

## **Executive Report**

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### **President – Kordell Walsh**

Hey folks! It's hard to believe that the first two weeks with the new team are already behind us. I hope everybody is having a safe and exciting summer! You'll notice these updates are being distributed a little bit later than usual (typically every second Friday/Saturday), which is my bad! I was on vacation this weekend and never got around to distributing these reports.

#### **Transition**

Returning to the same role meant I had a lot less of my own transitioning to do than in previous years, however I have spent the last couple of weeks working closely with all of the new team to help them transition as seamlessly as possible into their new roles. I've had a number of meetings one on one with each VP to talk about projects we worked on last year, new roles and responsibilities under the executive restructure, and upcoming projects.

#### **Committees**

Over the last two weeks, I've had two meetings with Student Standings and Promotions (SS&P), a committee that deals with academic offense cases as well as grade relief cases. I've also attended an Academic Planning Committee meeting, which discusses plans for new programs, updates to program outlines, etc. at UNB. And lastly, I've attended Finance and Properties Committee of UNB's Board of Governors, which is relatively self explanatory (deals with financial and property matters of the University).

Some other committees I have attended included a consultation session for the VP Administration and Finance Search Committee, where we discussed some of the things we would like to see with the new VP of the university. I also attended a presentation of Fredericton's Affordable Housing Strategy, which is in development, and attended the Fredericton Mobility Committee to see the presentation on the plan for the next few years with Fredericton's transit.

#### **Strategic Planning**

Due to scheduling difficulties, we've chosen to have our strategic planning retreat a bit earlier than in some past years - we will be leaving May 16, and returning on Thursday, May 19. Over the past 2 weeks, I've worked on drafting

the schedule for the retreat, worked with the Executives to prepare the annual survey, choosing a destination, and all the other preparation work to come. I have also been brainstorming some of my plans for the year, and how they may fit into our Strategic Plan!

### **Odds and Ends**

I met with Jillian and Bhaanvi to discuss the future of TownHouse. I met with Bhaanvi as well to discuss scorecards for hiring. While Bhaanvi was away I responded to a couple inquiries from students regarding clubs and societies.

With Rose, I attended a meeting with Morgan Peters from the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce. One of the highlights coming from that meeting was a discussion surrounding signing an MOU with the Chamber, similar to the one the NBSA has with the Chamber, that will allow all students access to Chamber events - which is a major resource (especially networking events!!) that we would love to promote!! We're really optimistic about this, so you'll absolutely be hearing more from us over the coming months!

With Bhaanvi and Jill, we met with STUSU to discuss and sign the SafeRide contract. Under Brennan last year, they did a fantastic job at keeping metrics, which was really appreciated by STUSU - so Amanda and I discussed the importance of maintaining that tracking moving forward.

I booked flights and hotel rooms for upcoming conferences with CASA (our federal advocacy group) and COCA (Canadian Organization for Campus Activities). I have also been finalizing my transition materials for the CASA Board, as the new Board gets elected in June at the first conference. We also had our executive headshots taken on Thursday, and discussed our hiring schedule for the summer. And lastly, I took Friday off as a vacation day, just to give myself an extra moment to refresh, as work never stopped through exams and transition, so I needed a day!

### **Resignation**

And then sadly, we have had a resignation come in, effective immediately. Bhaanvi has chosen to return home for the summer, and as such, has resigned. We are sad to see Bhaanvi go, but this seems to have been the best decision for her so we are appreciative and respectful of that. Luckily, this time of year is not super busy, so we have time to flesh out details. Council will be hearing more from us as we come back with a proposal for moving forward.

Thank you for reading my update - and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to send me a message or email at [president@unbsu.ca](mailto:president@unbsu.ca).

## **Vice President Student Wellness - Ridhi Sharma**

Hey folks! It feels great to be back, I hope everyone is enjoying the sun and taking time to themselves! I eagerly look forward to working with you throughout the year!

The last two weeks have been dedicated to getting transitioned and settled into the new role. I was on vacation for 6 days due to Clinical shifts I had to make up. So, for the time in-office, I have been going through the drive, emails, minutes, and more. The team also spent time together to bond and discuss the annual survey and briefly on plans for the year.

### **Asian Heritage Month**

The month of May is Asian Heritage Month and I discussed potential collaborations with the representatives from the Asian Heritage Society of New Brunswick (Madhu Verma), ISAO (Hillary Nguyen), and UNB students and faculty. Lydia (VP Communications) and I met to discuss the timeline for these events which will be closer to the end of May. Currently, we are looking into movie nights and featuring the works of our UNB Asian community! I have also been looking into the 21-Day Racial Equity challenge training as a long-term project for the members of the community, especially the leaders.

