



UNIVERSITY

Student Experience and Opportunity Plan

Accountability Framework

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1. OPTIMIZE THE FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

Initiative	Accountability	Timeline	Deliverables	KPIs	Progress to Date	Alignment
1.1 Create a New Student Experience Framework that maps intentional co-curricular student engagement and learning opportunities throughout the entire first-year experience. This framework will be developed in partnership with Academics and Student Services, working together to support academic transition and wholistic student success. Build Understanding	VP Students + Co-Executive Sponsor (Academic)	1-2 years	 Assemble First Year Experience (FYE) Working Group, including faculty members. Dedicate administrative support to research; develop discussion paper to provide evidence-based context and direction, including understanding current first year transitions experiences (ex. CCWS, ISS) In partnership with Academics, organize First Year faculty meetings to better understand the transitional needs of students as they appear in the classroom. 	 Number of FYE Working Group members Number of meetings per year Number of first year faculty engaged in discussion 	 IN PROGRESS Assembled FYE Working Group to inform first-year transitions programs Initiated creation of a First-year Orientation and Transition Framework, in partnership with Academics and Students' Union. 	
1.2 Collaborate with the Students' Union, academic units and other campus and community partners to develop and deliver an evidence-informed Orientation program, based in student flourishing. Identify and remove barriers to participation in Orientation Week. Integrate opportunities to learn about and share diverse cultural identities and create a welcoming community of authentic belonging. Build Understanding	VP Students + Co-Executive Sponsor	1-3 years	 Develop and deliver comprehensive student leader orientation and training program. Track completed assessment of participant learning and growth 	 Number of co- curricular transitions programs offered in residence, on- campus. Number of students participating in transitions programs. Assessment of participant learning and growth 	 IN PROGRESS In 2022, StFX launched Flourishing Foundations, a series of co-curricular programs designed to support student transition to StFX. Reviewed and revised residence program model, with a focus on supporting first-year transition. Revised House Council structure and created Community Educator (CE) roles in residence, to enhance first-year transitions programming in residence. 	
1.3 Embed equity, anti-racism and accessibility in the development and execution of special student-facing events and programming (Extended Orientation Programming, Homecoming, etc.). This should include the development and implementation of specific	Student Life	1-3 years	 Assemble First-Year Experience Working Group to coordinate incoming student orientation and transition, including first-voice perspectives. Evaluate existing orientation events and programs, 	 Number first-voice perspective engaged in the planning process. Number of students from historically and currently excluded groups participating in orientation/ 	 IN PROGRESS Assembled a First Year Experience Working Group to review and develop transitions programming. Population-specific transitions programming offered during 	Aligned with Accessibility Plan (Initiative #3.8) Aligned with PACAR Action

engagement programs designed for members of historically and currently excluded communities, as well as programming that provides all students with culturally relevant knowledge, skills and attitudes. Build Understanding			 through an equity, anti- racism, and accessibility lens. Consider the addition of new programming designed to support orientation and transition for students from historically-excluded groups. *Opportunity to seek government and/or donor funding 	transitions programs (ex. ISS survey results) • Assessment of student growth and learning	Orientation Week 2022, including opportunities to connect with supports and services dedicated to students from historically and currently excluded groups. Launched Relaxed Start Orientation Program Implemented new Community Connections Orientation for Black, Indigenous and 2SLGBTQIA+ students.	<i>Plan (Initiative #1.5)</i>
1.4 Develop high-quality co- curricular and peer learning experiences and transitions programming for off-campus, mature, distance learning, transfer students and student athletes that enrich their student experience. Build Understanding	Student Life	1-3 years	 Consult a needs assessment and recommendations to meet the current transitions experiences of each group. Identify opportunities to improve current transitions programs to meet diverse student needs. Consider developing tailored transitions programs to meet unique needs for each group. 	 Number of transitions programs delivered Number of students participating per year Assessment of participant learning and growth 	 IN PROGRESS Partnered with Academics to develop and implement X- Academic Transitions Program (X-ACT), open to all first year and transfer students. This program is part of Flourishing Foundations. Designed and distributed dedicated communications to transfer and mature students living in residence, with invitations to events and programs. 	
1.5 Coordinate a Winter Transitions program to welcome new students arriving in January (often these students are international students), and re- orient all first-year students to the programs, services and supports provided by StFX. Build Understanding	Student Life	1-2 years	 Partner with StFX Students' Union to offer Societies' Fair in January Develop and enhance residence programming and communications to welcome new students in arriving in January 	 Number of transitions programs delivered Number of students participating per year Assessment of participant learning and growth 	 COMPLETE/ONGOING Assembled FYE Working Group to inform first-year transition programs. Reviewed and revised residence program model, including enhanced transitions programming in January. Partnered with Student Union to extend the number of substance free social events throughout the first eight weeks of term. Provided Orientation programming for new students arriving in January, residence and welcome events provided. Partnered with Student Union to organize January events for new 	

