

Minutes for KSU Council of Students

King's Students' Union 2015-2016
Sunday, November 15, 2015, 10:00am
Boardroom, 2nd floor A&A Building

Voting Members Present:

Non-Voting Members Present:

Regrets:

Zoe Brimacombe

Call to order 10:06 am

The chair recognizes that the meeting is taking place on unneeded traditional Mi'lmaw territory.

Alex Bryant likes labour day.

Sofia Zaman likes Eid.

Hannah Kaya likes Purim.

Brennan doesn't know his favourite holiday.

Emma really likes take your kid to work day.

Melina Zaccariah likes Christmas. She isn't a huge holiday fanatic.

Nate Winsor likes thanksgiving, lots of food.

Alex McVittie likes Christmas.

Edward, from CSP, isn't really a holiday person.

Matthew, from CSP, is a fan of the statutory holiday.

Ryan Kavanagh likes the bridge between Halloween and Christmas.

Joy Shand likes Chrsitmas, she thinks.

Kristen Thompson likes Bastille Day.

Aidan McNally likes Easter, purely because of the idea of chocolate hidden around is very exciting to her.

Gwendolyn said her favourite holiday was her birthday, because she treated it as such.

Taylor Syracuse said his favourite holiday is independence day. The one against the aliens, not the one against the British.

1. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda is approved with unanimous consent.

2. Approval of Minutes from November 1st, 2015

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3. Oral Reports and Goals of Councillors

Taylor Syracuse said not much to report on the Board of Governor's end. Something unrelated to the Board of Governor representative is a councillor duty. He has been talking to Alex Bryant about renting out a locker for wine and cheese events for societies. Capital purchases such as wine glasses, plates, cheese knives etc. would help societies host better events without relying on Sodexo.

Brennan McCracken said he attended a finance committee meeting, which was fun. He will reach out to MFA students with Kristen to fulfill his mandate to talk to underrepresented students. He forwarded along the tuition fee letter from a few weeks ago to Stephen Kimber, the director of MFA, who will pass it along. HE talked to Alec Bryant about executive activities and said it was good.

Melina Zaccariah helped organize the Wall of Women, which was successful. She attended the DASS meeting and found out that all of the emails you send out are technically property of Dalhousie, so be wary. They also talked about how to make the arts program more diverse. Ideas floated around such as listing courses that touch upon diversity. Mel says she will keep us posted. DASS also voted in favour of divestment, which she says is exciting.

Alex asks what the vote means, if there is an endowment. Mel says she isn't sure and will get back to the council.

Nate Winsor has been trying to talk to science students, with varied success. He has talked to the registrar to get a list of all science student emails. He was able to draft out an email with his contact info, which will be sent out to science students soon. He said that there is also a small following on the King's Science Facebook group. He said he has been looking at possible dates for study snacks. Learned more about Melanie Frappier's scientist event, and he is excited for possible speakers. Nate said there has been some miscommunication for the science representative's role on the King's Science Society.

Ryan Kavanagh asked if the roundtable is open to everybody, Nate said yes.

Ryan Kavanagh said it has been a little slow. A lot of people left during the long break and events are still up in the air. Not a whole lot has happened.

Hannah Kaya asked if he received feedback form the envelopes he put up around campus. He said not yet. Ryan also said that if he does receive questions, maybe the creation of a blog where they can be answered in an anonymous way.

Joy Shand said the DSS has been having a quiet week, which is nice after feeling a little burnt out. The DSS GM is planned for this coming Wednesday in the Wardroom at 2:30pm, and would love to see everybody there. She said that there was a day student who got into an accident on a bike. To help commuters stay safe, the DSS has 50 reflective strips and 50 reflective gloves to be given away tomorrow. There have been some exciting comments made on the survey, and she will have a draft sent out soon. The holiday soirée is being planned in conjunction with the jewish society, which will be a time of crafts and drink specials.

Kirsten Leigh-Ann Thompson said that she plans on reaching out to the one year and two year journalism students to get their voice heard on campus. She also is working with KMHAC (King's Mental Health Awareness Collective) by being an outlet for the first year journalism students. The journalism society has been doing well, they took a tour with CTV, and are skipping with a famous journalist tomorrow to chat.

4. Reports of the Executive Committee (attached)

4.1 Report of the President

Alex Bryant sent a letter to LAE, saying the motion passed at the Board is not consistent with the intentions the LAE set forth. Alex Bryant said the registrar predictions of enrolment next year are 250, which he will talk to Julie about regarding how realistic that figure is. Presidential Search Committee is doing interviews next week. One of the things that he wanted to do during his term as President was developing an HR policy, which he started working on during the summer time. He is starting to get back into doing that now, to submit to BRC around January for review.

