

VPAX Council Report

October 28th Council Meeting

The following document is a summary of the tasks, events, and responsibilities, the office of the VPAX has participated in October 14th - October 28th 2018.



University of Canada: Cairo

- October 13th - 18th visited University of Canada Cairo - where UPEI is in partnership with Carlton and Memorial
- Faculties available: Engineering, Computer Sciences, and Business
- Roughly 150 students
- Still in phase one, looking towards developing the school in both undergrad and grad programs

Advocacy Team

- Went over grand schedule of events for Get Out The Vote
- Assigned people to time slots for volunteering
- Brainstormed additional ideas : such as a poll for a ride to the polls, election viewing party?

International Student Working Group

- Continuing research into gaps of PEI Health Care cards in talks with Richelle and Health PEI
- Reached out the Adrienne Montgomery from Scholarships and Awards to speak about the current number of awards that are available to all students vs. domestic only

APCC (Academic Planning and Curriculum Committee)

- Spoke about error in Graduation requirements for 2017-2018 cohort
- 1993-2016 + 2018-2019 : took best marks out of top 14 courses for final marks
- Whereas 2017-2018 university made an error and took top marks from all courses

- VPAX spoke about in whichever case, ensure that those students receive the better of the two options and are not disadvantaged due to an error from the universities behalf
- VPAX requested that the registrar's office do an analysis of this

Ashley - Grad Student Rep

- Research Project: Grad experience at UPEI + what to work on
- Spoke about vision for research project + end goal
- Set specific timeline for when we would like to have our survey created, set out, and compiled
- Would like report done by March

Student Grievance Meeting

- Student looking for advice pertaining to an unjustified penalization of marks from pass/fail class
- (cannot share specifics on this as it is that students confidential information)

GET OUT THE VOTE: LIVE MAYORAL DEBATE

- STANDING ROOM ONLY!!!!!!
- Event was a great success
- Advo-team met with each candidate when they arrived and prepared prep-rooms for them each upstairs in the Student Union
- UPEISU Survey on Housing was mentioned on live television!
- Affordable housing was frequently address however missing from this were short term rentals, transit, and sustainability.

David Webster - United Way

- Individual who was recommended to meet with by the VP Academic and Research office to talk about possible forward step for affordable housing efforts
- Stated that our advocacy efforts for this matter were bang on, and that our research methods and people we were speaking with were all moves in the right direction
- Recommended trying to reach out to other youth groups : Charlottetown Youth Matters and Youth Futures Council to work together (which is also something we are already doing!)

Meeting with Sarah and Laura from Residence

- Speaking about tenant rights of students in residence
- What they're entitled to
- What the Residence is entitled to do
- Procedures etc.
- Meeting was to gain better understanding of how that is different from a typical Renting agreement and how students can still be protected

Grad Committee CASA

- Spoke about Grants for Grads, Tri-council application, and Open Access publication policy updates
- What to expect for Advocacy Week!