

Council Package — November 28th, 2021

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Council Minutes — November 14th, 2021

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Students' Union Representative Council Meeting

November 14th, 2021, 3:06pm

Online meeting via Microsoft Teams

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

Absent with Regret

International Student Representative – Derin Deric

Indigenous Student Representative – Sierra Julian

Education Student Representative – Tianna Williams

Students' Union General Manager – Sean Ryan

Faculty Advisor – Brandon Malloy

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 31st 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

Board of Governors Student Representative – Dhruv Patel

Business: It is evident that the past session after the last council meeting has been quite productive period for me. One of the highlights of this session was celebration of Diwali on November 4th on campus. The Morrison Hall was beautifully decorated along with delicious South Asian delicacies prepared by the chef and Rangoli (dry colour designed patterns of floor) done by Indian students. I thank everyone who played a crucial role in making it a success especially Syahrhul Jamaludin Anwar fellow young international alumni and current marketing manager of Sodexo on campus.

One of the things I am really excited for is the Sustainability Committee. I have reached out to Naomi Stobart (Chair of Council) for a presentation of the policy draft that was created with the help of Sean Ryan. I thank Sean for that.

I am optimistic that we will have important feedback from the Governance Review Committee. Furthermore, I attended the Anti-Asian Racism Forum hosted by Ryerson University, Toronto. It was amazing to see two of our counselors Molly Burke (Indigenous Students Rep) and Tiffany Bondoc (Equity Students Rep) as panel speakers. The sessions were very informative and in many ways eye opening for me. Overall, it was a fantastic opportunity to learn.

On the other hand, I volunteered for the Movember table sign ups. It was fantastic to have our extensive Xaverian community joining Stfx Movember. We took initiatives to align university's current pilot project of Manmade with Movember. We have created posters for promotions of Manmade with help of Heather Blackburn.

Additionally, the Sexualized Violence Prevention Committee met on November 10th, 2021.

International Student Representative – Derin Deric

Nothing

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

Executive Reports

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

Vice President Finance and Operations – Brendan Roberts

Internal (to portfolio):

Kevin's Corner Food Resource Centre:

- Kevin's Corner continues to run smoothly this year
- The center went to reduced hours over reading week and only opened twice for 3 hours each time.
- The center will be transferred to Bloomfield center over the course of the next few weeks
- Students working on an advanced major in business approached Kali with a project they are looking at implementing. To summarize, they are looking to convert a percentage of unused meal

hall swipes at the end of every academic year to what would work as coupons that the center could distribute over the course of the year.

GXI and Bloomfield Renovation:

- The separation of the space where the old Pharmasave was (creating the new Convenience For U and Kevin's Corner) has been completed and will allow for Convenience For U to open this week.
- Kevin's Corner will be moved into the SUB in the coming weeks after a plan has been created in consultation and coordination with Sean Ryan, and Kali Beaton.
- As we approach the end of this first phase of renovations to the SUB, feel free to reach out with any questions.

Convenience 4 U:

- The Convenience Store will be set to open Monday Nov 15 and will open fully operational. The past number of weeks have been spent bringing in the various products and equipment needed to distribute these products.
- Our popcorn machine, slushie machine, coffee machine, and candy dispensary should all be fully operational come opening day.
- Julieanne Mattie (Accounts Manager) and Selena (Store Manager) have been working during the reading week to ensure that all newly hired staff are aware of all protocols and practices that are to be followed in the store. Staff are also being trained on the new POS system and merchandisers are being trained on the back end of that system as well.
- Julieanne, Selena, Sean, and I will be spending the first few weeks of the stores operation to compile a full store manual for the various positions to ensure that when any transition occurs, that there is ample information available. This manual will cover everything from store and equipment cleaning procedures, POS system usage, merchandising procedures, chain of command, etc.
- As the weeks go on, we will be looking for feedback as to the product mix currently in the store and how enjoyable those products are. If you or anyone you know of has any feedback or suggestions, feel free to reach out to myself, Julieanne or Selena with any of this feedback.

