



Agenda for the Spring General Meeting

King's Students' Union 2011/2012

March 29th, 2012, 7:00 pm

HMCS Wardroom

1.1 Call to Order

7:05PM

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Moved by Nick Stark

Seconded by Michaela Sam

Judy Booth moved to move 1.4 to move between 1.5.10 and 1.5.11

Seconded by Dan Brown

1.3 Approval of Minutes

Vote on motion

Motion passed

1.4 Reports

a. Nick Stark, President

b. Noah White, Vice President (Student Life)

c. Quinn Harrington, Vice President (Financial)

d. Omri Haiven, Vice President (External)

e. Michaela Sam, Vice President (Communications)

1.5 Action items

Item 1.5.1

BIRT if quorum is lost, the items on this General Meeting's agenda will be discussed at the next meeting of council.

Moved by Mr. Nick Stark

Seconded by Judy Booth

Motion passed.

Noah amends to change the word *discussed* to *referred*

Seconded by Judy Booth

Motion passed.

Item 1.5.1 amended.

Round of applause for John Adams

Item 1.5.2

BIRT the tentative 2012-2013 King's Students' Union Budget be approved.

Moved by Mr. Quinn Harrington

Seconded by Stefanie Bliss

Motion passed.

Mr. Quinn Harrington: We are looking to eliminate some UHP's that are unnecessary. They want to build up more savings so they have more money for the galley. Raised Salary of John because he has put in a lot of hard work. The budget is tentative and is able to be changed at the Fall Meeting. The Frosh week coordinators will not receive an honorarium any longer. There will be an elimination of office management because we already have John Adams to do this. Yearbook editor is in consideration of being removed, perhaps it could be handled in a different way and the \$1200 honorarium can be removed. There is a possibility of a Garden coordinator being added with \$500 honorarium. Committees: increased the internal budget by \$500 because it allows Noah White to put on events for SLVP and we don't have to pay him. We are reducing the Awards budget to \$750. Campaigns have been reduced to \$1000 because of the levees. Summer events is removed - there are no summer events! Sustainability has been reduced to \$400 and will be discussed later on in the meeting, only \$130 has been spent so far. Wardroom insurance -

\$2400 off the budget line because John does the bookkeeping now. The yearbook editor position has been eliminated because it is not beneficial this brings in \$2150. We don't have to pay a set-up fee for the Canteen because they're already set up. We do have to pay 5 times the canteen set up fee in the case of repairs. Nick Gall did a lot of excellent work by doing the research of everything that was going on to prepare for what could be cut this year.

Ms. Stefanie Bliss: I am wondering about reducing the frosh week coordinators honorarium to \$0. Do you think this will reduce how well the work is done and is it fair?

Mr. Noah White: We ended up with a surplus of about \$14000 (?), the frosh week events do not have to be over the top. The positions, responsibilities, and finances will be changed which will be discussed later. This is being tested as of right now. They are hopefully receiving money in April instead of September so that there will be money for things to be purchased through the summer.

Mr. Dan Brown: Do you and Quinn feel comfortable that these financial settings will keep the coordinators happy and they won't set an outrageous honorarium for them to receive?

Mr. Noah White: They would be unable to set their own honorarium!

Mr. David Etherington: Moving on.

Mr. Omri Haiven: I would like to amend the budget in terms of the sustainability from 500 to 900 for the 2012-2013 year. King's values sustainability so it deserves the budget allocation of 1000 dollars, so this is equal to the same amount as Campus Safety. Sustainability is an issue on campus and this should be kept in priority within the budget.

Mr. Quinn Harrington: \$900 is what sustainability deserves, this is practical. I would like to see things begin to happen.

Mr. Dan Brown: Emma Norton, is that number of \$900 adequate?

Emma Norton: They have already spent more than \$500 already and still have more money to be spent in terms of the King's Express.

Mr. Dan Brown: Campaigns to do with sustainability require money.

Mr. Taylor Saracuse: Is there any reason that allocating the funds is beneficial to other campaigns? Are you alleviating the stress by raising this?

Mr. Omri Haiven: We are trying to make sure that the money is allocated so that money is spent places that are necessary. We cannot look at the three budget lines alone, it is important to distribute money where the need is. The money used for sustainability is better than having it in a lump sum of a hundred campaigns.