### **Sustainability Week**

For the sustainability week in October, after looking at the work from last year and other institutions, I brainstormed a couple of ideas (such as adding the Sustainable Development Goals branding to our events to emphasize our commitment to supporting the sustainable development goals established by the UN, working with sustainability office to accentuate the wonderful outdoor spaces on campus and adding perhaps seating there to make it more accessible, etc.) I had a great conversation with Danielle Smith, Sustainability Manager at UNB, regarding collaboration between our offices for the sustainability month initiatives and programming. I have been looking at the prior events and trying to analyze how impactful they were for the community to identify and improve the areas of gaps.

### **EDI Plan**

I have been going through the work done by predecessors on establishing a working draft of the EDI Plan. I looked at UNB's Action Plan for the Bi-Campus EDI Committee and shared this with Rose. We briefly met to discuss the highlights of the report which are "unconscious bias training, bystander/upstander, positive space, anti-racism, anti-oppression activities" and I have been researching these training programs to help guide my planning for the year. I also met with Bhaanvi briefly to discuss the idea of unconscious bias training for hiring committees (through means of redacting

all personal identifiers in the hiring process, equitable discussions around scorecards, etc.).

### **Strategic Plan Brainstorming**

Every summer the Executive team goes on a retreat to discuss their goals and vision for the coming year. So, I have been going through the drive to gain an understanding of the prior and ongoing projects to help me set some goals in my role in Strategic Planning. You will be able to review the plan sometime during the summer!

Thank you for reading my update! If you have any questions at all, please feel free to email me at [wellness@unbsu.ca](mailto:wellness@unbsu.ca)

### **Vice President Academic – Jillian Carson**

Hello folks, I hope you are all recovering from exams and I hope you have had a chance to enjoy the past week's beautiful sunshine! We have been settling into our roles at the SUB and we are already patiently awaiting September's arrival!

### **Tying Up Loose Ends**

Since coming into office we have all spent some time reading through our transition reports to see where our roles left off. It has been interesting to explore and see the goals that past VPI's have set for themselves and what each of them had decided to focus on. This has been motivating to see and has refreshed some of my ideas and given me insight to different programs that I was unaware of previously. Besides spending lots of time with my transition report I have also spent time reviewing previous conversations in Gmail and catching up with those individuals involved.

### **Bits and Pieces**

In the past two weeks I have spent some time collaborating with the team. We have planned our annual STRAT planning retreat which is happening next week. I have also spent some time with Rose (VP Policy) and Amanda (VP Events and Services) discussing the results from last year's student survey to discuss the needs and wants that were highlighted by our students. We brainstormed some different events, programs, and goals that we would like to set for the team based off the survey responses. We have also all been collaborating on ideas for the services the SU offers and how Lydia (VP Communications) can best advertise these services and our work to students.

I spent some time discussing TownHouse with Bhaanvi (VP Finance) and Kordell (President) as this is something I am passionate about and I would love to see TownHouse flourish this year! We discussed how we may best support a coordinator when hired and what we can provide them with.

We have also discussed hiring as a team and I have set a timeline for the hiring of my Academic Programming Coordinator (APC), as well as the council Chair and Secretary.

### **Senate**

I have spent some time reviewing Senate documents as well as reviewing the committees within the Senate. I have been learning where it is best for me and our student senators to be within these committees. Soon I will be sending out a list for my student senators to begin the process of having you folks appointed to committees so that we will be ready to go for the fall!

I have met with Julie Redstone Lewis (University Secretariat) and Kathy Wilson (UNBF VP Academic) to discuss the Senate and my role. They have both been wonderful and following those conversations I have started planning a transition for our student senators that will give us all some preparation for our time as senators.

I have attended a Nominating Committee meeting as a guest as it's a committee I will need to serve on this year. It was a good experience to see how the meetings flow and how the Senators interact.

I am looking forward to attending the two upcoming Senate and joint Senate meetings next week and I am excited to officially transition into a Senator role on July first along with my fellow Student Senators.

### **Council**

Yesterday Kordell and I chatted about our council committees and have agreed to continue the conversation around navigating them and reviewing them this summer to ensure they are best suited and lined up for council to use. We will spend some time reviewing the committees as a team and then I will be sending out a form for you folks to select what committees you would prefer to sit on.