Drive U:

- Drive U operations have been running smoothly this year.
- The service was closed for the week of November 6th – 14th (reading week), but will resume normal operations on Monday Nov 15.

External (to portfolio):

House Hockey:

- We are continuing to have committee meetings to discuss various avenues that could be taken to ensure house hockey takes place this year. We concluded that having a large committee set up to discuss preliminary logistics was not an efficient method and Sophia will be working in more one on one and two on one settings with Student Life.
- Our executive team designated our last executive meeting before the break to brainstorming solutions and options to explore moving forward with the house hockey discussion. This meeting was extremely productive, and we invited a couple of members external to the team to help us with our process. The ideas and suggestions generated from this session are for Sophia (VPRA) and the other committee members to bring back to the committee in the coming weeks.

Committees:

Have sat this reporting period:

Emergency Grants Committee:

- We received a total of 6 new applications, bringing us to a total of just over 30 applications to date. We have dispersed nearly \$10,000 of our budgeted \$15,000.

Re-Circle Committee:

- Adam Starr has requested a meeting with TheU's legal counsel in order to receive further information and clarification on what would need to be included in an agreement.

Have not sat this reporting period:

University Budget Committee

Bloomfield Centre Committee

Health and Dental Plan Committee

Food Sustainability/Kevin's Corner

Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee (JOHSC)

Org Review

Budget and Finance Committee

Sub-executive:

- Senior Drive U: Sarah Ritchie

- o Handed out the first "Outstanding Driver Award" which is handed out bi-weekly to an individual who stands out or shows initiative in some way while on duty.

- o We have been working to get merch for our drivers through the bookstore.
- House Accounts Coordinator: Sam Delaney
- o Sam and I continue bi-weekly check-ins to ensure that we are on the same page.
- Kevin's Corner Food Resource Centre Coordinator: Kali Beaton
- o Kali went and spent a few hours with the coordinators of the Antigonish Food Bank to see how they perform their day-to-day operations amongst other things.
- 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 Nothing to report since our last meeting

Special Reports to Council

Residence Renewal Plan Presentation by VP Residence Affairs Sophia Fabiano

No Discussion

New Business

No New Business.

Closing Remarks

Naomi: Our next council is on the 28th!

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.

Board of Governors Meetings: Nothing new to report.

Joint Committee on Studies: This was my first joint committee on studies meeting. We revised the Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure and the Physical Education Teacher Education.

Other Business: Nothing new to report.

Board of Governors Student Representative – Dhruv Patel

Hello/ Namaste everyone, I hope you all are doing great and smoothly sailing through the paper season. I take a minute to say all the best to everyone for your upcoming final exams.

Business: It is remarkable that I have spent ample amount of time on reflection, readings, research and new initiatives regarding Board of Governors and others. I did reach out to Jack and Sean in order to plan an advocacy initiative which I will be discussing with in foreseeable future. Other than that there has not been a lot of activities happening on Board of Governors side.

Other business: I attended the O-crew banquet. I thank everyone who was there and the entire o-crew. It was nostalgic to reflect upon the memorable first week that we all enjoyed. I did put up the Manmade posters on campus .I cooked for friends to raise funds for the Movember initiatives!!

Thank You...

Equity Student Representative – Tiffany Bondoc

Equity Representative Business:

Dean of Science Search Committee: I had a short-list meeting on November 25th to review some of the candidates and what we can expect during the interview process.

Equity Committee: We met on November 23rd to discuss updates on the online discrimination reporting system and possible avenues for students to take with equity issues within societies and the classroom.

External Advisory Committee: Nothing new to report.

Other business:

- Quality of Life Committee, Student Mental Health and Wellness Micro-Team:
 - The meeting on November the 18th was cancelled and postponed for December 2nd.