Mr. Mike Murphy: Do you have any idea how much has been spent before?

Mr. Noah White: It was less than 400 and they were trying to find ways to spend money.

Mr. Dan Brown: Traditionally there has been less money spent but it is a very new position and is just getting on its feet and we have to look on the long scale of things.

Vote.

The motion passes.

Ms. Stephanie Duchon: Motion to change Internal Committee to Student Life Committee.

Motioned by Stephanie Duchon

Seconded by Jake Eiding.

Ms. Stephanie Duchon: It provides less confusion and follows what we've done in the past and makes it clear to students that we care about student life.

Vote.

Motion passes.

The Internal Committee is now called the Student Life Committee.

Mr. Mike Murphy: Quinn, how much do we have left in investments?

Mr. Quinn Harrington: Nothing after we square up with The Galley.

Mr. Mike Murphy: What will we do?

Mr. Quinn Harrington: We have money through Scotiabank

Mr. Mike Murphy: We still have assets with Scotiabank?

Mr. Quinn Harrington: There is still money in the account!!

Mr. Gabe Hoogers: You're doing a good job! Wondering about the Garden Coordinator? It is \$500 as opposed to a regular UHP of 250? If we are passing the budget we should discuss.

Ms. Emma Wolfe: it should be \$500 because it represents a different sort of commitment, it is an incredibly regular schedule. It will take an immense amount of time all summer, 10 hours a week.

Mr. Dan Brown: Is this the right time to debate the Garden Coordinator? Should we support this now or just further on?

Mr. Dan Brown motions to table the budget

Seconded by Mike Murphy

Motion to move 1.5.2 until after 1.5.8

Nick calls a question on the budget to approve the budget.

Seconded by Mike Murphy.

Vote on the budget: one changing the sustainability to \$900, second is to change the Internal Committee to Student Life Committee.

Vote.

Budget passes.

Item 1.5.3

BIRT the members-at-large for the Constitutional Review Committee for the 2012-13 academic year be:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

Moved by Ms. Michaela Sam

Seconded by Braedon Jones

Ms. Michaela Sam: Sits as 3 members at large; deals specifically with the constitution and amending it. It is serious and need to meet a number of times.

Mr. David Etherington: informal process of voting will commence now.

Nominees:

Jake Eidinger

Stephanie Duchon

Anna Dubinski

Anna Bishop

Addy Shoichet

Mr. Jake Eidinger: I am CRO right now, and running elections he noticed a few problems with the constitution. Boy that constitution, it's a doozy!

Ms. Stephanie Duchon: I have noticed that there were problems and have a wide knowledge of the KSU and have involved myself a lot. I am a stickler for how things are done and will get everyone's ass in line.

Ms. Stefanie Bliss: Anna Dubinski was the first year rep, then the SLVP. She is perfect for the job, she created all the governing documents of the Galley, she is incredibly dedicated.

Ms. Anna Bishop: I was CVP last year, I know the constitution and where it is lacking.

Mr. David Etherington: Addy Shoichet is a society executive, and they are influenced by the governing documents. This is important because it is mostly societies and how they exist and function. You have people who are good with words, you want someone who is focused, and she is the editor of the Philistine so she is perfect wordsmith-er.

Mr. Jake Eidinger: 39

Ms. Stephanie Duchon: 16

Ms. Anna Dubinski: 35

Ms. Anna Bishop: 12
Ms. Addy Shoichet: ?

Motioned by Taylor Saracuse
Seconded by Braedon Jones

The positions of the CRC are filled by Mr. Jake Eidinger, Ms. Anna Dubinski and Ms. Addy Shoichet, with Steph Duchon as an alternative.

Vote.
Passed.

Item 1.5.5

BIRT the members of the Elections Committee for the 2012-13 academic year be:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____
1. _____ (alternate)
2. _____ (alternate)

Moved by Ms. Michaela Sam
Seconded by Taylor Saracuse

Ms. Michaela Sam: One who fills this position needs to have the time and ability to enforce elections and voting. They must be involved and dedicate themselves.