1.6 Establish an ongoing partnership between StFX Student Services, Graduate Studies, and X Online (formerly Continuing and Distance Education) to enhance understanding of the specific needs of graduate and distance	Student Life	1-3 years	Complete needs assessment and recommendations		students and returning students including Frost Week, and January Societies Fair TO BE DEVELOPED	
learning students and deepen an understanding of their transitional needs.						
1.7 Develop online videos/modules for parents/supporters to be empowered to support their student in their transition to university and throughout their first-year experience. These same tools will be used for faculty, staff and students to understand the supports available and how to access, and when.	Student Development, Communications	1-2 years	Develop online resources for parents/supporter	 Number of resources offered. Number of unique users accessing web content Number of resource downloads 	COMPLETE/ONGOING • Implemented Greenspace 'online hub' for mental health and wellness supports and services. The resource is accessible to students, faculty and staff, and parents/supporters.	
1.8 Leverage the 'Being Xaverian' campaign as an opportunity to share Xaverian community values and collect and share stories of diverse student experiences at StFX. Build Understanding	Student Development	1 year	 Develop campaign content and ongoing communications strategy 	 Number of distributed communications. Number of students engaging with the content (ex. emails) 	 COMPLETE/ONGOING Developed campaign content and ongoing communications plan to promote Being Xaverian 	
 1.9 Provide proactive programming and experiential initiatives that support harm reduction approaches to substance use and provide healthy alternatives to socializing. Build Understanding 	Student Life	1 year	 Develop and implement a substance strategy, to align with PEP-AH and with continued emphasis on sexual violence prevention and response. * Opportunity to seek government and/or donor support. 		 IN PROGRESS In collaboration with the Students' Union, extended the number of substance free social events during the first eight weeks. Established Bloomfield Hub as an ongoing harm reduction and inclusive community building service following a successful pilot. Expanded Good Neighbours Program to support broader community-based education, programs and services. 	

					 Added a full day of student oriented 	
					Homecoming events in	
					support of harm	
					reduction approaches	
					Strengthened	
					programming in	
					residence to support a	
					student culture of health,	
					safety, and wellness by	
					cultivating personal and	
					bystander awareness,	
					knowledge and skills	
					 Partnered with Students 	
					Union to engage with	
					planning, advise on and	
					lead significant parts of	
					the Homecoming efforts.	
					 Initiated Standing 	
					Committee of StFX	
					University, Town and	
					County, Landlords, RCMP	
					to work collaboration in	
					support of harm	
					reduction approaches.	
1.10 Collaborate with Academic	VP (Students), VP	1-3 years: Assess	Assemble a First Year	Number of	IN PROGRESS	Aligned with
to establish a transition year	(Academic)	transitions needs,	Experience Working Group,	individuals with	Assembled FYE Working Group to inform first year	PACAR Action
program to support student		enhance existing	including members of	lived experiences	Group to inform first-year transitions programs	Plan (Initiative
success (both pre-entrance and during first year), including		program opportunities	historically and currently excluded groups.	engaged in the process.	Partnered with	#1.4)
formal (e.g., campus and		opportunities	 Establish a sub-committee 	 Number of students 	Academics to develop	
courses) and informal supports		4-7 years:	focused on transitions	from historically	and deliver X-Academic	
(e.g., mentorship). Ensure that		Develop and	experiences for historically	excluded groups	Transitions (X-ACT), open	
the program is accessible to all		finance a	and currently excluded	participating per	to all first-year and	
students and connected to		comprehensive	groups.	year.	transfer students. The	
surrounding communities. This		transitions	 Develop program model and 	 Assessment of 	program includes X Act	
program should be co-designed		program	implementation strategy,	participant learning	Peer Mentorship roles (a	
in consultation with students			informed by student needs	and growth	shared initiative	
and apply evidence-informed			and evidence-informed	5	Academic and Student	
practices, and may include:			practices.		Services)	
 A Summer Bridge Program 			 Pilot a transition year 		 Launched Flourishing 	
focused on academic			program for students from		Foundations, a series of	
orientation, community			historically-excluded groups		co-curricular programs	
connection, strengths			to transition to		designed to support	
assessment, and connection			undergraduate programs at		student transition.	
with local communities.			the University. Ensure that		The Diversity	
Tailored programming and			the program is accessible to		Engagement Centre	
engagement opportunities for			all students and connected to		implemented new	
students from historically and			surrounding communities.		Community Connections	
currently excluded groups.Ability to obtain ESL training			 In partnership with Academics, explore 		Orientation for Black, Indigenous and	
and supports for international			additional transitions		2SLGBTQIA+ students.	
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					 Partnered with 	
students and other students			opportunities (ex. awards, for- credit courses).		 Partnered with Academics to organize 	