Students of African Descent – Atik Galio

Position Business:

- Met with Campus Affairs November 21st
- Performance review Committee: N/A
- Equity committee met November 21st

Other Business

- Met with BLACC society on November 22nd to discuss and plan kwanzaa event

Arts Student Representative – Margaret-Anne Gillis

Arts Representative Business

Councillor:

QOL Committee – QOL presented to the Senate Forum on Student Life on November 25th, where Hunter, Meredith and I helped facilitate group discussions about student mental health & wellbeing, experiential and co-curricular learning, and the experiences of first year students.

Gov Review – Gov Review did not meet this reporting period, however I've continued to work on the Annual Givings policy. The committee plans to meet again on Tuesday November 30th.

JCS – The Committee met on Thursday the 18th but I was unable to attend because it was scheduled at the same time as my PGOV class, which was mandatory.

COS (Arts) – nothing to report.

Performance Review Committee – nothing to report.

Senate:

- Met with Kerri Arthurs to go over details for the Senate Quality of Life forum on the 25th.

- I attended the Senate Forum on Student Life and helped facilitate conversations about wholistic student support for mental health, wellbeing, and experiential learning, as well as supports for first year students.

Other business: I attended the O-Crew appreciation dinner Sunday the 21st and the U Holiday party Saturday the 27th.

Education Student Representative – Tianna Williams

Education Representative Business – Education students are now in their practicum placements teaching. I have arranged new office hours that are flexible and online. They are regularly scheduled for Monday and Wednesday from 4:30-6:00pm.

Committee Work – Outstanding Teaching Award Committee has been discussing this year's candidate for the award.

LSPC is excited to come back to Council to review the current draft.

Panels – No Panels to Report

Senate – Senate Forum on Student Life will be on November 25th, however I will be unable to attend due to PD/Parent Teacher day at school.

Other Business: No Other Business to Report

International Student Representative – Derin Deric

- Equity Committee Meeting

- Interview request for StFXAUT

Science Student Representative – Mackenzie LeVernois

Hope everyone has an amazing winter break! See all your smiling faces in the New Year!

Position Business:

Councillor:

- Nothing to report

Senate:

- Senate did not meet this period

- Could not attend the JCOS meeting this period

- FOS - COS met November 24th, discussed new program outline for BSc in Earth Sciences

- APP did not meet this reporting period

Business Student Representative – Hunter Park

Emergency Grants: Met on November 17th and reviewed 10 applications for emergency funding.

Quality of Life: Co-facilitated Senate's Quality of Life Forum

Budget and finance: Nothing to report

Student Mental Health and Wellness Committee: Nothing to Report

Joint Committee on Studies: Nothing to report

Academic Priorities Planning: Nothing to report

Other Business:

Filmed video for St. FX's Being Xaverian Campaign

Polar Dipped for Movember and fundraised

Indigenous Student Representatives – Molly Burke & Sierra Julian

Hi everyone, since our last meeting I participated in a forum on anti-Asian racism, it was a really amazing experience and I learned alot from the speakers there. I am also working on a book-club focusing on Indigenous authors for the next semester. We're planning on starting with Indian Horse so if anyone is interested in joining please let me know. I'll also be participating in the "Being Xaverian" campaign as well as holding a Christmas theme night with the Indigenous Society.

First Year Representative – Josh Kroker

Please see November 28th Council Minutes.

Executive Reports

President – Jack Irvin

Internal (to portfolio):

X-Ring Residence: Quite a bit of time was spent advocating that students receiving their X-Ring should be allowed to go back into their residence building they spent their first year in. Nathan, Ailie and I were able to set up a meeting with Jacqueline and Matt to create plans to ensure it happens in a safe and fun way. We came to an agreement on how we can get students back into the building which is very exciting after students not being allowed back into their building last year due to COVID.