## **SEMOAC**

Lydia and I have attended a gathering for our SEMOAC committee (it is a fancy name for an orientation focused committee!) We spent an afternoon networking and meeting other members of the committee. We additionally had a meeting this past week where we discussed the plan for the upcoming UNB SOAR event as well as plans to honor our students during the upcoming graduation ceremonies.

## **Arts Faculty Staff Recognition Award**

I also spent some time reviewing the nominations for the Arts Staff Recognition Award, the UNBSU was given the opportunity to put forward a recommendation based on the nomination packages provided, I was happy to work with the dean of Arts to submit a recommendation on behalf of the SU.

**It has been two *information filled* weeks, but I am so excited to be here! If you have any questions, concerns, or needs please feel free to reach out to me at [academic@unbsu.ca](mailto:academic@unbsu.ca)**

## **Vice-President Finance & Operations - Bhaanvi Rai**

Hi everyone! I hope you all are having a great time during your break and finally enjoying the sun. All the new Execs have successfully transitioned, and we can't wait to make your university experience more memorable when you come back this Fall!

### **Getting Settled In:**

I was out of office for the first week, but on my return, I read the transition report prepared by the previous VP Finance and Operations. I went over emails, the drive and the budget from the last academic year and clarified a few concerns I had about the budget with Karen, our General Manager. Karen also helped me set up an appointment with IT services for May 13<sup>th</sup>, as the software for Accounting and Budgeting no longer works on my computer.

### **Clubs and Societies:**

A few undergrad students approached me as they wanted to start a club about Hindu religion. Their goal was to promote awareness about Hinduism. I guided them on how to start their club and provided them with a few sample constitutions.

Some undergrad students are planning on starting a Pre-Dental Club. I clarified their concerns about the same and guided them on how to start the club.

### **The 203 Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity and Qmunity:**

I would be meeting with the Student Co-Chair of the 203 Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity tomorrow as they wanted to discuss about the funding available for Qmunity ( a queer UNBSU student group). We would be sharing our ideas and plans for the future of Qmunity and how the funds can be allocated to Qmunity or for LGBTQ+ related activities by other student organizations.

### **Hiring:**

I prepared a scorecard to eliminate unconscious bias while hiring. I discussed implementing the score card with Kordell (President) and Ridhi (VP Student Wellness). We plan on implementing the scorecard system while hiring for all future roles at the SU.

### **Appointing the DCE:**

I met Amanda and Karen to finalize the final date of commencement and payroll for Molly (Director of Campus Events).

### **UNBSU Orientation:**

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, I would be meeting Sara, Jhaanvi and Kanwar to introduce myself and to discuss our plans for the Orientation week.

### **Townhouse Discussion:**

I met with Jillian and Kordell to talk about appointing a Townhouse Coordinator and the facilities that we can offer them to make sure they have a smooth transition.

### **Safe Ride Contract STU SU and UNB SU:**

I met with STU's President and Vice President Student Life along with Amanda and Kordell to discuss renewing the Safe Ride contract for the next academic year. We signed the contract for the same.

### **Fun Stuff:**

The Exec Team had a meeting to decide our destination for the Strategic Planning Retreat. We hope to discuss the SU's strategic plan for the upcoming academic year. We concluded that we could be going to St. Andrews on May 16<sup>th</sup> and would be returning on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **Vice-President Events and Services - Amanda Smith**

The first two weeks have been really about reviewing the transition report from the outgoing VPSL Brennan and other VPSL's from the past. I spent time setting up my office, Brian from IT Services came in and set my computer up, and I spent time getting acquainted with the other executives. Additionally, I have spent a good deal of time familiarizing myself with the services that UNBSU has to offer. The incoming executive team is very excited to plan and create an engaging upcoming academic year 2022-2023.

### **UNBSU Food**

For the Hamper Food Box program, I had to run the report and get the number of students who are in need of this service. Afterwards we submitted the numbers to Alex, the director of Greener Village. I picked up 44 regular boxes the first week and returned 20 of them the next day. The second week I picked up 40 speciality boxes and had none to return. I spoke to many of the students using this service when picking up their boxes from me. I have spoken to Alex a fair amount via email and we are going to meet May 24th to discuss the future of the Hamper Box program as it has been growing in numbers, and Greener Village is unsure they can sustain helping us. Kordell and I have briefly discussed alternatives but will wait for our conversation with Alex. For now we are pausing the Hamper Box program and will put students in contact with Greener Village with their food security needs.

