

# **VPAX Council Report**

*January 6th Council Meeting*



*The following document is a summary of the tasks, events, and responsibilities, the office of the VPAX has participated in December 2nd 2018 - January 6th 2019*

## **Health + Mental Health Project**

- University is in early stages of a new Health + Mental Health Project
- SU is heavily involved in the creation and execution of said project
- VPAX is providing recommendations from students perspective
- Early stages of project right now therefore most information is confidential

## **Co-Housing Interview**

- CBC reached out and were interested in covering a story about the SUs collaboration with the government to develop and encourage co-housing
- Had the honour to go on Compass and was a an opportunity to highlight student perspective on affordable housing options + our research.
- Overall very positive response

## **Indigenous Course Development Meeting**

- Met with Education Dean and John Doran + VP at University of Winnipeg about developing Indigenous courses

- Spoke about the positive impact at U of Winnipeg on students having 1 mandatory Indigenous Course
- Brainstormed possibility at UPEI

### **Meeting with Minister of Finance Heath MacDonald**

- Presented research and recommendations on the new UPEI residence
- Highlighted that on average, residence costs 80% more than the average cost of rent and groceries, therefore the new residence needs to be cognisant and try and create more affordable options
- Also spoke about year long residence options, as at UPEI there are limited options for year round accommodations, and this may be displacing some students
- Highly positive response from the Minister and wants to work in collaboration with SU for student perspective during its development

### **Music Society Bowling + Karaoke Event**

- Had the opportunity to spend some lovely time with the Music Society
- Bonded over singing Bohemian Rhapsody <3

### **Co-Housing Meeting**

- Meeting with Clifford Lee + Provincial Communications on Housing and individuals from Holland College
- Going to collaborate on co-housing project together between province, UPEISU, and HCSU

### **Provincial Housing Council**

- Spoke about CBC Affordable Housing Forum
- Had presentations from

- individuals with Province on Rent Supplements
- Individuals working on down payment assistance program

### **Meeting With Tara from Experiential Learning**

- Gave each other updates on projects
- ExEd office would like to survey council on some of their projects for early student consultation

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- Also very supportive of co-housing initiative

### **Interview: OER Research Position**

#### **STRIDE Program Interview**

- CBC interested in STRIDE Program
- Highlighted projects consultation process and project dates and expectations
- Positive feedback on project and happy to see it in full force now

- Also excited to see the future of the projects development