Residence Renewal: The residence renewal began this week and I attended the first consultation session with the Residence Renewal Advisory Team. The consultants were present and a lot of good discussion about the current model and proposed models. Sophia and I brought forth any concerns we had with the new models and what we like from the current structure of residence. The consultation will continue throughout the week with various groups across campus.

Students Nova Scotia (SNS):

Advocacy Week began Sunday, November 21st and has taken up the majority of my time, preparing for the week by immersing myself in the advocacy document we are presenting to numerous groups in the Provincial government. Sunday and Monday consisted of training for the week by becoming familiar with the document and the different recommendations as well as practice meetings with different individuals in CASA. So far this week we have met with the different parties to put forth our recommendations to the government to help students. Our recommendations include:

- Investing in Student Financial Assistance
- Modernizing Housing Allowances
- Combatting Housing Costs
- Supporting Work-Integrated Learning
- Expanding Graduate Employment Opportunities
- Increasing International Student Access to MSI
- Exploring Student Healthcare Strategies
- Investing in Atlantic OER

These are the 7 recommendations we are making this year, if you have any questions about the specific recommendations feel free to reach out to Ben (su_external@stfx.ca), Naomi (su_chair@stfx.ca), or me (su_pres@stfx.ca). Our meetings thus far have gone very well with feedback and support for different tasks and recommendations we have made. Excited to see what movement we can create within the government with positive results for students.

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA):

Nothing new to report.

External (to portfolio):

Gallivan: Our healthcare providers, Gallivan, came to StFX for a day of training and sessions with Julieanne, Sean, Barb, and Brendan. This proved to be very helpful, and they learnt a lot. They took us out for dinner with them afterwards to talk about the health plan and network with MC and Corey who lead Gallivan for the Students' Union.

Movember Polar Dip: I got to take part in the annual Movember Polar Dip with other StFX students this past weekend. This was in support of the Movember campaign this year and there are still 5 days left to donate to Sean Ryan's page to get him to \$5000!

Committees:

Communications Task Force: met during this period, however there was not a lot to update on other than preparations for X-Ring and getting communications out to students.

X-Ring Committee: Did not meet during this period, but had a lot of separate conversations about X-Ring, including the rehearsal, students going back into residence and the logistics on Super SUB.

Residence Renewal Advisory Committee: Met this week to be consulted by the consultants as talked about above.

Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee: Met during this period but could not attend because of Advocacy Week. Brendan was in attendance.

Town and County Update: Did not meet during this period.

Bloomfield Committee: Brendan, Sean, Bob and I met to go over the outdated policy between the University and the SU. We have been editing it for most of the semester.

Sub-Executive:

N/A

Vice President Academic – Meredith Cudmore-Keating

Internal:

- OERs!

- o Presented to Senate with Tianna Williams, who did a great job. Our presentation included lots of info about what other schools do with OER, how helpful they can be to students, and what steps we could take to promote OER use at StFX.

- o I drafted a proposal for an internal grant program! This is the first step to making a solid ask beyond just raising awareness. Will be taking this to senate steering and the AVP.

- Went on a polar dip for Movember! It was very cold!

- REES

- o REES IS OFFICIALLY APPROVED!!! This is very exciting, and we are hoping to have the platform up soon. It should have a soft launch on December 1st, I believe.

- o We're working with REES to customize the platform to our campus needs. We'll also be doing lots at the start of next semester to promote the platform to students.

- Met with some students who are doing a service learning project with the Library. They are collecting used textbooks from students and the Library will store them for people to use. The Library wants the students' union to take a role on in this, and I think we're going to take on some marketing for it. I'm meeting with Sandy Iverson (University Librarian) next week to discuss details.

- The Senate forum on student life is on Thursday, and Hunter, Margaret and I are co-facilitating with some folks from student life. Did some prep with Kerri Arthurs who is taking on a big role with the strategic planning.

Committees:

- Committee on Honorary Degrees

- o This committee selects the recipient of honorary degrees for each convocation. We met twice to discuss the Terms of Reference of the committee and what the committee's role in nominating names to Senate is.

