

Council Package — October 31st, 2021

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Council Minutes — October 3rd, 2021

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Students' Union Representative Council Meeting

October 3rd, 2021, 3:00pm

StFX Student's Union Council Chambers

Call to Order

Naomi: Meeting called to order at 3:04 pm. We are going to have a minute of silence in honour of Truth and Reconciliation Day and recognition of and honouring the survivors and victims of the residential school system in place in Canada. I recognize that I am of colonizer descent, and it is important to our country and StFX university, as well as the Student's Union council to recognize the impacts the residential schools have on the Indigenous communities around us.

Roll Call

Board of Governors Student Representative – Anna Hancin

Board of Governors Student Representative – Dhruv Patel

Education Student Representative – Tianna Williams

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

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

Faculty Advisor – Brandon Malloy

Absent with Regret

Arts Student Representative – Margaret-Anne Gillis
Students' Union General Manager – Sean Ryan

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

Mckenzie: Motion to approve the agenda.

Atik: I second.

Dhruv: I move to call to question

Tianna: I second.

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

The motion passes unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes of September 19th Council

Mckenzie: I motion to approve the minutes of the September 19th Council meeting.

Atik: I second.

Hunter: I move to call the question.

Tianna: Second.

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

The motion passes unanimously.

Constituency Reports

Please see the October 3rd Council Package for all Councillor Constituency reports, except International Student Representative Derin and Board of Governor's Representative Dhruv (reports below). Below is any discussion with reports.

International Student Representative – Derin Derici

Hi everyone, I hope everyone had a good weekend.

Equity Committee - we discussed barriers and solutions for minority groups on campus

Barb at the Health and Dental Student Team is no more, so for International students, we need another person to fill this role as Barb was someone we all reached out to for help regarding the Health and Dental plan for students.

Discussion:

Dhruv: Thank you Derin for advertising a job posting, it was really helpful.

Board of Governors Student Representative – Dhruv Patel

Hi everyone, happy homecoming. I want to get a round of applause for Molly, for all of the work she has done and will be doing this month.

Budget and Finance Committee - Society and JDCC designations

Board of Governors Student Representative – Anna Hancin

Discussion:

Meredith: Where was the discussion of textbooks?

Anna: The issue of textbook costs was brought up at the Budget and Finance committee meeting.

Science Student Representative – Mackenzie LeVernois

Discussion:

Anna: I think it would be beneficial if you speak to Nick Stinson as well to help you get the ball rolling for your Movember initiatives.

Executive Reports

Please see the October 3rd Council Package for all Executive reports from theU's Executive Team. Below is any discussion with reports.

President – Jack Irvin

Discussion:

Derin: Are they hiring someone for an international student coordinator?

Jack: I will find out, as I am not sure.

Dhruv: The international office is in the process of looking for someone, but you may want to reach out as well.

Jack: I can send an email as well to that office to get the ball rolling.

Vice President Academic – Meredith Cudmore-Keating

Discussion:

Dhruv: Is there any possibility you can present REES to the council so we know what's going on with that program?

Meredith: I want to say probably not from the company REES, but I could send you a link to the website and explore for yourself.

Vice President Finance and Operations – Brendan Roberts

Discussion:

Dhruv: Once you made recommendations to ReCircle, will it be going through the council?

Brendan: We want to get the contract to a standard before we present it to the council, so it is more efficient. There are some things that need tweaking.

Naomi: Is there a possibility if Adam Starr presents at council?

Brendan: Maybe, depends on where we get with negotiations.

Meredith: If this did come to council, would we be able to get a business person to advise us so we feel comfortable voting on this?

Brendan: I have been going over the draft contract with third parties and Julieanne Mattie about recommendations, but I will be able to look into getting third parties to come to talk to the council.

Dhruv: Should we reach out to the Faculty of Business for some advice?

Brendan: No, they may not be fully understanding about our perspective, plus they wouldn't be considered a third party.

Naomi: Is our lawyer able to come in or is that not a third party?

Brendan: We could do that or see if there are anything other contacts we can get to for some advice.

Vice President Activities and Events – Kyra Tessier

Discussion:

Dhruv: In terms of the COCA national conference, is it an event everyone comes to?

Kyra: So we are a part of COCA, so we would send three to four people from our school. It is just a huge conference to network and learn about planning and events.

Vice President External Affairs – Ben Fairhurst

Discussion:

Dhruv: What policies can change about International MSI?