For the Fresh Food Bag program I submitted the order number to Susanne White at Community Food Smart. I have decided to continue to offer the Fresh Food Bags over the summer months. If you are interested in ordering one of these bags you can order online at this link: <https://unbsu.typeform.com/to/JDCUIF> for \$17, or you can pay cash at the Welcome Centre for \$15!

Community Garden - Will be hopefully available beginning June after they finish demoing the building next door. They said they would take care of our plots for us.

### **SafeRide**

I reached out to STU SU and made an appointment with their VPSL about signing the contract again this year. We met and went over last year's contract. STUSU VPSL met with her President and came to my office. We discussed SafeRide and the importance of it for the students. They showed no issue re-signing the contract. Kordell and I met and went over the new contract. I met with Lydia to express how we needed to better promote SafeRide and that it can be used by STU students as well. Afterwards, Kordell, myself, STUSU VPSL & President, plus Bhaanvi, met to go over the contract. We discussed ways to better inform students about the services. I



have agreed to talk to STU students during their orientation week and bring the SafeRide vehicle so they know. I went to Security and grabbed logs for SafeRide. I got pricing on a key for the White SafeRide van and replaced the key for the van as one of the keys was destroyed last fall.

### **SLIC**

The Student Legal Information Centre is open for the summer but will likely be finished this fall as the Faculty of Law is going to open a free community legal clinic. I have reached out to Sean, our current Sr. Coordinator and we are planning to discuss how the services are running now. I have reached out to Dean Marrim, Faculty of Law and will be meeting with them to discuss ways the UNBSU can still be involved as we would love to collaborate with them.

We will continue the discussions with the Faculty of Law to collaborate on SLIC in the future and to continue to build our relationship with the faculty.

### **Bike Co-op**

I tried to order bikes three times for our Bike Co-op. I reached out to Ben Law at URec and we will meet about executing the co-op for students. Kordell suggested we should wait until the fall when students are back to begin the program, rather than having to launch the program multiple times.

### **Agenda**

I have started work on the agenda for this year. I have met with the advertising company and we have decided not to go with them as it wasn't very beneficial. So I plan to get sponsors without them and create a sponsorship package and meet with Lydia about designing the agenda. Karen has connected me with the gentleman at Fredericton Transit in hopes of maybe changing our printer and possibly sponsoring our agenda. I had a quick meeting with our advertising partners to discuss the ads they have sold and have started creating a list of people I need to reach out to for advertisements on the agenda.

### **Odds & Ends**

- I brainstormed with Lydia ideas for types of swag we would like that associates with all of the services we offer to students.
- I completed the Primary Event Organizer Training
- I met Bhaanvi about the Director of Campus Events (DCE), to discuss start date for Molly. She wants to start earlier than last year. She will be starting June 13th.
- VP Policy Rose and I were invited to a round table on Mental Health with MP Jenica Atwin, the President of UNB, and others. I held a meeting prior to the roundtable to discuss each other's ideas and thoughts.

- I have a meeting booked with Counseling Services with Rose, Matt (Mental Health Strategist) and April (Director).
- We met as a group to plan for the retreat and our strategic plan.
- The executives and I met to discuss questions for the annual survey that goes out to students.
- I participated in a sexual violence prevention team meeting
- I met with Kathy Wilson about services
- I met with Student Services leadership and Kordell for the monthly meeting
- We got our pictures taken for the website.
- I wrote my bio for the website.
- I have started some initial brainstorming on the creation of a sponsorship package for all of our services.
- Attending a meeting to help organize a S.O.A.R. session for students living off-campus with student services. For this, I will be assisting with a presentation during SOAR and providing some information on what the UNBSU can do for off-campus students through our services and events.
- Met with VPA, VP Policy and Communications and brainstormed different ideas based off last years feedback and survey.
- I am planning to meet with other restaurants and local businesses to go over ideas and how we can assimilate with the Fredericton community.
- I booked our reservation for the Pride Parade Aug 21st.
- Lydia and I met to brainstorm SU services and how we can better promote them.
- I created and added a timesheet for us to use that also has proper calculations for hours.
- I did Molly's payroll.

### **Vice-President Research and Policy - Rose Grant**

These past two weeks have consisted of preliminary work for my role as Vice President of Research and Policy. This is a brand new position so I am researching policy concerns students face. Furthermore I am beginning to meet with community leaders and elected officials to begin to act as a liaison between all three levels of government.

