

Annual General Meeting

April 2, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

SU Boardroom & MS Teams



1 Land Recognition

The MSVUSU acknowledges that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional territory of Mi'kmaq people.

2 Attendance Roll Call

3 Call to Order

4 Approval of the Agenda

04/02/2025:AGM01 Motion

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as distributed/amended.

5 Approval of the Minutes

04/02/2025:AGM02 Motion

Be it resolved that the minutes for the Semi-Annual General Meeting 2024 be adopted as distributed/amended.

6 Executive Report Presentation

7 Adjournment

04/03/2025:SAGM0_ Motion

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at ____ pm.

Semi-Annual General Meeting

December 4, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

SU Boardroom & MS Teams



1 Land Recognition

The MSVUSU acknowledges that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional territory of Mi'kmaq people.

2 Call to Order

At 6:32 pm.

3 Attendance Roll Call

Attendees: Jasmeet Singh, Vice President Communications; Grace MacInnis, Vice President Student Life; Jessie Taylor, 2SLGBTQIA+ Representative; Carson Cameron, President; Koen Schlieff, Professional Studies Representative; August Duquetts, Vice President Advocacy and Undergraduate Student Affairs; Simranpreet Kaur, Vice President Research and Graduate Affairs; Jackson MacIntyre, Residence Representative; Patti Gentile, Health Plan & Payroll Administrator & Facilities Coordinator; Meghna Minocha, Arts Representative; Diana Hazelton, Science Representative;; Batoul Nour, International Student Representative; Peter Cromwell, Hub Manager, Sara Zegarra Marinos, Pride Centre Manager, Grace Stuart, Student at Large; Carolyn Lewis

Regrets: Agam Vikram Sharma, Accessibility Representative; Anu Damodaran, Mature Students' Representative

4 Approval of the Agenda

12/04/2024:SAGM01 **Motion**

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as distributed.

Residence Representative/Professional Studies Representative

Carried Unanimously

5 Executive Report Presentation

Reports were presented by executives & International Student Representative.

6 Adjournment

12/04/2024:SAGM03

Motion

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:23 pm.

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President - Carson Cameron

Brief Summary of the Role

The MSVU Students' Union President oversees the organization's day-to-day operations and governance. In this role, I represent MSVU students on various internal and external bodies, including Senate and Board of Governors. I meet regularly with students and other stakeholders to build support for the Union's mission and vision. I also oversee ongoing projects, services, legal obligations, and contracts.

Internal Committees

- Budget Committee
- Constitutional & Policy Planning Committee
- Crisis Communications Committee
- Executive Committee
- Human Resource Committee
- Student Executive Committee

External Committees and Caucuses

- Advisory Committee on IT&S
- Large Orientation Committee
- Senate Executive
- Senate Student Caucus
- Student Experience Committee

MSVU Students' Union Housing Bursary

Summary: Over the summer (2024), the President worked with both internal team members and external partners to establish a one-time, one-year bursary to provide safe housing for an MSVU student impacted by modern conflict. As project lead, the President ensured the proposal to the MSVU Access & Impact Fund was approved, the application process was fair and confidential, and the bursary was awarded to the selected student in a timely manner.

Achievement: In early September, an MSVU student was awarded the full amount (12,474 CAD) of approved funding for secure off-campus housing.

Food Banks Canada Standard of Excellence Grant

Summary: In September 2024, the Students' Union was awarded 14,187 CAD in funding from Food Banks Canada. The project, from proposal writing to outcome management, was a close collaboration between the Students' Union's Food Bank Manager and President. The entire grant was used to hire an MSVU student policy analyst to enhance the Food Bank's administrative and operational practices in alignment with emerging national standards.

Achievement: This project created an externally funded job for an MSVU student, helping them afford rising costs of living while developing professional research and policy writing skills. The student policy analyst is close to completing two (2) policies that will help the Students' Union best align with national food bank standards in areas of administration and client service.

MSVU Students' Union Community-Based Research Project

Summary: In November, the Students' Union received 5,655 CAD in funding from the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) to launch an unprecedented food security education program. Throughout January 2025, the Students' Union offered five (5) open-access, no-cost seminars on food security research to its Members. Following the seminar series, participating students had the opportunity to earn a paid, 12-week research assistantship with an MSVU Department of Nutrition professor. The assistantship, paying 18.88 CAD per hour for 25 hours per week, totals 5,655 CAD. The selected student will research food security, deepening their understanding of this deeply important issue.

Achievement: Over the fall semester (2024), the President wrote a proposal approved by CFS, secured a supervisor for the assistantship, developed a curriculum for the seminar series, and contracted community-based researchers and grassroots activists to deliver the seminars. In the winter semester (2025), the President worked with the Administrative & Governance Secretary to ensure the assistantship funds were provided to the supervisor and applications were collected from participating students.

Support to the MSVU President's Fund – Special Projects Program

Summary: The Students' Union President met with the MSVU President in the fall semester (2024) during the early planning stages of the Special Projects Program and proposed a fund solely dedicated to student-led initiatives. The Projects fund launched in March 2025, along with a category for student-led initiatives. Since its launch, the Students' Union President has held a meeting open to all societies to strategize how to write their proposals. Now, the President is

working closely with Muslim Student Association leaders to write their proposal to the President's Fund.

Achievements: The MSVU President's Office is awarding up to 7,000 CAD to fund student-led initiatives. The Students' Union President is working closely with student leaders to help support their proposals.

Holiday Fuel Relief Bursary

Summary: In December 2024, the Alumni Association generously approved 500 CAD in funding to help students cover travel expenses for returning home for the holidays.

Achievement: The approved funding was distributed to students from rural and remote areas of Nova Scotia to help cover fuel or transportation expenses for visiting home during the holidays.

Dalhousie Legal Aid Service Drop-in Support

Summary: On January 13, 2025, the Students' Union partnered with Dalhousie Legal Aid Service to assist students with tenant-related issues in Halifax.

Achievement: This one-day drop-in service attracted a significant number of students, many of whom came prepared with relevant documents to address various tenant issues.

MSVU Students' Union Naloxone Program

Summary: The Students' Union offers no-cost, confidential access to naloxone at The Hub and across its four (4) satellite sites. In February (2025), the President worked alongside the Captain Crow Café Manager and the Indigenous Services Assistant to deliver in-person naloxone administration training to food security volunteers and other community members at MSVU.

Achievement: This event informed students on how to recognise an opioid overdose and administer naloxone. All students who attended the program were given a naloxone kit to help make their community safer.

MSVU Students' Union Financial Statements

Summary: In February (2025), the Students' Union approved its 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 financial statements. The President played a minimal role in completing this process compared to the Chief financial officer, who shouldered most responsibility. However, the President did ensure that all documents were reviewed carefully and returned to the auditor whenever needed.

Achievement: The Students' Union's financial statements are now updated. These statements have allowed the team to consider the value of its services more objectively; the President is working

closely with the Strategic Operations Manager to discontinue or significantly modify our contract with Nimbus due to its limited uptake and high expense.

MSVU Students' Union Safe Rave

Summary: In March (2025), the Students' Union hosted a safe rave to raise funds for Wellness Within's (WW) Workshops Inside program. This program provides workshops to people at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility twice a month, covering topics requested by participants, such as reproductive rights and parenting. The President maintained communication with Wellness Within throughout all stages of the project.

Achievement: The rave was a well-populated, successful event that brought together students in a new and exciting way!

Hiring and Onboarding the Students' Union's New Strategic Operations Manager

Summary: The Students Union formally welcomed its new Strategic Operations Manager in March (2025). The President worked closely alongside the Chief Financial Officer and Payroll Administrator to manage all the logistics of bringing a new full-time staff member onto the team.

Achievement: The Students' Union now has a full-time, permanent Strategic Operations Manager.

Housing Relief Fund

Summary: The President has been the primary consultant on a major upcoming endowed housing relief fund, supported by an external stakeholder.

Achievement: The President awaits the terms of reference for the relief fund but is confident the project will launch soon.

Support to Students and the Students' Union Team

Summary: The President always prioritizes direct support to students and has helped them achieve their goals throughout this academic year. While this work is not always visible, it is an essential staple service of the President's Office. In addition to supporting students, the President also helps students' union team members in their leadership pursuits, which is a significant part of their work. The President has also substituted for other positions during periods of vacancy in those positions while maintaining their responsibilities as President.

Achievement: The President's day-to-day interactions with MSVU students and Students' Union team members have strengthened relationships with members and improved the workplace culture within the Students' Union.