Ben: With the change in government, we can change some things. International MSI demands are going to be tweaked and we are going to see how the government responds. We will try to make everything better for International students.

Dhruv: One thing that can change is extending the number of days international students lose their eligibility. As of right now, if we leave Nova Scotia for more than 31 days we lose eligibility for MSI.

Ben: We definitely want to change that. Thank you, I will note that.

Faculty Advisor - Brandon Malloy

- Coming back to campus was awesome
- I am so impressed with how professional this council meeting is, I wish some of my own meetings were this professional as well.
- If anyone wants to chat with me about anything, theU related or not, my door is always open.
- If you folks want someone to liaise with the Faculty, that is what I am here for!
- Feel free to email me or drop in at my office in Mulroney Hall.

Special Reports to Council

Senate Forum on Research by VP Academic Meredith Cudmore-Keating and Mackenzie LeVernois

Senat Research Forum is asking us three questions regarding equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) in the StFX Academic Research Environment. Meredith and Mckenzie are asking the council for any ideas they want to be presented to the Senate Forum on Research.

1. What issues represent our greatest barriers or challenges to equity, diversity and inclusion at StFX?

Rebecca: We have a lack of diversity in the University Administration.

Dhruv: Lack of representation in the donor and scholarship options.

Derin: There are no scholarships for international students in the Spring and Summer Semesters.

Sophia: A lot of our buildings are not physically accessible.

Hunter: There is a lack of clarity and eligibility for transfer students to apply for scholarships and funds.

Sophia: Hire someone whose job is to help students fill out forms and introduce different research styles and such.

Dhruv: Send out handouts and communicate through different representatives for minority groups.

Mackenzie: Maybe a platform or website where all opportunities are in one spot.

Meredith: Research here is very informal, and usually is casual conversations. Research opportunities feel very dependent on relationships with professors.

Tiffany: A lot of students don't know about research opportunities in general. So if there was a platform it would help.

Derin: Online research opportunities would be more helpful for international students who want to go home for summer vacation.

Dhruv: It would be helpful if different offices and faculties in the university could collaborate and work together to create opportunities for students, including minority students.

Brandon Malloy: This is great to hear. From the faculty perspective, there are two channels. If the faculty member has an idea, they usually look for help. The other side is the opposite when students have ideas and need some supervisors. In both cases, there is a lack of communication. It would be nice if there was a portal or departmental place to go to see who is interested and what is available. I think it would be beneficial on both ends to have a centralized platform to see what and who is available for research. The faculty would be more than happy to have this, it would be easier on us as well.

Dhruv: Profs can also introduce their research when they introduce themselves at the beginning of school as well. This would break a lot of barriers.

2. What specific actions could be taken to help provide greater support to research and creative scholarship conducted by faculty and students from traditionally under-represented or equity-deserving groups?

Meredith: We kind of already answered this, but if there is more discussion please share.

Tiffany: For me, it was easy to find someone who was interested in my research, because I had an approachable professor to reach out to.

Dhruv: A meet and greet between faculty and students would be fun as well, but for more specific minority groups.

Meredith: If someone is a first-generation university student

Mackenzie: Richard Iznor and David Bruce does a research 101 seminar, but it usually gets lost in the emails those emails

Naomi: coordinating with the student body would help as well.

Jack: We can look into adding something in the XStartsHere event we are having for first-year students.

Tianna: When we are talking about accessibility and being able to list and have a platform that can tell the students and the platform, it would be beneficial to have a section for distance and online research opportunities for students that can't physically come to campus every day.

Dhruv: It is a really good idea to add distance research opportunities.

Molly: I did my research online this summer and it was super helpful.

Tianna: As Sophia mentioned, the inaccessible buildings on campus can create a barrier between research and students.

3. What steps could be taken to: diversify student participation in research; ensure that opportunities for student participation in research are equitable; and encourage more students from traditionally under-represented or equity-deserving groups to become involved in research efforts at StFX?

Mackenzie: We already kind of mentioned all of this, but are there any specific ideas people have?

Brendan: I think we already mentioned this, but contacting direct offices of minority groups or societies would help meet equity-deserving people where they are.

House Council Pilot Program Presentation by VP Residence Affairs Sophia Fabiano

Sophia has presented a new House Council format for this academic year for the residences on campus.