 for whom English is not their first language. Opportunities for faculty, staff and instructors to learn and practice strategies to support wholistic student success in transition. Build Capacity 					 meeting of Student Services providers and faculty who teach first- year courses to understand transitional needs appearing in the classroom, and identify opportunities to provide tailored services, supports and programs. Additional transitions supports include pre- university preparation courses (ex. Math Prep) offered by Continuing and Distance Education 	
1.11 Build capacity for the Residence Life Leadership Team, Diversity Engagement Centre, and peer leaders to frontload developmental mentorship and coaching in support of first-year transition and student success through intentional leadership development, coaching and training opportunities. Mentors will have the capacity to provide strengths-based coaching, using an equity lens. Build Capacity	VP (Students), Student Services Leadership Team	1-3 years	 Define developmental mentorship and identify required skill sets. Develop a scaffolded training program for all student leaders on campus, including a combination of online and in-person training sessions 	 Number of training sessions delivered per year Number of participants completing training Completed assessment of participant learning and growth 	 IN PROGRESS Added Professional Staff in residence so that all first-year residences have dedicated professional support staff to provide student mentorship and support. Developed new RLC onboarding process, with a focus on mentorship skills development. Created Senior Community Advisor (SCA) position to provide mentorship to student staff and community. Revising SCA/CA training program, with a focus on mentorship skills development. Established the Bloomfield Hub as an ongoing resource embedding professional staff and peer mentoring as service approach. Implemented Incoming Student Survey (ISS) to help mentors understand student needs. 	
1.12 Create group mentoring networks for students from historically excluded groups to come together in community, share experiences and explore academic, personal and career opportunities and pathways. This	Human Rights and Equity; Diversity Engagement Centre	1 year	 Identify opportunities to integrate mentorship opportunities into the suite of transitions programming available to students from historically and currently excluded groups. 	 Number mentors participating in the program. Number of mentees participating in the program 	COMPLETE/ONGOING • In 2021, launched Alumni Mentorship Program (X- Connects) to connect students with personal and career mentors.	Aligned with Accessibility Plan (Initiative #3.9) Aligned with PACAR Action

includes Indigenous, Black, minoritized, 2SLGBTQIA+ students, international students, first-generation students and students with disabilities. <i>Build Connection</i>	 Acquire resources to maintain and expand current mentorship programs offered by the Diversity Engagement Centre, including securing resources to maintain Indigenous, Black, and 2SLGBTQIA+ mentorship programs. Expand mentorship program to include international, first- generation students, students with disabilities and students from other historically-excluded populations. Promote opportunities for students to participate in existing mentorship programs, including X Connects. * Opportunity to seek 	Assessment of participant learning and growth	Developed and launched Community Connections Peer Mentorship program for Black, Indigenous and 2SLGBTQIA+ students.	<i>Plan (Initiative #1.6)</i>
	government and/or donor support.			

2. STRENGTHEN MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING SUPPORTS AND SERVICES

Initiative	Accountability	Timeline	Deliverables	KPIs	Progress to Date	Alignment
2.1 Strengthen awareness of full range of resources available at StFX and streamline access to those resources. Ensure students have information about mental health and addictions services, critical care, after-hours care, and local community resources. <i>Build Understanding</i>	VP (Students); Health and Counselling	1 year	 Enhance digital content (social media, web) Establish scope and definition of non-clinical case manager (BSW), in collaboration with academics. Provide staff training on applying case management approach. Offer complementary supports for off-campus students. 	 Number of unique users accessing web content Number of unique users accessing collateral communications content (social media, etc.) Number of training sessions offered per year Number of faculty and staff participating Assessment of participant learning and growth 	 IN PROGRESS Completed significant overhaul of Heath and Counselling Website to clarify how to book appointments, outline the full range of services available, and enhance access to curated wellness supports and services in the community and online. Created new Student Services landing page to simplify navigation and awareness. Implemented Greenspace 'online hub' for mental health and wellness supports and services. The resource is accessible to students, faculty and staff, parents/supporters. Created clear referral pathways for faculty and staff 	
2.2 Develop tools and resources to support administrative leaders, faculty, staff, and students in identifying signs and symptoms of distress or at-risk behaviors, and competencies in helping others by supporting those in need in accessing appropriate resources. Build Understanding	Health and Counselling	1-3 years	 Provide training and professional development on embed culturally relevant approaches to teaching and learning. Provide coaching and referral resources to support faculty who are concerned about a student. Launch a short, online professional development module with accompanying Communities of Practice. Develop 'blue folder' with tailored resources for faculty and staff Work with Deans, Chairs and Coordinators to streamline internal referral pathways for students of concern. 	 Number of unique users accessing web content Number of unique users accessing collateral communications content (social media, etc.) Number of training sessions offered per year. Number of faculty and staff participating Assessment of participant learning and growth 	 IN PROGRESS Implemented Greenspace 'online hub' for mental health and wellness supports and services. The resource is accessible to students, faculty and staff, parents/supporters. Offered additional sessions of Mental Health First Aid to faculty and staff Provided Healthy Minds/Mental Health 101 videos Developed series of education videos for faculty and staff, focused 	