VP ADVOCACY & UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AFFAIRS AGM REPORT

1. CAMPUS EXCHANGE PANEL DISCUSSION ON A.I. IN EDUCATION

I was a part of the Campus Exchange Panel Discussion on A.I. in Education on 27th January. It was an interesting experience with a lot of informative and productive discussions on A.I. in academia. From the students' perspective, I mostly talked about how the implementation of Artificial Intelligence in education can provide more accessible learning for the whole student body, rather than catering to a particular kind of student. I also tried to encourage the development of new and more innovative teaching methods and strategies which promote creative ways of learning, pushing students to interact with the issues they are learning about in class by engaging with the communities in which these issues persist.

2. INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER

I talked to Sarah Jacques at the IEC, and she said that the IEC is willing to support the SU with events, projects, and activities.

3. COMMUNITY PARTNERS PROJECT

Why Experiential Learning is Important:

1. Connecting students to external organizations which can help with their education and growth by increasing community involvement
2. Fuels students' passion for community engagement and improvement
3. Students can apply what they learn and be in situations where they encounter certain issues faced by the community instead of everything being simply theoretical

Why we want to advocate for this:

1. Not a lot of opportunities for students to engage with the community, regardless of their field of study
2. The Arts program has limited experiential learning opportunities for students
3. If a student partakes in service work, it is not recognized academically
4. Want students to be active members of society who are passionate about improving the community
5. Enables students to think critically about actual issues by giving them exposure to said issues
6. Promotes creative ways of engaging with course material and academia

SMU has a Service Learning Center which connects students to external non-profit organizations, encouraging students to work with them. We do not have all the information required to initiate this at MSVU, so I have contacted the SMU Service Learning Center and they have agreed to guide us for this project. Here is a link for the

SMU Community Service Learning Center, in case you want more information on their methodology and initiatives: <https://www.smu.ca/cel/students/servicelearning/>

4. MSI NOVA SCOTIA AND THE SU HEALTH PLAN

A lot of students are unaware of the Health Plan offered by the Students' Union, so I am organizing a Health Plan workshop with the International Education Center.

5. TOWN HALLS

I have planned out a base model to implement a town hall system at MSVU, where students can meet frequently to discuss issues that are relevant to them. This is to give them a space to voice their opinions and reach out to us with problems they think we should work on.

Vice President Student Life Report – Grace MacInnis

Brief Summary of Your Role

The responsibilities of the Vice President of Student Life lies in leading and coordinating student activities for the students' union. Since commencing the term, working on several internal committees such as the Orientation Planning Committee and Executive Committee has been some of the main priorities of the roll. Being the liaison between the university and the executive committee members, working with orientation leaders to help facilitate orientation events and working with the Strategic Operators Manager to plan events is a large part of this role. The Vice President of Student Life participates with committees & working groups to organize and deliver events for students to experience on campus. In addition, it falls on the Vice president of Student Life, with cooperation from the Vice President of Communication, to aid the various societies with issues and event concerns.

Internal Committees/Caucuses/Working Groups

- Budget committee
- Society Affairs Committee (Chair)
- Crisis Communication Committee
- Student Executive Committee
- Executive Committee

External Committees/Caucuses/Working Groups

- Student Experience Committee
- Orientation Steering Committee
- Orientation Planning Committee
- Large Orientation Committee

Project Title/Theme *Fall Orientation 2024*

Brief Summary: Planed and coordinated orientation events with the university. Some events included, team building games, sex toy bingo, outdoor carnival, Citadel Hill Ghost Tour and many more. Trained and organized orientation leaders for events, guiding them where necessary. Packed and handed out orientation kits to new students.

Achievement/Progress to Date: Most events had great turnout, particularly the team building games. We painted flags and learned chants and then proceeded to play competitive games, the energy and excitement was beyond what I expected. A few events lacked turnout but nonetheless those who joined had a great time. I would suggest not requiring a cost for returning students, this is a big majority of our student engagement and making them pay lowers turnout. However, even with the fee for some events turnout was not lacking for events like the neon party, ghost tour, and off campus tours.

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Project Title/Theme *Grandma's Night In*

Brief Summary: Provided crafting materials such as yarn and crochet hooks, beads for bracelet making and coloring pages and pencils. Snacks were provided and free café beverages from the rook coupons were handed out to every student, with the goal to provide a break from midterms.

Achievement/Progress to Date: The turnout was as I expected, the goal was to plan an event for students who do not enjoy bigger louder events. The students who did show up stayed almost the full 4 hours of the events duration and I saw students trying to learn to crochet. Overall, I think the event was a success in the terms of the goal; create a relaxing space for students.

Project Title/Theme *Coquette and Country Dance*

Brief Summary: This event is planned to be a dance after the reading week with a theme to dress according to. The theme is not enforced but is just to create more student engagement, as I have found from personal experience that turnout is higher when there is a theme.

Achievement/Progress to Date: This event has not happened yet at the time of writing this but there is a DJ booked, the time and location is decided. I am currently working on a music set list to cater to the theme.

Project Title/Theme *Coco and Craft Night*

Brief Summary: This event is planned to be another relaxing event before exams. It will involve Christmas movies, ornament painting, gingerbread houses possibly. The idea is to have Christmas crafts and the rook will be serving hot chocolate.

Achievement/Progress to Date: Since this event is not until December the planning has not been huge. The space and time have been decided, in addition to what will be happening at the event. More to come in the following weeks.

Project Title/Theme *Silent Disco*

Brief Summary: This event will be a back-to-school event happening after students return from Christmas break. It will be a silent Disco where all students will wear headphones with different music channels.

Achievement/Progress to Date: This event is not until January, so planning is not starting until late November. However, the space and time have been booked and contact with companies to rent the equipment will be in the following weeks.

Participation in Cross-Functional Projects

Name of the Project: *Spooky Saturday*

I collaborated with Residence Life to plan a Halloween event after they cancelled their haunted house. I decided on half of the activities which included pumpkin painting and movies. Snacks were

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provided and gift cards were given to the winners of a contest, the cost of which was split between the Students' Union and Residence life. I also helped decorate and undecorate for the event.

Name of the Project: Monster Mash

I collaborated with the Rook Manager to plan a Halloween dance in the rook on Halloween. I decorated for the event and undecorated, as well as communicated with the DJ prior to the event.

Upcoming Cross-Functional events

Name of the Project: Winter Orientation

I will be working with Residence Life and staff of the university to plan the Winter Orientation for new and returning students. Some possible events include, carnival, silent disco, bingo, and more.

Name of the project: 2 Years eve

Me and the Rook manager plan to collaborate on a dance after the new year. There will be a DJ, possibly snacks, and decorations. More to be determined later.

Name of the project: Drag show

The Rook manager and I plan to work together and plan a drag show sometime in the second semester. More to be planned in the near future.

Name of the project: Bi-weekly Bingo

The Rook manager and I plan to host bi-weekly bingo in the second semester, with some themes being sex toy bingo, stim toy bingo, self-care bingo and more.

Name of project: February Dance

A dance for valentine's day will be planned in the second semester, there will be a theme and decorations. More planning to be done in the future.

Name of the project: Saint Patrick's Day dance

A dance for Saint Patrick's Day will be planned, the event will not be on the actual day but will be close to the holiday. More to be planned in the future.

Name of the Project: Last class Bash

An event held in the Rook to celebrate the end of the school year, music, snacks and games provided. More to be planned in the future.

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Winter events and collaborations

Project Title/Theme *Winter orientation*

Brief Summary: Events were held within the SU and in collaboration with Residence Life and The Rook. Events included Frost Week Carnival, Silent Disco, Board Game Night, Bollywood Night, and Candy Bingo. Events were held within the month of January for the Winter orientation month.

Achievement/Progress to Date: All events listed were held, with some events having better success. Silent disco, Bollywood night and the frost week carnival were highly attended and overall were very successful. Smaller events like candy bingo and board game night were smaller in attendance but overall seemed well liked.

Project Title/Theme *Newsletter launch party*

Brief Summary: This event was held when the SU Newsletter re-launched. We had live music from an MSVU student, pizza and such for all those who attended. It was a get together for all students and staff alike.

Achievement/Progress to Date: This event overlapped with an SRC meeting, which did lower attendance but once the meeting ended more people arrived. The music was wonderful and well enjoyed and the pizza was a great hit. Overall, it had the turnout we expected.

Project Title/Theme *Job Hub Day*

Brief Summary: This event was held before Valentine's Day, where we provided job opportunities from different services. We also provided snacks and valentine's day goodie bags for free to students who attended.

Achievement/Progress to Date: The turn out for this was great, we had a lot of students show up and talk to the companies about their job opportunities. The snacks and goodie bags were gone quickly and well enjoyed. Overall, a great event with great purpose.

Project Title/Theme *Glow Fest (safe rave)*

Brief Summary: This event was our biggest project of the year, where we collaborated with recruitment to plan a safe rave at MSVU. We held Kandi making events prior to the event, promoted and gave away free tickets in giveaways. We booked 4 DJs for the event and put in a lot of visual effects and décor for the event.