Discussion:

Ben: By having $\frac{1}{3}$ of house councils being ResLife (SUCLS and HDs), is there any concern about people being unhappy with ResLife and not feeling comfortable bringing it to house council?

Sophia: I think it will be a safe environment in this case because people can still confront their problems outside of the formal House Council.

Kyra: Is the bulk load of work put on SUCLs? How would you allocate duties?

Sophia: It would look more like having an issue-by-issue basis. The council would decide on whose interest to take on different tasks. There will also be incentives for students to attend different committee plans. We will be using a collaborative effort.

Sophia: Maybe mention to SUCL the importance of delegation, so they are not overworked.

Meredith: ResLife has to do programming, and the House Council has to do the program as well. Where is the line drawn there?

Sophia: This would be a year to work out the kinks. I think the role of ResLife would be to monitor programs that SUCL makes. There are also different house point delegations.

Meredith: Would it make more sense to have ResLife Council Members be non voting?

Sophia: I will think about that.

Brendan: I agree with Meredith about the non-voting members, especially because ResLife's budget is much less than House Council, and I don't want them to be spending money that is not allocating to their team, as they have different budgets.

Hunter: I know CAs have to have a lot more active programming, so there may be hesitancy from CAs joining house council. It was good for the CAs to hear input from the first years. I like the idea of the House Councils working on their ideas without ResLife, so there is a divide if need be.

Anna: When you say two ResLife representatives, who would that be?

Sophia: They would be two CAs.

Derin: Does this apply to off-campus?

Sophia: They would pull their portfolios away.

Meredith: It is a 9 person House Council and there are three co-chairs, which is a lot.

Brendan: Is there any clarification on voting and non-voting members?

Sophia: It hasn't been clarified yet.

Anna: How often would they meet?

Sophia: At least twice a month, but up to four times a month.

Mackenzie: Is it set in stone that the Hall Director be a co-chair?

Sophia: Yes, we have talked with ResLife and that is a standard. Especially because SUCLs are first years.

Brendan: What is going to prompt them to co-chair now, after Hall Directors haven't done that before?

Sophia: It is in the by-laws and they are aware of it now.

Jack: Are the two SUCLs set in stone as well?

Sophia: Yes and no, I like the format of a 4 person council. I don't think that it would need to be two, but I like the ability. I think it takes a very specific CA to want to be on the council and those are the CAs you want.

Anna: So the CAs have to apply to sit on Council?

Sophia: Yes.

Meredith: Should we table this motion for the next council?

Sophia: I think we should motion it now and make an amendment after.

Naomi: I think you should wait for the Governance Review to review this proposal. I think more consultation is needed.

Sophia: So could I use the old applications and have the old House Councils run and make this a side project?

Naomi: I think it would be best to take a couple of days.

Meredith: You could make an email vote later in the week so you can review this with Governance review first before you motion it.

Meredith: I move to table the motion until we know what to do.

Mackenzie: I second.

Dhruv: I move to call to question

Anna: I second

Naomi: All those in favour to table this motion until another date.

New Business

Tiffany: Motion to Ratify Lidet O'Connor as the O'Regan SUCL

Tianna: I second.

Discussion:

Sophia: We had some changeover last week. The third-place SUCL in the election was offered the role one of the two elected SUCLs resigned.

Mackenzie: I move to call the question.

Jack: I second

Naomi: All those in favour.

The motion passes unanimously.

Dhruv: Motion to Ratify Brooke Pettigrew as the Riley SUCL

Hunter: I second.

Discussion:

Sophia: In the same situation, the third-place candidate was offered the SUCL position

Atik: I move to call the question.

Mackenzie: I second.

Naomi: All those in favour.

The motion passes unanimously.

Jack: Motion to ratify most societies.

Hunter: I second.

Discussion:

Jack: I love societies.

Mackenzie: I move to call the question.

Naomi: All those in favour.

The motion passes unanimously.

Closing Remarks

Naomi: In 12 minutes, Josh Kroker will officially become our First Year Representative, very very excited. Thank you all for your support during that election. We will work on onboarding him, and getting a second Indigenous Representative onboard. We have our Annual General Meeting coming up, looking forward to seeing you all there. We made it through September! Onwards and upwards!

Adjournment

Mackenzie: I motion to adjourn council.

Derin: I second.

Naomi: All those in favour raise your hand.

Council is Adjourned.

Constituency Reports

Board of Governors Student Representative – Anna Hancin

Please see October 31st Council Minutes.

