



## 1.0 Attendance

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1. Ms. Coren Pulleyblank (KSU President)
2. Ms. Judy Booth (KSU Internal Vice-President)
3. Ms. Victoria O'Neill (KSU Communications Vice-President)
4. Mr. James Mosher (KSU Board of Governors Representative)
5. Mr. Adrian Lee (Chair of Bays)
6. Mr. Chris Doody (Four-Year Journalism Honours Representative)
7. Mr. David Etherington (First-Year Representative)
8. Mr. Dave Jerome (Board of Governors Representative)
9. Ms. Caleigh Davis (President of Alex Hall)
10. Ms. Lara Haines-Love (Financial Vice President)
- [11. Mr. Michael Keene (Day Students' Society Representative) – 1:12 P.M.]
- [12. Mr. Daniel Latner (Day Students' Society Representative) – 1:14 P.M.]
- [13. Mr. Philip Taber (Arts Representative) – 1:26 P.M.]
- [14. Ms. Kaley Kennedy (KSU External Vice President) – 1:28 P.M.]

## 1.1 Call to Order – 1:07 PM

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## 1.2 Approval of Agenda

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### *Amendments*

No amendments.

### *Vote on the Motion*

No oppositions.

## 1.3 Oral Reports and Goals of Councilors

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**Mr. James Mosher:** There's a Board of Governors meeting next week, and a general board meeting the first of December.

Coren's report addresses an important issue in the Board, which I'll let her talk about.

My biggest issue with the general meeting two weeks ago was the way the meeting was handled. Quorum needed to take place for votes to happen, but the door to the Wardroom was closed. Someone was standing at the door who I'd term a "bouncer". Intimidation and embarrassment tactics were used to keep quorum. Not only that, but quorum looked to not actually be full while votes were still going on. I fundamentally believe that students have a right to be at the GM, but also have the right not to be. The decisions might be said to have been made by the student population, but I see that practice of forcing people to stay in the meeting as an issue that council needs to bring up, for the sake of council and for the sake of the next general meeting, as well. I'm interested to see what others have to say on this topic.

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** Should we discuss this now, or in "discussion"? Do you want this here or in discussion?

**Mr. James Mosher:** I move to amend the agenda to add this as a discussion item right after oral reports.

### *Discussion on the Amendment*

*At 1:12 P.M., Mr. Michael Keene enters.*

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** As I'm sure people noticed from Coren's reports, we're having an issue with a proposed purchase of property on Coburg Road. A meeting was held on Friday which James couldn't attend. The school is further along to the

purchase of this property than we thought. Coren will raise the issue at a committee meeting next week. We're hoping to get a report written and submitted to Dr. Hamm by Monday. We just have some questions about the acquisition of this property, and we want to ask Dr. Hamm to send information out to the whole board so that discussion on the issue can take place. Hopefully this will be sent out before the Board's executive meeting on Thursday so that discussion can take place. The ball is in their court as to when they plan on providing us with information.

*At 1:14 P.M., Mr. Daniel Latner enters.*

**Mr. Michael Keene:** The pool table in the Wardroom has been repaired!

The DSS wants to put on Big Night again this year, so we're considering our options for that. We're also considering a new meeting time so that all the reps can have lunch at Sodexo. We're also in negotiations to maybe put on a concert at the Marquee, but we're uncertain about that.

Also, sorry that I was late!

**Mr. Daniel Latner:** Me too.

**Ms. Caleigh Davis:** Adrian, Eric and I are looking ahead to "Christmas in the Manning Room".

Study Snacks is being held tonight, and we'll have another for the Position Paper.

Many of the floors have been great in organizing events for their own floors, so it'd be great to have a big group event like Alex Hall Christmas.

**Mr. Adrian Lee:** What Caleigh said – and we're trying to have Bay Parties, and maybe a Divine Comedy Party, since it's King's Tradition.

