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MEET YOUR STUDENTS' UNION TEAM

2026–2027

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Precious Otiora
VP Research & Graduate Student Affairs

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Chinonyerem Oyudo
Fountain Play Centre Operations Manager



Tel-Ricka Butterfield
Fountain Play Centre Programming Manager

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EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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MIKA PAUL

President

Reporting period: May 1 – November 6, 2026

On May 20th, 2026, the MSVU Senate approved the motion proposed by the Students' Union to add a seventh student seat to the Senate. This seat is reserved for an Indigenous student.

7th student seat on Senate, reserved for an Indigenous student

Aug 1 MOU with MSVU signed

10 offices and groups we coordinated with

KEY PROJECTS

1 INDIGENOUS REPRESENTATIVE SENATE SEAT WON

On May 20th, 2026, the MSVU Senate approved the motion proposed by the Students' Union to add a seventh student seat to the Senate.

2 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

As of August 1st, 2026, the MSVUSU and MSVU have a signed Memorandum of Understanding detailing the relationship between the parties.

3 GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The results will be presented to Council for multiple readings and approval alongside the restructuring proposal early in the Winter 2027 term.

COMMITTEES

- Executive Committee (Chair)
- Student Executive Committee
- Governance Review Working Group
- Strategic Marketing Plan Working Group
- MSVUSU Website Working Group

UPCOMING

- CFS National General Meeting, November 13–18
- Board restructure proposal
- Branding update, Winter 2027
- Breastfeeding space at the Fountain Play Centre

President – Mika Paul

(Reporting Period: May 1, 2026, to November 6, 2026)

Brief Summary of the Role

The President oversees the day-to-day operations and governance of the MSVUSU. The president represents the students of Mount Saint Vincent University on the MSVU Senate and Board of Governors and meets regularly with university administrators. They also oversee the MSVUSU strategic plan, ongoing projects, service revisions, legal obligations, and contracts. They also represent students at the Canadian Federation of Students and in provincial and federal lobbying. Day-to-day responsibilities also include the supervision of full-time staff, approval of hours, providing feedback on human resources issues when applicable, and providing advocacy or assistance to individual students as requested.

Internal Committees/Caucuses/Working Groups

As President, I serve on many internal committees and working groups within the Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union Association.

Executive Committee (Chair): Discusses and handles day-to-day operations of the MSVUSU. Met bi-weekly with new executive team beginning in May 2026.

Student Executive Committee: Meets to discuss operational issues and develop directives for the Executive Team and staff of the MSVUSU. Met bi-weekly with new executive team beginning in August 2026.

Orientation Working Group: Chaired by the VP Student Life, this working group was formed to provide a collaborative space to discuss the Students' Unions involvement in Orientation planning and events. This working group has concluded as of the end of the 2026 Fall Orientation period.

Strategic Marketing Plan Working Group: This working group was formed in May 2026 with the objective to build a Strategic Marketing Plan for the MSVUSU. The primary goals behind this plan are to increase Students' Union visibility and recognition, increase student engagement, and collaborate with other teams within the University and externally. We are working with a graphic designer (and former MSVUSU Executive) to update our branding and create a throughline between our primary marketing and the marketing of our services.

Governance Review Working Group: This working group was formed in July 2026 with the objective to review the governing documents of the MSVUSU. The goals of this group are to create governing documents that are functional to the organization, well-structured, and accessible. We are working with Minnikin Consulting group to do a thorough review of our governing documents which will then be reviewed in chunks by small working groups based on topics (i.e., elections & referenda, societies, budget, etc.,). The completion of this process is targeted for the end of the Fall term.

MSVUSU Website Working Group: This working group was formed in July 2026 with the objective of reviewing the MSVUSU website, providing feedback, and building a new website more suited to our organization. As of the end of the reporting period, this working group has not yet met.

The following internal committees did not meet during the reporting period: Budget Committee, Human Resources Committee (Chair), Constitution & Policy Planning Committee (Chair), Crisis Communications Committee (Chair), Food Security Committee.

External Committees/Caucuses/Working Groups

I sit on multiple committees across Mount Saint Vincent University governance in my capacity as President, and as a general student representative including the: Senate Executive Committee, Student Experience Committee, Committee on Academic Policy and Planning (CAPP), Board of Governors Committees, Finance & Campus Planning Committee, MSVU's Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Accessibility & Reconciliation Coordinating & Advisory Committee, Strategic Plan Renewal Working Group, Website Steering Committee, and various Hiring/Appointment committees.

Students' Union Hiring

Administrative Assistant: Served on the hiring committee for the Administrative Assistant role, resulting in a successful hire in July 2026.

Elections Coordinator: Served on the hiring committee for the Elections Coordinator role, resulting in the hiring of Juliana Fanning. We thank Juliana for her continued contributions to the Students' Union in her new role.

Chief Financial Officer: Serves on the hiring committee for the Chief Financial Officer. A hiring call for the CFO was open from June 19th - July 10th, 2026. This hiring call resulted in very few candidates and thus the hiring process was paused until the beginning of the Fall term. The call for applications has remained open since September and has not resulted in qualified candidates. In the interim, the CFO's responsibilities have been taken over by the Strategic Operations Manager. Conversations have occurred surrounding the reworking of the CFO role into a non-student hired staff position, as it is a difficult role to find qualified students to fill.

Pride Centre: Serves on the hiring committee for Pride Centre Manager. A hiring call was open from September 1-18th, resulting in two candidates, who both rescinded their applications. At the end of this reporting period, another interview has been scheduled with an individual who inquired about the position. The lack of Pride Centre Manager and interested volunteers has resulted in the Pride Centre not being able to maintain consistent opening hours. We are looking forward to the position being filled so that the service can continue operating.

Projects & Initiatives (Newest-Oldest)

EDIA Ambassadors Program: The EDIA Ambassadors Program is a project being organized by the Continuing Education Department at MSVU through a Dimensions Canada grant. The program will be a non-credit course/micro credential that can be taken by MSVU students, staff, and faculty to deepen their understanding and learning regarding EDIA principles. I met with the coordinator of the program, Dr. John Smith III, who expressed desire for students from the Students' Union to both participate in the program, and do a review of the teaching material.

Board Restructure: Alongside the governance review process, the President has been working on a proposal for a restructuring of the Board involving title and role changes for some Executives and Student Representatives. For the Executive roles, this is motivated by a desire for the role titles to fit more accurately with the tasks that those roles are responsible for and ensuring that those responsibilities are clear to the board, broader student body, and anyone who may want to run for these positions in the future. For Student Representatives, the goal is to give the representative positions more concrete roles and responsibilities to streamline onboarding and to ensure that board members are engaging with their respective communities. Along with restructuring the board, we have been looking into strengthening our onboarding processes for Executives and SRC and creating resource packs for these positions to easily reference. These onboarding packages would include basic structural information, Roberts Rules in brief, information about the different roles and their responsibilities, internal and external committee descriptions, and information about how to aid students and direct them to relevant supports.

Governance Review: The Students Union Executive Team is working with Jamie Niessen from Minnikin Consulting group to complete a substantial review and edit of our governing documents including the Constitution, By-Laws, and Policies. This process aims to fill some substantial gaps and remove contradictions that have caused problems and frustration over the last several years. The results of this governance review will be presented to Council for multiple readings and approval alongside the restructuring proposal early in the Winter 2027 term.

Branding Update: We are looking forward to doing a branding update for the MSVUSU and its services. This branding update seeks to create an identifiable and cohesive brand identity for the MSVUSU and our services. The desired result of this branding update is that it will result in greater visibility of the SU's services, resulting in an increase in usage of services, volunteer numbers, applicants for hired positions, and generalized student engagement. This branding update is to be completed by a MSVU alumnus and former MSVUSU executive who created our current branding when he was a student. This project is to be commenced and completed in the Winter 2027 term.

Canadian Federation of Students Involvement: I have served on the Canadian Federation of Students Nova Scotia Provincial Executive board since taking office in May, along with Executives from NSCAD, King's College, CBU, and Université Sainte-Anne. This involvement has included many Executive Meetings that have involved discussing student issues and potential routes for advocacy. The CFS-NS Executives also participated in an Anti-Oppression Workshop organized by the Chairperson. Attended the CFS-NS Fall General Meeting along with the VP Research and Graduate Student Affairs and another MSVU student. Considered motions for a Student Strike Policy and a Student Strike Campaign, which both failed due to tied votes. The President and VP Research and Graduate Student Affairs will be traveling to Toronto from November 13-18th to participate in the CFS National General Meeting.

Orientation Events: Over the course of the summer term, I have been heavily involved in the planning process for multiple Orientation Events, namely Tech Fair, the Mature/Transfer Student Social, and the Nutrition Networking Social.

Pride Center: In preparation for September, I took on cleaning, restocking, decorating, and creating marketing material for the Pride Centre. This has resulted in a Pride Centre that is less cluttered and more welcoming, while also displaying the available resources of the Pride Centre more prominently. In addition to the health & wellness resources already available in the Pride Centre, I also added pregnancy tests, dental dams, and personal lubricant to our selection. We have also reached out to our contacts at Halifax Sexual Health and confirmed the purchase of many latex and latex-free options for external condoms and other sexual barriers that will be distributed between the Pride Centre and the Food Bank in advance of the beginning of the Fall term. These resources have been distributed at multiple orientation events, as well as being freely available in the Food Bank as well as the Pride Centre. After reviewing the selection of informational pamphlets, we also noticed a gap in the information available about safe drug use. As a result, we also acquired pamphlets from CATIE Canada on safer smoking and injecting, safe snorting, and harm reduction.

Relationship Building: A primary goal of my term has been to coordinate open and frequent communication across different offices and services. These efforts are to prevent siloing of projects and resources and allow for more freedom of information for us and for the student body overall. Some of the groups that we have coordinated with are listed here: Residence Life, Harassment & Discrimination Office, Teaching and Learning Centre, Black Student Support Office, Alumni & Advancement, Library & Archives, MSVU Faculty Association, International Education Centre, Administration, NS Students' Unions (DALSU, SMUSA, etc.,).

Parental & Wellness Centre: Following feedback from student parents about the current Parental & Wellness Centre operations, we will be moving our designated breastfeeding space to the Fountain Play Centre. This allows student parents to more easily access the space, rather than having to find the code for the door. This move also allows parents to have access to a more private bathroom and sink space, which was not possible in the previous location. To ensure that the space will be up to standard, we collaborated with the Chair of the Applied Human Nutrition Department, Dr. Kyly Whitfield, to assess the space and provide use with recommendations on how to best utilize the space. The space set-up is not yet completed, but an update will be provided to SRC when the space is available and functioning. Once the space is open, we will be putting efforts into proper advertisement and spreading the knowledge of the space through staff and faculty, who will be best able to provide that information to students.

