

Council Package — October 3rd, 2021

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Agenda of October 3rd Council Meeting

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Council Minutes — September 19th, 2021

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Students' Union Representative Council Meeting

September 19th, 2021, 3:00pm

StFX Student's Union Council Chambers

Call to Order

Naomi: Meeting called to order at time 3:02 pm.

Roll Call

Board of Governors Student Representative – Anna Hancin

Board of Governors Student Representative – Dhruv Patel

Students of African Descent Representative – Atik Gilao

Arts Student Representative – Margaret-Anne Gillis

Science Student Representative – Mackenzie LeVernois

Business Student Representative – Hunter Park

International Student Representative – Derin Deric

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

General

Absent with Regret

Education Student Representative – Tianna Williams

Equity Student Representative – Tiffany Bondoc

Indigenous Student Representative – Molly Burke

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.

Opening Remarks of the Chair

Naomi: Good afternoon everyone! I am so excited for our first in-person council! We just need someone to create an amendment to add the approval of the last council minutes to the agenda.

Mackenzie: I motion to add the approval of the August 29th minutes to the agenda.

Derin: I second.

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

The motion passes unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda

Hunter: Motion to approve the agenda.

Dhruv: I second.

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

The motion passes unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes of August 29th Coun

Mackenzie: I motion to approve the minutes of the August 29th Council meeting.

Margaret-Anne: I second.

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

The motion passes unanimously.

Constituency Reports

Please see the September 19th Council Package for all Councillor Constituency reports.

Below is any discussion with reports.

Science Student Representative – Mackenzie LeVernois

Discussion:

Hunter: I think your idea for Movember is great, are you thinking for it to replace Movember fundraisers or

Mackenzie: I was thinking of a partial replacement.

Sean: What is the connection with Movember?

Mackenzie: I just wanted to connect William's Memorial Charity fund to Movemeber, since it is about men's mental health.

Sean: You can join our planning group for Movember.

Sophia: MacNeil and Chillis will also want to sit down with you because they want to select William's charity as their house charity.

Meredith: Can other houses choose that charity as their house charity?

Sophia: We try to have a diverse range of charities, but I think we can look into joint fundraisers for Will's charity this year.

Naomi: As a council group we can meet about this as well and brainstorm more fundraising opportunities as well.

Executive Reports

Please see the September 19th Council Package for all Executive reports from theU's Executive Team. Below is any discussion with reports.

President – Jack Irvin

Discussion:

Naomi: Are we doing an Inn night for the election?

Jack: Yes, we will be streaming the election at the Inn tomorrow with special drinks as well.

Vice President Residence Affairs – Sophia Fabiano

Discussion:

Naomi: When is campus affairs going to start meeting?

Sophia: I want SUCLs to be in their position at least a week before the first meeting, but I will pick a date this week for the meeting.

Vice President Finance and Operations – Brendan Roberts

Discussion:

Naomi: Will Adam Starr be coming to do a presentation?

Brendan: It depends on how our meeting goes with the lawyer.

Anna: Where is the Food Resource Garden?

Brendan: It is behind the observatory with is located on the hill beside the Bishop's parking lot.

General Manager Report

Students' Union General Manager – Sean Ryan

- Most things have been gone over by the Executive Team.
- Great job by Kyra, Sodexo and O-Crew and everyone involved in O-Week.
- The convenience store is coming along, we've had a few bumps along the road but we are getting there, we had to update a lot of technology.
- Julieanne Mattie is preparing our audit statements for our Annual General Meeting in a few weeks.
- Alex and Matt have been working hard this past week with the Marketing Team.
- We are in the midst of renegotiating our lease with the university, so we just working through that.
- Movember planning will start very soon, if anyone is interested in joining our helping us out, let me know!

