

President of the UPEI Student Union report

Since our last meeting on Sept 23rd this is a little bit of what I have been up to. I apologies for not being here tonight but I will see you all in the coming week.

On Sept 24th Myself and the team was able to attend an event being put on the the Graduate Student Association (GSA) where we had the opportunity to talk about upcoming events, services, and what we offer at the SU for our membership. They had a great turnout and the GSA team did a wonderful job.

UPEI had a Strategic Plan session on Sept 24th, as a member of this committee I was in attendance and we presented our plan for the university next three years. There was probably around 50 people in attendance and we had a few suggestions brought up including arts programs and work terms for students.

I had a CBC interview on Sept 25th in regards to the Fox and Crow renovations, this went very well and we got some great coverage from them. The interview appeared online, radio, and TV.

Myself and Emma met with Staples on Sept 25th to go over and plan for get out the vote week and what we will need to order for the campaign. After some great discussion with them I think you will be very excited with Emma's marketing for this week.

The University Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee met on Sept 25th and majority of these meetings are in camera but I can share with you discussion around Panternet and enrollment, and the University audited financials where the area of discussion.

I was able to meet with president Alaa on Sept 26th and Oct 10th.

On Sept 26th I took part in the university safe walk and safety campaign on campus. I was able to walk around with Kevin who works at UPEI and we gave out prizes to students being safe on campus.

Myself and the General Manager met with Jackie Podget on Sept 26th to go over our building agreement with them and to discuss our relationship in regards to the cameras that we operate and the cameras the university operates in the W.A. Murphy. Currently we are in operation and moving forward we want to better work with campus police to ensure safety for our students.

On Sept 26th we partnered with the GSA and sponsored a bowling night for all new grad students. This went over very well and we had lots of turnout from the membership. I don't think I have ever been to a more successful event targeted to our grad membership.

On Sept 27th I attended the University Donor Picnic which was held in the W.A Murphy. The University had a great turn out and I was able to thank the many donors that help support our students everyday.

On Sept 27th I met with the Chartwells team to talk about how we can better work together this year on campus. In the past there has been some stigma between the two organizations and we wanted to see if we could work together on some events moving forward. Most of the meeting was around sustainability and the environment. We also talked about diversity week and how we could get more students out to both of our events. Overall this was a fantastic meeting and I look forward to working with them.

NIFD met on Sept 24th, most of this was around meeting the students that got appoint to the committee this year and what we are going to accomplish this coming year. It came to the conclusion that once the new members are elected will will start advertising the strategic plan and get it approved.

On Sept 28th I spend most of my day working with ITSS and the CRO to ensure the election will be ready for the upcoming week.

I was able to speak at UPEI founders day on Sept 28th and thank the many donors and individuals that have shaped this campus to what is today.

On sept 29th I spoke at the new chancellor session and brought greeting on behalf of the Student Union.

On Oct 2nd - 3rd I spent most of my day working with ITSS, students, and the CRO in regards to the election.

Myself and Emma met with East Link and The Guardian on Oct 3rd to go over the upcoming live mayor debate that will be streamed in the W.A. Murphy building next week.

I was unable to attend the Board of Governors meeting on Oct 4th due to personal reason but I sent my regards with Owen Shaw. Any questions in regards to this meeting can be answered by Owen.

The government of Canada and province of Prince Edward Island made an announcement on Oct 10th in the MCDH building about retaining students in our province. Myself and Emma gave a media statement after this.

Myself and Emma got to meet with Jackie Podger and the new sexual violence coordinator on Oct 11th to talk about her new role at the university and what we can do to support her office. I was very impressed with what they have accomplished and feel this is a great first step for the entire university campus.

As most of you know we had Council Orientation on Oct 11th, moving forward we are hoping to have more sessions like this to better your development as councilors. If you have any ideas of things we could offer please reach out to myself!

On Oct 12th I met with Owen and Paul our Campus Trust reps who were here to give an update about our health and dental from last year. Like always our health insurance is doing wonderful and we had an amazing year for coverages. Also if the trends keep going the way they are we won't have to increase our rates for next year and will be able to offer more coverages for the year after.

Senate met on Oct 12th and a big discussion was around the campus strategic plan which was passed.

Besides all of these important details I have been very busy working on a new service that I would like to bring to campus starting in Jan. This service would be a free shuttle service for students to access to get grocery, walk in clinics, a safe ride home after the bars, airport pick ups, the possibilities are endless. Currently this is being offered at Memorial University, Cape Breton University, UNB, and St. Mary's and if approved will also be at UPEI in a few months. At the next council meeting you will hear more about this idea and what it entails.