Achievement/Progress to Date: This event just happened in March, and overall had a great success. We had over 60 people arrive, with lots of excitement and dancing once the event kicked off. The bracelet making, tattoos, and other crafts were a big success and well liked. Overall, would plan again in early months.

Project Title/Theme *Shamrock Shake*

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Brief Summary: This event was held prior to St. Patrick’s Day, it was a dance held in the Rook, with Darshan as the DJ. We decorated the Rook with green décor for the event.

Achievement/Progress to Date: This event was held in March and had more success than I expected. We had a smaller group of students attend but they looked like they enjoyed the event and had a fun time.

Project Title/Theme *Stim Toy Bingo*

Brief Summary: This event will be held in the last week of March in the Rook. It is your typical bingo with the prizes being a variety of stim toys.

Achievement/Progress to Date: This event has not happened yet, but the prizes have been purchased, and the space is booked. More to come in the future.

Project Title/Theme *Last Class Bash*

Brief Summary: This event will be an end of semester dance at the Rook. It is a joint event with a couple societies. We are working together to plan the details of the event as it will not be held until April.

Achievement/Progress to Date: This event is not until April, but the space is booked. We have been communicating with the societies involved and are working out some of the details for the event. More to come in the near future.

Vice President Communications – Jessie Taylor

(Reporting Period: February 28, 2025, to March 17, 2025)

Brief Summary of the Role

The Vice President of Communications is responsible for, and not limited to, the MSVUSU communications, marketing & public relations, which includes developing and strategizing student communications, digital communications, social media management, media & university relations and upkeeping of governing documents. Additionally, they play a vital role in fostering internal relations, enhancing employee engagement, and facilitating the society ratification process within the Students' Union. This role also supervises the Social Media and Creative content Coordinator.

Within the first two weeks of my role I have been working hard to catch up on the work that had not been completed and fast coming deadlines. After onboarding and exploring our various platforms, I have shifted my focus to our weekly newsletters, promoting the elections, and updating our website.

Internal Committees/Caucuses/Working Groups

- Budget Committee
- Pay and Honoraria Committee
- Human Resource Committee
- Health Insurance Plan Committee
- Crisis Communications Committee
- Elections Committee

- Student Executive Committee
- Executive Committee

External Committees/Caucuses/Working Groups

MSVU Committees

- Orientation Planning Committee
- Large Orientation Committee

Newsletter

As Vice President Communications I have been responsible for developing and distributing the MSVUSU weekly newsletter. Leading this commitment prior to and beyond my appointment, I have explored the MailChimp platform followed by a shift into a paper format as we experience technical difficulties. I have continued to build relationships with our societies and the MSVU community in order to present news that is meaningful to students.

Vice President Research and Graduate Student Affairs Report – Simranpreet Kaur
Reporting Period: May 1st 2024 – April 2nd 2025

Brief Summary of Your Role

As the Vice President of Research and Graduate Student Affairs, I serve as a liaison between graduate students and the administration, ensuring their voices are heard. My role focuses on advocating for resources, policies, and opportunities that enhance both academic and professional growth while fostering a supportive and inclusive environment. I work collaboratively to address student concerns, enhance research opportunities, and create initiatives that enrich the graduate student experience. With a strong commitment to student success, I aim to empower graduate students to thrive academically, personally, and professionally

Internal Committees/Caucuses/Working Groups

- Food Security Committee (FSC) (Chair)
- Graduate Student Committee (GSC) (Chair)
- Student Executive Committee (Voting member)
- Executive Committee (Voting member)
- Budget Committee (Voting member)
- Human Resources Committee (Voting member)
- Constitution & Policy Planning Committee (Voting member)
- Student Senate Caucus (Voting member)

External Committees/Caucuses/Working Groups

- MSVU Senate (Voting member)
- Advancement and External Relations Committee (AERC)
(Voting member)
- Graduate Studies Program and Policy Committee (GSPPC) (Voting member)
- Library and Archives Committee (SCOLA) (Voting member)

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- Canadian Association for Graduate Studies (CAGS) (Voting member)
- National Graduate Caucus - Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) (Voting member)
- MSVU Orientation Planning Committee (Voting member)
- MSVU Large Orientation Committee (Voting member)

Student Advocacy work

- One-on-one student support

External Events

- Lobby Week – Canadian Federation of Students



During Lobby Week 2024, we engaged with members of parliament and senators from Nova Scotia to advocate for pivotal improvements within the post-secondary education system. We successfully presented our recommendations, including the implementation of a national tuition

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freeze and the regulation of tuition fees for international students, ensuring their access to healthcare and simplified pathways to permanent residency. Our discussions also covered the necessity for affordable housing, advocating for the inclusion of student accommodations in the National Housing Strategy. Additionally, we emphasized the need for increased funding for accessible mental health services, aiming to eliminate barriers to these essential supports. These discussions were instrumental in advancing our goal to foster a more equitable and accessible educational landscape in Canada.

- National Annual General Meeting - I attended the National General Meeting (NGM) of the Canadian Federation of Students in Ottawa, where student representatives from various locals gathered to discuss the collective challenges facing students. At the NGM, I actively participated in the International Constituency and Campaigns Forum. Additionally, I was honored to be elected as the National Graduate Caucus Deputy Chairperson for the CFS, a role I will hold until April 2025.
- National Graduate Caucus Standalone – I attended the NGC Standalone along with one of our Graduate Student Committee Representative in Toronto from March 7th – March 9th. We attended the Standalone where we advocated for the graduate research funding and discussed issue pertaining to the recent federal research funding changes. We also attended the an Anti-oppressive Workshop, Lets Science Connect Workshop where they taught us a few tips on media and communication relations. Within my role as the Deputy Chairperson for the NGC, I was successfully able to get the Budget for the upcoming year approved.

University Relations

- Meeting with the MSVU Dean, Professional & Graduate Studies
- Collaboration with Career Services for Resources for Graduate Students
- Collaboration with the Writing Centre for Resources for Graduate Students

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- Collaboration with Departments to help organize regular social/ informal sessions with Graduate students (AHN Department – Café Scientifique, Online Orientation, CYS graduate Orientation)
- Collaboration with Dr. Mohammad Siddique on a financial networking workshop (Both Semesters)
- Collaboration with the Department Admin Assistants to seek potential students for the Multi-disciplinary Research Series.
- Collaboration with Dr. John Smith III – Developing a Financial Knowledge Micro credential, including insights into Taxes, maintain good credit score, how to start saving early, car insurance and a few other aspects.
- Collaboration with University Advancement, Loaded Ladle (Dalhousie, Soup Kitchen), Professor Nicolaus Deal and the MSVUSU Food Security Committee to discuss the allocation and sustainable planning of our Giving Tuesday food security funds (\$35,082 CAD).
- Participation in the GAHN Multi-Media Skills Workshop, led by Greg, provided participants with hands-on experience in multimedia tools and techniques. Following the workshop, we introduced our services, highlighting available resources and support for students.

Mass Media Work

- Updating of the Graduate Student Committee webpage with VP Communications
- Actively participated in Event videos/ Poster promotions
- Facilitated a Graduate student community WhatsApp group as a different means of communication

HR Participation

- Recruited Graduate Student Representatives for the Graduate Student Committee
- Supported the Food Security Service Managers

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- Supported the HR Committee as needed

Graduate Student Committee

The Graduate Student Committee is actively engaged in fostering a supportive environment for graduate students. Meeting bi-weekly in the fall and monthly during the summer, the committee is dedicated to championing student interests and addressing their concerns through collaboration with various representatives. Additionally, the committee plays a crucial role in planning and organizing enriching events and workshops tailored specifically for graduate students.

Food Security Committee

This committee has been actively working on addressing Food insecurity on campus. This Committee meets Bi-weekly to discuss the support needed for the Food Bank and Soup Kitchen. A major project currently actively discussed is the Standards of Excellence grant by Food Banks Canada to help the MSVUSU Foodbank achieve the necessary accreditation. This accreditation will enhance our Food Bank's capabilities, aligning our services with national efforts to combat hunger.

Internal Events/ Projects

- Supporting the Food Bank and Soup Kitchen Manager with their services as needed.
- Student advocacy case - I am currently handling two student advocacy cases. The first case has been addressed but requires a follow-up to ensure all concerns are fully resolved. The second case is ongoing, with a resolution anticipated in the new year.