Special Reports to Council

Academic Equity Policy Presentation by Meredith Cudmore-Keating

The example used is a policy from the University of Calgary. If a student has any sort of burdens (financial, family, etc.) or discrimination, accommodations will be given by the university. This policy addresses cases individually, so equitable accommodations will be made on a case-by-case basis. Students can apply for accommodations if on reasonable grounds, called Protective Grounds. This policy would create a more equitable campus is introduced to StFX. To make learning more accessible, an academic equity policy implemented on campus would be very beneficial. Meredith has requested the council to discuss what things they have experienced on campus that would be resolved or things that this policy would address. For future steps, Meredith proposes that the Council write a letter and present it to Senate to request them to implement this policy into StFX.

Discussion:

Dhruv: What would be the accommodations?

Meredith: Since it is on a case-by-case basis, there is no one right answer. As long as the accommodation does not cause the university undue hardship, it will be provided. Every student has different needs.

Naomi: What avenue would this go through? Would it go through the dean or professors?

Meredith: that would be probably decided when writing the policy. I believe it does fall under the Deans.

Naomi: That is good, as sometimes things fall through the cracks with professors.

Meredith: It is a sensitive problem a lot of the time, so Deans should handle it.

Sophia: Something to consider when chatting with folks about accommodations, is diagnoses under the “learning or mental disability” protective grounds. Diagnoses are expensive, and some students who need accommodations may not have the resources to get a diagnosis.

Brendan: Is this policy applicable to one-off situations or ongoing things such as learning disabilities.

Meredith: It is case by case, and as long it is no undue hardship it would be applied.

Mackenzie: A home emergency should fall under Protective Grounds because many more natural disasters are occurring.

New Business

Naomi: I call to question.

Mackenzie: Motion to begin the SUCL Ratification Omnibus

Dhruv: I second.

Naomi: These are the names and houses:

- Burke: Vincent Breen and Callum McInnis
- Chillis: Trent Campbell
- Fraser: Hayley Firlotte and Abby McElhinney
- MacIsaac: Thomas Romary
- MacNeil: Hayden Payson and Lily Gray
- O’Regan: Claire Oliphant and Robbie Hughes
- Plessis: Zach Seymour and Lindsay Gorman
- Riley: Julianna Drake and Savannah Paul
- Cam: Ben Browne
- MSB: Aidan McGowan and Kelly Harnett
- FX: Matt Whitehead and Cheyenne Toms

Sophia: We had our candidates apply this past week, and also got each candidate to be cleared by Student Life. We opened elections and voting in each building, and we had to extend some polling hours, but we ended with a good voter turnout.

Hunter: I move to call to question.

Naomi: All those in favour.

Passes unanimously.

Naomi: All those in favour to ratify the names and positions I stated earlier...I have proxy votes for both Tianna Williams and Tiffany Bondoc.

The motion passes 10-0-1, with Tianna Williams abstaining and Tiffany voting for the motion.

Closing Remarks

Naomi: Please send grad students and first-year students my way for our upcoming Representative election. That is everything from me today!

Adjournment

Mackenzie: I motion to adjourn council.

Atik: I second.

Hunter: I motion to call to question.

Margaret-Ann: I second.

Council is Adjourned.

Constituency Reports

Board of Governors Student Representative – Anna Hancin

Board of Governors Business:

Emergency Grants Committee: We met on September 22 to go over new applications. Discussed issues concerning textbook costs.

Governance Review Committee: We have begun to meet weekly. On Sept 28, we discussed the Paper Use Policy and the Office Use Policy.

Board of Governors: Nothing new to report.

Other business: I volunteered with Vote Crew and went to the First-Year Representative meetand-greet at the Inn on Sep 29.

Upcoming business: I have upcoming Board of Governors meetings on October 21 and 22

Board of Governors Student Representative – Dhruv Patel

Will be reported at Council.

Equity Student Representative – Tiffany Bondoc

External Advisory Committee: Nothing new to report.

Equity Committee: I attended a meeting on September 28th to discuss any equity concerns, as well as future initiatives on campus.

Hiring Panel: Nothing new to report.

