

End of term fast approaching for SU executive: Success and transition key points

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Although critiqued by candidates in this year's election, UPEI Student Union Executive Council members all agree that it has been a successful and productive year at the union.

Vice President External BJ McCarville, like her colleagues has been particularly busy in recent months. McCarville's

agenda was focused on strengthening UPEI's ties with the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) in order

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to raise student awareness of issues such as access to post-secondary education.

Along with efforts to bring a Travel Cuts office to Charlottetown, McCarville worked hard to promote the CFS Access 2000 campaign at UPEI. McCarville thanked students for an excellent participation and added that

the campaign was an undeniable success. Hundreds of students turned out to McCarville's Kraft Dinner lunch and over 350 signed a petition to be sent to the federal government.

"[I] feel satisfied with the work I have done," said McCarville. She added that she looked forward to working with UPEI students

if elected President for next year's council.

Matthew Hogan, was also satisfied with the unions accomplishments this year.

Hogan, who worked closely with the yearbook and the student newspaper, said his goal for the year had been to improve communications on

campus by getting clubs and societies more involved with the union. Hogan believes he was successful in doing so.

John Desrosiers, Student Union President echoed McCarville and Hogan. The UPEISU has had a tremendous year, said Desrosiers.

Desrosiers feels

Kyle Hann, VP Operations

fortunate to have been given the opportunity to be part of the planning committee for the future Student Centre.

He added that not only was this year a successful and productive year, but it was also year of transition as next year's council will be made up of

three vice presidents instead of the four at present.

This new structure was approved last year, as the union looked for ways to save money in order to hire a full time operations manager to take care of the present and future Student Union buildings.

The decision to hire such a manager appears to be profitable thus far. Kyle Hann, VP operations said in his report that the panther lounge has done exceptionally well in past months.

"It is probably our best year ever," said Hann. He also commented on the various events hosted by the union, such as I Mother Earth, and the success of Moist earlier in the academic year.

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