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- Supporting students with questions relating to job hunting, classes and getting involved throughout the year.
- **Fall Orientation 2024:**
 - Student Services Fair: Participated alongside various MSVU departments, introducing students to the extensive support network available on campus.
 - Student Parent Social: Successfully organized an event where student parents at MSVU connected. Participants explored the various supports available for student parents. The event featured engaging games, and icebreakers, and children who attended received school kits. It was an enjoyable gathering for families.
 - Graduate Resource Fair: Hosted an event providing new graduate students with a comprehensive overview of campus resources and support services under one roof. This included access to various research offices, the writing center, library, career services, and international support systems.
 - Graduate Speed Friending Event: Orchestrated an activity that enhanced student interactions, facilitated networking, and generated a vibrant atmosphere. This two-hour event was filled with engaging activities and snacks.
 - Graduate Game and Groove Gala: Organized an event where graduate students could connect in a relaxed and enjoyable setting. Featured activities included card games, icebreakers, bingo, and pillow passing, culminating in a lucky draw. The event's theme, 'Dress Your Heart Out,' highlighted a competition for the best-dressed attendee.
 - Graduate Student Orientation: Co-facilitated the general and department-specific orientations for new students in Applied Human Nutrition and Child and Youth Study, providing tailored guidance and support.

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- Traditional Gala: In collaboration with the International Education Center, co-organized a gala where students showcased traditional attire from their home countries, enriching the evening with cultural diversity. The event featured delectable international cuisine, and lively music, and concluded with an international dance party and rook dance, creating a memorable night of unity and cultural exchange.
- **Winter Orientation 2025:**
 - Mafia: I helped organise this game event. Mafia is a thrilling party game where players dive into a world of mystery and deception. Assigned as sneaky Mafia, clever Police, protective Bodyguards, or unsuspecting Villagers, everyone has a secret role. By day, the town debates and votes to eliminate suspects, but by night, the Mafia plots, the Police investigate, and the Bodyguard shields others from harm. Can the Villagers outwit the Mafia before they take over the town? Get ready for suspense, strategy, and lots of finger-pointing in this ultimate game of bluff!
 - Grad social event: I organized the Grad Social. It is the ultimate mixer where graduate and mature students come together for an evening filled with fun and games. Step away from the books and dive into a lively atmosphere where laughter and friendly competition are on the agenda. Play classic favourites like Cards, Bingo, and Charades, or discover new games that will have everyone on their toes. It's was the perfect opportunity to unwind, meet fellow students, and forge new friendships.
 - Knowledge Fair: I organised the Knowledge Fair for students to explore an array of services available on campus. It helped students connect with representatives from different campus services, discover tools and support systems to enhance their student experience. Whether you're an undergrad or a grad student, this is a perfect opportunity to gather information, ask questions, and make the most of your university journey.

Project Title/Theme *Workshop for Mature Minds*



Brief Summary: This workshop is tailored to equip students with essential academic skills necessary for enhancing their research papers, focusing on writing techniques, referencing, and citations. Additionally, it incorporates a financial literacy component designed to kick-start students' investment journeys. A student representative also participates to share insights on balancing multiple on-campus jobs, providing a valuable student perspective. Mature Student Representative supported to organize the Financial Networking aspect of this project.

Achievement/Progress to Date: A well-received event.

Project Title/Theme *Graduate Social Tuesday Series*

Brief Summary: This weekly gathering is designed to foster casual interactions among graduate students. In our inaugural session, we introduced ourselves and engaged in a game of MAFIA to break the ice.

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Achievement/Progress to Date: My goal is to host this event every Tuesday through December 10th, 2024. It's crafted specifically to provide a space where graduate students can unwind and relieve stress together during a challenging academic period.

Project Title/Theme *Food Security Round Table*

Brief Summary: The food security roundtable brought together key stakeholders, including Erin Patrick, Nicholas Deal, the Loaded Ladle team from Dalhousie, a food policy analyst, and the food security committee, to discuss sustainable funding models beyond one-time grants and the allocation and sustainable planning of our Giving Tuesday food security funds (\$35,082 CAD). Discussions focused on financial strategies such as capital funds, endowments, and partnerships with community organizations like Gateway, farmers markets, and Square Roots. Additionally, potential internal collaborations with the AHN and Hospitality and Tourism Departments were explored to support the Soup Kitchen initiative.

Achievement/Progress to Date: Identified potential long-term funding sources, including endowments and partnerships with community organizations, strengthened collaboration with Dalhousie's Loaded Ladle, which expressed interest in supporting meal production at the Soup Kitchen. Engaged in discussions relating to seeking CUPE 3912 and the Faculty Association to explore future collaborations. Addressed infrastructure challenges affecting meal production and identified possible solutions.

Project Title/Theme *Multi-disciplinary Research Series*

Brief Summary: The upcoming Multidisciplinary Research Seminar Series is scheduled for April 7th from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM in McCain 302. This event will provide graduate students with a

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platform to present their thesis proposals or final thesis defense presentations, helping other students gain insights into the research and thesis defense process.

Achievement/Progress to Date: Offer graduate students an opportunity to present their research and receive constructive feedback. Facilitate peer learning by demystifying the thesis defense process for attendees. Promote interdisciplinary engagement and knowledge-sharing among students from various academic backgrounds.

Participation in Cross-Functional Projects

Name of the Project: MSVU Student Union Bursary: Aiding Students Affected by Modern Conflict

I contributed to the development of a bursary proposal designed by the MSVUSU President. Inspired by local grassroots efforts in Halifax that raised awareness about the situation in Gaza and the Occupied West Bank, the proposal aims to establish a CAD 12,475 bursary to provide safe housing for an MSVU student affected by ongoing or recent conflicts anywhere in the world. My role involved assisting with the proposal crafting, ensuring it captured the essence of community mobilization and addressed the needs of our globally impacted students. This proposal has now been submitted for donor approval.

Participation in Cross-Functional Projects

Name of the Project: SOE grant

Provide support as needed.

Participation in Cross-Functional Projects

Name of the Project: Job Hub Day Event

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The Career Fair event was organized in collaboration with the International Student Representative, VP Student Life, Pride Centre Manager, Captain Crow's Café Manager, and Elections Coordinator. The event, held on February 12th and featured external organizations including Halifax Partnership and Shannex. In addition to networking opportunities, students received information on the upcoming SU elections and job postings, with special Valentine's giveaways adding an engaging element to the event.

Participation in Cross-Functional Projects

Name of the Project: Financial Networking Event

In collaboration with Mature Student Representative and through discussions with students, two key financial literacy topics were identified as crucial for their success: Credit Score Building and Smart Saving Strategies for Students. These topics will focus on understanding credit score factors, long-term financial impacts, and effective budgeting strategies to support students in managing their income and expenses efficiently.

2SLGBTQIA+ Representative – Jessie Taylor

(Reporting Period: November 1, 2024, to February 28, 2025)

Brief Summary of the Role

The 2SLGBTQIA+ Representative on the Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union (MSVUSU) Student Representative Council (SRC) is an elected Member concerned with 2SLGBTQIA+ advocacy. The MSVUSU expects each Councilor to conduct their work sincerely and to put forth their best effort to advance their constituents and the collective MSVU community.

While in this position I worked to advocate for 2SLGBTQIA+ students at MSVU while representing them on our Student Representative Council. I collaborated with both internal and external parties helping to develop resources to support the queer community. During this period, I also assisted various representatives and executive members with communication efforts.

Internal Committees/Caucuses/Working Groups

- Compensation review Committee
- Crisis Communications Committee
- Health Insurance Plan Committee
- Student judicial Committee

First Year Students Representative – Jessie Taylor

(Reporting Period: May 1, 2024, to October 31, 2024)

Brief Summary of the Role

The First Year Representative on the Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union (MSVUSU) Student Representative Council (SRC) is an elected Member concerned with supporting first-year students. The MSVUSU expects each Councilor to conduct their work sincerely and to put forth their best effort to advance their constituents and the collective MSVU community.

Internal Committees/Caucuses/Working Groups

- Human Resource Committee
- Food Security Committee
- Student Discipline Appeals Committee
- Society Affairs Committee
- Food Security Committee

Events Hosted

Writing for Scholarships Workshop – This was a hybrid session (allowing for virtual and physical attendance) to help students identify scholarships that they can apply for and what to write when applying. Thereafter, the recording and resources were given to career services for the use of future students.

Orientation Events – In addition to being an orientation leader I ran and/or collaborated with the VP Student Life to execute the following events: Student Service Fair, Carnival Night,

MSVUSU Waterfront Picnic, MSVUSU Trivia Night, Neon Party and Face Painting, MSVUSU Halifax Adventure, Traditional Gala, and the Paint-Along Art Class.

First-Year Representative – Armaan Kush

(Reporting Period: January 2025 to March 2025)

Brief Summary of the Role

As the First-Year Representative of the Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union (MSVUSU), I have been committed to advocating for the needs and concerns of first-year students. My role involves engaging with first-year students, addressing their queries, and participating in committees and events to enhance the student experience.