As for the radiator cover situation, I talked to the Dean and a solution is coming next year. If you want a radiator cover, you can go to Alex Hall and put in a request for one.

**Mr. Daniel Latner:** Nothing new to report.

**Mr. Chad Hudson:** I was recently elected as Member at Large, but I have little to report.

On the quorum issue: many people approached me with distaste and concerns about what occurred, so it's good that we should talk about that.

I've been looking after my constituents – I've been getting countless phone calls, and fielding phone calls to maintenance for people.

### *1.3.1 Discussion of the AGM*

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**Mr. James Mosher:** For those who came in late: we're trying to discuss our last GM in the Wardroom. I take issue with the way it was handled, given the sense of being forced to stay in the meeting, and how the question of quorum was handled. I'm interested in others' opinions.

**Mr. Michael Keene:** Maybe rather than focusing on what HAS happened, we should focus on improving things, and on dealing with this problem of quorum in the future. It sucks that we had problems last time, but it's happened and we should move on.

**Mr. James Mosher:** It may be bad and we may want to move on, but we have to recognize that there was a wrong and that we should deal with the problem. I want to see today that council recognize there was a wrong, with someone standing at the door, and I want to see a constructive discussion – whether we have policy changes or not, we need to prevent this from happening again.

**Ms. Coren Pulleyblank:** I haven't gathered all my thoughts on this yet.

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** I have some questions for the executive, maybe for Coren since this falls under your portfolio. I heard some discussions about changing quorum for the GM. Also, what advertising was done for the GM this year?

**Ms. Victoria O'Neill:** The issue was brought up by a number of people. To change our quorum number, the question would need to be voted on at a GM using the quorum number we have right now. It would be put forth to the Constitutional Review Committee, and it would be put forward as a student recommendation. There were posters, two TWAKs, a TWAK the day of, FYP announcements, and TWAK to councilors encouraging their constituents to come out.

**Ms. Judy Booth:** I want to thank those who *did* come out.

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** We ought to critique what happened at this meeting, and apply our solutions to the next one. I also received some complaints, especially about the individual at the door, and that people were told they couldn't leave the meeting. This is something we should consider in the future. A number of people asked why they didn't get TWAK, and some people said they didn't hear about it until the night of. We need more publicity leading up to the night of. Finding our quorum in the one night is too problematic.

**Mr. James Mosher:** I have a question for the executive: first, did anyone see the handling of quorum as acceptable at the last GM, and second, what do you think should happen next time to make sure it doesn't happen again?

**Ms. Victoria O'Neill:** It isn't acceptable that people be told they can't leave. Typically we get the rugby team out to be involved and count at the door and because they can get a lot of people out to the meeting. I don't want to make it seem that the executive made that decision completely on its own. I don't feel that it's fair to blame the executive for this, since we did not instruct this individual to do this, and this was not the way we wanted quorum to occur. Also, there were three events occurring at the same time that night. There were issues at the last three general meetings, as well; it's a question of the issues surrounding the GM. There were efforts on the part of the executives. It's not just the executive's responsibility to get people out – it's everyone's responsibility. We can't help apathy.

We advertised different approaches, and we wanted to let people know that they could get out to have their voices heard. There's not a lot of time that the executive has to do more than what we did. I don't think we like that these things happened at the GM, but as people who were up at the front, we can't really leave the front. I didn't know this was going on until right now. For us to be suddenly taking the blame for this is uncomfortable – we made every effort to get people involved, and wanted to make this a positive experience. I'm not sure what else we can do, to be quite honest.

*At 1:26 P.M., Mr. Philip Taber enters.*

*At 1:28 P.M., Ms. Kaley Kennedy enters.*

**Ms. Coren Pulleyblank:** It's not the executive's responsibility to count the number of people at the meeting – that's the responsibility of attendees and the chair. **If we want to ask the chair that nobody stand at the door, or ask the chair that nobody needs to stay.**

We need to hold the meeting because of the way the budget works – we operate by the budget passed in March, but halfway through the year we recognize that things need to be changed, so we need to hold the meeting. The meeting does not have to end until someone calls for a count of quorum, say Roberts' Rules. It was the smoothest-run meeting I've ever attended, with lots of discussion, which was positive – it's unfortunate that it seems like it was trading off, and that we can't have both. If this is an issue of council, then every person here needs to suggest new ways of solving this. It's not just the executive's responsibility.

