COCA conference starting next week

*Committees:*

- SOC: Not currently meeting
- Equity Committee: Discussed issues on campus and how The U and university can improve, Meeting with Elizabeth to bring up concerns related to equity on campus
- ERC : Weekly meetings

*Sub-Executives:*

- Society Coordinator: Discussing a second society fair for Frost Week, Finishing up all Society Ratifications
- Co-Chairs: Executed all of O-Week and met daily to ensure O-Crew was doing well

**Vice President External – Ben Fairhurst**



*Internal to Portfolio*

- Advocacy Week - The dates and times for advocacy week have been set so just working with our Executive Director to finalize the list of asks we have for the provincial government
- Policy Committee - Still working with Naomi to finalize an official policy on accessible learning at post-secondary institutions in Nova Scotia
- NSCC Partnership - Had a few meetings with Student Association representatives from NSCC to see where student priorities at universities and colleges fall under the same umbrella. Basically used these meetings to gain deeper understanding of how we can better represent institutions all across Nova Scotia regardless of whether you're a member university or a college.
- Governance Training - Working with professors here at X to see if they could give some governance training to the Students Nova Scotia board so that the organization can be run in way that builds upon itself every year.
- Student OER Group - Meeting up with Charlotte, Chair of the New Brunswick Student Alliance to combine our OER efforts
- NSCC Admin Presentation - Worked on a presentation that was given to the NSCC administration on why SNS is a good fit for their campuses

*External to Portfolio*

- One Month til X-Ring - Was the official gatherer of decorations for One Month. Definitely made my top 5 nights at StFX so a big thanks to everyone who was involved on that one

*Committees*

- All SNS Committees going well and I have projects in each. Meanwhile, external advisory committee has student-at-large applications and will be meeting to go through them this week!

*Sub-Executive*

- Evan and I have been working on accessibility policy and mental health standard research to prepare formal positions!

## 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.