I have met with the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) Member Relations Officer to discuss more about the association. I have read through my transition report, Student Union policies, the CASA report on *How to Write Policy, Board and Committee Roles* for CASA, the *CASA report Continued Concerns: Post-Secondary Students One Year into COVID-19* and took part in the Primary Organizer Training. I have sent emails to some clubs such as the Vegetarian and Vegan Society and Menstrual Society. Moreover I have contacted the Member of

Parliament Jenica Atwin, Mayor Kate Rogers, and the Elder in Residence for UNB. I have also had a meeting on affordable housing alongside the UNBSU President.

I have met with important leaders as I am a liaison between all three levels of governance. I have met with Ward 11 Councillor Jason LeJeune. In the meeting with Councillor LeJeune, we discussed the Parking Pilot Program. His overarching themes were affordable housing and environmental stewardship. He questioned if there are charging stations on campus. LeJeune questioned if UNB had a cooperative emissions goal and access to e-scooters. I am also planning a time to meet with Dr. Simon, the director of the Mi'kmaq-Wolastoqey Centre.

I am also meeting with Brad from the sustainability office Friday, May 13th. I met with Kathy Wilson for introductions. I have emailed Shades of Change to see if we could work with them for training for our team.

As Vice President Research and Policy I met with Morgan Peters from the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce and joined a committee for the chamber. I have set up meetings with David Coon, Kate Rogers, and Marc Bragdon of UNB Libraries to start planning a potential event on the Third Floor Research Commons.

I attended the Mental Health Roundtable to discuss mental health resources on campus with the UNB President, Vice President Academic, Jenica Atwin, and the president of the Mental Health Association of Canada. There was a discussion surrounding access to services, rebuilding trust between the university and students, and the Peer Support Program which is being implemented on the campus.

I also generated a Typeform to help grasp student interests and if they would be interested in an event at the UNB libraries. I have worked in collaboration with other executives to formulate beneficial questions.

I am presenting working in collaboration with Ridhi to set up a meeting with Human Rights for UNB. We are reading through the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Action Plan to ask key questions about how the Union can help implement the plans. We have a meeting set to discuss the Action Plan with Debra Ward, the Acting Human Rights Officer to discuss points of collaboration. Currently, I am researching key policy gaps that affect students and how the UNBSU can advocate for students. I am currently doing preliminary steps to plan the event at the UNB libraries. I am attending the strategic planning retreat to further discuss my goals for this year. I am planning to research further on the equity, diversity, and inclusion initiatives on campus to further understand how the Union can best represent students.

I am now researching New Brunswick's Action Plan. I also helped formulate questions to send to students with the team. I attended the affordable housing presentation today. I also watched the mobility committee council meeting.

## **Vice-President Communications - Lydia Chong**

Hi everyone! Hope you've all been enjoying the great weather we've been getting and all the sun. I am so excited to be in this role and work for you all in making this one of the best years yet!

### **In General**

I took some time in the first week going through my transition report as well as reports from previous VP Comms. I went through our GoogleDrive and organized old files as best as I could and created a visual of all of the important events to happen throughout the upcoming year for ease of planning later on. I've also went ahead and designed and ordered new business cards for the team, more stickers as we were running low, and created our 2022/2023 UNBSU Survey on Typeform!

### **Website**

One of the first tasks I gave to myself was to learn and navigate our website and Squarespace. I uploaded some updated files into our SU Documents section, updated some photos across the website, took new headshots to update our exec page, updated council names and positions, created a new Campus-wide Calendar for upcoming events, started drafting a new O-Week page (so excited!!), and released Breaking Stereotypes 2022! I also took some time to create a "How to use Squarespace" guide to share among the execs/the next VP Comms so they have a quick sparknotes version of navigating the site as I know it can seem overwhelming at first glance.

### **Services**

Early on, Amanda (VP Events & Services) and I met to brainstorm how we wanted to highlight all of our services throughout the year. We have some great ideas lined up and will be spending a good majority of the summer preparing for them. The information on our services are pretty well updated on our website so I haven't had to yet edit anything there, but Amanda and I are planning to launch ACE sometime in August/September. We've also got some exciting new merch ideas for our services planned and are excited to give these out during O-Week and throughout the year (stay tuned)!