Ms. Rose Gottheil
Ms. Anne White
Mr. Kieran Leavitt
Mr. Eyo Ewara
Mr. Oliver Burrows
Ms. Kayla Fells
Ms. Karen Gross
Ms. Erin McKinnon

Ms. Michaela Sam: Rose is in her first year, she sits on elections committee currently. She is insanely organized and is looking to be more involved.

Ms. Pearl Chan: Anne White is a delightful person, she would be an awesome person! She sat on the election committee.

Mr. Braeden Jones: Kieran volunteered to help with elections and record B00's, his involvement is increasing and helped with the Fish Bowl.

Eyo sits on the committee currently, he is extremely reliable and well known.

Mr. Oliver Burrows: I am a visible member of the King's community, and I am all about equality and am very well organized.

Ms. Kayla Fells: I am well known in the community, I love right on campus which helps get the word out.

Ms. Karen Gross: I know all about elections, and I have wanted to get involved but haven't had the opportunity.

Ms. Erin McKinnon: I was a campus tour guide and I want to promote voting to the first years. I come to all the meetings (I even enjoy them!!) and would love to get more involved with the KSU.

Rose: 45
Anne: 45
Kieran: 25
Ayo: 43
Oliver: 34
Kayla: 19
Karen: 31
Erin: 34

Ms. Rose Gottheil, Ms. Anne White, Mr. Kieran Levitt, Mr. Eyo Ewara, Mr. Oliver Burrows, Ms. Kayla Fells, Ms. Karen Gross and Ms. Erin McKinnon will sit on committee, Mr. Kieran Leavitt and Ms. Kayla Fells will be alternates.

Taylor moves to amend the votes.
Seconded by Jake Eidinger.

Abstentions: Ms. Rose Gottheil, Ms. Anne White, Mr. Kieran Levitt, Mr. Eyo Ewara, Mr. Oliver Burrows, Ms. Kayla Fells, Ms. Karen Gross and Ms. Erin McKinnon

Vote.
1.5.5 passes.

Item 1.5.6

BIRT the members-at-large for the Environmental Affairs Committee for the 2012-13 academic year be:

- a. _____
- b. _____

Moved by Mr. Omri Haiven
Seconded by Oliver Burrows

Mr. Omri Haiven: It is important to have reps for this committee because they formulate policies. It is different from Sustainability King's because they look at how to formulate plans in the long term.

Mr. Omri Haiven: The time commitment for this is an hour or two a week if that. If you wish to take it on as a project he would be willing to work with the position like this.

Nominations:
Annika Roberts-Stahlbran 27
Heather Brimbcombe 4
Juliana Lufkin 15
Anna Bishop 16
Lucy Dhykis 10

Ms. Anika Stahlbran: I've always been really interested in environment and am involved with SHP and likes long term planning things.

Mr. Omri Haiven: Heather has been a member of Sustainability Kings for the past year and is extremely educated.

Mr. Omri Haiven: Juliana is very involved in King's express and is very hard working.

Ms. Anna Bishop: I am taking classes on policies and am very hard working and they fit well together.

Ms. Lucy Dhykis: She understands how to formulate policy and is in sustainability.

Ms. Stephanie Bliss calls quorum, the names will not be standing at the next meeting.

Item 1.5.7

BIRT the Day Student member-at-large for the Campus Safety Committee for the 2012-13 academic year be:

- a. _____

Moved by Mr. Omri Haiven

Item 1.5.8

BIRT a Summer Garden Coordinator be hired for the 2011-2012 academic summer term on a trial basis. BIFRT the student to fill the position be recommended to Council by a search committee made up of the Vice President Student Life, _____ and _____. BIRT that at the end of the Summer Garden Coordinator's term, the same search committee draft a report on the effectiveness of the position and making recommendations to its further continuation, to be approved by council no later than October 1st. BIFRT the position be posted visibly on the KSU Bulletin Board for no less than 5 business days. BIRT the position be supervised by the Vice President Student Life.

Moved by Mr. Noah White

Seconded by Taylor Saracuse

Mr. Noah White: This will be the third year that we have attempted to have a Garden Coordinator. Emma did a fantastic job over the summer, now we have the Summer Garden Coordinator to try to keep it going. The Search Committee is here ready to look for candidates. It will be reviewed on Oct. 1st.

