

**Email to the campus community
October 21, 2021**

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to invite your participation in the consultation process for StFX's new Academic Plan. The Academic Priorities and Planning committee of Senate is leading the exercise to develop an academic plan, which will identify the academic priorities of StFX for the next five years. As we await the appointment of a new Academic Vice President & Provost, APP will continue to consult and gather feedback through the coming year.

StFX's Academic Plan must be informed by the experiences, ideas, and aspirations of the members of our community. As such, there are a variety of ways that you can participate. Below you will find registration links to sign up for upcoming consultation sessions.

1. Review the background information.

The [AVP website](#) has a variety of resources gathered to inform conversation about academic planning. In particular, the [StFX Academic Plan Discussion Document](#) introduces some key issues.

A link to a recording of one of President Hakin's recent sessions, "Forming a Vision for our Future – A discussion about the next Strategic Plan," will be shared on the AVP website in the coming days. The presentation explains the relationship between the StFX Academic Plan and StFX's Strategic Plan. Dr. Hakin also presents his ideas for possible future directions for StFX.

2. Attend a joint consultation session: STFX Academic Plan + Student Experience and Opportunity Plan.

We are coordinating with the Office of the VP (Students) to offer joint sessions on specific topics that overlap academic and student life issues. Feedback collected at these sessions will inform both the Academic Plan and the StFX Student Experience and Opportunities Plan, which is also in development. All StFX faculty, staff and students are welcome to participate.

Registration is required. To register, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3FTLeUO>

Session Date/Time	Discussion Topic	Location
Thu. Oct 21 from 1pm-2:30pm	Experiential and Co-Curricular Learning	Dennis Hall – Coady 120
Mon. Oct 25 from 2:30pm-4:00pm	Student Mental Health and Well-being	Dennis Hall – Coady 120
Wed. Oct 27 from 2:00pm – 3:30 pm	Distance Learning	TBA
Tue. Nov 2 from 2:30pm-4pm	First Year Experience	Dennis Hall – Coady 120

3. Attend an Academic Plan consultation session.

These small group discussion sessions for faculty and staff will explore ideas introduced in the [StFX Academic Plan Discussion Document](#). Some of these sessions were offered in June; we are now offering eight additional sessions.

Each session focuses on three of the six issues introduced in the Discussion Document. You are invited to attend both types of sessions, or alternatively, you may opt to complete the survey (see below) to provide thoughts on the other topics. To allow time for conversation, we are limiting the number of participants. **You must pre-register at the links below:**

Group A Topics for Discussion			
Goals of a StFX Education			
Teaching innovation			
Academic Support Services			
Date	time	location	Registration Link
Tuesday, October 26	2:15-3:45	Dennis Hall (Coady 120)	https://forms.gle/vUUX5q7kK2pmSGjX7
Monday, November 1	1:15-2:45	Vegso (Coady 150)	https://forms.gle/Gq61GUQ7ZCekm911A
Monday, November 15	10:15-11:45	Vegso (Coady 150)	https://forms.gle/Q27MLhE1HqMjg9MTZ
Thursday, November 18	10:15 to 11:45	Vegso (Coady 150)	https://forms.gle/QAjqxkgm5ibJBKcM9

Group B Topics for Discussion			
Supporting Existing programs			
Developing new programs			
Academic experience across campus			
Date	time	location	Registration Link
Friday, October 29	10-11:30	Vegso (Coady 150)	https://forms.gle/C5AHvgUMb6eZfRDB6
Monday, November 8 (reading week)	10:30 to 12	Vegso (Coady 150)	https://forms.gle/Y5hMJnhtp12ygzFJ7
Wednesday, November 17	2:30-4pm	Dennis Hall (Coady 120)	https://forms.gle/mD2GZHv5joKK5PXk8
Friday, November 19	9:15-10:45	Vegso (Coady 150)	https://forms.gle/VbuuhbEKtPsbjk5X8

4. Complete the Academic Plan Survey

Members of the community may also submit ideas by completing the Academic Plan Survey. The survey is based on the questions introduced in the Discussion Document and addressed in the Consultation Sessions. The survey will allow you to supplement the ideas about the topics discussed at the session you attended or add your ideas additional topics. The survey is available [here](#).

More opportunities coming:

- We are cooperating with the Student's Union and to offer consultation sessions and a survey for students.
- After APP has had a chance to consolidate the feedback collected during this round of consultation, they will consider adding additional consultation sessions on issues that need more discussion.

In conclusion:

The development of an Academic Plan as part of a University-wide Strategic Plan is a very important exercise that has the potential to significantly affect the future direction of academic programming at StFX. I hope that you will take this opportunity to provide your input into this process in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

Timothy W. Hynes, PhD
Academic Vice President & Provost (Acting)