Other business:

- I have volunteered to sit on the Dean of Science Search Committee and attended my first meeting on September 24th.

- I have volunteered to help run Truth & Reconciliation Day awareness booths on September 29th.

- I have been offered the position of Peer Support Program Shift Leader, so feel free to drop by during my office hours!

- I have joined the Equity Advisory Committee which is composed of students, faculty and staff, and we are expected to meet every 4-6 weeks.

- I have also joined the National Forum on Anti-Asian Racism: Building Solidarities Students Advisory Committee (SAC) with the Faculty of Arts at X University.

Students of African Descent – Atik Galio

Position Business:

- Met with the Equity committee on September 28th. Was great to connect and speak to the group
- Expecting to meet with the Campus affairs committee on October 5th
- Performance Review Committee: N/A
- Did a vote crew shift!

Other Business

- Continuing to be involved with the B.L.A.C.C society regarding the event

Arts Student Representative – Margaret-Anne Gillis

- Gov Review met up Tuesday the 28th to figure out what our first steps will be as a committee.
- Nick and Naomi are tracking down policies before we begin picking away at the House Hockey and Office Use policies.
- Joint Committee on Studies – nothing to report. Trying to pick a date for an October meeting.
- Committee on Studies FOA – nothing to report.
- Quality of Life Committee – nothing to report.
- Performance Review Committee – nothing to report.

Other business:

- Helped out with Vote Crew on Wednesday the 29th
- Attended Senate Orientation on the 29th

Education Student Representative – Tianna Williams

With classes full force, I have gotten visits from some Ed. students still concerned about the parking situation on campus. I have communicated to them that I have all the information that is out around what is going on about parking around campus and if there are any revelations, I would be on top of it. My office hours are being held in Xavier Hall 123, all are welcome!

Committee Work – This coming week I will be attending an Org. Review Committee meeting, a Library Strategic Planning Committee meeting, and the Annual General Meeting on the 7th. It will be great to finally have some of these meetings and discussions in person!

Panels – Nothing to Report

Senate – Nothing to Report

Other Business: Education Exec. The team and I have helped facilitate a Treaty Day celebration for Education students and faculty, with some of us also aiding the University celebration in the afternoon. This was a great opportunity to get involved and share knowledge around what it means to be Treaty People.

International Student Representative – Derin Dericj

Will be reported at Council.

Science Student Representative – Mackenzie LeVernois

Councillor:

- Org Review starts this upcoming Monday! Looking forward to it
- Chatted with Sophia briefly about Will Ferguson OCD Research Fund Fundraiser
- Looking forward to the AGM

Senate:

- Attended Senator Training on Wednesday, first senate meeting this upcoming Wednesday
- Attended my first FOS – COS meeting two weeks ago
- Will be presenting about OERs to the Faculty of Science with Meredith on Oct 18th!

Business Student Representative – Hunter Park

Student Mental Health and Wellness Committee: Had a biweekly meeting; Moodle site for a consultation has been launched. Discussed the foundational framework of our work and what mental health would ideally look like on campus.

Joint Committee on Studies: Planning a day to meet

Academic Priorities Planning: Just scheduled a meeting for October

Emergency Grants: Met and granted emergency funding to an applicant

Budget and finance: Granted JDCC committee funding

Campus affairs: Nothing to report

Quality of Life: Nothing to report

Other Business:

- Attended Senate Orientation
- Worked a time slot at a booth to spread awareness for National Truth and Reconciliation Day

Indigenous Student Representative – Molly Burke

Hey everyone! I have been busy preparing for Truth and Reconciliation day this year as well as Treaty day. This has included cutting out orange shirts, preparing orange ribbons (we cut over 6000!), putting up flyers and having informational booths and meeting with students to plan the day. I also participated in the opening of the Indigenous collection at the library as well as a button-making workshop. I attended the first equity meeting which I am very excited to be a part of as they have lots of great ideas for the school year. Finally, I wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped out with Truth and Reconciliation day... having non-Indigenous allies participating and volunteering means so much to all the Indigenous students here at X.

