

Council Minutes
Sunday, September 20, 2015

Education Councilor: Absent with regrets

Bridget Burgess: Late with regrets

Faculty Representative: not appointed yet but should be by next meeting

Executive Reports

President Mrazek:

- Worked on the amalgamation of SUB clothing stores near end of July and is currently attempting to find a company to fill the vacant space, aiming for pharmacy/convenient store (hear more about progress in 2 weeks)
- Working on the GetOutTheVote campaign, lobbying efforts with provincial government, promoting responsibility on campus for students to vote, and helping involve students more in issues that relate to them, presenting to the Board of Governors tomorrow and October for official vote
- Acting Chair of the X-Ring committee, involved in the appeal process, honorary X-Ring and guest speaker for event
- October 4th, university finance meeting

Vice President Stordy:

- Especially focused on sexual violence
 - i. Working toward drafting new policy on campus
 - ii. Working toward new protocol on campus
 - iii. Considering what kind of changes need to be made on campus to raise awareness on campus etc. (ex: hosted a panel on sexualized violence during frosh week, considered a success, showing of the Hunting Ground this upcoming week as well as Take Back the Night)
- Also involved in advocacy work over the summer for women's centers in Nova Scotia
- Sat on hiring councils throughout the summer for several panels such as the Senate, Library and Honorary Degree committees
- Involved in equity initiatives of accessibility on campus

Alex Carney:

- Worked heavily with sponsorship coordinator throughout the summer
- Worked on health and dental plan on campus
- Worked with campus trust and was selected for further training in this field
- Worked closely with President Mrazek on getting pharmacy and convenient store brought onto campus
- Initiative to have the Inn extend their hours until 2am for reasons of safety and security
- Overall feel as though initiatives went better than expected but the Inn is still a work in progress which we will hear about in upcoming weeks

Nick Carpenter:

- Heavily involved in Frosh Week planning throughout the summer
- Looked at different sponsors for competitive prices, Big Tree became a major sponsor he selected

- Attended weekly meetings for finance of Frosh Week
- Attended conference in Edmonton with Pat O'Connell to view various bands, comedians, and illusionists to consider booking throughout the upcoming year → Also had workshops on issues such as inclusion on campus
- Highly concerned with how to incorporate frosh more into events this upcoming year, feels as though this has been an issue in previous years (SuperSub this past Friday was a success, looking at doing something similar for Halloween)
- Also working with Halifax Pop Explosion to bring to St.FX as well as involved in the process of democracy and elections on campus (ex: Rick Mercer)

Hilary Elliot:

- Worked toward giving student union website a new look, and is still undergoing changes
- Worked with Nick on frosh week planning
- Collaborated with societies and residences on campus toward planning and marketing their events to the best of their ability
- Worked on the OuLaLa app and how to market it more to St.FX students, seems to be very successful among first years

Questions Raised on OuLaLa:

1. What are the current enrollment statistics?
2. How does the U plan to market to upper year students toward using the app?

Response to Questions Raised:

1. Does not have the statistics on her but there is an evident increase from usage last year
2. Trying to integrate and collaborate more with societies on campus to use this app for their groups rather than Facebook which will get more upper year students involved with the app
 - Also worked with all the unions on campus throughout the summer
 - Contributed to the wall calendar of events for the 2015-2016 year

Emily Gale:

- Hired new sustainability chair over the summer
- Helped plan events on campus for GetOutTheVote (ex: Rick Mercer)
- Worked with President Mrazek on provincial advocacy groups
- Worked on volunteer database at St.FX as well throughout the summer to inform students of opportunities in the community to get involved
- Attended a national student food summit over the summer as well to help bring initiatives back to campus → Applications due next Friday to become part of the food resource team
- Travelled with Vice President Stordy during the summer for conferences on women's centers as well

Constituencies

Business:

- Working toward a *Women in Business* social, trying to target first years to get involved, had several successful frosh week events

Science:

- Consider frosh week a success, attended first year biology classes to introduce themselves to new students and are aiming to attend some nursing classes as well, want to reach out to constituents through societies on campus

Arts:

- Frosh week considered a success, have an outside professor travelling to campus later this month to provide information to students on masters degrees, holding info session on October 4th on polling and elections

Education:

Absent with regrets.

