

VPAX Council Report

December 2nd Council Meeting



The following document is a summary of the tasks, events, and responsibilities, the office of the VPAX has participated in November 18th - December 2nd 2018

Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) Conference

- November 15th - 20th
- Participated in Organizational Services and Development Committee
- Disappointed with the time wasted on drama with the Students Federation of Ottawa University
- Disappointed with the closing plenary chair for allowing for a University of Manitoba student throw their own Student Union under the the bus

Co-Housing @ UPEI

- *Definition: Co-housing is a concept that has grown in popularity in both North America and Europe. This concept alleviates civic housing shortages by making use of existing vacant rooms which go unoccupied. This typically involves seniors in the surrounding university community who have an extra room(s) in their home, renting them out to students to ease financial pressure and provide students with a more affordable renting option. This is akin to standard renting agreements where the renter has access to facilities such as the kitchen, bathroom, living room, in addition to their own personal room. This type of living concept facilitates growth in relationships between the student and local seniors. This supports the integration of students into the community, while helping reduce the risk of seniors feeling isolated and detached.*
- Created survey to gage student interest
- Closed as of last week: 132 reponses

Meeting with Clifford Lee (Provincial Housing Hub Advisor)

- Discussed current housing situation on PEI, specifically in Charlottetown
- Spoke about how this is affecting many different groups of the population, including students
- Discussed possibility of creating Co-Housing (see definition above) program for students
- Meeting in near future to create framework and logistics

Mental Health Funding Meeting: Alaa, Jackie, Jason, Treena, & Donna

- Spoke about future of \$25/student mental health funding and ensuring sustainability
- Discussed stepped care program

Music and Theatre Symposium

- Serious day-long brainstorming session on a new Music/Theatre program
- Attended symposium with fellow council member Ryan!
- Necessity: Adequate space (ie: building with stage, sound rooms, etc.)
- Integrated with Confederation Centre of Arts for experiential learning opportunity
- Cross disciplinary:
 - Music/Theatre with health sciences, mental health and physical health
 - Music/Theatre with engineering/computational sciences for audio studies
 - Music/Theatre with business for marketing + media

- Similar structure to masters of global affairs with abroad opportunities embedded in program
- Grad studies to compliment (as undergrad doesn't cut it anymore)

First Provincial Housing Council Meeting

- Mostly informational on structure and context
- Structure: advisory group to housing hub and housing exec committee
- Context: learning about the current situation PEI is in regarding housing
- (only person under 35 or 40 years old!)

PEI Legislature - 2nd Reading of PSE Sexual Violence Policies Act

- Amendments passed that require education and training included in legislation (not just regulations)
- Amendments passed that prescribe what the governing body must include in their report: number of reports, types of training sessions provided, education initiatives taken, etc.
- All in all: amendments passed for a more proactive approach to campus sexual violence
- Legislation needs to go to 3rd Reading and Royal Assent, however is essentially passed *WOW!*
- Yay for wins for students!

Senate November 23rd

- Spoke about APCC discussing pros and cons of a fall reading week (I sit on this committee)
- Residence currently is not solidified in terms of details, still in negotiations with government

CASA Advocacy Week

- **November 25th - 30th**
- **Priorities include:**
 - **International students**
 - **Grad students**
 - **Work Integrated Learning**
 - **Sexual Violence Prevention**