Internal Committees/Caucuses/Working Groups

Throughout my term, I have actively contributed to various committees, including:

- Human Resources Committee – Discussed HR policies and student employment matters.
- Society Affairs Committee – Reviewed and approved activities of student societies.
- Food Security Committee – Worked on initiatives improving student food security.

Meeting Attendance

I have attended all council and committee meetings throughout my term, with the exception of February 28, due to unavoidable circumstances. I actively participated in discussions and decisions that impact students.

Student Engagement

Interacting with first-year students was a fundamental aspect of my role. I engaged with many students who joined MSVU in the last semester, assisting them in understanding the structure of the Students' Union, resolving queries, and guiding them to relevant resources.

Events Participation

As part of my role, I attended various events organized by the Students' Union, fostering student engagement and inclusivity. Notably, I participated in the Bollywood Night event, which celebrated cultural diversity and provided an opportunity to connect with students in an informal setting.

Conclusion

My tenure as the First-Year Representative has been an enriching and fulfilling experience. Through my involvement in committees, active participation in meetings, and engagement with students, I have worked towards improving the first-year student experience. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and contribute to student governance at MSVUSU.

Councilor Report

Reporting Period: May 1st 2024 - March 17th 2025

Gender Advocacy Representative

Juliana Fanning

Hello everyone! My name is Juliana Fanning (She/Her), a third-year student in a BSc in Biology with a minor in Cultural Studies and Neuroscience. My constituency is all students, with a focus on representing those who identify with equity-denied genders. My goal is to ensure that all decisions made on campus include a space for these genders, creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for all students!

Enclosed in my report is an outline of the ways I have been involved in the Students' Union.

During this time, I've been representing students on several committees:

- Undergraduate Admissions, Scholarships and Awards (UASAC)
- Student Discipline Appeals Committee (SDAC)
- Pay & Honorarium Committee
- Health Insurance Plan Committee
- Hub Manger Hiring Committee

Student Union and Campus events I've been a part of include:

- Drive-In Movie Night (Volunteer/Participant – September 1st)
- Student Services Fair (Volunteer – September 2nd)
- MSVU BBQ & Orientation Kickoff (Participant – September 2nd)
- Refreshments & Relax (Participant – September 2nd)
- Night Carnival (Participant – September 2nd)
- Mount Mentor Ice Cream Social (Participant – September 3rd)
- Academic Welcome Lunch (Participant – September 3rd)
- Healthy Relationships & Sex Toy Bingo (Participant – September 3rd)
- Face Painting (Participant – September 5th)
- Neon Party (Participant – September 5th)
- 7 Bays Bouldering (Participant – September 7th)
- Lab Coat Tie Dye (Organized – September 3rd)
- Open Mic Night (Participant – September 26th)



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- PAWS Room (Participant – October 8th)
- Crow's Karaoke (Participant – October 10th)
- Concert P'tit Belliveau - French Society (Participant – October 11th)
- The Jumpoff (Participant – October 17th)
- FNS Fall Valley Trip (Participant – October 18th)
- Mocktail & Movie Night (Participant – October 21th)
- Potluck in the Garden (Participant – October 23th)
- Shrinky Dinks Party (Participant – October 23th)
- Spooky Saturday (Volunteer/Participant – October 26th)
- Grandma's Night in (Participant – November 4th)
- Thrift & Sip (Participant – November 6th)
- Murda at da Rook (Participant – November 20th)
- Game Night (Participant – January 5th)
- Frost Week Carnival (Participant - January 6th)
- Society Bingo (Participant/promotor - January 11th)
- Society fair (Society representing member – January 22)
- Keep it social Westwood Mario Kart event (Participant)
- Volleyball Cup (Participant – Throughout semester)
- Volleyball Cup After Party (Participant – March 12th)
- Glow Fest (Participant – March 7th)

Projects for this semester:

Creating a comprehensive document which allows new SRC members to be educated on role of council members and informed on the way the SU works. This will be passed down to future SRC members allowing for a smooth transition of new elected SRC.

Outside of council, I'm the Vice President of Communications for the science society, where I manage our social media and assist in event planning. I also serve as a CTRA in the Residence Life team. These roles have allowed me to connect with other students and build a strong community. I'm grateful for your support and encourage you to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, ideas, or if you just want a safe space to talk, you can contact me at sugenderrep@msvu.ca.

Mature Student Representative - Anu Damodaran

March, 2025

Brief Summary of the Role

As the Mature Student Representative, my primary responsibility is to support mature students at MSVU and collaborate with relevant MSVU services dedicated to this group. I attend all SRC meetings, thoroughly reviewing documents and identifying key talking points on the perspectives of mature students. Additionally, I serve on several committees by contributing to enhancing student life and academic policies.

External Committees Representation

- Committee for Academic Planning and Programs
- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
- Academic Appeals

Key Contributions (Fall 2024 – Winter 2025)

Throughout the Fall 2024 and Winter 2025 terms, I attended most SRC meetings and actively contributed by providing valuable feedback on several key topics presented by the Executive Council. I consistently voiced the concerns of MSVU students, and many of these concerns were taken seriously and are being addressed for a better student experience on campus. I have advocated for improving the student union's functioning transparently and inclusively, striving for greater student engagement.

In collaboration with the then Vice President of Advocacy and Undergraduate Affairs, I pushed to introduce a hybrid model for course delivery. This initiative aimed to provide an option for separate in-person and online courses or components, ensuring greater accessibility for all students. This initiative did not go through due to a lack of student numbers in favour

of the proposal. Moreover, when I discussed this topic in CAPP, most faculty said the learning outcomes failed when adopting a hybrid model. They also added that it is a lot of extra work for the faculty and they cannot manage a hybrid class efficiently.

I also took the initiative to launch a Financial Literacy awareness campaign for mature students, in collaboration with Professor Mohammad Siddique. Later, I worked with the VP of Research and Graduate Affairs, and organized a “Workshop for Mature Minds” on November 21st, 2024. While the event had limited attendance, it was still a success, with participants expressing interest in receiving more information and support on this topic.

Based on this positive feedback, we have planned a follow-up event for the Winter 2025 semester focusing on credit score building and smart saving strategies for students. We are awaiting Professor Siddique’s availability for the event. In the meantime, other faculty members have expressed their interest to speaking on these topics.

In Winter 2025, I further supported MSVUSU by participating in the Elections Committee and the Hiring Committee, ensuring fair processes for student representatives.

External Committees Engagement

I have also actively participated in the external committees I serve on, where I voiced concerns that negatively impacted the MSVU student community. My involvement ensured students’ perspectives were represented in key academic and institutional decisions.

Conclusion

In conclusion, my role as the Mature Student Representative has been marked by active participation, advocacy, and a commitment to enhancing the student experience at MSVU. I will continue working to the end of April 2025, towards creating a more inclusive and supportive environment for all students.

Residence Representative – Jackson MacIntyre

(Reporting Period: May 1, 2024, to April 2, 2025)

Brief Summary of the Role

This role is a member of the SRC that advocates and provides support for students in residence.

As residence representative, I represent residence students by voicing their perspectives on several committees, planning events for them, and promoting student culture on campus.

Committees

- Budget Committee
- Elections Committee
- Student Discipline Appeals Committee (SDAC)
- Pride Centre Manager Hiring Committee
- Administrative Assistant and Governance Secretary (AAGS) Hiring Committee
- Strategic Operations Manager (SOM) Hiring Committee
- Social Media & Creative Content Manager Hiring Committee

Events

- Drive-In Movie Night (Orientation Leader – September 1)
- Team-Building Games (Orientation Leader – September 2)
- Student Services Fair (Orientation Leader – September 2)
- Night Carnival (Orientation Leader – September 2)
- Campus Tours (Orientation Leader – September 3)
- Mount Mentor Ice Cream Social (Orientation Leader – September 3)
- Healthy Relationships & Sex Toy Bingo (Orientation Leader – September 3)

- Face Painting (Orientation Leader – September 5)
- Neon Party (Orientation Leader – September 5)
- 7 Bays Bouldering (Orientation Leader – September 7)
- Open Mic Night (Participant – September 26)
- Card and Board Game Night (Organized – October 9)
- FNS Fall Valley Trip (Participant – October 18)
- Spooky Saturday (Volunteer/Participant – October 26)
- Fall Volleyball Cup (Participant)
- Winter Volleyball Cup (Volunteer/Participant)
- Frost Week Carnival (Participant – January 6)
- Silent Disco (Participant – January 9)
- Glow Fest (Participant – March 7)

Professional Studies Representative – Koen Schlieff

Reporting Period: April 5, 2025, to March 18, 2025

Brief Summary of Role

As Professional Studies Representative, I had the privilege of representing students from the following Professional Studies programs: Applied Human Nutrition & Dietetics, Child & Youth Studies, Tourism & Hospitality Management, Business Administration & Public Relations. I had the opportunity to support a variety of cooperative & self-led Students' Union Projects, serve on various internal committees & advocate for students on external bodies such as Senate & the Academic Appeals Committee.