Memorandum of Understanding: As of August 1st, 2026, the Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union Association and Mount Saint Vincent University have a signed Memorandum of Understanding detailing the relationship between the parties. This MOU signifies a commitment between the University and the Students' Union to collaborate and communicate about issues affecting the MSVU community. This agreement will automatically renew annually, but the August 1st start date allows for new Executive teams to review the document and make any necessary changes before its renewal.

Pride Events: The SU Executive team attended the MSVU Pride BBQ on July 16th, 2026. As President of the SU, I gave a brief speech about the significance of Pride to me and to the student community, along with faculty speaker Dr. Diance Piccitto and MSVU President Dr. Joel Dickinson. The SU Executive team also attended the Halifax Pride Parade with MSVU and were tasked with holding the banner for MSVU. The Parade Marshal for MSVU was 2025-26 Students' Union President Sara Zegarra. Photos from these events and past Pride Parades will be displayed in the Pride Centre to highlight the Students' Unions Pride involvement.

Indigenous Representative Senate Seat Won: As a continuation of the work of the 2025-26 executive team, on May 20th, 2026, the MSVU Senate approved the motion proposed by the Students' Union to add a seventh student seat to the Senate. This seat is reserved for an Indigenous student, either the SU's Indigenous Representative, or an Indigenous Student-At-Large. This seat is currently occupied by the MSVUSU Indigenous Representative Lori Paul.



DIANA HAZELTON

VP Communications

Reporting period: May 1 – October 31, 2026

Throughout the summer, we ran a successful social media campaign counting down the week until Fall Orientation 2026, with over 50 000 views and 1000 combined likes.

20 societies ratified as of October 31

50K+ views on the Throwback Thursday campaign

15 societies attended the fair

KEY PROJECTS

1. ### STUDENT HANDBOOK
   The biggest project that I worked on this summer was creating the first student handbook since 2023.

2. ### GIVEAWAYS
   These giveaways were beyond successful and were the two most engaged-with posts we made all year.

3. ### SOCIETIES & VOLUNTEER FAIR
   We had over 15 societies attend the S&V Fair, as well as several services from the SU.

COMMITTEES

- Executive Committee
- Student Executive Committee
- Elections Committee
- Budget Committee
- Pay & Honoraria Committee

THE GOAL

3,000 Instagram followers before the end of the term in April.

Diana Hazelton – VP Communications

(Reporting Period: May 1, 2026 – October 31, 2026)

Brief Summary of the Role: VP Communications is responsible for general communication within the SU and MSVU community, including students, administration, and faculty. The role is responsible for duties such as managing the SU Instagram, website, and weekly newsletter; society ratification; promoting events & opportunities; and overseeing the Social Media and Content Coordinator position. The VP Communications position oversees many supportive and administrative tasks and varies depending on the needs of other executives or team members.

Committees: Executive Committee, Student Executive Committee, Elections Committee, Budget Committee, Pay & Honoraria Committee, Constitution & Policy Planning Committee (did not convene), Human Resources Committee (did not convene), Health Insurance Plan Committee (did not convene), Crisis Communications Committee (did not convene).

Society Ratifications: As of October 31st we had 20 societies who are ratified. Many of these societies were re-ratifying; however, 6 of the 20 societies were brand new or had not ratified within recent years. I am currently helping two societies to get ratified.

Throwback Thursday Campaign: Throughout the summer, we ran a successful social media campaign counting down the week until Fall Orientation 2026. With over 50 000 views and 1000 combined likes, this consistent posting format was very well received. It also utilized many of the digitized photos that I had been working to archive last year. With such success, the SM&CC Coordinator has. decided to introduce a weekly Throwback Thursday post, which will use even more of these photos.

Student Handbook: The biggest project that I worked on this summer was creating the first student handbook since 2023. The handbook worked to introduce new and returning students to the MSVUSU and student life here at the Mount. This included information such as a map of Rosaria's ground floor, meet our executive team, 7 reasons to join SRC, elections promo, a guide to student societies, upcoming Orientation events, MSVUSU favourites, a guide to Halifax Transit, finding jobs, and highlighting our services. It also included a calendar and note pages. This project also reconnected us with CU advertising, a company we have a history with but hadn't recently worked with. Through working with CU advertising, we generated nearly $2000 in ad revenue, which completely covered the cost of printing the handbooks. I also learned how to go about making a handbook, and I feel confident in my abilities to train the next VP Comms to create an even better handbook.

Giveaways: Throughout the summer, we were approached by the companies behind Sommo Festival and the Jonas Brothers to conduct a social media giveaway. Thanks to the generosity of these companies, we were able to give away two general passes to Sommo Festival and two tickets to the Jonas Brothers in Moncton. These giveaways were beyond successful and were the two most engaged-with posts we made all year. Racking up over 20 000 combined views and 1000 entries. Through these giveaways, I believe that we have created a pathway for a strong relationship with these companies, and I believe there is potential for future collaboration. Next year… Osheaga ticket giveaway?

Social Media: At the 2026 AGM, I set the goal to reach 3000 Instagram followers before the end of my term in April. Since then, we have gained over 200 followers, and we are so close to reaching 3000. I am confident that we will surpass 3000 by April, and I believe that is largely due to our consistent posting schedule and stronger brand identity. As a communications team, Nathalie and I have worked hard to create content that is both useful to students as well as entertaining. Together, we are hoping to lean more into shareable content that will continue to grow our social media presence.

Elections: This Fall-By Election, we elected 6 new SRC members to council. We continued to use what worked the past election cycles, as well as improved things that could work better. I created another Elections Pamphlet, which was included in Orientation Kits. These pamphlets had info on the available roles, the responsibilities of the SRC, and important election dates. With the help of our Elections Coordinator and our SM&CC Coordinator, we created several election-themed promo videos and posters. We also attended two pop-up info sessions for the Elections.

Hiring: This summer, I was on the hiring committees for the Election Coordinator and the Administrative Assistant. We successfully hired someone for both positions. In addition, I created posts advertising both the Pride Centre Manager as well as the Chief Financial Officer.

Orientation: One of the main focuses this summer was Orientation. I attended several Orientation planning meetings and helped in the planning and organizing of events. I helped the Administrative Assistant for the Office of Student Experience, Suzie, plan and execute the societies and volunteer fair. Previously run by Career Services, the S&V Fair became our responsibility, with Suzie managing the external exhibitors and me managing the Societies. I managed correspondence and registration of societies for the event. We had over 15 societies attend the S&V Fair, as well as several services from the SU. Organizing this event was a great learning experience, and I am so grateful for Suzie, who helped me through it.

Fun Social Media Videos & Collaboration: Over the summer, the MSVUSU, Mount Mentors, MSVU Orientation and Residence departments collaborated on several videos and posts for social media. This included event promo, Orientation theme announcement, advice to new students, and more! These videos were fun ways to build audiences across our social media accounts and served as great collaboration between departments. Plus, it was a lot of fun!



LEILA SOBEY-SKINNER

VP Advocacy & Undergraduate Student Affairs

Reporting period: May 1 – November 6, 2025 (as submitted)

I am continuing the work done by the previous VP Advocacy to review and improve the current Academic Appeals Process.

KEY PROJECTS

1. **CFS NOVA SCOTIA**
   We recognize that this is an important and ongoing conversation and will continue to keep students informed as more updates become available.

2. **SEXUAL HEALTH WEEK (CONSENT WEEK)**
   The goal of this project is to help create opportunities for students to learn more, ask questions, and have meaningful conversations about consent and sexual health.

3. **UPDATING THE ACADEMIC APPEALS PROCESS**
   This is a long process, but my hope is that it will be mostly completed by the end of my term in April.

INTERNAL COMMITTEES

- Student Executive Committee
- Executive Committee
- Elections Committee

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- Senate
- Student Senate Caucus (Chair)
- Senate Committee on Teaching and Learning
- Sexual Violence Prevention Advisory Committee

Vice President of Advocacy and Undergraduate Student Affairs – Leila Sobey-Skinner

(Reporting Period: May 1 st – November 6 th , 2025)

Brief Summary of the Role

This role serves as an advocate for the student's voices, addressing their concerns, as well as identifying academic issues and barriers within the institutional framework. As the Vice President of Advocacy and Undergraduate Student Affairs, I support students with Academic Appeals, navigate institutional policy concerns, and coordinate advocacy initiatives. I work to ensure that students are meaningfully represented in decision-making spaces and that their needs and experiences are reflected in the development of academic and institutional policies.

Internal Committees/Caucuses/Working Groups

- Student Executive Committee
- Executive Committee
- Elections Committee

External Committees/Caucuses/Working Groups

- Senate
- Student Senate Caucus (Chair)
- Senate Committee on Teaching and Learning
- Sexual Violence Prevention Advisory Committee

External Affairs

Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)

- *Canadian Federation of Students Nova Scotia (CFSNS)*

The Nova Scotia Component of CFS has once again brought forward a motion proposing that university students across the province participate in a student strike. This is the same motion that was brought forward and passed last year; however this year MSVUSVU along with other students' unions voted against the motion, and it is not passed at the provincial level.

The motion to strike will still be put forward during the upcoming CFS conference in a few weeks where it will be discussed and voted on at a national level. In the meantime, MSVUSU will continue reflecting on the concerns that have been brough forward by students over this past year. We recognize that this is an important and ongoing conversation and will continue to keep students informed as more updates become available.

Internal Projects (Ongoing)

Sexual Health Week (Consent Week)

We will be working with our Sexual Health Ambassador to put together a series of events for students focused on consent, sexual health, and overall sexual wellness. Some ideas we are currently looking into are panels, workshops, and potentially some interactive activities that will allow students to engage with these topics in an informative and comfortable environment.

The goal of this project is to help create opportunities for students to learn more, ask questions, and have meaningful conversations about consent and sexual health. This project is still in the early stages of planning, so there are not many confirmed details I have just yet. However, I am looking forward to continuing this work and will share more updates in the coming weeks.

Updating the Academic appeals process (on going)

This process has been slow and is still going. I am continuing the work done by the previous VP Advocacy to review and improve the current Academic Appeals Process. Though I can't share the detailed updates or discussions that are happening, I am working behind the scenes and continuing to move things forward.