					on sexual violence prevention and response.	
2.3 Frontload transitional supports for all students that normalize help seeking behaviours and increase awareness about the resources available. Incorporate mental health and wellness literacy, development of resiliency, coping, and stress management skills, and awareness of campus supports and services within Orientation and Extended Orientation programming, varsity sports teams training, etc. Build Understanding	Student Life; Health and Counselling	1-2 years	 Assemble First-Year Experience Working Group to coordinate incoming student orientation and transition. Evaluate existing orientation events and programs, through a mental health lens. Consider the addition of new programming designed to support orientation and transition, including additional content within Orientation and Extended Orientation Programming, programs for varsity athletes, and peer leaders/mentors. 	 Number of co- curricular transitions programs offered. Number of students participating in transitions programs. Assessment of participant learning and growth 	 IN PROGRESS Established Bloomfield Hub as an ongoing after hours service following a successful pilot Received \$100,000 from Bell Canada to expand equity services and supports within the Bloomfield Hub Piloted Stress and Coping Workshop for first-year business students as part of an expanded mental health and wellness curriculum. 	
2.4 Create evidence informed frameworks that support our Residence Education programming, Alcohol and Substance Use Strategy and Mental Health & Wellness initiatives, ensuring that our programs are sensitive to diverse student experiences. Build Capacity	Student Development	1-3 years	 Reinvigorate partnership with PEP-AH, committing StFX to the PEP-AH Framework. Remain engaged with provincial policy development and action group. Develop and promote consistent definition of harm reduction. Strengthen Xaverian Community Foundations: Safer Socializing Module, informed by PEP-AH Framework. Continue to expand residence programming model, providing program alternatives to promote healthy socializing. Implement early intervention support and education. 	 Number of programs per year Number of students participating per year Assessment of participant learning and growth 	IN PROGRESS • Reviewed and revised residence programming model, with a focus on providing program alternatives to promote healthy socializing. • Renewed PEP-AH & Alcohol Policy Coalition Memberships	
 2.5 Review existing student services policies, processes, practices and procedures that may unintentionally discriminate, and revise policies through an EDIA lens. Develop new policies and procedures, including Leave of Absence Policy, Return to Campus Following Hospitalization or Emergency Transport procedures, Accommodations Policy for Episodic and Non-Permanent 	Human Rights and Equity; Health, Counselling, and Accessible Learning	1-3 years	Convene meetings of committees and working groups to revise ToR and create committee structure and process for policy review and development.	 Number of policies reviewed, revised and created. Number of individuals with lived experiences engaged in the review process. 	 IN PROGRESS Revised StFX Code of Conduct, in consultation with DEC and PACAR. Reviewed and revised StFX Harassment and Discrimination Policy. A Smudging protocol was developed and approved to provide a safer environment for Indigenous members of the StFX community to practice their culture 	

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Injury or Illness, and Death of a Student.					Amrmed names and identities are now being	
Build Capacity					used and honoured in the	
Bund Capacity					multiple systems that	
					must connect effectively	
					to avoid 'deadnaming'	
					persons who have	
					requested chosen names	
					be used in the StFX	
					community. This project	
					has taken years to	
					achieve this outcome.	
2.6 Increase and enhance	Health, Counselling	1-3 years	Culturally-relevant, trauma-	Number of	IN PROGRESS	Aligned with
supports available on-campus to	and Accessible	1-5 years	informed counselling services	appointments per	Provide culturally	PACAR Action
help students impacted by	Learning		are available to students, with	year	relevant, trauma-	Plan (Initiative
racism (e.g., culturally-relevant,	Human Rights and		consideration to those with	Number of unique	informed mental health	#3.4)
trauma-informed mental health	Equity		intersecting identities.		supports and services for	#3.4)
counselling services, healing	Equity		 StFX website is updated with 	vs. recurring visits per year	Mi'kmaw, Indigenous and	
circles, educational programs).			• Strx website is updated with information, specifying	Number of training	Black students, faculty	
Special consideration should be			resources tailored to Mi'kmaw,	Number of training sessions offered per	and staff. These services	
given to those with intersecting			Indigenous, and Black faculty,	year	are provided by	
identities (e.g., with differing			staff and students.	Number of	counsellors with lived	
sexual orientation and gender			 Current service policies, 	healthcare service	experiences, who are	
identity).					themselves members of	
 Explain counselling and health 			practices, and procedures are reviewed and revised using an	providers	these communities.	
 Explain courselling and health services intake processes with 			anti-racist, trauma-informed,	participating per vear	 Hired Human Rights and 	
greater clarity.			and culturally relevant lens.	Assessment of	• Filled Human Rights and Equity Prevention and	
 Make information and 			 Ongoing assessment and 	participant learning	Response Advocate	
 Make information and resources about mental health 			• Origoning assessment and feedback from members of	and growth	(HRERA) to provide	
easy to find, including one			historically and currently	and growth	education, support and	
platform to learn about			excluded groups are collected		responsive care to	
services and supports available			and actioned to improve		students who have	
on-campus and off-campus.			services and supports.		experienced racism	
Ensure healthcare			services and supports.		Completed significant	
practitioners can provide					overhaul of Heath and	
culturally relevant, trauma-					Counselling Website to	
informed and accessible					clarify how to book	
services that are reflective of					appointments, outline the	
the diversity of students.					full range of services	
Review current service policies,					available, and enhance	
practices, and procedures					access to curated	
through an anti-racist,					wellness supports and	
culturally relevant, accessible,					services in the	
and trauma-informed lens.					community and online.	
Consult Mi'kmaw, Indigenous					Implemented	
and Black individuals,					Greenspace 'online hub'	
members of historically and					for mental health and	
excluded community, and					wellness supports and	
other relevant groups on an					services.	
ongoing basis. Apply their					 Secured \$500,000 from 	
feedback to continue to					McCall MacBain	
improve on-campus supports					Foundation to provide	
and services.					funding for a Centre for	
Build Capacity					Black Student Success to	
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	enhance supports for African Nova Scotia /Black students and to increase programming and services options for all students to increase their
	resiliency and ability to cope.