Executive Reports

President – Jack Irvin

Internal (to portfolio):

GOTV BBQ: We ran an incredible Get Out The Vote BBQ for the candidates in our riding and to promote students to be educated on the different parties and to make sure they were getting out to vote. It went extremely well with a BBQ open for all students and then a Q&A session with the candidates.

X-Ring Eligibility: X-Ring eligibility cards came out last week and I had some shifts handing them out to a ton of students which was very fun. Exciting times as we are approaching another December 3rd.

Check-Ins: Meredith and I continued check-ins with the executive members and will continue to finish the rest. Everyone is settling in well to their positions alongside school, everyone is extremely busy but is doing an incredible job.

Annual Plan Progress: We are finalizing the annual plan before the AGM on October 7th so the final touches are being completed this week with final changes to goals or measurables. I am currently working on the Annual Plan Presentation that I will be presenting at the AGM and am looking forward to it. Make sure to come out to the Inn on the 7th to see!

External (to portfolio):

TRC Day: This year we have the first National Truth and Reconciliation Day on the 30th of September. In the days leading up we have been posting information about it as well as what events are taking place on campus. We have also shared educational resources for students to read to help them reflect and educate themselves about the importance of why we have this day as well as what inequities are continuing to happen to Indigenous people in our country. After meeting with some Indigenous students they shared concerns with the Inn being open the night before TRC day. Therefore, \$2 from every food item on the 29th will be donated to a fund the Indigenous Society determines the best. We will also be closing the Inn at 11:30 PM instead of 12:00 AM so all students are out of the bar before the beginning of TRC day.

Committees:

X-Ring Committee: Did not meet this reporting period. However, did work with Shanna on eligibility cards, a lot of emails were received with questions about X-Ring eligibility, as well as looking ahead at the X-Ring ceremony.

Residence Renewal Advisory Committee: Did not meet this reporting period.

Town and County Update: Town and County met this reporting period to talk about any issues happening between the University and the Town. Overall, we have had a great start with not a lot of issues. HOCO was brought up this week as a concern for the weekend, but we are all doing our part by getting messaging out to students through faculty, landlords, residence staff, as well as through our social media. The messaging we recommended was to

focus on what the restrictions are now and if you are socializing to do it within these guidelines and to do it safely!

Sub-Executive:

N/A

Outreach:

I partook in Vote Crew for the First Year Rep election for a few shifts. I got the chance to talk to some students about voting in the election and their experience so far!

Vice President Academic – Meredith Cudmore-Keating

Internal:

OERs!:

- I'm starting to prepare my presentation to the Faculty of Science which I will be doing with Science rep Mackenzie LeVernois.
- I've also been doing lots of OER-related learning through the SPARC program I'm doing (OER school).
- Working with marketing to get our Zero-cost course page on the website up and running! They are incredible and got it up super fast. I'm building a list of courses to populate it (thank you to those who sent me their classes) and will soon be communicating with the admin about it.

Academic Equity Policy:

- I've met with Aimee MacDonald (Gender and Sexual Diversity Advisor) and Megan Fogarty (Human Rights and Equity Advisor) and Cathy MacDonald (Associate Dean) about the policy and heard their feedback on it.
- I've done a little more research into how this policy would fit into our campus and existing policies.
- Brought up the policy idea to Senate Steering and it was received very well. Lisa Borden (Chair of Senate) suggested we meet again with Megan Fogarty to discuss the best way to bring the policy to the senate and work out who would oversee and implement it.

REES:

- Brendan Roberts and I met with Heather Blackburn and a representative from REES to discuss the onboarding process. The University had originally opted to implement REES without the Repeat Perpetrator Identification (RPI) feature. This is not an optional feature for REES, so Heather has to take it back to the administration to see if they will agree to the program if it includes RPI.
- The administration are briefing the faculty on the program as some of them have expressed concerns. I've asked to attend those meetings and will report on the outcome.