Board of Governors Student Representative – Dhruv Patel

Hello everyone, hope you had a good midterm season.

Business related to position: It is remarkable that we had Board of Governors meetings for the October session which were insightful meetings. Apart from that, the mid-term season has kept me busy.

Other business: We did video shoots for Diwali Dinner that is happening on November 4th. We started the Movember booths for photo captures and stickers distribution.

Happy Halloween!!

Equity Student Representative – Tiffany Bondoc

Equity Representative Business:

Dean of Science Search Committee: I reviewed some documents to help advertise the open position with faculty representatives of the Science Department.

Equity Committee: We met on October 12th and 26th, and received updates on the online discrimination reporting system.

External Advisory Committee: Nothing new to report.

Hiring Panel: Nothing new to report.

Other business:

- Quality of Life Committee: Student Mental Health and Wellness Micro-Team:
- I attended a meeting on October 21st to discuss pillars and how to better frame our areas of action.
- National Forum on Anti-Asian Racism Students Advisory Committee:
- I attended a meeting on October 4th to review panel topics, as well as recruit BIPOC faculty and students for involvement.

- I also spoke to the Health Society to introduce the webinar and advertise it to all Health program students on my behalf.
- I volunteered to be a student panelist exploring the intersectionality of gender, sexual orientation and Asian identities.
- I attended the AGM at the Inn on October 7th with all the councillors.
- I had a one-on-one meeting with Naomi on October 18th to reiterate our expectations of the remainder of the semester.
- On October 21st, I attended the Take Back the Night movement on campus.
- I completed my headshots for the Students' Union website.

Students of African Descent – Atik Galio

Position Business:

- Met with Campus Affairs October 17th
- Performance review Committee: N/A
- Equity committee met October 26th, unfortunately I missed this meeting because I sat on a hiring panel that day, but I was filled in with an email from Kyra
- Sat on SUCL hiring panel for Chilis, Cam Hall, MacIsaac

Other Business

- Met with BLACC society on October 25th: Preparing for Games night and Karaoke night
- Didn't come last in bowling

Arts Student Representative – Margaret-Anne Gillis

Arts Representative Business:

- I fractured a vertebra in my back! So I was absent for Council on October 3rd, the Student Union AGM on the 7th. I'm feeling a bit better, but still working on catching up both for school and TheU, so please be patient and let me know if I'm being forgetful!
- Committee on Studies (Arts) met October 13th via Microsoft Teams to review prerequisites for the Modern Languages Department, and to discuss a new course coming to the Public Policy & Governance program; PGOV305 – Gender and Public Policy. COS-Arts reconvenes Tuesday November 9th.
- The Quality of Life Committee met on October 20th via Microsoft Teams to go over some updates regarding the Student Experience and Opportunity Strategic Planning sub committees.

The committee is preparing to receive feedback on the subcommittees' progress during the Senate Forum on Student Life, which is scheduled for November 23rd.

o QOL Experiential Working Group – nothing to report.

- Gov Review met October 26th to finalize the Ticket Sales, Summer Hiring, Councillor Appointment and Paper Use policies. I was assigned to write the Annual Giving's policy, which I will begin working on in the upcoming reporting period.

- Joint Committee on Studies met October 27th to review the Physical Education Teacher Education (PETE) proposal and the revised Academic Integrity policy but could not meet quorum . The date of our next meeting is TBD, but the committee hopes to reconvene in early November.

- Performance Review Committee – nothing to report.

Senate:

- I missed the Senate Meeting on the 6th due to my back injury but was able to attend the Senate Forum on Research on October 18th via ZOOM.

o Participated in a group discussion about opportunities for creative scholarship and how to diversify student research participation.

o The next Senate meeting is Friday November 5th.

Other business:

- Helped out with a BA Open House on Saturday the 16th .

- Got business headshots and went bowling with the crew!

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. This will be a very busy time for myself and other Ed. students. At this time, Ed. students will not be on campus and courses will be finished for this semester.

Committee Work – Updated Committee Assignments: Removal from Organizational Committee due to scheduling issues.

I have accepted a position on the following committees: Committee on Professional Studies, Outstanding Teaching Award Committee

Library Stat. The Planning Committee met on October 7th, there are outreach programs in the work to get students more involved in the proposal of Library updates. If anyone on Council has any ideas for this Committee, please let me know. Council also might get a request to review the final draft of our Strategic Plan outline/values. Stay tuned for more updates on that.