Internal Committees

- Student Representative Council
- Society Affairs Committee
- Pay & Honoraria Committee
- Health Insurance Plan Committee
- Strategic Operations Manager Hiring Committee (2024)
- Administrative Assistant & Governance Secretary Hiring Committee (2024)
- Soup Kitchen Manager Hiring Committee (2024)
- Social Media & Creative Content Coordinator Hiring Committee (2024 & 2025)

External Committees

- Senate
- Senate Student Caucus
- Academic Appeals Committee

- Undergraduate Affairs Committee (Term ended July 2024)
- Valedictorian Selection Committee (2025)

Projects & Other Involvement

Food Security Education & Research Project – Developed a digital and physical promotion campaign for the release of our project. Presented to a dozen of criteria eligible demographic classes and prepared a three-video series for the SU Instagram.

Academic Calendar – Advocated for the change of Fall 2025 reading week to occur earlier in the semester to reduce mid semester student burnout. The previous academic calendar had balanced the Fall semester to have 9 weeks of classes, reading week then 3 more weeks or classes. I raised to senate this concern, advocating for a reading week that aligns with Thanksgiving as opposed to Remembrance Day. Currently in progress.

Orientation Week – Created a promotional video for returning and new students in the week prior to orientation. Advocated for & introduced opportunities or services that the SU provides for students.

Moving Forward

Over the summer, I aim to support the ratification of Professional Studies Societies prior to the start of the Fall semester. Please contact me at suprostudiesrep@msvu.ca if you have questions or require further assistance.

SRC Report

March 17, 2025

Annual General Meeting



➤ **Diana Hazelton**

➤ **Science Representative**

➤ **Term began October 18th, 2024**

➤ **SRC MEETINGS ATTENDED**

- **I have attended all SRC meetings since October 18th, 2024.**

➤ **EVENTS ATTENDED**

List the events that you attended. If you assisted in organizing the event or volunteered for it, specify that.

- Frost Week Carnival – **attended** (01/06/2025)
- Silent Disco – **attended** (01/09/2025)
- Food insecurity Community-Based research project– **attended** (01/17/2025)
- Job Hub Day – **attended** (02/12/2025)
- Collage night – **attended** (02/12/2025)
- Glow Fest – **attended** (03/07/2025)

➤ **COMMITTEES**

- Science Representative on Senate

I have attended all Senate meetings since appointment in January.

- CAPP

I have attended all CAPP meeting since appointment in March

➤ **OTHER INVOLVEMENT**

List anything else that you have been involved with that is relevant to your positions, ex. Advocacy, working groups, etc.

- IUPAC Global Women’s Breakfast (GWB)

From November until February, with assistance from the MSVU Science Society, I planned and executed the IUPAC Global Women’s Breakfast, an even celebrated in over 100 countries every year. This breakfast acts as a community gathering of women and allies to celebrate and support women and other minorities in the sciences. For this event, I secured over \$800 of funding,

organized a menu and provided catering with thanks to Chartwells, promoted, exceeded, and found speakers for this event. Day of, 18 people attended, both faculty and students, and we had breakfast, played bingo and heard a talk from Dr. Tamara Franz-Odenaal about female leadership in the sciences. Overall, this event was very successful, and I am beyond satisfied with the outcome of it.

BIPOC Representative - Marie-Dominique N'Da

(Reporting Period: May 1, 2024, to April 2, 2025)

Brief Summary of the Role

As the BIPOC Representative my role focuses on advocacy, community building, and student support for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) students.

Internal Committees

MSVUSU Internal Committees

- Academic Appeals Committee
- Elections Committee
- Student Judicial Committee

Student Advocacy & Support

Brief Summary: One of my main roles was to provide support to BIPOC students who have experienced discrimination or challenges related to their racial identity.

Achievement/Progress to Date: I did this by regularly gathering feedback from fellow BIPOC students regarding their experiences at MSVU. I pointed them in the direction of the Harassment and Discrimination Advisor. Most students weren't willing to file a complaint, they wanted me to listen and I did so compassionately.

Collaboration with African Students' Society

Brief Summary: I worked with the African Students' Society to assist them in planning events to cultivate diversity and spread awareness of their newfound society.

Achievement/Progress to Date:

As of right now their social media pages are well over 100 followers and they have signed up over 30 members to join. We were planning a Y2K party for Black History Month, but that had to be postponed due to lack of funding at the time. The event has been postponed to April, which

will take place after exams. For the upcoming school year we hope to plan at least four major events. We are already making plans to ensure a successful outcome for the following semesters. We have plans to potentially collaborate with other societies, such as the Saint Mary's University African Society or Dalhousie University's African Society.

Education Representative – Amina Abawajy

Brief Summary of the Role

The role of the Education Representative on the Mount St. Vincent University Student Union is to advocate for education students' academic interests and concerns. This representative serves as a liaison between education students and the SRC, working to improve the quality of education and ensure that students' voices are heard on academic matters. The Education Representative also helps organize initiatives that promote educational equity and works to foster an environment that meets the diverse needs of education students.

I began my term on the Student Representative Council in February, quickly familiarizing myself with the Council's priorities and mandates. In this short time, I had the privilege of representing MSVUSU at the 2025 Canadian Federation of Students Black Caucus Standalone Meeting. This Standalone Meeting included a valuable anti-oppression training, a range of informative workshops and panels, as well as motions and elections, all of which provided me with important insights and strengthened my commitment to advocating for students.

Internal Committees/Caucuses/Working Groups

- Student Representative Council

External Committees/Caucuses/Working Groups

- Canadian Federation of Students Black Caucus

International Students' Representative - Batoul Nour

Brief Summary of the Role

As the International Students' Representative, I was responsible for advocating for international students' needs within the MSVU Students' Union. My role involved attending SRC meetings, participating in relevant committees, and organizing or supporting events aimed at enhancing the experience of international students. I worked to ensure that international students had access to resources, felt welcomed, and were engaged in campus life. Additionally, I collaborated with various student groups and university representatives to foster an inclusive and supportive environment.

Committees Served

Summer (May - Aug) 2024

WUSC Committee – Supported initiatives for refugee student sponsorship and integration.

MSA Committee – Assisted in organizing cultural and religious events for Muslim students.

International Students' Committee – Advocated for international student concerns and worked on initiatives to support their academic and social experience.

Fall (Sept - Dec) 2024

Appeal Hearing Committee – Reviewed and provided input on student appeals regarding academic and non-academic matters.

WUSC Local Committee – Continued support for refugee student initiatives and fundraising activities.

MSA Committee – Organized events and provided support to Muslim students on campus.

Winter (Jan - Apr) 2025

Appeal Hearing Committee – Provided fair and unbiased evaluations of student appeals.

WUSC Local Committee – Assisted in event planning, student integration, and community-building efforts.

Events Attended, Organized, or Supported

Summer (May - Aug) 2024

Summer Orientation – Welcomed new international students, assisted in planning orientation activities, and provided students with essential information about academic and social resources on campus. I also facilitated Q&A sessions and campus tours to help students settle into their new environment.

Fall (Sept - Dec) 2024

Fall Orientation – Helped organize and facilitate sessions for incoming students by preparing materials, assisting in logistics, and engaging with students to ensure they felt welcomed and informed.

Potluck Picnic – Coordinated a cultural gathering by promoting the event, encouraging participation, and ensuring a diverse range of dishes representing various cultures. I also assisted in setting up and engaging students in conversations to foster connections.

Movie Night – Organized a social event by selecting movies, handling logistics such as venue setup, and creating a comfortable space where students could relax and connect with others.

Palestine Kids Got Talent – Supported this student-led initiative by assisting in event planning, coordinating participants, and managing promotional efforts to encourage community involvement. I also helped with setup .

Winter (Jan - Apr) 2025

Job Hub Event – Assisted in organizing this networking event by reaching out to employers, setting up the venue, and promoting the event to ensure international students had access to employment opportunities. I also provided guidance on resume preparation and interview techniques.

Bake Sale with MSA Committee – Volunteered in organizing the sale by coordinating baked goods donations, promoting the event, and managing sales to

raise funds for student initiatives. I also engaged with students to increase participation and support.

Move and Connect Event with WUSC Committee – Supported event planning by coordinating with fitness instructors, arranging event logistics, and managing outreach efforts to encourage student involvement. I also helped facilitate group discussions and networking sessions.