Vice President Finance and Operations – Brendan Roberts

Hey everyone,

Long time no see, these two short weeks since our last council meeting has gone by so fast but a lot has been going on. Firstly, I hope everyone had the chance to take Sept 30 which was the first official day for Truth and Reconciliation to reflect on the tragic history that Indigenous peoples across Canada have endured and are still enduring today. The ceremony and ribbons on the fence which was coordinated by the Indigenous Center were and are extremely moving and I hope everyone was able to take some time on Thursday to reflect on what the day represents.

I also hope everyone has/had a fun and safe homecoming day; I know I did. If anyone has any questions about my report, feel free to shoot me an email or even stop by my office on fourth, I'm there a lot Haha. I hope everyone had an awesome first month of school!

B-Rob.

Internal (to portfolio):

Kevin's Corner Food Resource Centre:

- The Rebranding of the Kevins Corner Food Resource Centre is nearing completion.
- The Breakfast Program is now up and running full hours over the week.
- The Resource Center is also now running normal academic year hours and things are running smoothly.
- We currently have a total of around 75 volunteers across the FRC, the breakfast program and the garden
- Training/Orientation for the breakfast program, the food resource center, and the garden took place and allowed the volunteers to gain a better sense of what purpose these services serve and how to operate them.

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 somewhat selected however there will be more consultation and decisions made before the final order is completed.
- Much of the equipment needed for the store to open has either been acquired or will be in the following week.
- The tentative date for the convenience store as of now is October 12, 2021, but as previously stated, this is tentative.

- By the time this council meeting is taking place, I will have sat in on a hiring panel for employees for the new convenience store, including the new store manager(s).

- o Over the course of the next few weeks, Julieanne Mattie (Accounts Manager) Sean Ryan (General Manager) and I will be discussing the training process, start dates, etc.

Drive U:

- Training sessions took place where all new drivers who hadn't completed the following were required to attend and all others were encouraged too:

- o Waves of Change

- o Positive Space

- o Drive U Orientation led by Sarah Ritchie (Senior Driver) and myself

- Drive U is also up and running at full school year capacity and has been fairly busy thus far.

External (to portfolio):

REES Onboarding Meeting:

- Meredith (VP Academic) and I had the chance to meet with an individual from REES and Heather Blackburn to talk about the onboarding process and the different requirements that would be needed before this could be done. After discussing, it was clear that some more communication is needed before this service can be adequately offered to students in a way that will prove useful and beneficial.

Society Training:

- Spoke to the society presidents/representative about the different financial aspects of being a society on campus. This included the process followed to apply for a society allocation. I also explained that new societies can open an account with us to keep their finances in as well as the different benefits that come with doing so.

SUCL and OCL Training:

- I assisted Sam Delaney (House Accounts Coordinator) during SUCL training with the explanation of all things related to house finances. We explained how to budget for events and what types of events were best to spend money on. In addition, the house credit cards were distributed to the new SUCL's and the rules surrounding them.

CFXU Radio Station Board Meeting:

- Sat on the first official board meeting of the academic year where Ethan Draper (Station Manager) gave a wide overview and update of the status of the radio station and the direction that he hopes to take this year. We discussed the policy that will need to be written to improve the legitimacy of the radio station in an effort to have it played in public spaces and to enter contracts with other businesses.

- We also briefly discussed the CFXU budget and the fact that during Ethan's term, he has already surpassed the budgeted amount of revenue which is awesome news.

House Hockey:

- I have had a couple of meetings with various stakeholders in coordination with Sophia (VPRA) as we prepare to enter the house hockey season. My primary role in these discussions have been providing advice in terms of the budgetary and financial side of things.

Vote Crew for First Year Rep Election:

- I participated in a couple of vote crew hours coordinated by Rebecca (DepChair) in an effort to promote the election and hopefully increase the voter turnout if our presence wasn't there.