The Joint Committee on Studies postponed their meeting this week to a few weeks from now.

Panels – No Panels to Report

Senate – Attended Senate on October 6th

Other Business: No Other Business to Report

International Student Representative – Derin Deric

Please see October 31st Council Minutes.

Science Student Representative – Mackenzie LeVernois

Councillor:

- 2 on 1 with Naomi and Rebecca
- Org Review began meeting bi-weekly (making a game plan to go through SSS)
- Had a student reach out about opening the 4th floor PSC as a study space. Have had multiple other students mention it in passing over the last few years. Meredith is taking on this inquiry.

Senate:

- Senate met on October 6th
- Joint Committee on Studies met Oct 27th (did not attend)
- Science COS met Oct 13th
- APP met Oct 28th (did not attend)
- Presentation with Meredith to Faculty of Science about OER on Oct 18th

Business Student Representative – Hunter Park

Student Mental Health and Wellness Committee: Had our biweekly meeting on October 21st, discussed the foundational elements of the mental health framework that Kerri prepared.

Joint Committee on Studies: Gathered on October 27th but didn't meet quorum

Academic Priorities Planning: Meeting October 28th.

Emergency Grants: Met October 13th and October 27th, reviewed several applications.

Budget and finance: Met on October 18 to provide funding to a society for equipment.

Quality of Life: Met October 20. Reports were given from the planning sub committees and updates on the consultation process were given

Campus affairs: Nothing to report

Other Business:

- Attended the AGM
- Take back the night
- Council bonding

Indigenous Student Representatives – Molly Burke & Sierra Julian

Hey everyone! It's been a pretty quiet month. We had a movie night for all of the Indigenous students at the centre, as well as Sierra attended pumpkin carving and drum making at the centre. Sierra also went to take back the event night and I gave a presentation at the Diversity Engagement centre on what two-spirit means.

First Year Representative – Josh Kroker

Position Business:

- Attended the first House Hockey Committee meeting on Friday, October 22, 2021. It was contentious.
- Participated in three SUCL hiring panels for Chillis, Cameron Hall, and MacIsaac Hall. Each decision to hire was unanimous for each candidate in their respective positions.
- Met with three students about various first-year issues such as access to services, societies and clubs to join.

Other Business:

- Developed an agenda for campus to celebrate the XXIV Olympic Winter Games in Beijing, China, from February 4 until February 20. Let's cheer on Team Canada. I'm meeting with Kyra Tessier.
- Discussed a break-up peer support group with various first-years.
- Bowled with the Students' Union

Executive Reports

President – Jack Irvin

Internal (to portfolio):

JOSCH Training: Brendan and I completed the training required to sit on the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee. It was a long training day but we both learned a lot.

Annual General Meeting: We had the Annual General Meeting on October 7th that took place in the Inn. We reached quorum and we were able to approve everything we were hoping to. We approved our financial statements, we approved a motion to amend the budget to add a budget line for Convenience 4U, our VP Academic Meredith presented information on the importance of Open Educational Resources, and I presented the Annual Plan to council and our constituents which was also approved.

PPSVP Meeting: Meredith and I met with Sydney Trendall who is the new Provincial Postsecondary Sexualized Violence Prevention Coordinator. This is a new position this year that was put into place by the Provincial Government. She is meeting with student leaders across the province to introduce herself and let us know what ways she can support us. I will be sending her a report on where we think her priorities should be this year for her position.

Board of Governors: The Board of Governors met on the 21st and 22nd of October. Dhruv, Anna, and I attended as the student representatives. We voiced the opinions of students and the meetings went well. I also sat on the Board of Governors Executive Committee and the BoG Finance Committee which took place a week or two before BoG.

X-Ring Ceremony/Planning: X-Ring Committee has been meeting more regularly during this period. A lot of our meetings have been surrounding eligibility for X-Ring, the honorary X-Ring, creating surveys to decide who the speakers and candle-bearers will be for the ceremony. Meetings have also begun surrounding the X-Ring celebration afterwards now that it has been announced that parents are welcome to attend the event if vaccinated and registered. Very exciting months ahead as we prepare for this incredible event.

StFX Open House: Meredith and I took part in the Virtual StFX Open House on Saturday, October 16th where StFX welcomed over 500 students with interest in coming to StFX. We sadly didn't get a ton of traffic through the Students' Union room but we heard great feedback from participants throughout the entire Open House.

