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EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND CAMPAIGNS

ALLIANCE OF BC STUDENTS

The CSU is working with the Alliance of BC Students to meet with MLAs in Victoria to discuss issues affecting students. The two organizations will be lobbying on behalf of students for things such as better collection of data on instances of sexual violence on campus, needs-based grants for low- and middle-income students, and strengthened support on campus for students with disabilities.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

The CSU held various events promoting participation in municipal elections on campus.

Events included a debate featuring mayoral candidates from the District of North Vancouver and the City of North Vancouver, a candidate meet-and-greet, and an awareness campaign for the municipal elections in general.

OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

The CSU is embarking on a campaign to increase awareness and encourage the use of open education resources on campus in order to save students money. The campaign is in its initial stages as it stands, but preparations and dialogue with key players at the university continue.

SOCIAL ADVOCACY

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In the first few days of the fall semester, the CSU's Social Advocacy Faire brought together a variety of on- and off-campus groups focused on creating positive social change and providing support for students as well as the community. The event offered workshops, a raffle, and opportunities for students to get more engaged in groups on campus and throughout the Lower Mainland.

MENTAL HEALTH

The CSU is hosting several events throughout October for Mental Health Awareness Month. Activities include self-care and destress events, a student voices forum on mental health on campus, a film festival on invisible disabilities, and a resources fair for help connect students with on- and off-campus support.

The CSU approved a refreshed mental

health strategy that sets a strategic direction for the organization, which includes a mandate to raise awareness for mental health-related issues, develop advocacy positions in relation to the university and all levels of government, and ensure that students are represented and consulted when it comes to mental health and wellness.

CONSENT CAMPAIGN

The CSU has continued to partner with Capilano University and the Anti-Violence Project for the Let's Get Consensual campaign, which seeks to help students learn more about consent, break down myths around rape culture, and contribute to creating a culture of consent on campus and beyond. Let's Get Consensual established a presence at social events on campus and will continue to hold workshops throughout the year.









The CSU's Social Advocacy Faire invited non-profits to campus in the first week of school, providing resources to students and community members



CSU vice-president external Noah Berson (right) takes part in a Cedar bough cleansing ceremoney hosted by Elder Latash at the Social Advocacy Faire

GENDER DIVERSITY

The CSU has continued to build its collaborative relationship with the university, partnering on conducting a gender diversity audit with TransFocus Consulting.

The audit explored how gender data is used throughout the university, and sought responses from students to better understand the accessibility of the university's physical spaces, policies, and practices for trans, two-spirit, and gender non-conforming individuals. TransFocus has worked closely with members of the CSU's queer students collective and constituency groups throughout the university on this project.

ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT

The CSU has also been in consultation with representatives from Universal Access Design to explore the possibility of conducting a general accessibility audit of the CSU's physical spaces and website, and to identify a potential location for a future accessibility justice collective space.

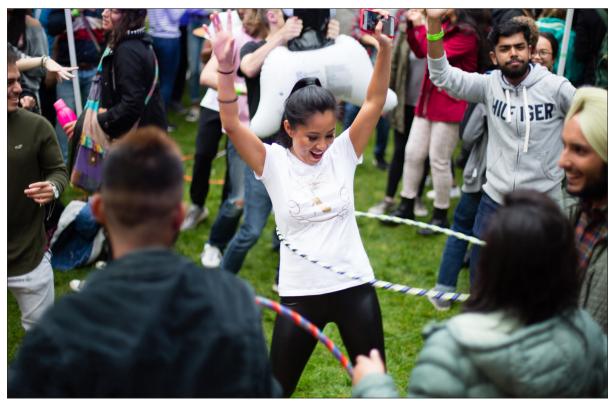
FNVIRONMENT

The CSU is seeking new ways to collaborate on sustainability and environmental issues with staff from CapU Works. Potential partnerships on events and campaigns are currently being explored based on each group's strengths and capacity.

CAMPUS LIFE

CAPTIVATE

Captivate was a big success for the second year running. Building on last year's event, the annual welcome back party increased in size, inclusivity, and engagement. The event included live DJs, food trucks, all-ages activities, and an open alcohol service area in order to ensure that attendees of all ages were able to interact.