- Joint Committee on Studies

- o Discussed a restructuring of the Earth Sciences program. This reduces the program from four streams to three, and better reflects the expertise of faculty in the department.

- o Discussed a proposal for a 5 year program which students graduate with an HKin and BEd degree program.

- o The Dean of Science brought to the attention of the committee the fact that most science thesis are only worth 3 credits, while most Arts and BAsC are 6 credits. Looking to adjust for 6 credits across the board.

Vice President Finance and Operations – Brendan Roberts

Internal (to portfolio):

Kevin's Corner Food Resource Centre:

- Kali and I have begun discussing potentially adding in a new position along the lines of assistant Kevins corner coordinator who would assist the coordinator with a variety of tasks
- We are in conversations with a group of business students who are looking to work with Sodexo to hopefully transfer unused swipes at the end of each academic year into swipes that the KCFRC could distribute to students in need.
- Sean, Kali and I created a timeline of when the KCFRC will transition from the basement of McKinnon Hall to the SUB. According to this timeline, the move should be completed by Dec 12 and will reopen on Dec 13. This will give some time to work through any setbacks and issues before the second semester, it serves as a trial run in the new space.

GXI and Bloomfield Renovation:

- Following the Holiday Break, phase one of the Bloomfield Renovation will take place, and by the spring, phase two will be underway. Phase one consisted of some of the following:
 - o The development of a new convenience store that filled a gap identified as something of value to the student body. This project created more student jobs on campus and provided a service to students that was lost last year due to Pharmasave's closure.
 - o The creation of a space in the SUB where Kevins Corner could be transferred to. This allows for more of the services offered by the U to be brought into the SUB and allows for the breakfast program to operate in a more official capacity. This also works towards reducing any discomfort students may have had going to the old center by moving it to a space that is more accessible to students, has more natural lighting, and allows for better efficiency in the operation of the program.
 - o The addition of the first of numerous gender-neutral washrooms (which is located on fourth floor SUB) to the SUB works towards one of the priorities identified by the renovation committee last year.

Convenience 4 U:

- The store is now fully operational and the team is currently working to identify a couple key things:
 - o Customers responses to certain price points, collecting feedback from customers regarding the current product mix, identifying any deficiencies in our current processes, hours of operation

Drive U:

- I am currently in the process of getting the winter tires put on the van as well as getting some general maintenance done.
- Sarah Ritchie (Drive U Manager) has handed out 2 “super driver” awards (gift cards) to what is essentially, the driver of the week
- Come second semester, drive U will be moved to Bloomfield Center as the space that it is parked overnight at as opposed to safety and security

Health and Dental Plan:

- On Wednesday, November 17, Cory and MC from Gallivan came in from Toronto and Halifax (respectively) for the day to discuss our current plan, and any areas of potential improvement. They also presented some various new services that they offer that they felt we could potentially benefit from moving forward with our plan.

Budget Reallocation:

- This past campus affairs meeting I presented on behalf of Kyra asking for an allocation be made from the campus affairs budget to the Activities and Events: Frost Week Budget in the amount of \$6,000. This reallocation will allow for a more exciting o-week, especially when considering the fact that last year there was no frost week as a result of covid.

External (to portfolio):

House Hockey:

- The committee has been meeting consistently to look at the various aspects of the event that need organizing, and which parties are responsible for each of those.

O-Crew Appreciation Dinner:

- Attended a dinner with members of the University administration, members of the executive team, and the orientation crew for whom the event was put on for.

Committees:

Have sat this reporting period:

Emergency Grants Committee:

- This far we have reviewed 15+ applications and have nearly reached the maximum amount budgeted which is \$15,000. I presented to the Campus Affairs Committee and made a request that \$5000 be allocated to the budget to help get through the next semester.