Liberal Caucus Meeting: The Liberal Caucus asked to meet with all the Nova Scotia Students' Union President's to talk about the fixed election dates that have been proposed for the

summer months. All the Presidents' were in agreement that we should have fixed election dates; however, the dates should not be during the summer months. This would cause thousands of out

of province students that study in province for eight months who go back home during the summer to be ineligible to vote.

Students Nova Scotia (SNS):

SNS is currently putting a lot of work in through our committee groups. Specifically I sit on the Membership committee and we have divided all our annual goals we have to accomplish. I am going to be helping with Alumni outreach/connection as well as putting on monthly virtual socials to ensure good relationships between the working boards.

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA):

Nothing new to report this period.

External (to portfolio):

Treaty Day Lunch: On October 1st, I was pleased to have been invited to the Treaty Day Lunch that the faculty of Education had put on in recognition of Treaty Day. It was a great time to reflect and sit with students throughout the lunch. The Faculty of Education had a whole day of sessions for the education students to educate them about the importance of Treaty Day and the history of Indigenous People.

Xaverian Weekly Interview: The Xaverian Weekly interviewed me for a brief interview on the Students' Union. Specifically what we have been up to this past month and what students have to look forward to in the coming months.

Xaverian Welcome: The Xaverian Welcome took place on October 17th as it was pushed from September due to concerns of COVID-19. It took place in the Chapel and we were able to have all incoming students masked and in the building together. I had the opportunity to speak at the beginning of the ceremony and address the incoming students. It was great to see an event like this happen similar to my first year ceremony to give us an idea of our new COVID world.

Movember Meetings: We have set up a Movember committee to prepare planning for Movember this year. We have been meeting throughout this reporting period on ways to increase awareness and funding for Movember. This week we had a table set up so students could get their Mo'Shot taken, buy Movember stickers/masks as well as sign students up for a Movember account to StFX. Also get ready because if we raise over \$5,000 for Sean Ryan's account he will be getting the MacNeil tattoo, so get donating!

Committees:

Communications Task Force: Met weekly this reporting period. We talked about any communications from the school and more information surrounding the BeingXaverian campaign. Not a lot to report from this task force.

X-Ring Committee: Met to discuss the Honorary X-Ring recipient and to read through all the applications. Have had discussions about eligibility, re-submissions, X-Ring ceremony, and the celebration for after X-Ring.

Town and County Update: Meets weekly. The University has been updating the Town on any big things happening on campus or with students and the Town and County do the same. HOCO was a big update leading up to the day and after, but it went extremely well so both sides were very happy.

Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee (JOHSC): Brendan and I completed our training for the JHSC committee which was a 4 hour session. It went extremely well and we are prepared to sit on the committee for the remainder of the year. We meet at the end of this week.

Sub-Executive:

N/A

Vice President Academic – Meredith Cudmore-Keating

Please see October 31st Council Minutes.

Vice President Finance and Operations – Brendan Roberts

Please see October 31st Council Minutes.

Vice President Residence Affairs – Sophia Fabiano

Internal (to portfolio) :

- SUCL's chose their house councils with the help of the Hall Director and we had house council training on Saturday the 23rd - 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
- I met with Gov Review and Nick Murray to chat about House Councils
- I met with Brendan, Kyra and Sean about House Hockey
- I have been accepting applications for House Hockey Coaches
- We had interviews and a hiring panel for the 3 SUCL positions not filled by elections (Chillis, Cam and MacIsaac)

External (to portfolio) :

- I attended the AGM at the Inn and enjoyed the presentation of the Annual Plan and many other great presentations
- I have attended 2 FSLC meetings during this reporting period
- I met with Brendan, Kyra, Ben and Kali Beaton (SFRC coordinator) to talk and plan Trick or Eat - I participate in filming for our Movember promotions
- I helped Meredith with OER walk arounds to promote the Letter Writing Campaign

- I sat at our Movember Table to promote the STFX Movember Team page and get people to take pre headshots

Committees:

- SOC: nothing to report
- Campus Affairs: We had our first Campus Affairs Committee on October 10th, we talked about OER, The Xaverian Welcome and many other things happening on campus
- House Hockey Committee: House Hockey Committee met twice during this reporting period.