Currently I am working on finding a time to meet with the chair of the Academic Appeals Committee to talk about the process and some of the changes that I would like to implement. After this meeting, my goal is to bring these suggested changes forward to the Senate to keep the process of getting the changes put into action. This is a long process, but my hope is that it will be mostly completed by the end of my term in April.



PRECIOUS CHIAMAKA OTIORA

VP Research & Graduate Student Affairs

Reporting period: May 1 – October 31, 2026

The student was supported through the appeal process. The appeal was successful, the initial penalty was reversed, and the student was able to resume their studies.

5 activities delivered

2 ongoing initiatives

1 appeal successfully resolved

KEY PROJECTS

1. **FALL GRADUATE ORIENTATION**
   Held September 9, 2026. A total of 132 survey responses were received: 89 preferred in-person attendance and 43 online.

2. **STUDENT PARENT SOCIAL**
   This event successfully hosted about 41 children from 24 parents in attendance.

3. **TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**
   TAP was successfully relaunched during the reporting period.

COMMITTEES

- Senate & Senate Student Caucus
- Graduate Students Committee (Chair)
- GSPPC
- CAPP
- Housing Support Fund Bursary Committee (Chair)

UPCOMING

- CFS National General Meeting, Nov 13–17
- MSVU Career Fair, Nov 18
- Career Talk, Nov 19
- Housing Support Fund closes Nov 20

SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (SAGM)

Vice President – Research & Graduate Students Affairs – Precious Chiamaka Otiora

(Reporting period: May 01 – October 31, 2026)

Summary of Role:

The position of Vice President, Research & Graduate Student Affairs serves as an Executive in the Students Union working with graduate students to provide programs and services that meet the needs of graduate and research students. I support student union functions by supporting research initiatives and research students in their supervisor/supervisee relationships. I act as advisor to the Executive Committee and Student's Representative Council as well as other sub-committees. As the VP – Research & Graduate Student Affairs, I serve on the following committees:

- Senate & Senate Student Caucus – Senator & Member
- Graduate Students Committee (Chair) - Working closely to revise existing and establish new graduate student specific programs, services, and community connection initiatives.
- Graduate Studies Program & Policy Committee (GSPPC) – Graduate students' representative
- Committee on Academic and Policy Planning (CAPP) – Secondary member
- Orientation committee (Planning & Large) – Member
- Housing Support Fund Bursary Committee (Chair) – Leads the committee's work in administering the fund, including overseeing the approved eligibility and evaluation criteria, coordinating the application review process, and supporting the selection of successful applicant.

A few key duties are:

- Plan and execute orientation week planning committee meetings and orientation events
- Address academic issues within the Graduate and research student communities
- Promote a culture of academic integrity on campus, particularly amongst Graduate and Research students
- Establish collaborations with the Dean of Graduate & Professional Studies, VP-Academic & Provost, MSVU Research Office, Graduate Academic Units and Graduate Students Societies.

- Build collaborations with Accessibility Services, Black Student Support Office (BSSO), Indigenous Center (ISC), International Education Center (IEC).
- Provide support to the leadership of all MSVUSU services in reviewing policies, procedures, and provide guidance with regulation and standards, or as may be required.
- Work with the Canadian Federation of Students and representing MSVUSU at the National General Meeting, National Graduate Caucus, NS-AGM.
- Attend and actively participate in the Annual conference of the Canadian Association of Graduate Studies

Summary of Projects

5 activities delivered	2 ongoing initiatives	1 appeal successfully resolved

Project / activity	Progress during reporting period	Status
Fall Graduate Orientation	Held September 9, 2026	Delivered
Student Parent Social	Held September 8, 2026	Delivered
Technology Assistance Program (TAP)	Relaunched; access and administration ongoing	Ongoing
Student Advocacy – Academic Appeal	Successful appeal; initial penalty reversed	Resolved
Three Minute Thesis (3MT®)(2026)	MSVU participated in the Eastern Regional competition	Participated
CFS-NS Provincial General Meeting	Attended October 4, 2026	Attended
THRIVE Graduate Summit	Attended October 14, 2026	Attended
Policy and Bylaw Review	Executive review and consultation ongoing	Ongoing

Overview reflects activities within the May 1–October 31, 2026 reporting period. November activities and engagements are listed separately below.

1. Project Title/ Project Title/Theme: Fall Graduate Orientation

> **Brief Summary:** Graduate Orientation is designed to welcome incoming graduate students and introduce them to the academic, administrative and student support resources available at MSVU. It also provides an opportunity for students to connect with faculty, staff, university services and other graduate students.

Achievement/Progress to Date: The 2026 Fall Graduate Orientation was successfully held on September 9, 2026. A pre-attendance survey was developed and distributed to help assess participation preferences. A total of 132 responses were received: 89 respondents indicated a preference for in-person attendance, while 43 indicated a preference for online attendance.

2. Project Title/Theme: Student Parent Social

Brief Summary: This event was a social networking gathering of graduate students with children. It was aimed at building connections

Achievement/Progress to-Date: The event took place at the MSVU Gymnasium at Rosaria and featured lots of fun stuff like spike ball, basketball, tether board, skee ball, inflatable darts, jenga etc. There was light refreshment - snacks and also back-to-school items for the children. This event successfully hosted about 41 children from 24 parents in attendance

3. Project Title/Theme: Technology Assistance Program

Brief Summary: The MSVUSU Technology Assistance Program (TAP) is a proactive response to close this digital access gap by providing students with the tools they need to succeed. It's three-pronged approach: Laptop Acquisition Support (LAS) – aimed at providing financial assistance to new students experiencing financial hardship to purchase laptops; Disability Technology Support Program (DTSP) – aimed at providing specialized technology for new students with disabilities to ensure equitable access to academic resources; and the Laptop Loan Pool (LLP) – a managed inventory of laptops for short-term (48-hour renewable) loans to support urgent academic needs.

Achievement/Progress to-Date: TAP was successfully relaunched during the reporting period. The program's online Terms and Conditions and laptop request form were made available to students. Students can review and sign the Terms and Conditions and submit a request online. Laptop collection is done through the HUB during its operating hours. Following promotion of the program, students began reaching out with questions about eligibility and how to access the service, including students who are not regularly on campus. Coordination with the relevant university staff continued to support implementation and access.

4. Project Title/Theme: Student Advocacy – Academic Appeals

Brief Summary The office provides support to graduate students navigating academic concerns and appeal processes, particularly where an academic decision may have significant implications for a student's academic standing.

Achievement/Progress to-Date: One academic integrity case involving an international student was brought to the office during the reporting period. The student was supported through the appeal process. The appeal was successful, the initial penalty was reversed, and the student was able to resume their studies. Confidentiality has been maintained.

5. Project Title/Theme: Three-Minute Thesis (3MT®) Competition

Brief Summary: The Three-Minute Thesis competition provides thesis-based graduate students with an opportunity to communicate their research and its wider significance to a general audience in three minutes or less. The competition supports research communication, presentation and public engagement skills.

Achievement/Progress to-Date: MSVU participated in the Eastern Regional 3MT competition hosted by Saint Mary's University on June 5, 2026. This marked MSVU's return to the competition for the first time in many years. The MSVU representative did not advance to the national competition. Planning priorities for the next cycle include earlier promotion, encouraging thesis-based graduate students to apply, identifying student representatives and establishing a coordinating committee in collaboration with the Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies.

6. Project Title/Theme: CFS–NS Provincial General Meeting

Brief Summary: The Canadian Federation of Students–Nova Scotia Provincial General Meeting brings together member student unions to discuss issues affecting students, consider motions and resolutions, and coordinate provincial advocacy and campaigns.

Achievement/Progress to-Date: Attended the provincial meeting on October 4, 2026, at the University of King's College with the MSVUSU President, Mika Paul, and another student union representative. Discussions included governance and policy development, student committees, campaigns, accessibility and issues affecting international students. A proposed general student strike motion was not approved. CFS-NS indicated that individual member locals could still pursue independent action if they chose to do so. Discussions also highlighted the need for meaningful policy responses to concerns affecting international students.

7. Project Title/Theme: THRIVE Summit for Graduate Students and Postdocs

Brief Summary: The THRIVE Summit is a national virtual event that supports graduate students and postdoctoral scholars through learning and discussion on research, scholarship, leadership, career development and graduate student success.

Achievement/Progress to-Date: Attended the 2026 THRIVE Summit on October 14, 2026, held online in partnership with York University. The theme was "Secrets to Success from Top Supervisors." The summit provided an opportunity to engage with perspectives on graduate supervision, mentorship, student–supervisor relationships and strategies that contribute to success throughout the graduate journey.

8. Project Title/Theme: Conferences – Policy and Bylaw Review

> **Brief Summary:** The MSVUSU executive team has been working collaboratively on a review of the Students' Union's governance documents, including its constitution, bylaws and related policies. The initiative aims to strengthen governance structures, improve consistency and identify areas for review and development.
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> **Achievement/Progress to-Date:** Participated in governance review and consultation work with other executive members to consider existing documents and identify areas that may require clarification, revision or further development. The review and policy development process remains ongoing.

Participation in Cross-Functional Projects

- Collaborated with the MSVUSU executive team on the ongoing review of governance documents, policies and bylaws.
- Worked with the strategic manager and the HUB in supporting the relaunch and administration of the Technology Assistance Program.
- Collaborated with the graduate students committee in planning and supporting graduate student engagement initiatives, including the successful delivery of Fall Graduate Orientation and the Student Parent Social.
- Worked with the MSVUSU President and other student union representatives in provincial student advocacy discussions through CFS-NS.
- Supported an international student through an academic integrity appeal, working within the relevant student advocacy process.

Post-Reporting-Period Updates and Upcoming Engagements

MSVUSU Housing Support Fund 2026

I was appointed Chair of the six-member Housing funding Committee, comprising four university personnel, one SRC representative and myself as Chair. The fund has approximately $7,000 available to support MSVU students experiencing housing-related barriers. The committee approved the eligibility requirements and evaluation criteria. Eligible applicants must be registered for Fall 2026 and Winter 2027, consent to verification of registration, and be experiencing housing-related barriers. Applications are assessed based on the applicant's housing barriers, financial need, and the anticipated impact of the bursary on housing stability and academic progress. First preference is given to displaced international students, with other priority considerations including students from conflict-affected areas, first-generation university students and students from rural communities. The advertisement was published on the MSVUSU Instagram page on November 6, 2026. Email circulation to students was made on Novemver 9, 2026. The application period will run for two weeks, with an anticipated closing date of November 20, 2026. Application review had not yet commenced at the time of this update.