**Mr. James Mosher:** First: I'm not blaming an individual or the executive for what happened. That said, there are two issues: firstly, quorum, and how we can attract people to come to the GM, and how we can interest more people. This is ongoing, and the president is right that we need to work on this for the school as a whole. The second issue is intimidation: people feeling forced to stay at the meeting. The issues here are the appearance of a "bouncer" at the door, and also of having executives point at people as they tried to leave, drawing attention to them. I see this as unprofessional and unacceptable. I don't know if there's a defined solution that will arise today, such as a resolution, but I hope that we will recognize this problem and that council will work to remedy the problem in future issues.

**Mr. Michael Keene:** Since council has admitted that they did not endorse the 'bouncer' and that they recognize there's a wrong, I want to ask Mr. Mosher whether he believes the issue has been recognized.

**Mr. James Mosher:** I want to know what's going to be done by the council to prevent this from happening again.

**Mr. Michael Keene:** Short of getting the executive to write letters of apology to the entire council, I don't see that we can further recognize this as a problem. We can't write into the constitution that there be no rugby players allowed to stand at the door.

**Ms. Coren Pulleyblank:** I proposed a couple of solutions already: that we have the chair encourage people to stay, that we announce at the beginning of the meeting. I want to see James generate some ideas for changes. **If there isn't enough being done, I want to know what is enough and where we want to see this go.** We could set up a committee, or set up a forum on GMs but in this meeting structure I don't think there's anything we can do right now. We could hold a discussion with the students, for example, but we're not guaranteed to get a response.

#### **1.4 Action Items**

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1.4.1 BIRT the following societies be ratified for the 2007-08 year:  
Art Madness Foundation,  
King's Brewing Collective

Moved by Ms. Judy Booth

**Ms. Judy Booth:** I have their application packages downstairs.

The Art Madness Foundation is a society based on community art projects. They want to donate finished art pieces to the library or donate them at the end of the year.

The King's Brewing Collective is based around homebrewing. Their mandate is to teach the art of brewing, and to share equipment among members of the collective.

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** Do the Brewing Collective indicate if the product will be consumed at an event or time?

**Ms. Judy Booth:** They didn't specify.

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** Will they submit funding requests for equipment or materials?

**Ms. Judy Booth:** They haven't submitted a request yet.

**Mr. Michael Keene:** Doesn't this throw the Dean's policy against on-campus brewing in her face?

**Ms. Judy Booth:** There won't be any brewing on campus – the activities and workshops are held off-campus.

**Mr. Michael Keene:** The Dean's okay with people bringing the product onto campus. Also, there's a course that has a 95% chance of running that will involve a homebrewing 'lab', part of which may be done on campus.

**Ms. Victoria O'Neill:** How will council be responsible for this if something goes wrong? Will it get traced back to the KSU if, for example, someone underage gets very sick from the product? I'm concerned.

**Mr. Michael Keene:** As for your first concern, beer that goes bad smells really awful and undrinkable. The KSU funds the CSP society, so underage drinking shouldn't be a concern.

**Ms. Victoria O'Neill:** We don't endorse the CSP society this year, by the way.

**Ms. Judy Booth:** They could join and brew, but they couldn't drink it.

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** That seems legitimate, since people will be paying for the grains and the materials. I'm also wondering if they're going to have to do some of the new off-campus forms for societies --

**Ms. Judy Booth:** Permission forms? Yes, they'd have to.

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** Then a lot of the details we're worried about might be dealt with there.