Sub-executive:

- House Council Coordinator: Broden and I have started the SUCL biweekly Check Ins
- SUCL's: SUCL's have chosen their house councils and have started to plan many fun events for the semester. The remaining 3 SUCL positions were filled via hiring panel this week.
- Student Advocates: The Advocates have been working during their office hours and I have received many compliments on their work so far.

Outreach:

- I volunteered to be in a promo for the University
- I volunteered as an usher at the Xaverian Welcome
- I attended and marched at the Take back the Night Rally

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: Beginning meetings to brainstorm for Movember, Started Movember headshots

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 and artist bookings, Starting decorating on Tuesday, will give a good idea of what X ring will look like as well

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, Cameron Hall Haunted House, Worked with Ben the SUCL to help get this back up and running after Covid years

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

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

Outreach:

Antigonish transit systems: Sat on the transit board meeting to see how we can have students utilize the bus system to its best ability

Vice President External – Ben Fairhurst

Internal to Portfolio

- Annual General Meeting - Got all annual goals passed and really excited to get going on them
- StudentsNS Governance Committee - Several meetings to work over documents pertaining to the Executive Director role and the official abuse policy
- StudentsNS Policy Committee - The group is working on ironing out our official policy platform on housing, accessibility and international students.

- Students NS Membership Committee - Working on setting up training for strategic governance and planning within a non-governmental organization for all the members of the executive board. Should help with better targeted advocacy asks and organizational sustainability.
- NSCC Partnership - Building presentations and meeting with different administrations to bring additional NSCC campuses into SNS so that we can amplify the student voice.
- CAUL-CBUA AtlanticOER Committee - Our group is building a more solid definition of the AtlanticOER service and what the vision is going to be for it. We're working on increasing the advocacy for AtlanticOER by starting to better promote the service and what it needs to be better in future. At this point, over \$91 thousand in savings for students in only the pilot year of the service.
- Student Mental Health and Wellness Working Group - Got added to this group and am really looking forward to getting some of the ideas flowing on this. Will be able to report back to the group on the outcomes
- Meeting with Margie on Accessibility and Health Services - In trying to write the new accessibility policy for StudentsNS, I met up with Margie to better understand the process and gaps within our existing framework for accessibility and health services. She put me in touch with a lot of great sources.
- Meeting with Post-Secondary Accessibility Services - Met up with PSAS when I was down in Halifax so that I could gain a bit of insight into the government side of accessibility services. I'll update as I get closer to finishing that policy in specific.
- Meeting with Andrew Beckett on Accessibility Advisory Committee - Got put in touch with Andrew to chat about accessibility on StFX Campus. He was wanting to chat about ways in which their accessibility advisory committee could gain more feedback from students so I'll continue working on this.
- Submission and Presentation to the Department of Advanced Education - Probably the largest thing I've done throughout my term so far. Prepared a big document, traveled down to Halifax and gave a presentation to the Minister and Deputy Minister of Advanced Education. They brought along the Special Advisor and Assistant to the Deputy Minister to take down all of notes on our proposals. Really good feedback but will touch on this throughout my presentation of the submission to Council.
- Interview and Work on Student Housing Strategy - While I was in Halifax, the provincial government announced their intention to create a Student Housing Strategy. This is important because it is a governmental acknowledgement that students face unique challenges and barriers when it comes to accessing affordable housing. That was a huge win for students and I had 30 minutes to prepare for an interview on the new strategy. This appeared on Global late last week.

External to Portfolio

- Bowling with the Councillors - Super fun time the other night! Really good to see everybody that came out. First time trying Snappy's and I'm actually impressed.
- Plan to Walk Around With OER Email - Helping Mere get some more hype around the OER email template to administration and faculty! I'll be helping her out in the following weeks to get some additional kids informed about OERs and send in an email to their profs.
- Student OER Group - I'm developing a common presentation and infographic for students around the Atlantic provinces who are attempting to sway their institution to take OERs seriously. These common resources can be tweaked depending on the institution or information you want to have.

Sub-Executives:

- Evan's been in office working hard on a few different things. He got the committee all set up, read through huge documents on the new post-secondary mental health standard and analyzed the submission document with me. We're starting to put together different policy documents for this external affairs team and the next ones to come.

Committees:

Set up Student at Large application portal for external affairs advisory committee, will review all the applications with the rest of the committee soon and then have that up and running just in time for Advocacy Week!

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. Students NovaScotia Presentation by VP External Ben Fairhurst; Submission to Nova Scotia's Department of Advanced Education