Supported Study Session (Scheduled for April 2, 2025) – Coordinated an academic support session by securing a study space, promoting the session to students, and arranging for peer tutors or study materials to assist participants in exam preparation.

Throughout my term, I actively voiced international student concerns in SRC meetings and committees, ensuring their needs were considered in decision-making. I helped organize and support multiple events to enhance student life, promote cultural diversity, and provide academic and social support. Additionally, I played a key role in various committees focused on student well-being, appeals, and refugee student support. My work involved close collaboration with student organizations such as the MSA and WUSC to create meaningful initiatives that benefited international students. I also facilitated opportunities for international students to connect, share experiences, and feel a sense of belonging at MSVU, contributing to a more inclusive and supportive campus environment.

Conclusion

Serving as the International Students' Representative was a rewarding and impactful experience. Through this role, I had the opportunity to contribute to student life, advocate for international students, and support initiatives that foster inclusivity and engagement. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and look forward to seeing continued improvements and support for international students at MSVU in the future.

MSVUSU Food Bank – Daniela Aguilar, Manager

(Reporting period: May 1st, 2024 – April 2nd, 2025)

Brief Summary of the Service

The MSVUSU Food Bank provides essential food support to students, staff, and community members experiencing food insecurity. Unlike traditional food banks that distribute pre-packaged hampers, our student-choice model allows individuals to select the food items they need, ensuring they receive culturally appropriate and personally relevant groceries.

I officially took on the role of Food Bank Manager in the first week of March 2025. However, I had been in contact with the previous manager, Devora, to stay informed and ensure a smooth transition. This allowed me to quickly get up to date on ongoing projects, partnerships, and services so that I could continue effectively supporting the campus community.

Internal Committees/Caucuses/Working Groups

MSVUSU Internal Committees:

Food Security Services Committee

Key Programs & Initiatives

Food Bank Services

Brief Summary: The MSVUSU Food Bank operates on a student-choice model, where students and community members can select food items that meet their dietary and cultural needs. This model empowers individuals to make choices that best support their health and well-being.

Achievements: Supported 180 individuals (130 households) per month. Ensured fresh produce, proteins, and culturally relevant foods were consistently available.

Multicultural Holiday Dinner (January 2025 – Success!)

Brief Summary: In January 2025, we hosted a Multicultural Holiday Dinner celebrating global traditions. The menu represented different cultures, and the event provided an opportunity for students and families to connect, share traditions, and enjoy a welcoming meal together.

Achievements: Successfully brought together students to celebrate together. Strengthened cultural appreciation and campus community engagement.

Back-to-School Support for Families (September 2024)

Brief Summary: In September 2024, we launched a Back-to-School Support Program to help students families with children prepare for the school year. Along with access to the Food Bank, families received essential school supplies to reduce financial strain.

Achievements: Provided school supplies, including backpacks, notebooks, pencils, and markers. Helped families reduce the cost of back-to-school expenses.

Christmas Gift Card Program (December 2024)

Brief Summary: In December, we distributed \$50 grocery gift cards to Food Bank users, allowing them to purchase fresh and culturally relevant foods for their holiday celebrations.

Achievements: Empowered individuals and families to choose the ingredients they needed for their holiday meals. Helped reduce financial stress during the holiday season.

Standards of Excellence Project

Brief Summary: The implementation of the Standards of Excellence project has begun with the support of a grant from Food Banks Canada. This funding allowed the Food Bank to hire a consultant to develop two out of six key areas aimed at improving its efficiency and sustainability.

Goal: Strengthen the Food Bank's operations, accessibility, and long-term impact.

Food Safety Course for Volunteers (In Partnership with FNS)

Brief Summary: To improve food handling practices, a Food Safety Course was coordinated for volunteers in partnership with Food and Nutrition Services (FNS).

Achievements: Ensured compliance with food safety regulations and provided volunteers with essential training in safe food storage and distribution.

Conclusion

The MSVUSU Food Bank continues to grow and adapt to the needs of our student community.

Through a student-choice model, culturally inclusive programming, and operational improvements, we remain committed to providing a dignified and effective support system.

Moving forward, we aim to enhance food access, increase awareness, and strengthen community partnerships.

“Captain Crow’s Café” MSVUSU Soup Kitchen – Jacque DesLauriers, Manager

(Reporting period May 1st, 2024 – April 2nd, 2025)

Brief Summary of the Service

Captain Crow’s Café provides free meals for students and staff twice a week. In conjunction with the MSVUSU Food Bank and other Food Security services on campus, this service combats food insecurity on campus by ensuring students have access to fresh and nutritious meals throughout the school year. My position as Soup Kitchen Manager entails menu development and item procurement, volunteer coordination and supervision, and raising awareness not only of food security services on campus, but the growing issue of food insecurity in our communities.

Internal Committees/Caucuses/Working Groups

MSVUSU Internal Committees

- Food Security Services Committee
- Management Committee

Weekly Free Food Services

Brief Summary: Provided twice-weekly vegetarian meals for students, staff, and community members. One weekly service consists of hot meals representing various cultures around the world and in our student body. The other consists of salads and fresh veggies with pita chips and hummus available to be taken to-go, ensuring students have time to fit fresh food into their busy lives.

Achievements: Supported approximately 40 students twice a week, expanded services to include to-go snacks.

Food Security Documentary Screening Series

Brief Summary: Presented in collaboration with The Rook Pub, the Food Security Documentary Series was held bi-monthly throughout the Fall and Winter terms, with a total of four documentaries screened at no charge for a small audience.

Achievement: Provided opportunities for students to engage with issues of food security and food sovereignty in a Canadian context.

Collaboration with the Pride Centre

Brief Summary: Captain Crow's Café has provided food including dinners, snacks, and baked goods for Queer Prom and Burlesque Night. The ongoing collaboration, and volunteer crossover, between Food Security Services and Pride Centre volunteers has also motivated us to hold our volunteer appreciation events together.

Achievement: Bridged communications as well as goals and values across different Student Union services while providing support for each other's events.

Services Overview: Fountain Play Centre Management

As managers of the Fountain Play Centre, our primary responsibility is to deliver high-quality childcare services tailored to the needs of MSVU student parents. Our center operates during regular hours, enabling parents to attend classes, study, or utilize campus facilities such as the fitness center and counselling services. We collaborate closely with MSVU student volunteers to ensure a nurturing and supportive environment for the children.

Childcare Responsibilities

We oversee all aspects of the children's daily routines, including:

- **Naps and Rest:** Ensuring children have a comfortable and safe space for rest.
- **Play and Activities:** Facilitating age-appropriate play and learning activities that align with their developmental needs.
- **Meals and Snacks:** Managing meal and snack times, including accommodating dietary restrictions.
- **Accidents and Toileting:** Addressing accidents promptly and assisting with toileting as needed.

Child Development and Safety

Our team is dedicated to fostering the intellectual, physical, and emotional growth of the children in our care. This includes:

- **Skill Development:** Implementing activities that promote social, cognitive, and motor skills.
- **Parent Communication:** Maintaining open and consistent communication with parents about their child's progress and daily experiences.
- **Emergency Preparedness:** Managing fire evacuation plans and emergency protocols to ensure the safety of children and staff.

We are committed to maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming environment. This involves:

- **Cleaning and Sanitization:** Regularly disinfecting toys, surfaces, and play areas to uphold hygiene standards.
- **Safety Oversight:** Monitoring the center to ensure all safety protocols are followed, including equipment checks and hazard prevention.

- **Administrative Duties:** Updating the center’s social media and website to keep families informed about services, events, and policies.

Volunteer Coordination

We work closely with MSVU student volunteers, providing them with training and support to ensure they are well-equipped to care for the children. This includes:

- **Scheduling and Supervision:** Managing volunteer schedules and overseeing their interactions with the children.
- **Skill Development:** Offering opportunities for volunteers to enhance their childcare and leadership skills.

By maintaining a structured and supportive environment, we aim to create a positive experience for both the children and their families, while also contributing to the academic and personal growth of MSVU student volunteers. Our commitment to excellence ensures that the Fountain Play Centre remains a trusted resource for the MSVU community.

Current Service Statistics and Trends

At the Fountain Play Centre, we are proud to provide essential childcare services to the MSVU community. As of March 2025, our center supports a total of **10 children**, catering to a mix of regular and occasional attendees. Among these families, **two parents and their children** utilize our services consistently, relying on us for dependable childcare during their academic and personal commitments. The remaining families access our center on an **occasional or as-needed basis**, reflecting the diverse schedules and priorities of student parents.

Volunteer Engagement

Our operations are supported by a dedicated team of **eight consistent volunteers**, who play a vital role in ensuring the smooth functioning of the center. These volunteers are carefully selected and trained to provide high-quality care, fostering a safe and enriching environment for the children.