2.7 Hire a Human Rights Education and Response Advocate (HRERA) position in the institution to advocate for students, faculty, and staff experiencing racism and support them in navigating reporting channels. Communicate clear pathways for how students, faculty, and staff can receive support and/or report incidents. <i>Build Capacity</i>	Human Rights and Equity, Marketing and Communications	1 year	 Hire a Human Rights Education and Response Advocate (HRERA) to provide outreach, information, referrals, and support to students who are experiencing racism and helping them navigate the reporting process. Provide information on how students can access the HRERA, communicating clear pathways for making a report and/or receiving support. 	 Number of times students are referred to HRERA Percentage of time seeking unique vs. recurring students Amount of time between referral and contact with HRERA 	COMPLETE • In August 2022, Student Services hired a Human Rights Education and Response Advocate (HRERA). The HRERA receives, responds to, and manages disclosures of harassment and discrimination. They lead, coordinate, and promote equity awareness, prevention and education programs and strategies on campus.	Aligned with PACAR Action Plan (Initiative #2.9)
2.8 Work with community members to develop informal resolution practices for individuals who do not wish to undergo formal reporting processes, which are inclusive of the cultures of historically and currently excluded communities. This may include those based on restorative justice principles, to address incidents of racism. Build Capacity	Student Life	1-2 years	 Revise the StFX Student Community Code of Conduct, and other disciplinary policies and practices, through an equity and anti-racism lens. Develop informal resolution practices for individuals who do not wish to undergo formal reporting processes. 	 Number of incidents addressed through the StFX Community Code of Conduct Proportion of incidents addressed through alternate resolution processes (ex. restorative practices) 	COMPLETE • Released a revised StFX Community Code of Conduct and created new Residence Standards, with a focus on the relational approach and commitment to restorative practices. This approach empowers student and professional staff to mentor and lead in support of positive and healthy communities that support student learning. PACAR provided feedback on the draft document.	Aligned with PACAR Action Plan (Initiative #2.11)
2.9 Complete a needs assessment and recommendations for accessibility supports and services, including services and supports available for students with temporary or episodic disabilities. Planning should include assessing staffing needs, funding structures, supervision, and accountability in relation to the goals outlined in the Accessibility Plan, new provincial accessibility standards, and the vision of 'all students flourishing'. Build Capacity	VP (Students); Health, Counselling and Accessible Learning	1-3 years: Tramble Centre for Accessible Learning	Complete needs assessment and recommendations	 Number of students using accessibility supports and services. Number of first- voice perspectives engaged in the process. Ongoing evaluation of accessibility improvements, including feedback from students with disabilities and individuals who experience barriers to accessibility. 	IN PROGRESS Initiated a formal externally conducted needs assessment for the Tramble Centre using Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS) to determine the resources and priorities to meet the vision for the new StFX Accessibility Plan and the 2030 provincial accessibility standards.	Aligned with Accessibility Plan (Initiative #3.7)