Ms. Emma Wolfe: The Student Horticulturalists have been organizing how the plan is going to run and what is going to happen. This position is an incredible opportunity and creates opportunities in the fall as well. They will start running in September. The work put in is a lot and it deserves the \$500 because of the time put into it. They have a plan for what Nick Hatt's backyard will look like and it is circulating.

Mr. Nick Stark: A similar process has been instated by the sustainability

Mr. Andrew Jantzen: Speaking to the amount: at NSPIRG they have a garden and they have a grant. It is a full time position, it takes a lot of work. 500 is not very much, definitely do not go down from that. It would be an opportunity to collaborate.

Ms. Emily: Huge opportunity for students: imagine pumpkins ready to be carved in October! It is an opportunity to develop skills for Urban Agriculture which is growing. It is very important to kings.

Mr. Dan Brown: it will produce food.. are you confident it will produce food for September?

Student Hoard of Culturists: It will produce potatoes, carrots, and parsnips and will be available for student use by September.

Mr. Omri Haiven: I'm a big fan of food, I eat it three or more times a day. I want to ask whether we can amend for the position to be for two people?

Mr. David Etherington: It has to be amended by the spotty. This has to be done now or at another meeting of this body.

Ms. Pearl Chan: Is the point of the garden to start other gardens amongst the students?

Student Horticulturalists: There is already an official club at King's and they run a workshop on how to grow your own crops. It will be a trial position just for the summer but may be looked at in the future.

Ms. Pearl Chan: What's the difference between getting paid and the volunteers?

Student Hoard of Culturists: The position would be the person organizing the garden and also organizing events over the summer and making sure there are volunteers. And also decide who gets food.

Ms. Erin McKinnon: Would it be distributed through KAFCA or through the specific society?

Student Hoard of Culturists: They will hopefully work with KAFCA. Hopefully it will lower their budget and help them realize the importance of urban gardening.

Mr. Asher Goldstein: Can I motion to amend item 1.5.8 for it to be it resolved one person at \$500 or two people at \$250?

BIRT the description will say one person at \$500 or two people at \$250.

Seconded by Ashen Burn

Mr. Asher Goldstein: \$500 can make the students committed, happy and is not a large amount. It makes it easier to do the job at hand.

Mr. Nick Stark: It is a volunteer basis; they can choose whether they deserve the honorarium.

Ms. Emily: The duties of the Garden is crucial to spending the time organizing the garden and volunteers.

Ms. Emma Wolfe: Following up on Nick's point, it is a trial run to see if people can do this and make it happy. And whether it is viable.

Ms. Emma Norton: As Garden Coordinator last year, it takes a lot of work to organize people together. The work they have done in the garden already is incredible and it is set up for success.

Seconded for calling the question was Jake Eidinger
Amendment passes.

Ms. Kathleen Kelly: Can you please speak more to the ideas of the summer events and how to get volunteers involved when most students go home for the summer?

Ms. Emma Wolfe: Our main resource is our Facebook group which currently has 75 people.

Ms. Kathleen Kelly: Do you have ideas for the summer?

Ms. Emma Wolfe: Students being involved would be involved to take some produce made in the summer. Tentatively suggested a Backyard Party. Edible flowers as well which could go to the Garden Party as a fresh flower salad.

Ms. Anna Bishop: Do you have other people/organizations you'll be able to collaborate with other than King's?

Ms. Emma Wolfe: The position will require the "no matter what" and that will cause them to seek other organizations.

Procedural motion - ACCIDENT.

Mr. Taylor Saracuse: Can anyone speak to pass objections as it why it has been struck down at past AGMs?

Mr. Noah White: At the Fall AGM, the honorarium was never approved for it.

Mr. Nick Stark: I want to be the last on the speakers list

Mr. Nick Stark moves to go to the informal nomination process.
Seconded by Judy booth.

Mr. David Etherington: Robert's rules are out the window, I'm in charge!!!!

Mr. Dan Brown: I nominate Emma Norton.

Mr. David Etherington: She cannot because she is graduating.

Mr. Dan Brown: Scratch that.

Mr. Gabe Hoogers: is there anyone who won't be applying that wants to be on the committee?

Emma Wolfe and Anika Roberts-Stahlbran and Lucy Dykhis were nominated.

Ms. Emma Wolfe: We have done a lot of work on this and are very well educated, so we feel we could find someone proper to fill the position.

