

FALL BOARD SEMESTER REPORT

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Board Outreach

Board outreach was done over the fall semester through a multitude of areas. I was able to host office hours once a week in the education hub in the education building as a means of being more accessible for students. Although students did not necessarily come and see me specifically it was a good way to get students more aware of my role and the outreach needed to be done to students.

Clubs days was another outreach event which occurred in the fall semester. Clubs days encouraged me to get to know all the clubs and DSU's the SFSS has within its scope. There was also the ability to outreach to clubs, DSU's and other students who may want to get involved. Throughout clubs days I helped man the SFSS tables and informed students of our services and upcoming events. Week of Welcome also happened in the first week of the fall semester where the SFSS gave out free pancakes and welcomed students back.

Finally, the SFSS hosted their Annual General Meeting in October. For this meeting we needed to reach quorum of 250 students. We had many important agenda items regarding the Build SFU project. I was able to do outreach towards education students and residence to make them aware of this meeting.

Committee Involvement

In the fall semester there were many events in which to take part in through my committee involvement on the Events and Promotions Committee. Some of the events that took place were an open mic, battle for the border football game in Washington, and an outdoor movie night. Throughout the semester I was involved in helping organize these events as well as staying active on the Events and Promotions Committee. All events we organized last semester were successful and brought people out to different social events.

The other committee I sit on is the Space Committee which only met once last semester. Although the committee is not as active we were able to meet and discuss some further plans for the committee in the coming semesters.

In addition to being actively apart of these two committee I was able to help out with a few other initiative from other committees last term. These included the nap room done by Accessibility Committee and bringing coffee to the Kinder Morgan Protesters run through the Advocacy Committee.

Working Groups/Projects/Initiatives

Over the fall semester there was a couple project I worked on. The first one was the Fall Kickoff 2014. I was part of the working group for this project and took on the role of one of the Volunteer Captains for the event. This event was very successful and took place mid September with a large number of attendees.

Another project I took on was the traditional halloween pub night hosted by the Events and Promotions committee. I took on this project with At-large representative Rebecca Langmead. We worked in conjunction to organize this pub for the students to celebrate halloween. We were able to keep open communication between us, the highland pub, and the communications office to host a successful event with few issues arising.

Finally, I personally decided to do take on a smaller project at the end of December to give back to the

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students before exams. This was a photos with Santa and free hot chocolate event to raise money for the Angel Tree project. This event raised a sufficient amount of money for the project and give back with free treats to approximately 200 students.

Liaison Work

Working with the RHA as the liaison between the Board and the RHA as a constituency group was harder than expected in the fall term. With the elections for the RHA having more issues than originally anticipated it took time to look into issues and help them run the elections smoothly. Helping their elections coordinator plan for how to run the elections and deal with situations was one of the main roles I had within their elections. Although many things came to the SFSS table we were able to deal with the situations and the elections ended smoothly.

In addition to helping with their elections I was able to read over their constitution multiple times and suggested corrections and ways to improve their constitution. Finally, I was able to help them secure a seat on council and address any issues brought up with regards to the SFSS mandate.

DSU Involvement

In the fall 2014 semester, the Education Student Association was an active DSU. The ESA was able to put their core funding towards hosting an event for education students and other DSU's to participate in. I helped them organize a sports event in the education gym to get education students out in a fun way. I helped the ESA plan this event and pointed them in the right direction when they had questions about anything. The event ended up being successful as they had more people come out then expected. They were also able to raise money for a charity with anything made at the event. I was able to inform more people on how to get involved with their departments student union in order to promote the ESA to education students.

Throughout the semester there were multiple ESA meetings which I attended. Many of these meetings were the restructure the student union and assign people positions. One of the things brought up with my DSU was governance reform which would include changing over the a Faculty student union. Since the ESA is so small, there was no interest in changing over anytime soon.

Looking Ahead

Some things I would like to achieve in the coming semester:

- ❖ Further outreach to education students and informational sessions for involvement in the faculty
- ❖ Recruit more people to be involved with the Education DSU and keep it active over the next semesters
- ❖ Continue to host out of office, office hours
- ❖ Continue to host appreciation events for students
- ❖ Work on upcoming events and promote the SFSS in a positive manner
- ❖ Create a working procedure on how to outreach to students during elections, referendum, and other important society events

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Hyperlink to personal timesheet

<https://docs.google.com/a/sfss.ca/spreadsheets/d/1o3iFg8DKMj0XOVsM0aoxEQIZiSHtXJNPTywa2Cxbio0/pubhtml>