Graduate:

- Coffee hour held last week considered a success, planning social events for the future

International:

- Had first meeting last Friday with students as well as a meet and greet, upcoming Chinese festival on September 25th

Upper Campus:

- Trying to meet as many people as possible around upper campus, country night was a success but some students felt disappointed in how quickly tickets sold out leaving them excluded from the event, many students have expressed interest in getting involved, House Presidents and Vice Presidents are planning upper campus events

Lower Campus:

- Unable to have hours so far, lower campus parking has been an issue expressed by students, planning events in the future such as Fast Friends

Governors and Apartment Style:

- Issues with first years and international students living in these building and have limited access to resources or information on certain issues (i.e.: frosh week events, where building on campus are etc.)

Off Campus:

- Frosh week considered a success, working on promoting community BBQ's that are upcoming within the town, planning community office hours and events around town to meet other students from off campus

General Manager Report:

- Reminder about Opting out for Health and Dental plan is due September 30th and The Hunting Ground is being shown in Nicholson Hall at 7:30 on September 23 in classroom 151
- More upcoming positions will be posted on the U website, council members are encouraged to help spread the word and get students involved

Committee Reports:

- Only one committee, "consciousness awakening" raised some questions over what their constitution means, they have been met with to review their constitution and advice was offered to improve it, they made the society list in the end

- All other committees went smoothly
- Some not yet added due to lack of ERC training

Strategic Report:

A three year plan, mandated at the last council meeting, but discussed in tonight's meeting to familiarize new members with it

Goal One: Communications

Ex: Pamphlet was a success, updating signage on campus has been approved for select signs and we are still working towards more, continual promotion of services is currently in progress, DriveU promotion has been touched on but not fully pursued. Other areas currently being worked on:

1. Website
 - i. Working towards updating website and promoting usage
 - ii. Feeling as though they are in a good place with progress regarding the website after dissatisfaction was expressed last year
2. OuLaLa
 - i. Working to update and promote usage of OuLaLa on campus and build on momentum that began last year and with first years over the summer
 - ii. After this year council will decide whether or not to continue with OuLaLa
 - iii. Hilary states that at the beginning of October she will receive a report on OuLaLa from research officer
3. Communications office
 - i. Has been a plan for a number of years, massive job with large workload

Goal Two: Student Engagement

1. Development of volunteer bank
2. Experimental learning opportunities with the SU
 - i. Lack of job fair in previous years, working toward changing this
 - ii. Jobs on campus described and posted online, hoping to share and promote this more
 - iii. More information sessions for elected positions
3. Diversity for Orientation Week
 - i. Potential moving forward with O-crew and specific committee for welcoming international students
 - ii. Society night was a success
 - iii. X games being organized by faculty was successful as well as faculty night

Goal Three: Increased Advocacy

1. Continued Advocacy
 - i. Extend hours on campus and increase study space
 - ii. Lobby university to increase student voice on campus
2. Sexual Assault Protocol
 - i. Work has been done throughout the summer to implement new protocol on campus
 - ii. Bring in the Bystander program on campus going successful

- iii. Provide safe space for discussions on campus
- 3. Mental Health
- 4. Campus Accessibility
 - i. Increase bike ramps on campus
 - ii. Increase wheelchair accessibility on campus
 - iii. Improve snow removal on campus
 - iv. Increase lighting on campus, in progress
- 5. Constitution Agreement
 - i. To ensure that consultation to students (tuition fees etc.)

Goal Four: Organizational Advancement

- Second lowest student fees in Atlantic Canada
- Fee should have been raised by 15% last year, only raised by 3%
- Considering Bloomfield renovations, process made throughout the summer, meeting next week on topic
- Full time staff autonomy

Goal Five: Academics

1. Academic Engagement
2. Academic Appeals
3. Academic Success Workshops

Discussion on Societies on Campus:

- Enactus's placement on the society list was discussed (whether it is considered athletic or not since it is a competitive group)
- Questions raised on whether equestrian society will be considered competitive this year which will be decided in the near future
- Questions raised on why political science society is not on the list, answered that none of the leaders have ERC training yet, once someone receives ERC training political science society will be added to the list
- Questions raised on what consciousness awakening society does, Kate explains its constitution

Ratifications

Move to ratify campus students societies on the given list, motion is seconded.

Motion passed.

Moves to ratify Bridget Houston as the Bring in the Bystander coordination. Motion seconded. Move to ratify. Motion ratified.

Move to ratify Chelsea Murphy as Deputy chair. Motion seconded. Move to ratify. Motion passed.

Move to ratify Ella Maltby for sustainability chair. Motion seconded. Move to ratify. Motion passed.

Move to ratify Victoria Cullen for sponsorship coordinator. Motion seconded. Motion explained. Motion passed.

Closing remarks by Mike.