Canadian Association for Graduate Studies (CAGS) 64th Annual Conference

I attended the 64th Annual CAGS Conference, held from November 3–5, 2026, at Hotel Saskatchewan in Regina, Saskatchewan. The conference theme was "Empowering Excellence: Innovating Graduate Education for a Changing Canada." Sessions attended addressed Indigenous graduate education leadership, doctoral progression and completion, online graduate education and AI, international student transition and academic success, graduate supervision conflict, holistic student support and design thinking, global mobility, and teaching-focused academic careers.

I also had the opportunity to attend the National Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) Competition Showcase, which took place on November 4, 2026, during the CAGS conference at the University of Regina. The showcase provided an opportunity to watch graduate students from across Canada present their research and demonstrate how complex academic work can be communicated effectively to a wider audience.

CFS 45th Annual National General Meeting

The 45th Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students and CFS-Services was scheduled for November 13–17, 2026, in Toronto, Ontario. I will be attending alongside the MSVUSU President Mika Paul.

MSVU Career Fair and Career Talk

The MSVU Career Fair was scheduled for November 18, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. as an in-person, booth-style event open to all MSVU students. It is intended to connect students with employers and provide opportunities to explore employment pathways and professional networks. The MSVU Career Talk was scheduled for November 19, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. as a virtual panel on the topic "Entry into the Canadian Job Market." Planning included employer and stakeholder outreach, registration, promotion and coordination with university partners.

Respectfully,

Precious Chiamaka Otiora

VP-Research & Graduate Students' Affairs



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VP Student Life

Reporting period: May 1 – November 6, 2026

Beyond the record-breaking attendance and positive student feedback, I truly believe we made meaningful improvements to how Orientation is planned, promoted, funded, and delivered.

11+ events at Fall Orientation 2026

150+ students at Sex Toy Bingo

$7,700 in coupons, products and experiences from sponsors

KEY PROJECTS

1. ### FALL ORIENTATION 2026
   Fall 2026 Orientation was a great success across every measure.

2. ### ORIENTATION LUNCH AT CROW CAFÉ
   By moving the event to Crow Café, we reduced the estimated cost to roughly $600. Thanks to a donation from Sobeys, the final expense was less than $150.

3. ### THE ROOK REVITALIZATION
   Brought back Crow-Aoke and live music, with The Town Heroes on October 22.

COMMITTEES

- Society Affairs Committee (Chair)
- Fall Orientation 2026 Working Group (Chair)
- Budget Committee
- MSVU Board of Governors

UPCOMING

- Keep It Social Mocktail Competition, Nov 18
- Winter Orientation
- Martock Ski Trip, with $1,000 to keep tickets low
- Society Handbook

Vice President Student Life – Tanner Saunders

(Reporting Period: May 1, 2026, to November 6, 2026)

Brief Summary of Your Role

As Vice President Student Life with the MSVU Students' Union, my role is all about making campus a more engaging, welcoming, and memorable place for students. I'm one of the lead planners behind Fall and Winter Orientation, helping create a strong first impression for new students, and I organize events throughout the academic year. I also chair the Society Affairs Committee, which oversees society funding applications, supports student societies, and addresses internal issues and policy concerns. Beyond events, I work with societies to help them plan events, access resources, and build stronger engagement on campus. Ultimately, my goal is to make student life more vibrant, support student-led initiatives, and ensure students have opportunities to get involved and make the most of their university experience.

Internal Committees/Caucuses/Working Groups

- Budget Committee
- Society Affairs Committee (Chair)
- Crisis Communications Committee
- Elections Committee
- Student Executive Committee
- Executive Committee
- Fall Orientation 2026 Working Group (Chair)

External Committees/Caucuses/Working Groups

- MSVU Board of Governors
- Student Experience Committee
- Orientation Planning Committee
- Large Orientation Committee

Fall Orientation 2026

Brief Summary: During the Fall 2026 Orientation, I served as a lead organizer, helping create, plan, and execute a variety of events to welcome new and returning students. I trained and led Orientation Leaders, coordinated the Students' Union-hosted lunch through the SU's Crow Cafe, and secured sponsorships to enhance the student experience. I also supported in developing orientation kit materials, created promotional posters, and marketed events to encourage student participation.

Achievement/Progress to Date: Fall 2026 Orientation was a great success across every measure. We hosted more than 11 events, achieved record-breaking attendance at multiple of those events, and saw our largest turnout at Sex Toy Bingo, which attracted over 150 participants. There were no major issues, and overall student engagement was noticeably stronger than in previous years. I believe much of this success came from two key changes: a stronger focus on building relationships with other on-campus groups, including Mount Mentors, Residence Life, and Recruitment, and a significant increase in event promotion and marketing. These partnerships helped us reach a wider audience and create a more connected Orientation experience for incoming students.

Orientation day itself ran very well. We had enough O-Kits for every new student, the SU lunch was served on time, and students remained excited and engaged throughout the day. Even toward the end of the day, the energy in the room remained high. We received lots of positive feedback from new students, many of whom expressed how welcomed this day made them feel. The only significant scheduling challenge was the live music event, originally planned for October 2, which had to be postponed to October 22 after the original artist withdrew due to family circumstances, thankfully though, we were able to secure a replacement band.

One of the biggest improvements this year was transitioning the Students' Union Orientation BBQ from Chartwells to the SU's own Crow Café. Historically, the BBQ hosted through Chartwells cost the Students' Union more than $4,000 from the Orientation budget. By moving the event to Crow Café, we reduced the estimated cost to roughly $600. However, through a generous donation from Sobeys that covered the food costs, the final expense was less than $150. This allowed us to reinvest those savings into improving Orientation through better events and additional O-Kit items. The lunch was coordinated in collaboration with Genesis, the Crow Café Manager, and Mika, the SU President. The event ran smoothly, all students were fed, there were plenty of leftovers for returning students, and all dietary and health and safety requirements were followed.

Sponsorships were another major success for Orientation. We secured support from several businesses, with Coca-Cola, Domino's, and Sobeys as our primary sponsors, alongside some smaller donations. These partnerships allowed us to provide approximately $7,700 worth of coupons, products, and experiences to students, in addition to the estimated $500 in donated food value from Sobeys. I would strongly encourage the next VP Student Life to continue pursuing sponsorship opportunities for Fall Orientation 2027. Having consistent giveaways and incentives throughout September was great for encouraging participation and driving event attendance.



In total, I believe we came in under budget having spent an (unconfirmed) estimated $18,000 of a $19,000 budget. $13,200 (73.3%) went to events, $3,000 (16.6%) to O-Kit items, and the remaining $1,800 (10%) to logistics. I want to reiterate that these are rough estimates and subject to change upon receiving the actuals. If I was to plan Orientation again with the knowledge I have now, I would likely be less cautious about my budget as I feel my anxiety behind potentially going over budget hindered my ability to go all out. Unfortunately, Fall Orientation planning begins the moment you take on this role so you don't have much time to get comfortable before you need to start deciding how to spend almost $20,000 in a single month.



Overall, I am extremely proud of the four months of work that went into creating this Orientation. It absolutely tested my limits but taught me a lot about this job and myself. Beyond the record-breaking attendance and positive student feedback, I truly believe we made meaningful improvements to how Orientation is planned, promoted, funded, and delivered. While stressful, if I was asked to plan Fall Orientation again, I would say yes in a heartbeat. Some of my fondest memories and greatest friends at this university were made from the planning and execution of this project and I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to do this.



Dance of the Dead Halloween Pub

Brief Summary: The Halloween dance was one of my first major events happening after Orientation. For this event I wanted to go all out and transform the pub into a proper Halloween party spot. We decorated the Rook with Halloween décor, had a live DJ, created themed drink specials, and hosted a costume contest with prizes.



Achievement/Progress to Date: One of the key factors that I believe contributed to the event's strong turnout was working with Residence Life. I worked with Residence to schedule the dance so that it would begin immediately after their annual Residence trick-or-treating. This allowed residence students to participate in both events without having to choose between them and created a natural transition from one Halloween activity to another.

The total cost of the event was approximately $750, which covered the decorations, DJ, and prizes. I believe this was a worthwhile investment given the atmosphere we were able to create and the number of students who attended. A lot of the Halloween decorations purchased are reusable and can be used again in the coming years as well which is a bonus.

The Rook Revitalization

Brief Summary: As part of my efforts to improve student engagement I wanted bring more life to The Rook which has long been struggling to attract students. I have supported the Rook staff with bringing new entertainment opportunities designed to make the pub a more active and welcoming space for students.

Achievement/Progress to Date: One of my first events brought back Crow-Aoke (karaoke). The first event took place during Fall Orientation and was met with an incredible turnout. Demand was so high that The Rook reached closing time before we could get through all the song requests. This was a great indication that there is an appetite for more interactive entertainment on campus. I am hoping to bring Crow-Aoke back later in November and establish it as a recurring event, provided student interest and attendance remain strong.



I also brought live music back to The Rook. Originally planned as an Orientation event, the performance had to be postponed after the original artist withdrew due to a family emergency. With the help of our Social Media Coordinator, Nathalie, I was able to quickly source a replacement band, "The Town Heroes" and organized a performance on October 22. The event had a strong turnout, and I was very happy with the overall experience. The band delivered an excellent performance, and the feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive.

There were a few unexpected challenges along the way, one being the event budget. The original performance was expected to cost around $1,700, but the replacement band had more members, increasing the fee to $2,500. Additionally, because we were unable to secure an AV tech through the university's AV department, the band had to bring their own tech at an extra cost of $500. This brought the final event cost to approximately $3,000.

While I would love to bring The Town Heroes back for another performance the main reason, I was able to accommodate the $3,000 expense was the remaining Orientation budget, which could not be used for programming after Orientation. The General Programming budget is more limited, and I do not believe committing $3,000 to a single performance would be the most responsible use of those funds. However, if a significant portion of the General Programming budget remains available toward the end of the academic year, I would love to revisit the possibility of bringing them back.

Overall, I believe these two events represent an important step toward revitalizing The Rook as a campus social hub. Both Crow-Aoke and live music demonstrated that students are interested in having more entertainment options on campus. In the future, I hope to build on this momentum by introducing more recurring events, exploring affordable entertainment options, and continuing to make The Rook a place where students want to spend their time.

Society Support Expansion

Brief Summary: One of my priorities as VP Student Life has been expanding the level of support provided to societies beyond the usual $300 in funding available to societies that request it. While this funding is important, I have been making a more deliberate effort to work directly with societies to help plan their events, provide additional financial assistance where possible, and encourage collaborations that bring more activities and opportunities to students across campus.