Committees:

Have sat this reporting period:

Emergency Grants Committee:

- This reporting period we received a total of 6 applications and had the chance to review and respond to 4 (before Exec reports were due) however by the time council takes place we will have reviewed and responded to the final 2 as well.

Re-Circle Committee:

- Sean Ryan (General Manager) and I sent over the proposed contract from Adam Starr (Re-Circle Founder and CEO) to our legal counsel who we had the chance to meet with and review. At the advice of our legal counsel, we sent back some feedback, points of concern, and any areas we felt could have better language. In the meantime, Adam will be reworking the document with his own legal expert to send over another draft in the near future.

Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee (JOHSC):

- A variety of topics were covered a number of topics including fume hoods, scent awareness campaigns, building inspections.

- The topic of fume hoods covered such a large portion of the meeting that a follow-up meeting was called which I was unfortunately unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts.

- The committee is going to be booking a training time so that we can have a better understanding of the role we play as a committee.

Budget and Finance Committee:

- We met twice over the past reporting period to provide 2 society allocations.

- o We provided funding to JDCC Schwartz to help subsidize the expense of a conference they are attending this year.

- o We also provided funding to the Ringette Society to help cover the cost of ice times for their practices.

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 We hosted an orientation day for the new drivers and also worked to ensure that all aspects of Drive U were prepared for its opening day.

· House Accounts Coordinator: Sam Delaney

o Sam was the primary host/presenter to the SUCL's during their orientation and since then has been having 2 on 1 check-in with the SUCL's from all the houses to ensure they are prepared for the year from a finances standpoint.

· Kevins Corner Food Resource Centre Coordinator: Kali Beaton

o Kali along with Bailey Wasdal provided an orientation session for the new volunteers in preparation for a successful opening past couple of weeks.

· 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 had training weekend for all of our elected SUCL's this weekend. They had ERC training and many guest speakers come in including the EXEC Team, Chair of Council Naomi Stobart and Brandon Randall

- 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, as well as the Staffing working group and the Training working group for the Residence Renewal

- I met with Jaqueline DeLeebeck about the House Council Pilot program and feedback loops we are looking to work together on - I met with Brendan, Kyra and Sean about House Hockey Budget

- I met with Brendan and Kevin Benjamin about House Hockey Ice Times

- I opened up applications for House Hockey Coaches

External (to portfolio) :

- I worked on Vote Crew to encourage first-year students to vote in First Year Rep Election

Committees:

- SOC: nothing to report
- Campus Affairs: looking to book our first campus affairs during the next reporting period.
- House Hockey Committee: Currently looking for a time that works to book weekly meetings

Sub-executive:

- House Council Coordinator: Broden and I have started to create the Check-In schedule for SUCL's
- House Accounts Coordinator (with VPFO Brendan Roberts): Sam has been meeting with SUCL teams about their budgets
- SUCL's: only missing 3 SUCL's looking to open applications next week. All others are trained
- Student Advocates: The Advocates have been working during their office hours and I have received many compliments on their work so far.

Outreach:

- I interviewed with the Xaverian Weekly about SUCL Elections

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
- Concert Logistics
 - o Looking into a concert for Phase 5, planning artists and looking at budget
- Society President Training
 - o Assisted Anna in training the Society Presidents and presented ERC training
- SUCL Training
 - o Presented ERC training alongside Sean Ryan
- Movember
 - o Beginning meetings to brainstorm for Movember
- X-Ring
 - o Starting meeting with folks involved in this to start preparing for X-Ring events
- Meeting with Senior Co-Presidents
 - o Meeting to discuss senior class events on campus and how I can help out

External (to portfolio):

- COCA (Canadian Organization of Campus Activities):
 - o Reviewing and rewriting policy
 - o Planning the Mid-Year recharge conference
 - o Beginning to plan our yearly national conference

Committees:

