

Executive Committee Work Summary

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Position: President

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Reporting Period: January 2018

Consultation and Representation:

- GSA Council Meeting – January 17, 2018
- Meeting with office manager to organize Orientation kits for new (2018) graduate students – January 9, 2018
- First 2018 newsletter sent out for January. Contains info useful to grad students (conference, events, health and dental, etc.)
- Worked with VP Finance to complete www.unbgsa.ca website updates. New edits and updates to reflect information for 2017-18 year.
 - o Health and Dental, Bus Pass, Contact Info, Safe Ride, GSA-SJ Lounge, etc.

Research and Legislation:

- Fredericton lobby week. NB's first CFS lobby document.
 - o Gave initial feedback on lobby document draft.
 - o Met with CFS Maritimes Organizer (Grant MacNeil) and CFS Treasurer (Peyton Veitch) along with GSA exec to prepare for government lobbying. Discussed lobby document and organized meetings – January 29, 2018
 - o Lobbied government on graduate student issues – elimination of tuition fees, funding for graduate students, fairness to international students, seat on the UNB Board of Governors, and mental health services – January 30-31, 2018
 - Met with: Dominic Cardy, Ernie Steeves, Pam Lynch, Trevor Holder, David Coon.
- Meeting with STANTEC over Fredericton bus system improvements – January 25, 2018
 - o Discussed bus pass survey and issues faced by graduate students.
- Attended additional STANTEC transit meeting for community members – January 25, 2018

Committees and Boards:

- Graduate Research Conference
 - o Call for abstracts was extended until January 31, 2018
 - o Website: www.grc.unbgsa.ca
 - o GRC committee meeting was held January 17, 2018
 - Discussed updates and peer review process.
- Met with ASRJ (Atlantic Student Research Journal) and Age Well National Innovation Hub to go over workshop requirements. Workshop is available for all students in the lead up to GRC.
- Fredericton Budget Advisory Committee – January 29, 2018

Events Hosted:

- Collaborated with Mactaquac Park on Winter Wellderness – Jan 27 2018
 - o Answered email-questions from participants
 - o Attended event and helped organize participants/transportation.
 - o Picked up extra snowshoe rentals from Public library and returned.
- Will continue Dooly's night & karaoke night on semi-monthly basis

Projects and Goals:

- Working on monthly newsletters. Please send newsletter items and updates to president@unbgsa.ca for inclusion.

Announcements:

- Upcoming Karaoke Night at the Grad House, March 2nd 2018, 8pm.
- Collaborating with UNB Faculty of Arts and Windsor Castle Bar to promote 'Pints and Perspectives.' Will feature short research talks from graduate students at UNB.
 - o March 1st, 4pm
 - o March 29th, 4pm