

FALL BOARD SEMESTER REPORT

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Board Outreach

Board outreach was achieved through 3 main areas over the Fall semester- clubs days, hosting out of office hours, and the Annual General Meeting. I was personally able to hold office hours on a weekly basis in the Health Science Undergraduate Student Union office. Having office hours situated in the Health Science building allowed me to interact with students that I would not have otherwise had the chance to.

I was also able to outreach to many groups within our membership during September Clubs Days. I helped to table at the SFSS station, and was able to interact with many students about the services and events that the SFSS provides to undergraduate students. The SFSS also served a pancake breakfast to the membership during Week of Welcome, and during this time I was able to do outreach to students on behalf of the Open Textbook campaign.

The SFSS held their Annual General meeting in October, and as we were required to reach a quorum of 250 students, this was another opportunity for outreach. There were important agenda items surrounding the BuildSFU project for this meeting, and I was able to outreach to health science students and my own personal circles.

Committee Involvement

Over the Fall semester I was actively involved with the Granting Committee, on which I am a voting member, and the Advocacy Committee. The Granting Committee met weekly each month to review grant applications from all Clubs and Student Unions. Over the Fall semester we were able to work in collaboration with the SFU Student Engagement Fund in order to help student groups fund events for the membership. This committee has effectively been consistent in the criteria used to approve grants, and it has been a joy to help these student groups create community events for SFU students.

Although I do not have a voting seat on the Advocacy Committee, I have been relatively active with projects and campaigns that fall under this committee's mandate. In September, I was able to help with outreach for the Open Textbook Campaign by distributing materials to the Health Science Undergraduate Student Union and gathering signatures for the petition. I have been part of the planning for the Sex Week initiative as well, which began in the Fall semester. I was also able to initiate my own project under the Advocacy Committee to aid student families who are in need.

Working Groups/Projects/Initiatives

I have been part of the Food Bank Working Group (FBWG) over the past two semesters. This working group has accomplished much in terms of expansion and securing funds for the program. Our Emergency Food Voucher program has successfully been expanded to Vancouver campus, and we have been able to add additional services, such as Residence voucher drop off and food certificates for the Residence Dining Hall. I have helped with revamping our awareness materials to include these changes, as well as working with other FBWG members to form language to send out to key stakeholders in hopes of reaching as many students as possible. I was also able to represent the SFSS FBWG at the Food Accessibility and Education Committee in October.

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One of the larger projects that I was able to accomplish during the Fall semester was the Angel Tree Project. This project brought together several groups across campus, including the Advocacy Committee, Women's Center, Health Science Undergraduate Student Union and the Graduate Student Society. This collaboration was meant to provide aid for struggling student families at SFU, as well as needy expectant mothers in the Burnaby community (through Burnaby Family Life), over the holiday season. Over the month of November, this project collected donations of grocery store gift cards and baby blankets/ books from students, staff, or visitors at SFU Burnaby campus. These were then distributed in December to those who were in need of the items in lieu of the holiday season. Overall, this project helped over 75 struggling families in the SFU and Burnaby community.

Liaison Work

Over the Fall semester I was able to attend most Women's Center Collective meetings as the Board liaison. Through my role as liaison, I was also able to gauge their interest in the Angel Tree Project and include them in the initial planning stages of the project.

DSU Involvement

Early in the Fall semester, I had hoped to complete the necessary criteria to form a Faculty of Health Sciences Student Union. I worked quite closely with the current Health Sciences DSU to rewrite the constitution so that it would be applicable for a Faculty Student Union. However, despite the hard work that everyone had put in, we were unable to complete the requirements in time for the Fall Referendum as was initially hoped for.

Aside from that, I attended the Health Science Undergraduate Student Union (HSUSU) meetings regularly over Fall semester, and engaged with them on the Angel Tree Project. I was also able to begin attending Faculty of Health Science Faculty Executive Committee meeting on behalf of HSUSU to better engage with the Faculty for student concerns.

Looking Ahead

In the Spring 2015 semester, I would like to achieve the following goals:

- Help host a successful, first annual Sex Week in February under the Advocacy Committee
- Continue to make progress on the creation of a Faculty of Health Science Student Union
- Continue to hold regular "out-of-office" hours
- Work with the HSUSU to administer a survey to Health Science undergraduate students regarding academics and satisfaction
- Help to further engage health science undergraduate students through HSUSU events

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