- SOC:
 - o Not currently meeting
- Equity Committee:
 - o Began our meetings
 - o Discussed issues on campus and how The U and university can improve
- ERC :
 - o Still doing our weekly meetings

Sub-Executives:

- Society Coordinator:
 - o Working together to discuss how the society training will look
- Co-Chairs
 - o Executed all of O-Week and met daily to ensure O-Crew was doing well

Outreach:

- Antigonish transit systems
 - o Reached out to me seeing as to how we can best help students with transportation around school
 - o Discussed having me and/or other SU execs sit on the board

Vice President External – Ben Fairhurst

Hey everyone! Before I start my executive report I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all of you. The past two months have been some of the craziest but also some of the most fulfilling of my life. Starting with the provincial election called back in late July, all of us jumped on board to provide students, whether they were here or away, with information about the potential leaders in our community and how to get involved. I was so impressed with how the provincial GOTV turned out and we were even able to host some in-person events. We set a new bar for future teams by hosting all candidates for interviews. Then, with only 2 days remaining in the provincial election, Trudeau announced a massive federal election. I took a day off and then was right back at it, blasting out info and getting help from all of you to put on another youth voter mobilization campaign on our campus. Even though it came at a crazy time, with half the election going past before students even made it to campus and then having to coordinate an orientation week at the same time as promoting GOTV, we organized the only all-candidates debate in the riding, got tons of kids registered for mail-in ballots, and hosted yet another all-candidate interview series. I'm so so proud of everyone here and just wanted to say thank you for sticking by me and helping in those efforts.

Internal to Portfolio -

- SNS Board Meetings and Check-ins: I chaired another SNS board meeting which served the purpose of introducing the board to new commitments so we can better serve the student body. We also discussed back-to-school items, decolonization efforts at SMU, tenancy rights workshops, and had a presentation from HealthyMindsNS on how to better promote these resources. Naomi and I will continue working on policies for the upcoming advocacy week.
- MLA Meeting: Setting up a meeting with our newly elected MLA, Michelle Thompson, so that our team can talk to her about the issues our students are seeing and what we are working on this year. She was appointed as the Minister of Health (HUGE) so we may be able to make large strides for the student body in terms of policy items like international MSI, better mental health standards on campus and emergency mental health services.

- Meeting with the official critic for Advanced Education: Had the chance to have a long call with the official critic for Advanced Education, Lisa Lachance. She is an MLA elected down in Halifax in the same riding where Dalhousie is found. She is actually a PhD student which is the first time we've had an actual student as an official critic for Advanced Education in maybe forever. We decided to keep an open line of communication so that we can chat if any large student issues pop up.
- Meeting with NSCC: Lydia and I are working on the membership of StudentsNS so that we can represent even more students and have an even larger voice when we advocate to the government.
- HealthyMindsNS Committee: I managed to get myself a seat on the HealthyMindsNS committee within the provincial government as the chair of StudentsNS. I will be able to give firsthand advice on which of their services are landing well, and which are not working for students as well as their office planned.
- Atlantic OER Student Committee: As I may have mentioned before, Mere and I are sitting on a panel of student leaders in OER from around the Atlantic provinces so that we can coordinate efforts and guide each other on how to make the most impact. I'll be stepping up to help Lydia, our ED, set the direction of these meetings and potentially planning an OER awareness week in the coming months across several campuses.

External to Portfolio

- Executive Introductions and Lunch with the new SUCLs: Went in on a Saturday to see all of Soph's new SUCLs and I love them. Very kind group of kids and hyped to see what they do this year. Basically had an introductory presentation of all our execs to explain what we all do and how we can help them. This was followed by a little lunch and some casual conversations to help guide them through their year.

Sub-Executive

- Evan is officially moved into the office and helping with research documents as well as the setup of the External Advisory Committee within the U. He's in office 407 If you ever have any questions. Great having my policy pal in the office with me.

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.

1. House Council Pilot Program Presentation Slide Deck
2. House Council Pilot Program Proposal Document
3. House Council Application Document