2.10 Implement a case management model to support students of concern. This may include students with mental illnesses or students who may be experiencing mental distress, who are in academic difficulty or may be heading toward or experiencing a crisis. Case Management supports students who have complex or multifaceted situations requiring a coordinated response. Build Capacity	VP (Students)	1 year	 Establish scope of non-clinical case manager (BSW), in collaboration with Academics and other campus partners Enhance training and professional development to professional staff (ex. RLCs, DEC, CAs) using case management approach. Offer complementary supports for off-campus students. 	 Number of times a student is referred to a service by campus partners vs. community partners. Amount of time between referral and touch point with a support office. Percentage of time seeing unique vs. recurring students Percentage of time spent in 1:1 appointments. 	IN PROGRESS • Developed Incoming Student Survey (ISS) to identify students in need of supports, and connection to the appropriate resources. • Established process for professional residence life staff (RLCs) to connect with 'Students of Concern' -Established Director of Student Life position now inclusive of case management for complex cases which overlap multiple departments. Provided clear referral pathways for faculty and staff.
2.11 Provide proactive "care for the student caregivers" mental health supports debriefing for student peer support workers who provide frontline and critical incident interventions to fellow students. Build Capacity	Student Life	1 year	 Develop and launch campaign to building understanding and awareness of existing after hours supports available to all students and student leaders Develop a consistent definition of critical incident Assess the needs of students in response to these incidents, and devise response strategies to meet their needs. 		TO BE DEVELOPED • Residence Life has developed outreach standards to follow and support students who experience critical incidents and provide 'early alert' intervention for students at risk
2.12 Identify and streamline pathways to care to support early identification, self-care, and help-seeking by putting students in contact with the appropriate resources at the appropriate time. Make changes to how mental health services and supports are structured to match how students are accessing information and services. While the Health and Counselling Centre services meet or exceed industry standards for wait times, we recognize the need to look at alternate ways to increase access to services, streamline service pathways and follow-up for students, faculty and staff; and, improve communications	Health and Counselling; VP (Students)	1 year	 Work with St. Martha's Hospital and Nova Scotia Health to identify and provide community resources to which students can be referred during high-peak times. 	 Number of students accessing mobile clinic. Number of times a student is referred to a service by campus partners vs. community partners. Percentage of time spent in 1:1 appointments. 	IN PROGRESS • Collaborated with Nova Scotia Health to establish new after-hours Mobile Health Clinic -Established Director of Student Life position now inclusive of case management for complex cases which overlap multiple departments. Provided clear referral pathways for faculty and staff.

 around resources and services. This initiative should include: Expanding collaborative partnerships between StFX and health care agencies and community resources to systematize a coordinated approach to supporting wholistic student success and well-being. Pilot mobile health unit to provide after-hours supports and services, in partnership with Nova Scotia Health Build Connection 2.13 Convene regular CARE Team 	VP (Students)	1 year	• Establish CARE Team, include	Number of CARE	TO BE DEVELOPED	
coordinated, wrap around support model between faculty, academic units, and student services with systems and policies to facilitate communication and foster integrated and student-centric supports. The Care Team responds to reports about students experiencing difficulties of whose behaviour is raising concerns within the				 year Number of cases referred to CARE team per year Percentage of time discussing unique vs. recurring students 	Established Director of Student Life position now inclusive of case management for complex cases which overlap multiple departments. Provided clear referral pathways for faculty and staff. Director of Student Life coordinates Care Team meetings as needed to coordinate complex cases.	
university community. Build Connection					coordinate complex cases.	

3. FOSTER EARLY & ONGOING ENGAGEMENT WITH, & RECOGNITION OF, EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Initiative	Accountability	Timeline	Deliverables	KPIs	Progress to Date	Alignment
3.1 Develop an integrated Experiential and Co-Curricular Learning Framework to scaffold intentional student learning and engagement opportunities through all programs and years of study. Build Understanding	VP (Students), VP (Academics) (Co- Executive Sponsors)	1-2 years	 Establish Experiential and Co- Curricular Learning Working Group, including Terms of Reference Working Group to establish shared learning goals, consistent across curricular and co-curricular learning opportunities. Identify and inventory existing experiential and co-curricular learning opportunities at StFX. 	 Number of Working Group members Number of meetings per term 	TO BE DEVELOPED First Year Experience Working Group has engaged with the first-year learning outcomes frame work for orientation and transition	
3.2 Review existing co-curricular programs, services and supports through an EDIA lens to meet the needs of both specific and broad intersectional student identities, including Indigenous, Black, minoritized, 2SLGBTQIA, international students, graduate student, mature students, and students with disabilities. Build Understanding	Student Life	1-2 years	 Develop and implement multiple assessment strategies to better understand diverse student experiences in co-curricular programs and services. Use assessment surveys and focus groups to identify gaps in existing programs, and opportunities for improvement 	 Number of co- curricular programs and services reviewed. Number of assessments distributed, and results of assessments. Number of students with lived experience engaged in the review process 	TO BE DEVELOPED	Aligned with StFX Accessibility Plan (Initiative #3.10) Aligned with PACAR Action Plan (Initiative #1.7)
3.3 In collaboration with Academic, Student Union and other campus providers, develop a digital Experiential Learning Catalogue/Co-Curricular Record (CCR) as a tool to help students thoughtfully select co-curricular engagement opportunities, integrate their campus experiences, communicate the development of skills, and reflect on their development in the areas of meaning and purpose.	Student Life	1-2 years	Complete needs assessment and recommendations		TO BE DEVELOPED	

