

Hello council, since our last meeting on January 6th I've been working on the following.

Mayor Philip Brown - January 7th

The four of us had the opportunity to sit down with Mayor Brown to talk about some of the key issues facing students. The key areas of discussion was around affordable housing, transit schedules, and clean sidewalks around the University. I would say he was very interested in transit and how we can better support students who live in the East Royalty area. Moving forward we will have a follow up meeting with him, other councillors, and staff members. Also if you have any issues or concerns with the city in regards to clean and safe sidewalks please send an email to your councillors if you live in the Charlottetown area.

PEILCC Cannabis campaign - January 8th

Myself and Sarah were reached out to by the PEILCC about organizing an awareness campaign around safe and responsible use of cannabis. We are currently in the stages of organizing this event and would love to hear feedback or suggestions of how to make this event as informative as possible. The government is also really interested in us running this event and will be paying the bill to host this campaign.

Student Centre Management Committee - January 10th

SCMC is responsible for overseeing our building with reps from UPEI and the UPEISU making decisions about how our building operates. Usually we don't have a whole lot to say that will pertain to council however at our last meeting we did discuss turning our building into a 24 hour space for students to study, hangout, or a place to warm up during the winter months. We are in the early stages but the university is open to the idea and seemed supported. We need to do some research first and look into the safety our students and building.

Senate - January 11th

At the last senate meeting the main points of interest included the creation of a third convocation, last year the university had some issues with seating and because of fire regulations they had to turn some family members away from the ceremony. As the university grows so will this ceremony, currently it is being reviewed by the convocation committee which I do sit on and we will be making a decision in the coming weeks, at this point we are unsure if it will affect this years graduation however this has yet to be decided. The possibility of creating a fall reading week was also talked about and is currently being considered for UPEI, Emma is working on this with the university and will have more to update you on. Honorary Degrees are also being considered and we will be choosing candidates in the coming month.

Class room visit - January 14th/17th

I was invited to give classroom greetings on behalf of the Student Union, professors will invite someone from the SU to speak to their students about the benefits of the SU and what we have to offer students and how they can take advantage of our services. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the visit on the 17th, however John attended in my place.

Elections - 14th - 28th

Nomination for the SU elections have closed and since this we have some interested candidates running for the three executives positions! Candidates for President are Emma Drake uncontested, Candidates for Vice-President Academic & External are Sweta Daboo uncontested, and Candidates for Vice-President Student Life include Tessa Rogers and Sam Macadam. This is very exciting because this means next years team will be 75% women which is something that I don't think has every happened in our time, but also the possibility of having 100% depending on who applies for the VP Finance position which will be filled in middle to late March, so if you know anyone who might be interested please encourage them to apply or come ask questions once we get closer to this date. Voting for the Elections will take place on Jan 29th-30th through simply voting, myself, the CRO, and the Chair have met with ITSS and we are confident we will have no issues with voting this year! However in the case we do have issues please reach out to myself, the CRO, or the Chair with any information you may have on the 29th-30th.

Librarian Meeting - January 15th

Myself, Emma, and a representative from the Graduate Students Association had the opportunity to meet with Donald Moses, a candidate for head Librarian for the University. Donald has been in this same role for a number of years as the interim since the last librarian left UPEI. This meeting was scheduled for students to ask him questions and why he would make the best person for this job, other candidates are being considered and we plan on attending there students discussions once they are scheduled.

Other Student Union

Dalhousie Student Union President

I spoke to Dal President about the creation of an indigenous representative on our council. Aaron is an indigenous person himself and is very supportive of SU in our region creating seats on council for indigenous people. This is why once the constitution is approved at the end of the month we will be voting for add an indigenous rep on our council. Aaron shared lots of great ideas and support for us and moving forward it's going to be very exciting for our organization. We also had the opportunity to speak about the Canadian Alliance of Students Association and what Dalhousie's thoughts are on CASA, and how they thought CASA Advocacy week went.

Acadia Student Union

SMUSA

X Student Union

Dalhousie Student Union

CBUSU

I reached out to these SU because I have been looking for some information in regards to what they pay their university for buildings and other supports on campus. What this means is how much do they pay for building cost, heat, lights, workers, and others questions about the relationship with their universities. I wanted to see how the UPEISU compares to other SU to see if we have a similar structures.

