

Council Update

PRESIDENT:

Brandon would like to thank Mike Read and Computer Services who helped make the Online Election process a successful reality on campus. The past by-election had a record turnout of 79 voters - the highest in UPEISU history. Congratulations are extended to all successful candidates in the election.

A meeting was held on the 23rd with Minister of Education Chester Gillan where he provided councillors with first hand knowledge of his position on a number of important issues. This was extremely effective as it aided the relationship between the SU and the Minister.

VP FINANCE:

Hiring Board is in the process of hiring a number of new students to fill positions in the Student Union.

A increase in the number of students attending UPEI has helped the SU with some budget concerns.

EXEC VP:

AIDS PEI is interested in holding its annual cut-a-thon on campus in November so watch out for the opportunity to get your hair cut by a professional for a reasonable price while support a good cause.

The Campus Confidential survey was sent away to MacLean's so watch for that in the Universities issue of the magazine.

VP ACTIVITIES:

The foam party was a rousing success and another party is in the works for next semester.

the Social committee is starting up again so interested students can stop by the SU Office at talk to Shelley or email her at suvpa@upei.ca

Dance Club has started on Friday nights at the Wave so come on out for cheap drinks and great music

ARTS

The Sociology/Anthropology Society has started up again and held a potluck on Friday Oct 3rd

Modern Languages depart-

ment has begun a movie series. These movies are free and show on Thursday evenings at 7pm in KCI 104

UPEI Spanish Club Tertulia has begun meetings

MAPUS

MAPUS would like to invite everyone to visit their new website at www.upei.ca/mapus

Liz Senter has taken over the position of Vice President

MAPUS will be accepting donations for the food bank located on campus and also Subway Stamps that will be given to food bank recipients - donations can be dropped off at the MAPUS office in the basement of Main Monday to Friday from 10-2

SCIENCE

Two Chemistry Students went to Ottawa to attend a poster Campaign and placed 2nd overall

NURSING

Congratulations to Nursing Student who won an award at the Walk for the Cure for raising over \$1000 for breast cancer research the CNSA is interested in starting a Nursing Society on campus

SENATE

Senate approved the new University Calender

AVC

The Atlantic Veterinary College held their Open House on October 3rd

For more information about what SU Student council has been up to, please read our minutes at www.upeisu.com

Notice

The SU Student Council is proposing a change to the Student Union Sub-Organization By-Laws. This change would extend the deadline for the registration of clubs and societies from September 30th to October 30st. If you have any concerns about this change please contact the Chair of Council at chenderson@upei.ca or call 566-0648 by October 17th at 3pm.

Know Your Student Services Staff

By Mike Connolly

There has been a little water under the bridge since I last roamed the campus in the seventies as an undergrad and it sure feels good to be returning home. Both the campus and I have experienced a similar metamorphosis. The campus has expanded proportional to my waste size with the addition of the Wanda Wyatt Dining Hall, Young Sports Centre, the W A Murphy Student Centre, KC Irving Chemistry building, AVC and the Aquatic/Rink Complex. Similarly the loss of my hair and hip reflect the loss of two dear old friends, the Alumni Gym and The Barn. What great times and fond memories I have of those two gathering spots.

In the seventies UPEI struggled with its identity as a new entity evolved from the proud and steep traditions of two fine universities. Today UPEI takes its rightful place as a "Great Small University" attracting prestigious National Research Grants and gaining national recognition for its commitment to quality teaching.

After 27 years of working in the Public School System, from elementary to high school settings it's a privilege to have exposure to the university system and I can tell you, I like what I see so far. Faculty and Staffs' accessibility and commitment to serving students is most impressive. As Counsellor in Student Services I am impressed with the quality and diversity of services available to our students.

As a student here "back in the day" I regret I did not take advantage of the valuable services available to all students. It's my early observation that there are many present day students in the same boat and I thought it might be of some benefit to give a thumb nail sketch of the various services available through Student Services.

We are presently taking a look at signage to direct everyone to the second floor, North end of the W A Murphy Student Center. The easiest way to find us is take the elevator or stairwell opposite the Bookstore. The Women's Center and Medical Center are located here as well as Student Services.

Shirley Hudson and I provide personal and academic counselling. Shirley has been a tremendous support to me as I climb a steep learning curve in the academic counselling area. Besides counselling there are quality professionals delivering service in a number of areas. Joy Ikede coordinates services to our International students.

Mamdouh Elgharib delivers career counselling services including a campus wide tutoring program. If you are interested in registering as a tutor (\$11.50/hr) or need a tutor, pop in to see Mamdouh.

Joanne McCabe coordinates services for students with disabilities. Together with Paul Campbell and student assistants, Joanne arranges academic and test/exam accommodations for students. If you are diagnosed with a disability you may qualify for a disabilities study grant to help you with your studies.

Jeni Mutch and Cynthia Shoemaker deliver the ACE Program for special needs students. Tamara Leary coordinates the Student Success Program for students referred by the respective Deans for additional academic support. Joy Livingston-Ford is here on a part-time basis to help Student Loan inquiries. Bob Gibson is our Director who has demonstrated patience and support as the new Counsellor gets his feet under him. Patsy Myers is Administrative Assistant and together with student assistants will greet you warmly as you enter the office.

The mandate of Student Services is to provide quality professional services to the students of UPEI and I invite you to take full advantage of this. I'm confident you'll find it to be a rewarding experience.

The following is the list of staff and their positions in Student Services:

Bob Gibson, Director of Student Services
Mamdouh Elgharib, Career Development Specialist
Shirley Hudson, Counsellor
Michael Connolly, Counsellor
Joanne McCabe, Coordinator for Students with Disabilities
Jeni Mutch, ACE Senior Facilitator
Cynthia Shoemaker, ACE Facilitator
Joy Ikede, International Student Advisor
Joy Livingston-Ford, Student Financial Advisor
Paul Campbell - Adaptive Technology Assistant
Tamara Leary - Student Success Facilitator
Patsy Myers, Administrative Assistant

The following is a list of Student Assistants working in Student Services:
Jennafer Lynch
Chris MacLellan
Kate MacSwain
Sherri Myers
Erin Peterson