Ms. Anika Roberts-Stahlbran: I don't have much to say, we've worked very hard and know the plans and hard work that will need to go into this search.

Mr. Dan Brown: Lucy would be good because she is a sustainability and King's student. She was a day student in FYP and felt isolated, so this would bring her in and get her involved. She is hard working.

Emma Wolfe and Anika Roberts-Stahlbran will be on the Search Committee and Lucy Dykhis will be an alternate.

Moved by Stefanie Bliss.
Seconded by Emily.

Emma Wolfe and Anika Roberts-Stahlbran abstain.

Motion is amended to have Emma Wolfe and Anika Robert-Stahlbran on the Search Committee and Lucy Dykhis will serve as an alternative.

Asher Goldstein calls a question.
Michaela Sam seconded this.

1.5.8 passes.

Return to 1.5.2

Item 1.5.9

BIRT _____, _____, _____, and _____
attend the 2012 CFS Semi-Annual General Meeting as representatives of the King's
Students' Union (Local 11).

Moved by Mr. Nick Stark

Item 1.5.10

BIRT the members-at-large on the Galley Board of Directors be:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

Moved by Mr. Nick Stark

Item 1.5.11

BIRT the members-at-large for the Equity Affairs Committee for the 2012-13 academic
year be:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

Moved by Ms. Michaela Sam

Item 1.5.12

BIRT the members at large for the Watch Publishing Board for the 2012-13 academic year
be:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

Moved by Mr. Quinn Harrington

Item 1.5.13

BIRT _____ be ratified as the member at large for the Racial Accessibility
Committee for the 2012-13 academic year.

Moved by Mr. Nick Stark

Item 1.5.14

BIRT _____ (male) and _____(female) be ratified as student representatives on the
Sexual Harassment Hearing Committee for the 2012-13 academic year.

Moved by Mr. Nick Stark

Item 1.5.15

BIRT _____ be ratified as the student representative on the Racial Equity Board.

Moved by Mr. Nick Stark

Item 1.5.16

BIRT _____ be ratified as the King's Students' representative for the Board of Appeal
and Discipline.

Moved by Mr. Nick Stark

6 New Items

Items from the floor are welcome at this time.

7 Discussion

1.7.1 Yearbook Editor and Events Coordinator

8 Announcements

9 **Next Meeting:** Council Meeting, April 1st 2012

9 Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:53PM



Report of the President
March 29th, 2012

Dear students,

For the past two weeks, I have had the honour of serving as the President of the KSU. It has been a busy time, as there has been plenty to catch up with and lots to organize as the year comes to an end. Union Hired Positions need, well, to be hired, there are administrators to meet with, and this glorious meeting has had to be arranged. Not that I'm complaining – in fact, these past two weeks have been the most exciting of the year.

First, there was the excellent changeover I've received from our former President Gabe Hoogers. Gabe has edited a 50-page changeover guide to keep me on track, and I haven't hesitated to pester him when need be. For this, I thank him.

Then there was the matter of putting together meetings with the administration. So far I have met twice with both President Leavitt and Vice-President Kierans, and have been in constant contact with Dean Hatt and Advancement Director Adrienne Abotte, You'll be hearing soon about the university budget, which President Leavitt has expressed interest in discussing with the student body. This will be an opportunity for students to make our needs clear. I'll take this feedback to the next Board of Governors meeting, which will be taking place in May.

Apart from these matters, life has been full of the day-to-day tasks inherent in running a student's union. The Galley is sailing smoothly, we'll soon have our employees hired, and springtime is upon us. I am sad to have to say goodbye to some familiar faces, but I know that with their contributions, the community that will welcome our new frosh is stronger than ever.

Until then, I remain faithfully yours,

Nick Stark



Report of the Vice President (Student Life)
March 29th, 2012

So, my term has begun in a fairly smooth fashion, thanks to a fantastic changeover by Anna Dubinski, and there is a whole lot that is coming up very quickly I'm trying to take care of. Most importantly for right now is the upcoming KSU AWARDS NIGHT, HOORAY. I've just talked to the registrars office again a few minutes ago and they told me they will be sending out the call for K-points and for award nominations right now. There will be food, drinks and music for everybody.