Achievement/Progress to Date: Throughout the semester, I have worked with several societies to support their programming. I collaborated with the PR and Comms Society on their Halloween Movie Night, covering roughly $60 in snack expenses. I also worked alongside the Garden Society and PEPs on their Pumpkin Carnival, providing around $200 to cover the cost of pumpkins. Additionally, I provided the Rodeo Society with $50 in prizes for one of their events.

There are also several upcoming collaborations currently in progress. I have been working with the English Society to help cover up to $100 in expenses for their Fairy Tale Bingo event, am providing $100 in prizes for the Dance Society's Winter Gala, and looking into the possibility of covering catering expenses for the Sociology and Anthropology Societies Banned Book Bingo. These collaborations allow societies to put on more engaging events without having to shoulder all the financial costs themselves and thus create a better experience for students overall.

Looking forward, I hope to continue deepening relationships with societies across campus and make VP Student Life a more accessible resource for them. As one person, there is obviously a limit to the number of events I can plan on my own throughout the academic year. Rather than relying exclusively on my own programming, I believe one of the most effective ways to improve the student experience is to help societies to host their own events. By investing in the events that societies are already wanting to plan, we can offer students a much wider variety of events, reach different interests, and increase the overall number of opportunities for students to get involved. I would strongly encourage future VP Student Life representatives to continue building these relationships and view societies as partners in creating a better student experience, rather than simply student groups receiving funding.

Society Handbook

Brief Summary: One of my ongoing projects has been developing a Society Handbook to provide societies with the guidance, resources, and support they need to be successful. Currently, there is no such thing and once a society is ratified, there is very little structured guidance on what is expected of them, how to access available resources, or how to successfully operate and maintain an active society.

Achievement/Progress to Date: The handbook is intended to be a resource covering nearly every aspect of running a society. Topics include the ratification process, requesting and managing funding, policies and rules societies must follow, recommended constitution structures and executive positions, event planning, event promotion and marketing, tips for maintaining an active society, and important contacts and campus resources. The goal is to create something that societies can refer to throughout the academic year rather than trying to figure it out on their own.

The handbook is currently in the drafting stage. I have had to temporarily put the project on the backburner while working on other responsibilities. However, I consider this an important long-term goal that I would like to see completed before the end of my term. Once the initial draft is complete, my plan is to bring it to the Society Affairs Committee for review and feedback. Following that, it will be brought to the SRC for further review before being finalized into a document that can be given to all ratified societies.

This project ties into one of my broader goals as VP Student Life: strengthening relationships with societies and encouraging greater student involvement across campus. I believe societies have great potential to contribute to the student experience, but they need the proper resources and guidance to reach that potential. By creating a centralized handbook, we can establish clearer expectations, make it easier for new executives to take over, reduce confusion surrounding policies and funding, and give societies the tools they need to plan successful events. Ultimately, I hope this handbook becomes a lasting resource that future VP Student Life's can maintain and build upon.

Social Media

Brief Summary: Throughout the summer and into the fall semester, I have been involved in various social media and content creation projects across campus. While this has been a smaller side project alongside other responsibilities, it has provided a great opportunity to contribute to the university community in a different capacity and help promote campus life.

Achievement/Progress to Date: During the summer, I worked with Residence Life and the Mount Mentors to create a few fun videos, as well as videos for Fall Orientation. I also participated in several photoshoots with the University's Marketing Department. A lot of this work was fairly spontaneous and while it sometimes meant taking on unexpected tasks such as buckets of water being dumped on me or various objects thrown at me, it was an incredibly enjoyable experience and gave me the opportunity to work with different departments, meet new people, and contribute to the campus in a creative way. Overall, this was easily a highlight of my summer. It allowed me to step outside the usual job duties and help showcase what makes this university a great place to be. I always welcome more opportunities to continue contributing to campus social media and projects in the future.

Winter Orientation

Brief Summary: Winter Orientation planning officially began last week and is currently in its very early stages. I have started looking for fun ways to welcome new and returning students back to campus for the winter semester and create an engaging start to the new term.

Achievement/Progress to Date: Some of the initial event ideas I am hoping to organize include a Back-to-School Dance, another Sex Toy Bingo following the big success of the Fall Orientation event, and a hot chocolate bar to give students a more relaxed and casual opportunity to connect. I am also looking at more laid-back and chill events compared to Fall Orientation. In my experience, students returning after the winter break tend to have a different energy level than those arriving after the summer, so I believe a more relaxed approach to programming may be better suited to the winter semester. One of the biggest challenges with Winter Orientation is the available budget. Unlike Fall Orientation, which has its own dedicated Orientation budget, Winter Orientation must come out of my General Programming budget. This means I have considerably less funding available and need to be much more mindful of spending to ensure I have enough for events in the coming months. My goal is to build on the momentum of Fall 2026 Orientation while understanding that Winter Orientation has its own unique audience and needs. I hope to deliver smaller but equally exciting events that helps students settle back into campus life, build connections, and start the winter semester on a positive note.

Upcoming Events

Brief Summary: Looking ahead to the remainder of the academic year, I have several events I hope to bring to life. My goal is to continue diversifying the types of activities available for students and continue making the Rook an active social hub.

Achievement/Progress to Date: Some of the events I am hoping to organize or support include:

- Arts Festival: Supporting Mika in planning an arts festival celebrating student artists.
- Sip & Study: Hosting a relaxed study session where students can work, socialize, and enjoy refreshments.
- Crow-Aoke: Building on the success by establishing more consistent karaoke nights.
- Live Music: Bringing more local musicians and bands to The Rook to provide students with more live entertainment.
- Craft Nights: Hosting a variety of laid-back craft nights including Polaroid frame making, clay crafting, Valentine's card making, magnet making, etc.
- Dances: Continuing to host themed dances throughout the year to give students more opportunities to get together and have fun.

These are early plans, and I expect more ideas and collaborations to develop throughout the year. My overall goal is to maintain consistent programming, offer something for a variety of student interests, and continue building on the momentum established during Fall Orientation and the first semester.

Participation in Cross-Functional Projects

Keep it Social Mocktail Competition

I have been working collaboratively with Keep It Social to support the planning of a mocktail competition taking place on November 18th at The Rook. Students will have the opportunity to create their own custom mocktail, which will be judged by a panel of fellow students, with the winning drink earning a spot on the Rook's menu. My contributions have included acting as the liaison between Keep It Social and the Rook's manager, event marketing and putting together a prize pack for the winner.

Residence Life: Halloween Projects

I worked closely with Residence Life to coordinate Halloween events and create a connected series of activities for students to participate in throughout the month. This included coordinating events such as trick-or-treat bag painting, Residence trick-or-treating, and the Halloween Dance. My contribution focused on communicating with Residence Life and coordinating event schedules to avoid overlap.

Residence Life: Martock Ski Trip

I will also be working with Residence Life to support the planning of the annual Martock Ski Trip in January. My contribution will be providing $1,000 in funding to subsidize costs and keep ticket prices as low as possible for students wishing to attend. This financial support helps reduce barriers to participation and provides students with an opportunity to enjoy an off-campus recreational activity that is usually quite unaffordable.

SECTION 02

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

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MOLLY MCCOY

Arts Representative

Reporting period: June 22 – November 5, 2026

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ROLE

As Arts Representative, I serve on the Students' Representative Council (SRC) within the Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union (MSVUSU). In this role, I attend all SRC meetings and act as the primary liaison and advocate for students enrolled in Bachelor of Arts programs at MSVU. I also support Arts-related initiatives within our campus community and currently sit on the university Senate.

1

INTERNAL COMMITTEES

- Pay and Honoraria Committee
- Student Judicial Committee

2

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- Senate
- Senate Student Caucus

3

UPCOMING

- A forum for Arts students to submit questions, concerns, recommendations, and feedback

Arts Representative – Molly McCoy

(Reporting Period: June 22, 2026, to November 5, 2026)

Brief Summary of the Role

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Internal Committees

Pay and Honoraria Committee

Student Judicial Committee

External Committees and Caucuses

Senate

Senate Student Caucus

Upcoming Initiatives

I intend to create a forum in the coming weeks for Arts students to submit questions, concerns, recommendations, and feedback.



BREANNE PHEE

BIPOC Representative

Reporting period: April 2025 – November 2026

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.

1

STUDENT ADVOCACY & SUPPORT

- Regularly gathering feedback from fellow BIPOC students about their experiences at MSVU

2

IN THE WORKS

- A kickback event for BIPOC students
- An anti-Black racism course
- Events with the Black Student Committee

3

COMMUNITY

- Strong connections with black societies at Dalhousie University

COMMITTEES

Housing bursary committee

Alternative Academic Appeals Committee

Alternative Student Judicial Committee

BIPOC Representative – Breanne Phee

(Reporting Period: April, 2025 to November, 2026)

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

- Housing bursary committee
- Alternative Academic Appeals Committee
- Alternative 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. Listening to their concerns and thoughts about the MSVU community.

-Another big project is planning a kickback event for BIPOC students.

Achievement/Progress to Date:

The focus of the event is to bring Bipoc student together in a fun and relaxed environment, where they can enjoy each other's company in a non-stressful and safe environment. a

-Another project I am working on is an anti-Black racism course

Achievement/Progress to Date:

I am in contact with the Division of Diversity, Equity and Engagement for the Department of Community Services for an outline of the course. I have now started to fill in the outline.

Collaboration with the Black Students' Committee

Brief Summary: I am working with the black Student Committee to assist them in planning events to cultivate diversity and spread awareness of their society.

Achievement/Progress to Date:

-We are currently in the process of planning events

Collaboration with schools and the community

Brief Summary: I am determined to build strong relationships with other black communities and societies.

Achievement/Progress to Date:

MSVU now has strong connections with black societies at Dalhousie University. Some progress was made in connecting with different community members and initiatives. No progress was made with Saint Mary's University due to unforeseen circumstances.

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SERVICE REPORTS

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SERVICE REPORT

CAPTAIN CROW'S CAFÉ



Genesis Victorino, Soup Kitchen Manager

Reporting period: June 2026 – November 9, 2026

FIGURES

3× free meal services every week

~40 students supported during the hot lunch and Coffee and Bagel services

17 hot lunch menus, June to November

SUMMARY

Captain Crow's Café provides free meals for students and staff three times a week. In conjunction with the MSVUSU Food Bank and other Food Security services on campus, this service combats food insecurity on MSVU by ensuring students and staff have access to fresh and nutritious meals throughout the school year.