4.2 Report of the Vice-President (Student Life)

Alex McVittie said she has finished five weeks of midterm, and has been able to focus on more union related things. She has created a master calendar to schedule their events on, with the intention to plan ahead and plan around other societies. The athletic wear is underway, and will hopefully be here around December. Julie, the registrar, suggested Alex get academic committee underway to discuss the new statistics on enrolment and retention. Campus Master Planning committee meetings are going well, and it seems like the feedback is being taken seriously, with tangible change.

4.3 Report of the Vice-President (Financial)

Aidan met with the College Finance, Risk and Audit Meeting. They went over plans to renovate North Pole Bay and the cost of those endeavours. There was also a report on the King's Archives. The question of accessibility to students was brought up, and whether the archives benefitted students. Financial Year ends 2013 have been completed. The discussion regarding Chorus is continuing, with Aidan meeting with Adrienne and Chorus Representatives in the near future. Applications for Grad Week Coordinators are open today, with applications open all week. The Grad Week Coordinators plan the events and grad present. Applications can be picked up outside the KSU office. Travel Bursary policy draft was brought to finance committee, and whether the amount of \$100 is enough to provide incentive for students to apply and travel. Aidan will look into the trend in past years for how the travel bursaries have been used.

4.5 Report of the Vice-President (External)

Hannah Kaya said students have been at the fore incubating sexualized violence and assault on campus. In response to some comments made by Minister of LAE Kelly Reagan, students have demonstrated support for Bill 114, calling for universities to develop comprehensive sexual assault policy. Avalon will be partnering with universities across Halifax to screen “The Hunting Ground”: a documentary about sexual violence on university campuses in the US, with more details to follow. In preparation for the national CFS general meeting, Hannah said she will be reaching out to students to find out their thoughts on different CFS campaigns, such as Mental Health Matters. The Blanket excrete will be able to be held on campus, with dates to follow. Newfoundland and Labrador is asking for support to keep their tuition freeze via social media. Sustainability King’s organized an action for Bill 111, combating environmental racism. As more details of the recent events in Paris, Beirut and Baghdad, Hannah asked that we try to actively build a better world in which

4.5 Report of the Vice-President (Communications)

CKDU Board is meeting soon. By Law Review Committee met, and was efficient. The academic calendar for King’s s being updated, and Sofia is editing the Union portion of it.

5. Action Items

5.1 BIRT the Janus Cooperative be ratified for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Moved by Alex McVittie

Alex removed this motion from last council because she didn’t quite understand it. She explained it as a “Room of Requirement”, with events being whatever the membership wants to do. They advertise themselves as an event planning society, to help other societies.

Nate asks if they help societies plan events, and Alex said yes, they can help societies with events, or just plan events on their own.

Nate asked if this would increase the level of bureaucracy, for example, if a society doesn’t get a successful funding request, does that mean the Janus Cooperative can step in. Aidan replied saying that isn’t really an issue because societies in the past have run joint events.

Joy asked if this society feels like an infringement to Alex’s duties, and she said no. She doesn’t help with events and this society fills that gap.

Taylor raised concern about people coming to Janus and possibly hosting events that are inappropriate in the views of the union.

Alex Bryant moves to table the motion until next council and invite the members who brought this society to council and ask them the questions raised here.

5.2 BIRT the King’s/NSCAD Fine Arts Society be ratified for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Moved by Alex McVittie

Alex McVittie said that this society aims to bridge King’s Students and NSCAD Students, with weekly general meetings to discuss art and possible collective art projects.

Hannah Kaya asked if they are ratifying with SUNSCAD. Alex said she is unsure but will ask.

The motion is adopted.

5.3 BIRT CSP Society receive \$568.86 in non-contingent funding for a colloquium on translation held on November 26th, 2015.

Moved by Aidan McNally

Finance Committee recommends amendment

Aidan said this funding request is for a colloquium, and invites the members of the CSP Society present at council to speak to this.

Edward Martins said that Chris Elson just finished a translation, and Sarah Clift has just received the first edition of a book that she has published. There will be a reception afterwards with cheese, crackers and wine.

Aidan said that the wine and cheese is approximately \$81. The amendment comes from the costs of wine from the waryd, which was a little cheaper than anticipated. The funding also covers honorarium, for which there is precedent in past colloquium. The funding request also calls for \$25 for a poster design. Aidan said that this relates to an earlier conversation of the finance committee in which paying for art is a capital purchase, which would not be allowed. The fact that this has come up several times means that this is a broader conversation.

