

President Speech - 2021

It's been a long and difficult year for everyone, we did the AGM digitally last year and I was optimistically not expecting us to have to do it this way again. Nexus has done a lot to adapt to ongoing the challenges we're facing, and the sacrifices that had to be made were well worth it. As it stands we are doing well and it looks like we will make it through the pandemic just fine, and come out the other side with a greater perspective on the paper's ability to function.

Due to the decrease in students at the school, and thus a decrease in our funding that comes through student levies, we had to take some emergency cost-cutting measures.

In agreement with a request from the college, we stopped releasing print issues. Most of these were distributed on the campuses, which were closing. As a result of this, our digital engagement has seen a healthy increase. Greg has also been working hard on expanding our exposure on social media. We are not certain when we will be returning to print issues and whether we will be releasing them in the same volume as before. This will continue to be discussed as the college moves forward with its plan to have students return to campus in September.

We temporarily suspended all student employee positions other than student editor. We were able to sustain production of a good volume of material thanks to our many wonderful volunteers who continued to write for us throughout the pandemic. When the numbers level out and our budget becomes more stable we will be looking to reinstate these positions.

These measures subsidized our budget and allowed us to power through. A few other changes were made such as, at the request of the school, Greg and Adam began working from home, and are continuing to do so for the time being. Our board meetings switched to an all-digital format, as did editorial meetings. And the publishing schedule changed from a bi-weekly issue release to continual story releases.

I want to thank my fellow board members and all of our volunteers, as well as Greg for doing such a fantastic job and allowing us to hold steady through the storm. You folks make it all work and you should be proud.

Sincerely yours,

Jayden Grieve, President NPS