KEY PROJECTS

- Hot meals or lunches representing various cultures around the world and in our student body
- Fresh veggies, pita chips and hummus or ranch dips available to be taken to-go
- Coffee and a variety of bagels





COMMITTEES

Food Security Services Committee

WORKING WITH THE FOOD BANK

Captain Crow's Café and the Food Bank work together to reduce food waste. Unclaimed items from the Food Bank are used in the café's recipes, and the café gives the Food Bank its excess cooked food to distribute.

Captain Crow's Café · menus, June to November 2026

HOT LUNCH MENUS THIS YEAR

Between June 15 and November 10, Captain Crow's Café served 17 hot lunch menus, alongside a weekly snack service and Coffee & Bagel. Every menu was labelled for dietary restrictions, with vegan, gluten-free and halal options. Service paused on Canada Day, Truth and Reconciliation Day and Remembrance Day.

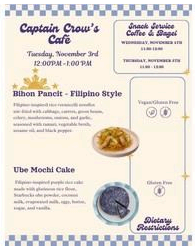














DATE	MENU	DRINK OR DESSERT
Mon, Jun 15	Arroz Primavera (Mexican rice and peppers), marinated tofu, cucumber and carrot salad	Strawberry lemonade
Mon, Jun 29	Rainbow Italian pasta salad, tomato bruschetta with balsamic drizzle	Lemon blueberry cake
Mon, Jul 6	Veggie stir-fry (Dominican national dish) with rice, chicken or mushroom fajitas, fresh coleslaw	Passionfruit guava refresher
Mon, Jul 27	Peruvian-style veggie noodles, optional chicken fajitas, za'atar-garlic bread	Lemon iced tea
Wed, Aug 5	Chicken drumstick curry, mixed vegetable basmati rice, cucumber and carrot salad	–
Mon, Aug 10	La Bandera Dominicana (stewed beans and rice), air-fried chicken drumsticks	Passionfruit guava refresher
Mon, Aug 17	Tomato, basil and roasted pepper pasta with chicken, za'atar-garlic bread	Lemon iced tea
Mon, Aug 24	Lebanese mujadara (rice, lentils and sweet onions), tomato-basil chicken drumsticks	Gluten-free brownies
Mon, Aug 31	Tomato-basil chicken drumsticks, mixed vegetable basmati rice, fresh coleslaw	–
Tue, Sep 15	Tomato-basil chicken drumsticks, carrot-corn basmati rice, fresh coleslaw	Passionfruit guava refresher
Tue, Sep 22	Mussels in curry cream sauce with spaghetti, butter-garlic bread	Passionfruit guava refresher
Tue, Sep 29	Lentil soup with basmati rice, tostones (twice air-fried green plantains)	Passionfruit guava refresher
Tue, Oct 6	Mussels in curry cream sauce (tofu vegan option), mashed potatoes	Passionfruit guava refresher
Tue, Oct 20	Tomato-basil chicken drumsticks, mixed vegetable basmati rice	Passionfruit guava refresher
Tue, Oct 27	Mexican-style lentil soup, with optional chorizo and bacon	Lemon iced tea
Tue, Nov 3	Filipino-style bihon pancit (rice vermicelli stir-fry)	Ube mochi cake
Tue, Nov 10	White bean gnocchi soup, butter-garlic bread	Candied pumpkin

Captain Crow's Café - MSVUSU Soup Kitchen Manager – Genesis Victorino

(Reporting Period: September 1st, 2026 – November 9th, 2026)

Brief Summary of the Service

Captain Crow's Café provides free meals for students and staff three times a week. In conjunction with the MSVUSU Food Bank and other Food Security services on campus, this service combats food insecurity on MSVU by ensuring students and staff have access to fresh and nutritious meals throughout the school year. My position as Soup Kitchen Manager entails menu development and item purchasing, 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

Weekly Free Food Services

Brief Summary: Provided three times a week nutritious meals including animal sources, vegan and vegetarian options for students, staff, and MSVU community members. One service consists of hot meals or lunches representing various cultures around the world and in our student body; the second one consists of fresh veggies, pita chips and hummus or ranch dips available to be taken to-go; and the third one consists of Coffee and a variety of bagels with some cream cheese, butter, and/or any other condiment available on the service.

Achievements: Supported approximately 40 students during the hot lunch and Coffee and Bagel services.

SERVICE REPORT

FOUNTAIN PLAY CENTRE





Chinonyerem Oyudo, Operations Manager · Tel-Ricka Butterfield, Programming Manager

Reporting period: July 1 – October 31, 2026

FIGURES

5 children enrolled over the summer

4 new families joined this fall

12 volunteers on our roster

2× outdoor play sessions every week

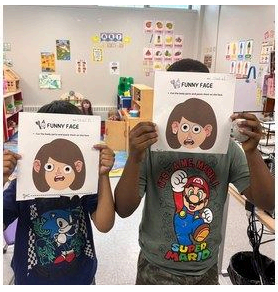
SUMMARY

We oversee the centre's day-to-day operations and its play-based programming, working together to support student families. This fall we reorganized and de-cluttered the centre to make it safer and more functional. Programming emphasized creativity, cooperation and exploration.

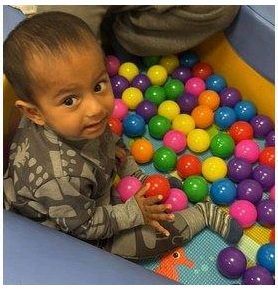
KEY PROJECTS

- Redesigned the napping room for better comfort and ventilation
- New activity tables, art supplies and hygiene products, plus a spray mop and cordless vacuum for deep cleaning
- Outdoor play twice a week, exploring all over campus
- School supplies for families at the Student Parent Social











ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our volunteers · Our families · MSVUSU

PLANS FOR WINTER 2027

To meet growing demand: more physical space, flexible scheduling for parents and volunteers, a reliable volunteer team, and regular check-ins with parents so we can tailor our support.

Fountain Play Centre – MSVUSU

Chinonyerem Oyudo, Operations Manager
Tel-Ricka Butterfield, Programming Manager

(Reporting Period: July 1 st 2026 – October 31 st 2026)

Brief Summary of Roles

As Operations Manager, Chinonyerem Oyudo oversees the day-to-day operations of the Fountain Play Centre (FPC), including enrollment management, volunteer coordination, and maintaining a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment for children.

As Programming Manager, Tel-Ricka Butterfield leads the planning and implementation of engaging, play-based programming that supports children's creativity, social-emotional development, and overall well-being.

Together, we work collaboratively to ensure the centre effectively supports student families and aligns with the mission of MSVUSU.

Enrollment Overview

Summer 2026	5	Steady participation
Fall 2026	4	4 new families joined
Current Semester	4	2 active kids and 2 irregular kids
Winter Semester	0	No recorded enrollment

Program Highlights & Achievements

Fall 2026 Achievements:

- Reorganized and de-cluttered the centre to improve safety and functionality
- Redesigned the napping room to enhance comfort and ventilation
- Introduced new materials and equipment (activity tables, art supplies, hygiene products)
- Maintained hygiene through deep with the newly purchased spray mop and cordless Vacuum
- Initiated outdoor play twice weekly, encouraging exploration across campus

- Supported participation in the Student Parent Social, providing school supplies

Programming emphasized creativity, cooperation, and exploration, fostering children's development in a play-based environment.

Volunteers & Operations

- Total Volunteers: 12
- Fully Active: 4
- Require Supervision: 2

Limited volunteer capacity continues to impact program consistency, child-to-caregiver ratios, and enrollment growth. A structured volunteer screening and interview process has been introduced to improve reliability and engagement. Also, we created a volunteer handbook stating all the guidelines the need to know regarding the FPC.

Challenges & Measures Taken

Challenges:

- Volunteer shortages and inconsistent participation
- Limited physical space
- Age-range as some parents wanted to enroll their kids who are way above the age limit for the FPC
- Last-minute cancellations OR not showing up at all

Measures Implemented:

- Formal volunteer screening and recruitment process
- Clear expectations and accountability for volunteers through the newly introduced volunteer manual.
- Created a volunteer folder to help track the first aid, CPR, Vulnerable sector check, child abuse and criminal record expiration.
- Improved space organization for better utilization

Current Trends & Capacity

- Maximum capacity at one time: 3 children

Community Impact & Feedback

- Families consistently express appreciation for:

- A safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment
- Flexible and accessible childcare support
- Caring and attentive staff
- A strong sense of community connection

The Fountain Play Centre plays a critical role in supporting student parents, directly contributing to their academic success, retention, and overall well-being.

Impact Highlights

- Increasing enrollment reflects growing trust in the program
- Early inquiries indicate long-term sustainability
- Supports student success through accessible childcare
- Promotes children's social-emotional development and belonging

Goals & Looking Ahead

To meet increasing demand, key priorities include:

- Expanding physical space
- Enhancing program accessibility and quality
- 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.
- Regular Feedback: Seeking input from parents and volunteers to identify areas for growth.

Acknowledgment

We extend our sincere gratitude to our volunteers, families, and MSVUSU for their continued support and commitment.

Closing Statement

The Fountain Play Centre is more than a childcare space, it is a vital support system that enables student parents to fully participate in university life. As demand continues to grow, strategic investment in space, staffing, and volunteer development will be essential to sustaining and expanding this impact. We remain committed to fostering a nurturing, inclusive, and community-centered environment that supports both children and families at MSVU.

Submitted by:

Chinonyerem Oyudo

Operations Manager

Tel-Ricka Butterfield

Programming Manager

Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union

SERVICE REPORT

THE HUB

Peter Cromwell, Hub Manager

Reporting period: May 1 – November 19, 2026

SUMMARY

Over this period, I've been overseeing the running of the Hub and its staff, ensuring a smooth and efficient experience for our visitors.

CONTACT

suhubmanager@msvu.ca

KEY PROJECTS

- Broadening and refining the item selection, with favourites like Kurkure, Hello Panda Cookies and Big Daddy Cookies
- An expanded selection of Monsters, and more significantly its price point
- The events section on our board has seen lots of use by all departments of the union

PRODUCT SUGGESTIONS

As always, we are happy to take on any ideas for products that you'd like to see at the Hub. Please feel free to reach out or come speak with us in person.



Hub Manager – Peter Cromwell

(Reporting Period: May 1, 2026, to November 19, 2026)

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 period, 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 implement a simple strategy, 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 and my other staff continue to add to and maintain our readily-accessible guidebook so that future staff have an even easier time learning the ropes.