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3.4 Strengthen off-campus student housing options, with a particular focus on facilitating off-campus accommodations for international students, in partnership with the Landlord's Association and Town of Antigonish. This could include support for initiatives such as education about tenant rights and responsibilities, promotion of off-campus housing options, income tax support, and At Home in Antigonish for the Holidays program. Build Capacity	VP (Students), Student Life	1-2 years			TO BE DEVELOPED	
3.5 Develop targeted co- curricular programming and engagement opportunities for students with disabilities, with a focus on enhancing the first-year experience and experiential learning. Build Capacity	Health, Counselling & Accessible Learning	4-7 years	 Assemble a FYE Working Group and Experiential Learning Working Groups, including first-voice perspectives. Develop program model and implementation strategy, informed by first-voice perspectives and evidence- informed practices. 	 Number of programs tailored to students with disabilities. Number of students with disabilities participating in programming Assessment of participant learning and growth 	 IN PROGRESS StFX launched self-paced learning modules to provide all first-year students with transitional knowledge and skills. StFX hired EDGE Coordinator to provide career support for students with disabilities. Secured grant funding (\$140,000) for EDGE Coordinator to provide career support for students with disabilities. 	Aligned with Accessibility Plan (Initiative #3.11)
3.6 Expand programming options for students with intellectual disabilities. <i>Build Capacity</i>	Health, Counselling & Accessible Learning	3 years	 Identify gaps in current support model for students with intellectual disabilities This can take place as part of the external review of accessibility supports and services (Initiative #2.9) Engage campus and community partners in the needs assessment process, including first-voice perspectives. Identify funding and resourcing requirements to implement desired models. *Opportunities for grant funding and/or donor support 	Completed needs assessment and resourcing plan	TO BE DEVELOPED	Aligned with Accessibility Plan (Initiative #3.12)

 3.7 Design, develop and implement regular and ongoing training on equity and anti- racism for all StFX staff and students involved in leadership and peer support roles, varsity sports, learning abroad/exchange, etc. that they commit to, and enact, in their roles in our community. This training should: Be relevant to different roles, departments, and settings with a consistent focus on teaching anti-racism and decolonization, anti- discrimination, cultural competency/safety, equity, gender-based and sexual violence, mental health literacy/anti-stigma, resiliency, coping skills, and accessibility. Capture StFX values and occur on an ongoing basis to incorporate changes to policies, practices, and procedures. Complement equity and accessibility training for faculty, staff and instructors, to align with recommendations identified in the StFX Accessibility Plan and PACAR Action Plan. 	Equity and Human Rights, Student Life	1-3 years	 Create online training modules for new staff and student leader onboarding. Develop scaffolded equity, anti-racism, and accessibility training program for all student leaders, including a combination of self-directed (online) and facilitated (in- person) learning opportunities. Records of training are kept 	 Number of training sessions delivered per year. Number of student leaders participating per year. Assessment of participant learning and growth 	 IN PROGRESS Developed and launched Xaverian Community Foundations modules offered to all first-year students and again to some student leaders (ex. Community Advisors), including anti-racism module (You Belong @X) Specialized training are available through the Diversity Engagement Centre. Hired Human Rights and Equity Prevention and Response Advocate (HRERA) who developed ad hoc training sessions for classes and departments on topics including social equity, social determinants of health, and anti- oppression training. In addition, HRERA developed and facilitated multiple workshops on trauma-informed practice in higher education 	Aligned with PACAR Action Plan (Initiative #2.3)
 3.8 Increase the number of co- curricular engagement and paid employment opportunities available on campus, with a particular focus on expanding employment opportunities for students from historically and currently excluded groups, including Mi'kmaw, Indigenous, Black, minoritized, 2SLGBTQIA+, international, first-generation students, and students with disabilities. This should include: Identifying, preventing and removing barriers to access current paid employment opportunities for students with disabilities, including 	Student Life	4-7 years	 Identify barriers in existing paid employment, co-op and internship experiences for students from historically and currently excluded groups. Identify partnership opportunities to expand paid employment opportunities for students on-campus. Identify and acquire funding to expand and diversify paid employment opportunities for students from historically and currently excluded groups. *Opportunities for grant funding and/or donor support 	 Number of students from historically- and currently excluded groups participating in paid employment opportunities on campus, internships and co-op placements. Number of campus and community partners providing paid employment opportunities for students from currently and historically excluded groups 	 IN PROGRESS Provided grant funded (\$140,000) EDGE Coordinator to provide career support for students with disabilities. Secured \$500,000 funding from Nova Scotia Government's Labour, Skills and Immigration Department to launch BOLD, co-led by the StFX Student Career Centre and the Diversity Engagement Centre. BOLD is an employment program to assist historically underrepresented 	Aligned with Accessibility Plan (Initiative #4.10) Aligned with PACAR Action Plan (Initiative #2.12)