Captivate, now in its second year, was a huge hit

ORIENTATION

The university's orientation period was expanded this year, giving the CSU the opportunity to have a greater on-campus presence. Re-Cap was a fun, lively social event meant to target students returning to campus. It featured live music and an ice cream giveaway that reached over 400 students.

CSUrec

CSUrec has had a productive year. Games Day, its inaugural event, featured two days of activity including tabletop games, Rock Band and trivia. The event was a big success, hosting over 100 participants. Summer activities included a two-hour kayaking session in Deep Cove that sold out with 14 students in attendance.

kálax-ay, THE SUNSHINE COAST CAMPUS

The CSU has developed a strengthened relationship with Sunshine Coast campus students and its leadership team as a result of the efforts of the the CSU's Sunshine Coast campus representative. Preparations are underway to develop student space at the campus, as well as bring more CSU events and representation to the historically underserved student population. Access to remote learning technologies and teleconferencing are being explored in order to give Sunshine Coast campus students greater access to classes and other resources that are traditionally more easily accessed at the North Vancouver campus.

CAMPUS GROUPS

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATIONS

Following a referendum last spring, a fee for business and professional studies associations was introduced that allowed what was once known as the Capilano Undergraduate Business Enterprise of Students (or CUBES) to reorganize under the CSU as the Business Society of Capilano University. While it is presently limited to

associations from the school of business, there are plans to form associations for the communications and legal studies schools as well.

CLUBS

The CSU's clubs program has been more engaging this year. Club leaders have recognised their ability to showcase themselves to the student population, leading to higher degrees of club activity. The program continues to expand, resulting in the introduction of a clubs and volunteer coordinator staff position. Semesterly events such as Clubs Day and the club leaders luncheon continue to to contribute to the development of clubs and how we support them. Clubs Day saw clubs bring materials such as instruments and tools in order to showcase their activities, which lead to increased interaction with students and a lot more engagement.

COLLECTIVES

CSU collective liaisons and coordinators have been raising awareness of their collectives at various events throughout the fall. Collectives have been meeting more frequently than in recent years, allowing members of different communities to meet regularly and have their voices heard on issues that are affecting them.

The accessibility justice collective has been particularly active with Mental Health Awareness Month and planning upcoming de-stress events. The Indigenous students collective and women students collective have both met and begun collecting feedback from members on what types of workshops and advocacy initiatives they would like to take on this year.

The international students collective and the queer students collective have held skills workshops and smaller-scale events, such as the ICBC skills workshop and National Coming Out Day awareness outreach.









Not even rain could put a damper on the spirit of Captivate attendees

PROGRAMS

PERSONAL ELECTRONICS REPAIR SERVICE

The CSU soft-launched its new personal electronics repair service. The service, approved by referendum in the spring, was designed to allow Capilano University students to save money and reduce electronics waste by providing personal device repair for only the wholesale cost of parts. if needed The service, as yet unnamed, is located at the CSU Members Centre. Services

offered to students include screen replacements, data recovery, and diagnostics.

U-PASS

The CSU's vice-president external has served as chair of the U-Pass student advisory committee, coordinating a united front among representatives in order to get the best deal when negotiating with the provincial government and TransLink.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

The CSU's relationship with the university administration has improved, giving students the access to constructive dialogue with the university. This has resulted in several collaborations, including cooperation on a mayoral debate, a successful luncheon between the university administration and CSU leadership, a fruitful joint planning session, and ongoing monthly meetings with the university executive.

FACULTY REPRESENTATION

There has been growing cooperation among the CSU's faculty representatives, who are considering ways they can maintain productive relationships with their respective deans, and advocate for ways that the university can consider an Indigenous lens through which to develop and deliver curriculum.

SMOKING ON CAMPUS

The CSU has represented students' interests at the president's advisory committee on smoking – advocating in favour of a smoking-reduced campus that respects the rights of non-smokers to clean air while recognizing the reality of addiction for many smokers.

The CSU has also come out in favour of allowing medical and recreational cannabis use on campus wherever smoking tobacco is permitted, in light of research demonstrating the low health risk that secondhand cannabis smoke poses, as well as the importance of increasing accessibility for those who consume cannabis for pain and anxiety management.



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