We're going to be making some tentative changes to UHP positions as well which will take up a big chunk of our next council and that we'll be discussing later. One of my biggest priorities in the next little while is going to be hiring the new Frosh Coordinators and changing around that position a little bit, mainly in relation to financial matters and the duties outlined in their contracts.

I have been to a few meetings regarding the Co Curricular Record (CCR) as well. For those of you who haven't heard of it yet, it is a record of students extra curricular activities that they may register for online. It may then be included on their resume as part of their university transcript. This is a new service provided by Dalhousie that is being implemented at Kings right now. You'll be hearing a fair bit more about it in the coming weeks, but mainly in the new school year.

In general, things are going well and there are some changes to come. As of right now I'm mostly working on establishing a solid understanding of responsibilities as a new executive member.

All the best,



Report of the Vice President (Financial)
March 29th, 2012

Moving into the next year at King's, I've worked with the exec. and general body to develop strategies to grow the Union and streamline its processes. This is reflected in the budget due to be presented later in the meeting; we have reorganized a large number of hired positions, changed our method of general events funding, and with large Union-funded bodies to help them become more autonomous and self-sufficient.

The GM is a time for discussion, and I hope to hear your voices throughout the event, especially with regard to the budget. It's important to remember that this budget is only a tentative one, and must be finalized in the fall. As such, there is ample time for people to bring up new ideas and projects that they would like to see their Union undertake, and make space in the funding for them.

I'd like to take a moment to recognize the efforts of Nicholas Gall, our outgoing VP Financial. His hard work formed the backbone of this budget, and I owe him a beer or five for leaving me with a turn-key position. The Union is sailing smoothly towards the end of the fiscal year, with money to spare. Also of note are the efforts made by the Student Horticultural Society, in their quest for the creation of a Summer Garden Coordinator UHP. From what I've heard, this will be money well spent.

I'll leave describing the technical details to the budget motion, so this wraps up my report. Enjoy the meeting, and be sure to make your voice heard.

Quinn Harrington
VP Financial



Report of the Vice President (External)
March 29th, 2012

Hello Students,

Welcome to the fall general meeting. With a new executive and a new union service, the canteen, this year is poised to be one in which our union strengthens and expands its capacity to serve students needs and advocate on their behalf.

Action on Student debt

The students' union has been actively pursuing the goal of reducing tuition fees and dropping debt by taking a variety of approaches.

First, our letter writing campaign, a few weeks ago, targeted individual Members of the legislative assembly. Pairing students up with MLAs and writing them personalized letters that spoke to why students are fed up with politicians inaction on our debt crisis.

The members of the Executive of the Nova Scotia CFS met with MLA Howard Epstein, a sympathetic politician, to gain an understanding of our governments view on education issues. Among the issues we advocated for were more upfront grants for students, less money wasted on tax credits for professionals and, of course, a higher level of funding to Post-Secondary institutions, particularly NSCAD.

As many of you will remember, our Poutine party took place last week on a glorious Thursday afternoon. The purpose of the event was to demonstrate solidarity with Quebec students who are currently on strike. We are planning to hold a follow up event late next week. Look forward to a more expansive discussion of the issue.

NSPIRG Transition Committee

Pertinent to any King's student with the result of this past referendum, the NSPIRG transition committee continues to meet and discuss how King's can best be served by NSPIRG. If you are interested in the committee please contact me at evp@ksu.ca

Women's Center Contact

We are currently in the process of renewing and bolstering our ties with the Women's center. The General meeting will be happening this Sunday @ 6pm.

Boys Club

The Boys club, a group detailed in the most recent issue of the Watch will be having its next meeting on Wednesday at 7pm at the Dalhousie Women's center

Omri Haiven



Report of the Vice President (Communications)

March 29th, 2012

Social Media

Twitter

We got a twitter
I like when you ask questions
@KSUNION

Had five followers
Two weeks later fifty-three
Communications

Facebook

Outreach with facebook
Another form of contact
Go home and like us

Tumblr

I don't like tumblr
I could change my mind maybe
Right now, no thank you

Website

Edited the site
See ksu.ca
Almost up to date

TWAK

Every Sunday
This email is far too long
Organization

CRC

Constitutional
Review Committee meeting
We love procedure

Michaela Sam