paid internship and co-op placements. Build Capacity				Assessment of student learning and satisfaction.	students (new immigrants), African Nova Scotian, Mi'kmaw, and students from other historically and currently excluded and marginalized groups) secure summer or part- time employment, gain work experience, and develop their professional	
3.9 Commit to equitable and inclusive recruitment, hiring, onboarding, retention and offboarding practices that increase the diversity among our student staff complements, in particular representation from Mi'kmaw, Indigenous, Black, minoritized, 2SLGBTQIA+, international, first-generation students, and students with disabilities. Build Capacity	Student Life, Human Rights and Equity	1 year	•	•	skills and competencies. IN PROGRESS • Office of Human Rights and Equity has engaged an external consultant to review and revise Employment Equity policy using an intersectional lens. • Employee census data has been gathered and is currently being analyzed to help StFX provide a more representative community where students can see themselves and their cultures.	
3.10 Strengthen capacity of on- campus and off-campus employers to create culturally relevant, trauma-informed, accessible, and supportive workplaces. Build Capacity	Health, Counselling and Accessible Learning; Human Rights and Equity	1-2 years	 Develop a comprehensive education and training program for employers, focused on creating culturally- relevant, trauma-informed, accessible, and supportive workplaces. This should include employers providing career co-op and internship experiences. Provide students with safe spaces to share their experiences, incorporating opportunities for providing feedback. 	 Number of on- campus/ off-campus employers Number of students from historically and currently excluded groups employed on-campus and off- campus. Assessment of student experiences and satisfaction 	 (\$140,000) EDGE Coordinator to provide career support for students with disabilities. Secured \$240000 funding from Nova Scotia Government's Labour, Skills and Immigration Department to launch BOLD, co-led by the StFX Student Career Centre and the Diversity Engagement Centre. BOLD is an employment program to assist historically underrepresented students (new immigrants), African Nova Scotian, Mi'kmaw, and students from other historically and currently excluded and marginalized groups) 	Aligned with Accessibility Plan (Initiative #4.11) Aligned with PACAR Action Plan (Initiative #3.10)

3.11 Maintain the Student Accessibility Advisory Committee to provide leadership opportunities for students with disabilities and ensure that their voices and lived experienced are reflected in program and service design, development, and delivery. Build Connection	Health, Counselling and Accessible Learning; Governance and Strategic Initiatives	1 year	• Ensure processes to continue the coordination of the StFX Student Accessibility Advisory Committee are in the place.	 Number of student members Number of committee meetings held per year. 	secure summer or part- time employment, gain work experience, and develop their professional skills and competencies COMPLETE • StFX Student Accessibility Advisory Committee and Terms of Reference Developed to inform the development and implementation of the StFX Accessibility Plan.	Aligned with Accessibility Plan (Initiative #3.6)
3.12 Maintain ongoing partnerships between StFX Career Services and Tramble Centre for Accessible Learning to provide students with disabilities with access to career mentorship, workplace connections and employability. Increase engagement in the Engage Develop, Grow Your Employability (EDGE) Program, and assess the impacts of the program on students with disabilities.	Student Life; Health, Counselling and Accessible Learning	1 year	 Maintain wage subsidy program for students with disabilities. Develop engaging career programming for students with disabilities (ex. workshops, panel discussions, etc.) including targeted programs for different faculties and groups. Expand programming options for EDGE programming. Develop assessment strategy. 	 Number of student appointments per year. Number of unique student appointments per year. Students accessing EDGE Services per academic program. Number of placements. Student accessing EDGE Services per year of study. Average number of appointments per student. Assessment of participant learning and growth. 	COMPLETE • Provided grant funded (\$140,000) EDGE Coordinator to provide career support for students with disabilities.	Aligned with Accessibility Plan (Initiative #4.8)
3.13 Establish strategic partnerships and collaborations with the Town of Antigonish and County partners to create a welcoming, equitable and accessible community environment for all StFX students, with a particular focus on facilitating community engagement and connection for students from historically and currently excluded groups. This includes Indigenous, Black, minoritized, 2SLGBTQIA+, international students, first generation students, and students with disabilities. This will involve collaborating on	Human Rights and Equity, Town of Antigonish, University- Wide	 1-3 years: Identify and enhance existing partnership opportunities. 4-7 years: Develop a sustainable program delivery and financing model 	 Identify and initiate opportunities for collaboration and partnership with the Town and County of Antigonish Offer education and training programs to Town and County Partners (i.e., Positive Space Training, Kairos Blanket Exercise, etc.) 	 Number of collaborative events, programs and services offered per year. Number of faculty, staff, students and community members participating per year. Assessment of participant learning and growth. 	 TO BE DEVELOPED (\$140,000) EDGE Coordinator to provide career support for students with disabilities. Secured \$500,000 funding from Nova Scotia Government's Labour, Skills and Immigration Department to launch BOLD, co-led by the StFX Student Career Centre and the Diversity Engagement Centre. BOLD is an employment program to assist historically 	Aligned with PACAR Action Plan (Initiative #4.9)

shared community projects, professional development, strengthening town-gown relations, and continuing to listen and learn from diverse student experiences. <i>Build Connection</i>				underrepresented students (new immigrants), African Nova Scotian, Mi'kmaw, and students from other historically and currently excluded and marginalized groups) secure summer or part- time employment, gain work experience, and develop their professional skills and competencies	
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