### **Orientation**

I haven't yet had our official meeting with the Orientation Team quite yet, but I am very excited to get a head start on all things O-Week shortly and update the website accordingly. In the meanwhile, I've made some RedShirt application posts which you may have seen on our feed and have started on some basic templates to be used during O-Week.

### **Social Media**

I've gone ahead and changed the passwords for all the accounts we are linked to as it's been long overdue. I've also unarchived old Instagram posts so folks can see what the SU has done in the past and create some history there, but also archived information that is no longer relevant on our feed and story highlights. Recently, we launched our Breaking Stereotypes campaign and it has done really well and now I am working with Ridhi (VP Student Wellness) to celebrate Asian Heritage Month.

We also just had a meeting to discuss hiring in the summer so I will be starting on making drafts for those to go out as needed.

### **Meetings**

I've had the pleasure to meet with a lot of UNB folks and introduce myself and the 2022/23 execs to their teams. I'm looking forward to working with all these wonderful departments and ensuring student voices and opinions are being heard in our discussions. As a team, we met with Kathy Wilson (UNB VP Academic) to briefly discuss our roles and ideas for the year. With Jillian (VP Academic), we met with SEMOAC to discuss SOAR and Orientation. With Rose (VP Research & Policy) we've met with UNB Sustainability to discuss topics students are vocal in and how we can promote better sustainability and eco consciousness within the SU. I've met with Sara Rothman (UNB Director of Academic Success) and Miriam Illman-White (UNB Student Engagement Coordinator) from Student Services to discuss ideas for the year and how we can better promote ourselves and initiatives/opportunities for students. And finally, I've met with Jennifer Gagne (UNB Digital Marketing Manager) and Kelly Clark (UNB Digital Marketing Coordinator) from the Marketing Office to discuss how we can form a strong liaison, our plans for the year, and how we can go forward in collaboration.

**That's pretty much the gist of it for these past couple weeks! I'm excited to dive more into some of these projects and look forward to a great year ahead!**

**Orientation Chair & Vice-Chair - Jhanvi Joshi and Kanwar Pal Singh**

### **Overview**

First off, a big hello and hearty welcome from the Orientation team, we did not even recognize how the first 2 weeks have flown by! We are looking forward to working with the wonderful SU Executive team and trying our best to make this year's Orientation Week, a week filled with joy, happiness and leaves a feeling like we're at home not only for the incoming but even the upper-year students. At the same time, we aim to make Orientation as inclusive for everyone as possible and also try to pay attention to each minute detail as soon as possible to ease off the load for later; so we're not stressed out and completely ready to take the challenges of O-Week head on!

### **Marketing and Meetings**

The BlackShirt Orientation Leaders team has decided on a theme for O-Week 2022: **All Aboard Freddy Beach**. Through this theme, we would want to show how beautifully we want to welcome ALL the students to O-Week and show them what UNB has to offer. At the same time, All Aboard also signifies how we want and require every person, whether a part of the Orientation Team or not, to be on deck to make this Orientation a success. Additionally, we are planning to have a meeting with the VP Communications: Lydia to plan further on Orientation Week regarding the marketing and logos for the theme!

### **RedShirt Orientation Leaders**

The RedShirt Orientation Leaders Applications are still open at this point. As of May 13, 2:00 PM there have been 93 applications submitted successfully. We also expect a lot of last-minute applications coming in. But we do think that this year will see a great pool of RedShirts in the aspects of quality and quantity. The VP Communications also put out various posts regarding RedShirt applications and were shared on our personal profiles and the @unbsuorientation pages as well.

### **Upcoming Events**

The major upcoming event for the month of May would be SOAR, where the team is still waiting for a few updates. The team will shift its focus on SOAR, with a plan being made and then sent for approval to Sara Rothman.

### **BlackShirt Orientation Leaders**

The BlackShirts have met once till now, just to provide updates on the change of the team with member Kate Tucker leaving the BlackShirts. The 2<sup>nd</sup> agenda

for the meeting was about the theme for O-Week being **ALL ABOARD FREDDY BEACH** and asking for feedback or rough ideas for what events could be held in accordance with the theme. The 3<sup>rd</sup> agenda was related to updates on SOAR asking for availability.

### **Shinerama**

As for now, there has been no update from Shinerama about their Summer plan. Also, met with the STU Welcoming Chair and VP Student Life regarding Shinerama, and none of the Universities have received an update yet. However, there will be a reminder email sent on the 13<sup>th</sup> as well. Further plans would be made and acted upon depending on what updates we get from Shinerama.