

President's Address - Nexus AGM 2024

The past year has seen its fair share of peaks and valleys here at Nexus. It's been challenging, with many difficult decisions needing to be made one after the other, but we've been very lucky to come out with hope on the horizon for next fiscal.

Due to a variety of circumstances, our overall financial situation has changed a lot since last year. For example, a new collective agreement was signed that issued wage increases for our unionized staff. We also saw a multitude of increases for printing costs, web hosting, and office supplies. This, in combination with the fact of us not raising our student fees for over 20 years, has left us deficit of the usual funds allotted to us. We did hold a referendum to ask students if we could increase our fees, but this was unfortunately denied by a very slim majority of voters.

Despite these setbacks, we have made progress by making an agreement with the CCSS and planning to host our next referendum in fall of 2024. We are confident that with extra campaigning and student awareness, we will succeed and be back on track very soon. We have persevered through the hardest moments, and are optimistic about the future of the Nexus Newspaper at this time.

On the more positive end, we were successful in installing new windows for our outdoor boxes in the past year and have had a lot of student interaction at our campaign tables. Nexus has become more visible and solidified as a student service that is here to stay. And that is largely in part due to you.

All of you attending today, all our staffers, board members, and volunteers are what keeps us going even when times are tough. Your time and dedication to Nexus allows us to provide opportunities for you and for students of the future. You are the most important part of what we do here, and I'd like to thank you so very much for being involved.

The past year has seen its fair share of peaks and valleys here at Nexus. But we are optimistically looking forward to the opportunities the future brings while working towards becoming the best we can possibly be. That's my promise to you, and to every student interested in journalism on campus.

We will persevere. Always.

Yours truly,
Celina Lessard, President NPS