



Voting Members Present:

Julia-Simone Rutgers – BOG Rep
Brennan McCracken – KSU President
Marie Dolcetti Koros – VP External
Lianne Xiao – VP Student Life
Zoë Brimacombe – VP Finance
Cassie Hayward – Communication VP
Riel Tetreault – First Year Rep
Daniel Witten – BOG Rep
Jacob Baker-Kretzmar – Member at Large
Lucia Helder – Residence Rep
Frances Grace Fyfe – Science Rep

Non-voting Members Present:

Maggie Dingwell – Scribe
Charlotte Sullivan – Chair

Call to order at 10:18 a.m.

The chair recognized that the meeting is taking place on unceded traditional Mi'kmaq territory.

1. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda is adopted.

2. Approval of Minutes from April 2nd, 2017

The minutes are approved.

3. Oral Reports and Goals of Councillors (15 minutes)

Julia-Simone said she had nothing to report.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar had nothing to report.

Daniel Witten had nothing to report.

Frances Grace Fyfe had nothing to report.

Cedric Blais said the Beer with Bill event went well. The DSS is looking for other ways to use their special designation for next year.

Lucia Helder said there has been an issue with students misusing materials provided, especially kitchen materials. She said she is working on making announcements during O-Week on respecting your spaces.

Riel Tetreault said he is still pushing FYP shirt orders.

4. Reports of the Executive Committee (oral)

4.1 Report of the President

Brennan McCracken said the school has committed to the KSU's food demands. The Union will continue to work to make sure students have access to affordable and local food.

4.2 Report of the Student Life Vice President

Lianne Xiao said the CUBE search committee found it's two CUBE coordinators. She has also been working on hiring O-Week leaders. Student and Society appreciation night went well.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asked if the SVP always participated in O-Week leader interviews. Lianne and Brennan said yes.

4.3 Report of the Financial Vice President

Zoë Brimacombe said that she wrote and distributed the honoraria cheques this week.

4.4 Report of the External Vice President

Marie Dolcetti Koros said she has been tabling for the open letter for consent culture on campus. The Canadian Federation of Students Nova Scotia had a meeting the other day where they brainstormed for the year ahead.

4.5 Report of the Communications Vice President

Cassie Hayward said she is keeping TWAK boards updated and working on the Scribe search committee.

5. Reports from Union Hired Positions (CRO, SCRIBE, CUBE, CHAIR)

Cassie Hayward delivered the CRO report.

Hannah McDougall said she felt supported by the Union. She believes there are ways the elections can be improved. There was a calendar error and an extended nomination period, but overall it was a good election period. Although the communications VP provided good support, developing a communications strategy is essential. This is something they worked on for the Spring elections. Hannah described how she felt the strike system worked well and ways it did not work.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asked about the full report and if this was the report given before the general meeting. The Chair said yes.

Cassie Hayward delivered the SCRIBE report.

Charlotte Sullivan passed chairing privileges to Zoë Brimacombe to allow Charlotte to deliver the report of the Chair.

Charlotte Sullivan said she is excited for the work in the coming year. Charlotte said there were some issues with the minutes from the fall 2015 General Meeting. She said she believes that the Chair should be the first point of contact with procedure issues. Failures in communication are what Charlotte sees as the main issue.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asked to clarify Hannah McDougall's recommendations for the bylaw review committee and how the KSU will work to make sure the recommendations are not forgotten since they were rejected. Charlotte Sullivan said there they will work over the summer to make sure the original recommendations from Hannah are not lost.

Zoë Brimacombe returned chairing privileges to Charlotte Sullivan

6. Action Items

6.1 BIRT _____ and _____ be hired as the CUBE coordinators for the 2017/2018 academic year.

Moved by Lianne Xiao as recommended by the CUBE Search Committee.

Lianne Xiao moved to fill in the blanks with Ellen Zagar and Cooper Toogood. Ellen had a lot of ideas and spotted some issues with CUBE this year. Cooper was very enthusiastic.

Brennan McCracken said he is happy with the candidates being brought forward.

The blanks are filled by unanimous consent.

The motion is passed.

6.2 BIRT _____ be hired as the Scribe for the 2017/2018 academic year.

Moved by Cassie Hayward as recommended by the Scribe Search Committee.

Cassie Hayward said that the Scribe Search Committee met twice over the last week and is excited to recommend Michael Greenlaw. He sees this position as a launching point to get involved with the KSU.

The blank is filled with unanimous consent.

The motion is passed.

6.3 BIRT _____, _____, and _____ be appointed to the Staff Person Review & Search Committee.

Moved by Jacob Baker-Kretzmar

Brennan McCracken said this is a committee of the Union that does annual reviews. He said it slipped his mind that this was a committee that needed to be filled this year. He moved to table this motion because he feels there was a lack of advertising on the positions.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar spoke against tabling the motion. He said this committee is the only body that can deal with feedback on the staff positions. He feels a lack of advertising is a reason to make sure there is better advertising in the future, but not table the motion.

Zoë Brimacombe spoke in favour of tabling the motion. She said that even if people have reached out privately to friends, the lack of advertising concerns her. The review of contracts happened in the fall last year so electing people to this committee can wait until the next meeting. She said this committee has no ability to discipline staff and only makes recommendations to council.

Brennan McCracken said he does not feel comfortable electing a committee where people have only reached out to other privately. He does not want the KSU to become insular.

Daniel Witten asked if there was a mandate that committee members have to sit for a full year, or if council can elect someone for the summer. Brennan said that as the supervisor of the staff people he feels comfortable taking the concerns and suggestions until the committee is elected.

Lucia Helder said she does not think the Union should be made of council members and their friends.

Julia-Simone Rutgers said the review of positions should happen before contract renewal.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asked if the contract renewal already happened. Brennan McCracken said yes. Jacob asked if the President can renew contracts without council approval. The Chair said yes.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar moved to go camera at 10:55 a.m.

Returned from camera at 11:23 a.m.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar motioned for recess at 11:24 a.m.

Returned from recess at 11:29 a.m.

The motion is tabled.

7. New Business

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar recommends a motion. 7.1 BIRT the president present a report to the bylaw review committee no later than the last council meeting of 2017, making recommendations concerning a formal complaint process for the union.

Jacob said this motion would ensure these recommendations happens.

Riel Tetreault asked happens if this motion passed. Jacob Baker-Kretzmar said it holds the President to account.

The motions is passed.

Brennan McCracken said this is the last council meeting for the year.

Cassie Hayward reminded councillors to send her their year end report.

8. Adjournment

Lianne Xiao motioned to adjourn.

Adjournment at 11:34 a.m.