Re-Circle Committee:

- Adam requested a meeting with Tom, our legal counsel, to discuss his points made regarding his proposed agreement. Tom explained the reasoning for which it may not be in our best interest

to enter into a legal business agreement, but perhaps looking into more of an endorsement of the company. Our next steps are going to be looking into what an endorsement might look like.

Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee (JOHSC):

- I will be attending a meeting the Thursday before council, however seeing as that day is after the deadline for exec reports, I unfortunately am unable to report on it this reporting period. I will provide an update at council.

Bloomfield Centre Committee:

- One of the standing committee members transferred departments so we mainly discussed the next steps of the committee and updated on the goings on as we haven't met for a couple weeks.

Have not sat this reporting period:

University Budget Committee

Bloomfield Centre Committee

Health and Dental Plan Committee

Food Sustainability/Kevin's Corner

Budget and Finance Committee

Org Review:

Sub-executive:

- Senior Drive U: Sarah Ritchie

- o Sarah has handed out 2 Super Driver awards

- o Coordinated a social for all of the drivers to go bowling

- 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 too.

- Kevins Corner Food Resource Centre Coordinator: Kali Beaton

- o Has been coordinating getting various donations both monetary and food

- 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 Nothing to report.

Vice President Residence Affairs – Sophia Fabiano

Internal (to portfolio) :

- I have been meeting with The House Hockey Committee every week.
- 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:
 - We hosted a coaches applicants meeting in order to get initial practices up and going so we can get an idea of numbers and which houses will have which teams this year.
 - I created House Hockey Surveys (one for students and one for Residence Life Student Staff) and had them sent out to all students. These will close next Wednesday night at midnight
 - Sean Ryan and I met to go over reffing contracts, house agreements and the layout and dates for the tournament!
 - I met with Shanna in Alumni Affairs about the annual Carol Off and agreed to help with getting word into residences via our SUCLs
 - We had a Campus Affairs meeting and voted on allocating some of the Campus Affairs budget to Frost Week and Emergency Grants.
 - I spoke with two students who are having some issues with moving out of residence in the hopes of being able to help them with their situation.
 - I attended a consultation session for the Residence Renewal Proposals.

External (to portfolio) :

- I attended a KIS Mid-Year Meeting
- I attended a meeting with Meredith and a student who's service learning project has to do with donating used textbooks to the library. They are looking into ways to have the project be a permanent service.

Committees:

- Res Renewal Advisory: Did not meet during this period, however this week was the consultation sessions on the models the committee proposed
- FSLC: Did not meet because of low attendance (no quorum)
- SOC: nothing to report
- Campus Affairs: Had a meeting! We voted on budget allocations, charity choices and talked about events happening on campus.
- House Hockey Committee: House Hockey Committee met twice during this reporting period. Please see above for developments in regards to House Hockey

Sub-executive:

- House Council Coordinator: Broden and I have continued SUCL biweekly Check Ins
- SUCL's: We had an SUCL bonding movie night and watched Home Alone. We have been having bi-weekly check ins with all the SUCLs
- Student Advocates: Nothing new to report!

Outreach:

- I attended the OCrew appreciation dinner
- I attended theU's Holiday Party
- I ran into the ocean for our Movember Polar Dip!

Vice President Activities and Events – Kyra Tessier

Internal (to portfolio):

· Inn Meetings

- o Continue meeting weekly with Shawn and Inn management staff to discuss Inn events and the upcoming week

· Marketing Meetings

- o Meet to discuss marketing strategies and what is going out and when.

