

Fall semester work report

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Overview

The goal of this report is to outline the work done during the fall semester from September 1st to December 31st and what was achieved.

BUILD SFU

The Build SFU project's fate was going to be decided at the fall 2015 AGM and promoting the yes side took up mine and the majority of the student society's time. The Board took a shared responsibility to promote a yes vote to both the stadium and student union building. This was promoted at clubs days, orientation week, and many other activities happening within the first month of school and I would attend many of these events to promote the project. I also shared with my personal networks and social media to support the project and did many consultations with surrey students and the opinions of the surrey campus committee. As the surrey liason I spoke at the agm about the perspectives of surrey students regarding the project. Again in late November and early December various aspects of the project were being vetted by the board and there were many decisions to be made. Again much time was spent reading the supporting documents and deciding what was to be done. The board made many tough decisions regarding various parts of the project but showed maturity and responsibility when making these decisions that led to the best outcomes possible to students.

Faculty involvement

The semester involved supporting many of the various DSUs, SUS, and students in the fall semester. It was the first fall semester since the inception of SUS (science undergraduate society) and was the busiest. My role was that of an advisory body supporting SUS as it was going through its first fall semester. This include tabling with them, attending as many meetings as possible, and working closely with the SUS president. I also attended the events and promoted with them, helping sus outreach to students and also navigate through the various intricacies of the sfss. I also was able to meet with many of the DSUs presidents to see what the various DSUs are up to and offer my support in any way possible. I was also involved with the planning of frosh and was a frosh leader and also presented during the week of orientation for the faculty of science.

Peer Mentorship program

The peer mentorship program took up the majority of my time during the fall semester. The aim of this program is to ease the transitions of incoming students into SFU. The program was officially kicked off this semester with an icebreaker involving both the mentees and mentors of the program. There was much work done for this program in the fall such as matching all the mentors with the mentees, following up with mentors to complete their training modules, and engaging with the mentees. The peer mentorship page on the SFU science website also had to be updated and had to be in constant contact with the faculty. After the event I remained in contact with my mentees and supported them in their

first semester at SFU. I also followed up with mentors to remain in contact with their mentees and took care of anything that needed to be done. The feedback from the mentees was overwhelmingly positive and I look forward to this program continuing in the future.

Surrey Campus Committee

The semester was interesting for the Surrey Campus Committee. Starting with week of welcome, much outreach occurred at surrey with regard to Build SFU at the Surrey campus committee. Starting with the SCC barbeque this was great event hosted by the SCC for the surrey membership and did much outreach. In the following month the SCC took initiative and promoted its by-election coming up and we were able to have an abundance of nominees and fill all vacant positions on the SCC. Following having a full committee we were in full swing with much outreach and engagement done for the surrey campus members. This included games night, movie night, and various other events. I also helped the SCC with translink consultations, space renovations consultations, and getting the word out about the fraser library hours. For the surrey space renovation project all work that had to be done on the society part has been done, this includes selecting the furniture, getting all documents and budgets done but we have hit a roadblock with surrey administration that has halted the project thus far. As far as the library hours are concerned the initiative has been brought to the advocacy committee and a survey has been created. The SCC was intramental in distributing the survey and will play a key role with moving the campaign forward.

Board Committees/Working group

I am named to two board committees, SSOC and FASC. SSOC has not met and Fasc has started meeting in the fall semester and some reallocations were made regarding the budget. In the spring FASC will meet more regularly to make the budget. The Open Textbook working group was quite active in the fall and is a working group I am on. Work for this included tabling during the first week of school at the bookstore, bi-weekly meetings and planning more campaigns and initiatives to save student dollars. The other working group I am involved with is the foodbank working group, work done for this in the fall semester included reviewing documents pertaining to the foodbank and meeting deliverables. In the spring semester the goal is to approach current partners to strengthen and improve on relationships.

Conclusion

Overall the fall semester was an exciting one with much going on for myself and the society. These included many events and pub nights, the fall kickoff concert, and the AGM. I would like to thank the board for all the work that was done, and also the staff, the students, and the volunteers. None of this work is possible without them. This was meant to be a brief overview of the work done during the fall semester. If anyone has any inquires or further questions feel free to email me at sciencerep@sfss.ca