I also completed onboarding and training for one new staff member who started at the start of September.

Follow up meetings with current staff have given us time to refine skills as well and to address any questions or concerns heading into the year.

Sales

Brief Summary: We've been steadily both broadening and refining the item selection here at the Hub, leading to an increase in traffic for specific items not readily on campus. Notable examples that have not changed would be Kurkure, Hello Panda Cookies, and Big Daddy Cookies. One major attractor continues to be in large part to our selection of monsters (which has been expanded as well) and more significantly its price point.

As always, we are happy to take on any ideas for products that you'd like to see at the Hub. Please feel free to reach out or come speak with us in person.

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 a variety of Food Bank and Captain Crows Cafe brochures. The events section we implemented for our board on the front of the Hub has seen lots of use by all departments of the union, especially for events that run longterm. Furthermore, as planned, we were set up to be one of many voting sites for students. This year's Fall elections went well at the Hub, and we saw a fair amount of traffic from students during voting.

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

SERVICE REPORT

THE ROOK



Lauren Boudreau, Rook Manager

Reporting period: September 2026 – November 2026

FIGURES

25+ events hosted this term

5 staff, all cross-trained

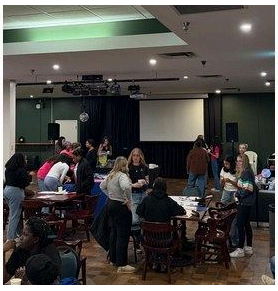
Sept 8 opening day, during the first two weeks on campus

SUMMARY

The Rook has had a very successful term thus far in terms of events. All staff have been cross-trained, and everyone reported that they enjoy working for the Rook.

KEY PROJECTS

- Most attended: the first Crow-Eoke, the Terrarium event, the Halloween Dance, the US Midterm Election viewing and Flurry 2: Smash Bros
- New products from Coldstream, Good Robot and Chain Yard
- Best sellers: Nine Locks Frig Off IPA, the Sour Barbie and the Shirley Temple
- Rook Café soft opening Wednesday, November 18, with Java Blend Coffee




COMMITTEES

Rook Hiring Committee

COMING UP AT THE ROOK

Keep it Social Mocktail Event, Newfoundland Kitchen Party, Snowball, Grinch's Gala (December 10) and the Merry Mixer (December 11).

Rook Manager - Lauren Boudreau

Reporting period: September 2026 – November 2026

Internal committees

- Rook Hiring Committee in September

Staff:

In September I worked with Carolyn Lewis and Tanner Saunders on the Hiring Committee. We had many applicants to review, and we interviewed those who were qualified and approved by the entire committee. We ended up hiring 2 applicants as cross-trained bartenders/security. As of right now we have five staff members of the Rook including myself. One returning staff member and three new hires as of this term. All staff members have been cross-trained to make scheduling and events go smoothly. I have done a staff check in to make sure that staff aren't feeling overwhelmed with balancing school alongside their hours and I am very happy to report that everyone has reported that they enjoy working for the Rook, aren't feeling overwhelmed, and are roughly 75% confident in knowing the products we carry.

Hours and Services:

The Rook opened on September 8th this year. This is different than previous years as we opened during the first two weeks on campus where the residence is dry. There were no issues during this, and I think this could continue in years to come if policies allow so. As of right now our hours of service are Tuesday to Thursday from 7:00pm till 10:00pm. These hours are flexible for event bookings if they would like to schedule earlier or later. Or we accept bookings on Friday's if staff are available. We are currently working on starting the Café again and the hours for this will be most likely Wednesday and Thursday morning from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Again, we are still workshopping things and hours may change in the future.



Events and Engagement:

The Rook has had a very successful term thus far in terms of events. We have hosted over 25 events so far. All of which has gone well. Our most attended events include the first Crow-Eoke, Terrarium event by the Science Society, Halloween Dance, US Midterm Election viewing hosted by PEPS and Flurry 2: Smash Bro's Tournament, to name a few. We have some exciting events coming up such as the Keep it Social Mocktail Event, Newfoundland Kitchen Party, MSVU Dance Team fundraiser: Snowball, and of course two of our biggest of the year Grinch's Gala on December 10th and the Merry Mixer on December 11th. For Grinch's Gala I plan on having all staff on the schedule.

Products:



This term we welcomed some new products to the Rook. I was able to get in contact with MSVU's Coldstream Representative Hailey Bennet. Hailey provided samples of Coldstream products. After that we ordered Coldstream Peach Iced Tea Keg, Chilly Pops, and Non-alcoholic Peach Iced Tea. We also have Purchased Good Robot Diablo and Chain Yard's Tides Tartan kegs. Our best-selling product on tap is Nine Locks Frig Off IPA, our best-selling cocktail is Sour Barbie, and our best-selling mocktail is a Shirley Temple.

Rook Café:

I am currently in the process of preparing for our soft opening for the Rook Café next Wednesday. Our soft opening is from 10:00am – 2:00pm. With the purchase of our new machine we are able to make a variety our drinks such as espresso, lattee, flat white, americano, and more. We will be using a Nova Scotian coffee bean roastry – Java Blend Coffee to promote local products. We will also be offer other drinks such as tea and hot chocolate. My main hope for the Rook Café is to create a welcoming safe space for students to come study, do work, or gather with their friends and play some some cards / boardgames. I am very excited for this space and to provide great coffee and a cozy atmosphere to campus.





CAROLYN LEWIS

Strategic Operations Manager

Reporting period: May 2026 – November 2026

A large part of my work since starting in this role in March 2025 has been identifying gaps within the organisation. I have also focused on empowering our student managers to bring new and innovative ideas to their services.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ROLE

I oversee the Students' Union's services and day-to-day operations, and support the executive and SRC with governance, finance and planning.

I spent my first year in the role triaging issues and understanding how our systems work. Training and succession planning stood out as two of our greatest areas of concern, and much of this year has been about putting structure in place to address them.

I have also focused on empowering our student managers to bring new and innovative ideas to their services.

FINANCIAL AUDIT

I oversaw the 2024–25 financial audit, which has just been successfully concluded. We have engaged the auditors to begin the 2025–26 audit.

COMMITTEES

- Budget Committee (Chair)
- Executive Committee
- Hiring committees: Administrative Assistant, Elections Coordinator, Chief Financial Officer, Pride Centre Manager (Chair)
- Orientation committees
- Senate Student Experience Committee
- Governance Review Working Group
- MSVUSU Website Working Group

UPCOMING

- Governance review recommendations to Council, early Winter 2027
- New website launch, Winter semester
- 2025–26 audit begins

Carolyn Lewis · Strategic Operations Manager · continued

GOVERNANCE TRAINING AND REVIEW

Last year we started working with a consultant to bring in new governance training. When the new financial year began, I introduced new training for the board and the executive, which we have kept refining as the year has gone on. This training was the first phase in preparing for the governance review, which will then lead into our strategic planning process.

PHASE 1

BOARD AND EXECUTIVE TRAINING

New training for the board and executive, refined through 2026–27

PHASE 2

GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Our Constitution, 7 bylaws and 23 policies, reviewed with Minnikin Consulting

PHASE 3

STRATEGIC PLAN

The review sets up the next strategic planning process

I have been actively involved in the governance review alongside the executive. Recommendations will go to Council for readings and approval early in the Winter 2027 term.

WEBSITE REBUILD

I have also been involved in rebuilding our website with a student developer. We are moving to WordPress with a simpler menu and a fresh design, so students can find our services and supports more easily. Our target is to launch in the Winter semester.

FOOD BANK

Since completing the Standards of Excellence project, I have been working alongside our Food Bank Manager, Anaya Keyes, who has done excellent work bringing in new processes so the Food Bank remains in compliance. Anaya has overseen:

- Volunteer onboarding and training
- Stricter food guidelines
- A network of partnerships with other non-profits for food redistribution
- More culturally appropriate procurement
- Assessing what the Food Bank needs to keep growing and stabilise

Grant work this year includes our LFSI grant submission, our 2026 LFIF CSS application and our 2026 Access Grant submission. We have also upgraded the Food Bank's infrastructure with new shelving and a heat pump, which was needed to keep the fridges and freezers cooling properly.

Carolyn Lewis · Strategic Operations Manager · continued

CONNECTING THROUGH FOOD

Anaya and I joined Chartwells' Connecting Through Food campaign, spending lunchtime at a table in Rosaria to showcase the work the Food Bank does on campus and raise awareness of its accessibility. Chartwells is donating $1,480.30 in food to the MSVU Food Bank, bringing the total to over $7,580 in food across the years of Connecting Through Food at MSVU. We are now working with Chartwells to match the donations to the Food Bank's most-needed items and storage.

FOOD INSECURITY

I have been building stronger partnerships and rethinking how we approach food insecurity alongside our current services. We are working with Devora Goldberg on a project that directly involves students: her class has developed nine proposals to tackle food insecurity at MSVU. The groups will present to a jury that includes the Students' Union President, and the winning project will receive a $5,000 grant towards putting it in place.

FOUNTAIN PLAY CENTRE AND THE ROOK

For our two highest-risk services, the FPC and The Rook, we have been putting stricter practices in place, including an operations manual for each service. At the FPC, I am also overseeing the procurement and design of a new breastfeeding space for student parents. Separately, I am working with the University to develop an alcohol policy.

SUPPORTING THE EXECUTIVE

TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

I supported the VP Research and Graduate Student Affairs with the program's launch: overseeing the setup and configuration of every laptop before rollout, and helping review the loan form.

STUDENT-PARENT SOCIAL

I provided support and guidance on running the Student-Parent Social, which welcomed about 41 children and 24 student parents in September.

LOOKING AHEAD

I'm excited for the second half of the year as we work with the team to close off these projects. I will continue to assess the roles within the organisation and how we can best serve our students, and bring more structure to our budget planning and execution cycle.



Thank you to our service managers, staff, volunteers and the executive team for their work this term.

Carolyn Lewis, Strategic Operations Manager · su.strat.opps@msvu.ca

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

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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	Vice President Student Life	Tanner Saunders
Member	Non-Executive Councillor	Vanessa Sarkis
Member	Non-Executive Councillor	Open (Previously Koen Schlief until Oct 23rd)
Member	Strategic Operations Manager	Carolyn Lewis

OVERVIEW

- Currently, societies are eligible to receive up to $300 in funding
- A total of $3,120 has been given, bringing the remaining budget to $4,880
- 8 societies have received the max funding available
- 13 societies have received some amount of funding

FUNDS PER SOCIETY

Society Name	Total Funding Received
Garden Society	$300
Science Society	$300
Sociology & Anthropology Student Society	$300
PEPS	$300
MSVU Dance Society	$300
MSVU Rodeo Society	$300
Best Buddies	$300
B.Ed Society	$300
Child and Youth	$150
Women & Gender Studies	$150
PR & Comms Society	$120
Food & Nutrition	$60
English Society	$40

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SECTION 05

FINANCIAL REPORT



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STUDENT FEES

The Students' Union is funded by student fees, which the University collects with tuition.