· 1-on-1 Meetings

- o One on one meetings with Sean Ryan to discuss how things are going within my role

· Executive Meetings

- o Updates and agenda items to discuss as an exec team

· Movember

- o Sit in Movember meetings to keep up with what's on the go

· X-Ring

- o Finalizing Super Sub logistics

- o Parents night logistics too, preparing for mini sub

- o Meeting with all parties (security, X patrol, Inn staff etc) to discuss how the event will go

- o Purchased decorations and balloons through a company
- o Mapped the layout / where decorations will go
- o Ticket sales = over
- The Inn
- o Booking bands and artists for the Inn and different Inn events
- Pride Week
- o Meetings with Aimee to discuss Pride week in January and what events we can collaborate on
- o Booking artists / events
- Frost Week
- o Started preparing for Frost week and figuring out the schedule and logistics
- o Hoping to incorporate a food resource center donation collection
- Office Hours
- o Navigating practicum and office hours – sorry to everybody having to work in the evenings, I appreciate you

External (to portfolio):

- COCA (Canadian Organization of Campus Activities):
- o Rewriting and approving policy
- o Had our mid-year recharge conference online
- o Booking flights for our January meeting in Ottawa

Committees:

- SOC:
- o Not currently meeting
- Equity Committee:

- o Discussed issues on campus and how The U and university can improve
- o Met with Elizabeth to bring up concerns related to equity on campus
- o Having a consultation next week with Elizabeth and Kerri to discuss areas to improve
- o Working to implement free menstrual products in bathrooms across campus
- ERC :
- o Weekly meetings to review events across campus

Sub-Executives:

- Society Coordinator:
- o Discussing a second society fair for Frost Week
- Co-Chairs
- o Put on a wicked O-Crew appreciation banquet

Outreach:

- Antigonish transit systems
- o Still in ongoing discussion
- Poster Fair
- o Helped staff the set up and take down of the poster fair

Vice President External – Ben Fairhurst

Internal to Portfolio

- Meeting with the Staff of Advanced Education - Greg Ells and Dawn Gordon
- Advocacy Meeting with Official Liberal Critic for Advanced Education - Ben Jessome
- Working on the Advocacy Document before Advocacy Week
- Addressed the entire Liberal caucus and brought forward our recommendation
- Met with the Policy Committee for StudentsNS to continue building our Accessibility policy

- Meeting with the Executive Director of the Atlantic Association of Universities
- Scheduled meetings with the Minister of Youth, Mental Health and Addictions for next week to explain the intricacies of our policy recommendations
- StudentsNS Board Meeting - Chaired another board meeting in order to gather all of the feedback from board members about their experiences with advocacy week and who exactly they want to follow up with in the future. Mostly focused on the board reports section to organize our movements post-advocacy week.
- Meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education - Met with Minister Wong again, after presenting our official submission a couple weeks ago. I led the discussion and the board brought him and his team through our recommendations to the government.
- Meeting with the entire PC caucus - This was our final meeting of advocacy week and one of the most important as the PCs make up the government right now. We discussed our advocacy document and the recommendations we want to see implemented to help the lives of students.
- Set up a meeting with the Minister of Health and Wellness, Michelle Thompson - We got in touch with Michelle to see if she would be interested in meeting with our advocacy team from StFX and we also invited student leaders from CBU to come down for the meeting. We'll be talking about our recommendations for MSI for international students and our broader student health strategy.
- StFX Town and County Meeting - Represented The U at another edition of the Town and County Meeting between university admin, landlords association, bylaw services and RCMP. We discussed feedback on the Good Neighbours strategy and they followed up with me to breakdown a student survey to track the effectiveness of their framework.
- Advocacy Document training - We got to Halifax on Sunday and immediately flew into two full days of advocacy training. We practiced framing policies based on the people we're talking to and trained for different meetings throughout the week. We did mock meetings during the days of training but also did mock meetings before each meeting.

External to Portfolio

- Dinner with Gallivan - Went out with the exec squad and Naomi to have dinner with Gallivan who is in charge of administering our student health plan. Had some nice convos about advocacy points and enjoyed a little bit of food.

Committees

N/A

Sub Execs

N/A

Appendices

Please see all appendix items below in the email thread along with this Council Package, or contact su_dc@stfx.ca to request to view an appendix item.