Fluctuations in Winter 2025

Throughout the **2025 winter semester**, both our child attendance and volunteer participation have experienced fluctuations. These variations are influenced by several factors, including:

- **Parental Schedules:** Changes in class timetables, exam periods, or personal commitments have led to shifts in childcare needs.
- **Volunteer Availability:** The academic workload and extracurricular activities of student volunteers have impacted their consistency and availability.
- **Seasonal Trends:** The winter season, with its unique challenges such as weather-related disruptions and seasonal illnesses, has also contributed to these fluctuations.

Adapting to Changing Needs

We remain committed to adapting to these changes by:

- **Flexible Scheduling:** Offering adaptable hours and services to meet the evolving needs of parents and volunteers.
- **Recruitment and Retention:** Actively recruiting and retaining volunteers to ensure a stable and reliable team.
- **Parent Engagement:** Maintaining open communication with parents to understand their needs and provide tailored support.

Inclusivity and Communication

At the Fountain Play Centre, fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment is at the heart of everything we do. We are deeply committed to **effective communication** with all families and children, ensuring that every interaction is respectful, supportive, and understanding.

Our Commitment to Inclusivity

We firmly believe that **every parent and child deserve to feel valued and respected**, regardless of their background or identity. Our center operates on the principle of **non-discrimination**, meaning we do not tolerate bias or exclusion based on:

- **Gender**
- **Ethnicity**
- **Nationality**
- **Sexual Orientation**
- **Health Status**

We celebrate diversity and strive to create a space where all families feel a sense of belonging.

Building Strong Relationships

To ensure inclusivity, we prioritize open and thoughtful communication with families. This includes:

- **Active Listening:** Taking the time to understand the unique needs and preferences of each family.
- **Cultural Sensitivity:** Respecting and honoring the cultural, linguistic, and personal backgrounds of every child and parent.
- **Accessibility:** Making sure our services are accessible to all, including those with specific health or developmental needs.

Creating a Welcoming Environment

We actively work to foster an atmosphere of **acceptance and kindness**, where children learn to appreciate differences and embrace diversity. Our team is trained to:

- **Address Individual Needs:** Tailoring care and activities to support each child's unique development.
- **Promote Inclusion:** Encouraging children to interact with one another in ways that build empathy and understanding.

Ongoing Efforts

Inclusivity is not a one-time effort but an ongoing commitment. We continuously evaluate and improve our practices to ensure that we are meeting the needs of all families. This includes:

- **Regular Feedback:** Seeking input from parents and volunteers to identify areas for growth.
- **Training and Development:** Providing staff and volunteers with ongoing training on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

At the Fountain Play Centre, we are dedicated to creating a space where every family feels respected, valued, and supported. Through thoughtful communication and a commitment to inclusivity, we aim to nurture a community where everyone can thrive. Fountain Play Center staff members and volunteers are trained with First aid and AED procedures.

Events: Fountain Play Center team participates in the Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union general events and occasionally host events on special occasions meant for children like the Children's Day. As managers, we routinely hold meetings with the volunteers to ensure smooth operation at the center.

Upcoming Activity: FPC team plans to create awareness through "Parenting Support Circle, Stronger Together". FPC team will set up a table at the McCain building to display Fountain Play Center's activities and support for student-parents at Mount Saint Vincent University. This event will welcome parents to freely share their thoughts and experiences with childcare and parenting while being a student and in general. They can choose to say their most exciting and challenging moments and how the center can continue to offer them support. Activities of this event will unfold as time goes on.

Managers:

Queen Iheanacho and Elham Taghavi

Hub Manager – Peter Cromwell

(Reporting Period: May 1, 2024, to April 18, 2025)

Brief Summary of the Role

This role oversees the day-to-day operations of the Hub and its staff. As Hub manager, I support my staff through answering questions, training and ensuring continued success of new and/or returning staff, scheduling, etc. I also have shifts at the Hub alongside my staff.

Supervision and Hiring

Brief Summary: Over this year, I've been overseeing the running of the Hub and its staff, ensuring a smooth and efficient experience for our visitors. To that end, I've implemented a few strategies, each day during the tradeoffs between staff we relay any and all important details that happened during our shift, this helps with keeping everyone on the same page and I've created a readily accessible guidebook detailing our procedures to help with any questions they might have during their shifts.

I am also currently participating in the hiring process of next year's staff by being a part of our hiring committee.

Sales

Brief Summary: This year, I've been implementing new products to try and find more items that our students enjoy, one such success was the addition of Monster energy drinks which are always being bought regularly. We now have 5 flavors available with our most popular being Pacific Punch. Another success we've seen has been Kurkure. They're quite popular, selling out as soon as they hit the shelves. Also, using the excel sheet mentioned in my SAGM report, we

were able to narrow down the preferred items and now ensure a more regular stock of such products.

Also, to increase the effectiveness of our signage, I've updated our information board and price tags to be more visible from further distances in hopes of making our information more accessible and convenient for all.

Support of Other Services

Brief Summary: We continue to accept and display posters on our desk to help promote the events held by our services here in the Students' Union, such as, the burlesque show held by the Pride center. We also have been assisting by passing out materials to students for said events like with the Glowbags that we're given out for this month's Glowfest. To better display events sooner and for longer, I've added an events section to our information board that services can ask to have their posters displayed. This also eliminates the problem of the Hub only displaying posters when its open.

Furthermore, the Hub is in the process of being set up to give more aid during elections. So, in addition to the distribution of election packages, we will be one of the designated voting locations where students can come to get help and directions for casting their votes.

Final Note

As a service for students and staff, I am always interested in hearing the ideas and suggestions of all who visit us. If you have any suggestions or ideas for what you want to see at the hub, please feel free to contact me at suhubmanager@msvu.ca

Pride Centre Manager – Sara Zegarra

(Reporting Period: January 6, 2025, to March 18, 2025)

Brief Summary of the Role

This role involves organizing and executing different events during the semester, managing the Pride Centre’s Instagram account to enhance engagement, and overseeing the recruitment and coordination of volunteers to ensure the Centre remains open as much as possible. Additionally, the role involves leading fundraising events for the Queer Prom Party, and actively participate in multiple meetings organized by the Students’ Union.

Services

The Pride Centre continues to offer three main services, all of which can be accessed during our office hours:

- **The Queer Closet:** a program that provides clothing for different gender expressions for those who require gender-affirming clothing.
- **Partners with The Transformation Closet:** Through this program, students and community members can access to essential items from The Transformation Closet. Items can be requested directly from the organization and picked up during office hours, providing convenient support to those in need.
- **The Pride Library:** a library that holds over 90 books of different genres

Events

The Volunteers in collaboration with the Pride Centre Manager have done different events every month:

- Drop-In Board Game Night
- Painting Rocks Night with MSVU Keltie Jones
- Drop-In Movie Night
- Name Change Workshop with MSVU Accessibility Services
- Sex Disability & Chronic Pain Workshop with MSVU Accessibility Services
- Kandi Making Party with the Rook for the GLOW FEST
- Drop-In Play with Clay
- Drop-In Candle Light
- Drop-In Karaoke
- Queer Prom Party change the name this semester for Burlesque Party. This event is organized with the support of the Rook Manager, Soup Kitchen Manager and the volunteers. To make this event happen, we secured donations from MSVU Student Experiences and Pride Beauty Lounge. Venus Envy also contributed with a prize.

AGM Report - Health Insurance Plan (HIP) Committee

There were no committee meetings required since the fall semester.

Sincerely,

Patti Gentile
Health Plan & Payroll Administrator

SOCIETY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The main responsibility of the society affairs committee is evaluating society funding request and approving funds. Allocation funds are decided based on the amount requested in relation to the society's event as well as the remaining budget. Another responsibility of the committee is handling internal matters that occur within a society occasionally. These matters are confidential and are handled swiftly.

MEMBERSHIP

Committee Role	Eligibility	Name
Chair	VP Student Life	Grace MacInnis
Member	Non-Executive Councillor	Koen Schielf
Member	Non-Executive Councillor	Jessie Taylor (April-October)
Member	Non-Executive Councillor	Armaan Kush

OVERVIEW

- 14 societies have received funding from the society affairs funding committee thus far.
- There are around 17 societies currently ratified.

FUNDS PER SOCIETY

Society Name	Total Funding Received
Garden Society	\$765.74
PSYC society	\$886.97
Science Society	\$600
Cultural Studies Society	\$30
MSA	\$1000
Women's Studies	\$250
African Students society	\$700
Cultural Studies society	\$50
PEPS	\$60
Paranormal Society	\$45
BTS	\$400
FMS	\$375
FNS	\$300
PR and communications society	\$174.17