$24.66 per course

STUDENTS' UNION FEE

Funds your services, advocacy, events and the people who run them. It's 79% of our revenue.

$1 per course

FOOD SECURITY LEVY

Goes only to the Food Bank and Captain Crow's Café, and is held in trust by the University.

$35 per new student

ORIENTATION FEE

Pays for orientation week: events, kits and welcome activities.

$2.30 per course

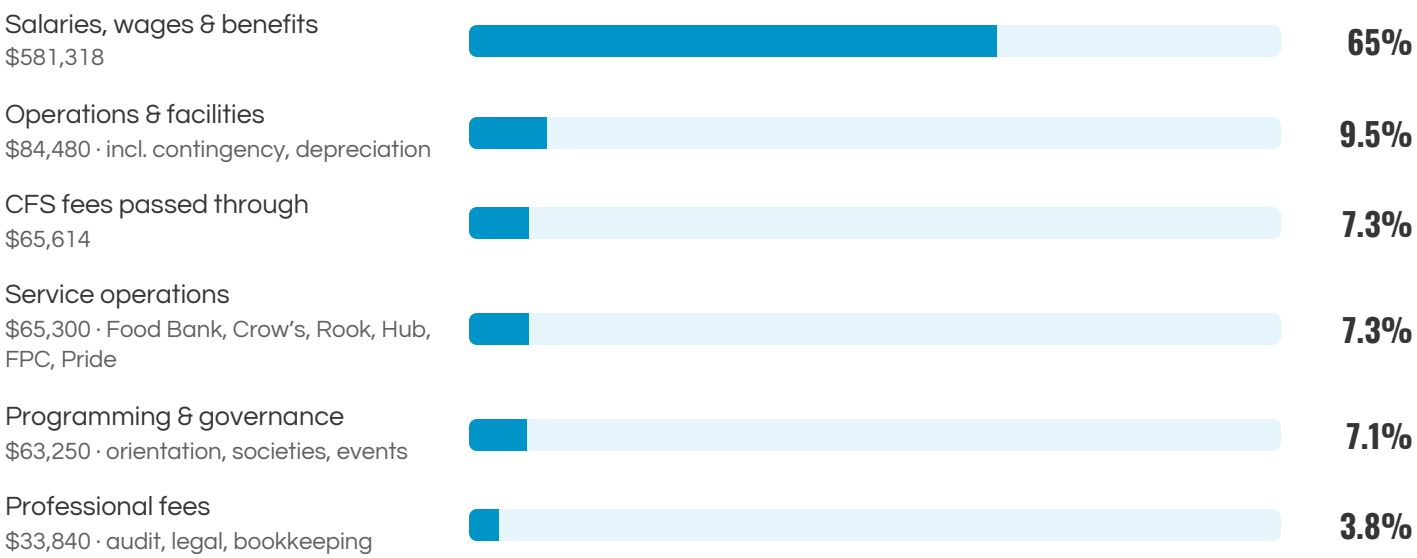
CFS FEE

Passed straight to the Canadian Federation of Students for national advocacy and services.

Total: $27.96 per course (Students' Union fee, Food Security levy and CFS fee), plus the one-time Orientation fee for new students.

APPROVED EXPENSES BY CATEGORY

Share of the approved 2026/27 expense budget ($893,802)



APPROVED BUDGET 2026/27

The budget approved for the fiscal year May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027, taken from the Overview sheet of the approved budget.

$893,337 total inflow

$893,802 total outflow

($465) excess of outflow over inflow

BUDGET INFLOW		$
4010	General Membership Fees	708,174
4020	Orientation Fee	19,250
4035	CFS Fees Collected	65,614
4052	FPC Endowment	3,000
4065	Health Plan Administration	25,000
4070	Hub Revenue	3,000
4250	Pub Revenue	20,000
4075	FPC Revenue	2,500
4015	Food Security	42,500
4106	Pride Center Revenue	1,000
4055	Graduate Photography Income	1,500
4040	Advertising Revenue - Handbook	1,500
4000	Interest earned	300
	Total inflow	**$893,337**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Approved budget 2026/27 · continued

BUDGET OUTFLOW		$
5100	Full-Time Salaries	183,980
5110	Executive Wages	149,922
5610	FPC Wages	26,271
5640	Soup Kitchen Wages	12,909
5680	Food Bank Wages	15,902
5125	Campus Hub Wages	28,909
5620	Campus Pub Wages	54,715
5630	Pride Center Wages	9,334
5122	Marketing Wages	12,486
5233	RRSP	6,799
5152	CPP Expense	29,418
5151	EI Expense	11,352
5145	Other Wages & Salaries Expense	4,836
5230	Employee Benefits	17,635
5140	SRC Representative Honorarium	16,850
5451	Training & Onboarding	3,000
5430	Marketing & Promotion	4,500
5320	Handbook Expenses	1,500
5675	Repairs & Maintenance	1,500
5190	Accounting & Audit Fees	16,840
5250	Legal Fees	5,000
5240	Insurance	24,000
5420	Election Expense	900
5146	SRC Expenses	600
5525	General Programming	12,000
5470	Societies Subsidies	8,000
5410	Conference Expenses	12,000

BUDGET OUTFLOW (CONT.)		$
5310	FPC Expenses	3,000
5345	Pride Center Expenses	3,000
5405	Hospitality & Bereavement	1,500
5260	Photocopy Expenses	6,930
5460	Office Supplies	3,000
5162	CFS Payment	65,614
5530	Orientation Expenses	19,250
5290	Website Expenses	1,500
5660	Supplies Purchase (Pub)	3,000
5655	Liquor (Pub)	5,000
5720	Other Expenses (Pub)	2,000
5452	Training & Onboarding (Pub)	1,000
5464	Office Supplies (Pub)	100
5672	Music License (Pub)	2,100
5330	Supplies Purchase (Hub)	3,000
5455	Other Expenses (Hub)	600
5360	Supplies (Food Bank)	30,000
5350	Operating Expense (Food Bank)	4,000
5370	Supplies (Soup Kitchen)	8,000
5371	Operating Expense (Soup Kitchen)	500
5163	Contingency	5,000
5810	Membership Fees & Dues	50
5275	Rent	15,000
5245	Bank Charges & other Fees	2,500
5550	Sub-contractor	12,000
5225	Depreciation	25,000
	Total outflow	$893,802

EXCESS OF OUTFLOW OVER INFLOW **($465)**

PROFIT AND LOSS

May 1 – November 12, 2026. From our accounting system (accrual basis), as of November 12, 2026. Unaudited.

Please note: student fee revenue has not yet been recorded in this statement, so it shows a loss. The University's fee statement shows $703,701 in General Membership Fees collected to October 31 (see Budget vs. actual on the next page).

INCOME

4250	Pub Revenue	3,044.95
4101	Food Bank Donations	1,500.00
	Total income	**$4,544.95**

COST OF GOODS SOLD

5310	Fountain Playcentre Purchases	3,073.07
5320	Handbook Expenses	1,349.83
5325	Health Plan Expenses	489.00
5330	Hub Supplies & Costs	1,989.18
5655	Liquor Purchases	2,066.65
5660	Pub Supplies	1,626.48
	Total cost of goods sold	**$10,594.21**

PAYROLL EXPENSES

5100	Full-time Salaries	82,754.79
5110	Executive Salaries	68,848.03
5122	Marketing Staff	1,145.36
5125	The Hub Wages	10,468.09
5140	SRC Staff Wages	2,775.00
5231	Health Insurance	4,183.45
5232	Health Spending	1,450.20
5610	FPC Wages	7,454.22
5620	Campus Pub Wages	7,322.63
5640	Soup Kitchen Wages	6,239.30
5680	Food Bank Wages	9,441.99
	Total payroll expenses	**$202,083.06**

OTHER EXPENSES

5145	Other Wages & Salaries	2,025.07
5151	EI Expense	4,563.45
5152	CPP Expense	9,947.36
5190	Accounting, Audit & Bookkeeping	11,252.40
5240	Insurance	12,523.63
5245	Interest & Bank Charges	1,024.48
5250	Legal Fees	6,816.63
5260	Photocopier Expenses	3,732.56
5275	Rent	8,750.00
5300	Food Security (Food Bank, Soup Kitchen, Cookbook)	19,918.94
5405	Bereavement & Hospitality	50.00
5410	Conference Expenses	4,047.47
5420	Elections Expense	129.25
5430	Marketing/Promotion	989.84
5445	Licensing Other	31.15
5450	Training & Onboarding	3,925.46
5455	Hub Expense	325.38
5460	Office Supplies & Expenses	1,295.73
5470	Societies Subsidies	3,120.00
5525	General Programming	1,010.26
5540	Orientation Expense	19,045.77
5550	Sub-Contractor	8,549.51
5720	Other Pub Expenses	2,701.85
	Total expenses (incl. payroll)	**$327,859.25**

BUDGET VS. ACTUAL TO OCTOBER 31

By October 31, half of the fiscal year (May 1 – April 30) had passed, so a spending line near 50% is on track. Fees for the whole year are charged up front, so revenue is compared with the full year.

REVENUE	Approved	To Oct 31	% of year
General Membership Fees	708,174	703,701	99%
CFS fees collected	65,614	65,858	100%
Food Security levy	42,500	28,761	68%
Service revenue (Rook, Hub, FPC, Pride)	26,500	3,045	11%
Health Plan administration fee	25,000	Held in trust	–
Orientation Fee	19,250	23,625	123%
Other (endowment, interest, ads, grad photos)	6,300	1,583	25%
Total revenue	**893,337**	**826,572**	**93%**

EXPENSES	Approved	To Oct 31	% of year
Salaries, wages & benefits	581,318	199,668	34%
Operations & facilities	84,480	26,081	31%
CFS fees remitted	65,614	65,858	100%
Service operations	65,300	30,542	47%
Programming & governance	63,250	33,135	52%
Professional fees	33,840	24,356	72%
Total expenses	**893,802**	**379,641**	**42%**