Aidan McNally motioned to amend the motion by replacing \$568.86 with \$507.36.

The amendment is adopted

Alex Bryant asked what the balance is for the CSP bank account. Matthew said that the balance is around \$400, and raised questions about why there are monthly fees with society accounts.

The motion is adopted as amended.

5.4 BIRT the CSP Society receive \$911.95 in non-contingent funding to cover printing costs for 130 copies of Hinge.

Moved by Aidan McNally

Finance Committee recommends approval

This is the second of three funding requests from the CSP Society. Hinge is the academic journal released by the CSP Society. Aidan McNally said we have three large societies, and they each realize an academic journal. She asked if the society executives have anything to add. Edward said that they have looked at different places to do what is being asked, and this is probably the best price out there. Matthew said that this is the same company as last year, and the final produce was good.

The motion is adopted.

5.5 BIRT the CSP Society receive \$550.00 in non-contigent funding for 110 Drink tickets for the "Lost Century" party hosted on November 21st, 2015.

Moved by Aidan McNally

Finance Committee does not recommend approval

This would be a combined event with the EMSP Society to see who really was the owner of the 18th century. Finance Committee found that there wasn't sufficient information from this funding request. Aidan said she sent a lengthy email to the organizers and got some answers about the event itself. The event is geared to be an icebreaker between second year students. The concerns were around two things. Firstly, the supply of drink tickets, and the good faith of this event. They also haven't booked the wardroom for this Saturday event and no advertising has been happening. Edward Martins asked to defend the motion. The event, he said, may be postponed to November 28th. All the drink tickets were given to Sharon Browne, who has a list of CSP and EMSP students eligible for the tickets.

Nate asked if there would be a reduced attendance because the colloquium happens 2 days before, and the events are similar in nature. He also asked why HOST wasn't asked about the involvement.

Edward answered that the EMSP and CSP collaboration was done without him, and done a while ago.

Joy asked what would happen to the leftover drink tickets. Edward said he can't speak to that.

Taylor echoed the sentiment of Nate, and talked about how staffing the Wardroom on a weekend was a difficult task and likely not accepted 6 days out of the event.

Alex Bryant said that the solution may be to speak against the motion, and considering how there have been no advertisements, no bookings and late ticket distribution, this event will not go well. He said that this is a good idea and there is no point in putting effort into an event that will flop. He suggested voting down the motion, with the CSP exec meeting with Aidan to plan an event and submit a funding request.

Matthew said that he agreed with the concerns brought by council, and said he wanted to get a discussion about this going.

Alex Bryant said that there are \$20 000 in society funding. He said that we should focus on giving this money to societies to host as many cool events as possible, and hopes to see Aidan McNally and Alex McVittie working with societies to navigate event planning and funding requests.

Aidan McNally said she appreciated the CSP Exec coming out, even though it wasn't there funding request

The motion is defeated.

Nate Winsor abstains.

5.6 BIRT Le Salon receive \$30.00 in contingent funding for snacks for four meetings.

Moved by Aidan McNally

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Aidan McNally said she feels more than comfortable giving Le Salon the funding, and said that they get the award for the most adorable society.

The motion is adopted.

5.7 BIRT Fiona Westin's resignation from the position of Day Student Representative be accepted.

Gwendolyn reads out a letter from Fiona Westin. She said that she is unable to commit the necessary time to her position, and thanks everyone for all she has learnt. Gwen said that voting this through would mean that her position would no longer count towards council and would go onto the DSS Society to find a replacement.

Alex Bryant asked if there is a replacement in mind. Joy said that no there is not, because the day students live so far, and it's hard to make it out to council. Alex Bryant said that this has happened 3 times since he has been on council, and said that Sofia Zaman and Joy Shand should discuss the role of DSS on council.

Taylor Syracuse asked if there is a first year representative. Joy said that there is a member who is interested, but hasn't been able to make it to the meetings.

6. New Business

Alex Bryant asked if councillors thought it would be worth looking into having coffee at council. Sofia Zaman asked for tea.

Taylor Syracuse said he would love for everybody to come over to his house for dinner. Alex Bryant suggests that he posts in the Facebook group.

Alex Bryant motions to adjourn. Ryan Kavanagh seconds the motion.

Adjournment 11:43 am

Next meeting: Saturday November 28th , 2015, 10:00am (Location TBA)