**Ms. Coren Pulleyblank:** We operate a liquor license – are we technically serving alcohol if one of our societies serves liquor on campus?

**Ms. Victoria O'Neill:** Unless we're doing it from a private room, it's a violation of the license. The bar aspect is that there would be a conflict of interest with the wardroom – theoretically speaking. Aren't we undermining ourselves?

**Ms. Coren Pulleyblank:** We need to answer some questions first or put down some directives. We need to tell Judy what the directives should be.

**Ms. Kaley Kennedy:** We need to make sure that our funding a brewing collective doesn't conflict with the liquor license, but that's my main concern.

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** Selling home-brewed alcohol is illegal in itself. We just need to be clear that they won't be selling the product. I'm not sure what our responsibility is for the product, since they're mainly concerned with the act of brewing – we're approving funding for the tools they'll use. If they choose to buy the ingredients – at what point are we no longer responsible? It would be so far separated from us that we couldn't deal with it –we can tell them to act responsibly.

**Mr. Michael Keene:** Whether we supply them with the rifle or the bullets, these are still really heavy concerns.

**Ms. Coren Pulleyblank:** It's not just funding concerns, it's the brewing itself we're concerned with, too. We could just try to answer some of these questions first.

**Ms. Judy Booth:** I've written these all down. I suggest that we invite a rep of the BC to come in to our next council meeting to address some of these concerns.

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** What would we do, especially if there were first-years that could be involved?

**Mr. Michael Keene:** I move to strike the Brewing Collective from the Action Item until things are more clearly sorted out.

*Seconded by Mr. Adrian Lee.*

*Vote on the Motion*

None opposed. Amendment carries.

*Vote on the Action Item 1.4.1*

None opposed. Amendment carries.

*At 1:37 P.M., Mr. James Mosher leaves.*

1.4.2 BIRT Laura Hochman be ratified as Events Coordinator for the 2007-08 year.

Moved by Ms. Judy Booth

*Seconded by Ms. Lara Haines-Love.*

**Ms. Judy Booth:** The Events Coordinator is a Union-Hired Position. Last week the search committee met, interviewed some applicants, and recommended Laura Hochman.

**Mr. Chad Hudson:** What qualified Laura to be our Events Coordinator?

**Ms. Victoria O'Neill:** The processes of search committees are held in camera, and they can't release the details of their discussions. Search committees are selected by the students – because it's multiple people that applied, they're not allowed to release that information.

**Mr. George Rae:** The machinations are in camera.

**Ms. Judy Booth:** If you want me to motivate for Laura, but not say why we selected her, I'd be happy to do that.

**Mr. Chad Hudson:** Let's go with that.

**Ms. Judy Booth:** I've known Laura for a couple of months – she's been really involved in the Union, around the Office a lot, and has fantastic ideas. She's really enthusiastic, and she and I work together well. She's creative, cool, and responsible, and I think she'd be a fantastic EC.

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** Is she also the Health Plan Administrator?

**Ms. Victoria O'Neill:** That's Laura Button.

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** Okay.

**Ms. Judy Booth:** She ran for Member-At-Large.

**Mr. Chad Hudson:** I remember that.

*Vote on the Motion*

No oppositions. Ms. Victoria O'Neill abstains. Motion carries.

1.4.3 BIRT King's P.R.I.D.E. be ratified to the KSU Equity Affairs Committee.

Moved by Ms. Judy Booth

*Seconded by Ms. Kaley Kennedy.*

**Ms. Judy Booth:** This is pretty standard. Societies can indicate on their applications whether they want to be included on the Equity or Environmental Affairs committees. I think PRIDE's mandate makes them very fitting to sit on this committee.

*Vote on the Motion*

Ms. Caleigh Davis and Mr. Philip Taber abstain. Motion carries.

1.4.4 BIRT the King's Bike Co-op be ratified to the KSU Environmental Committee.

Moved by Ms. Judy Booth

*Seconded by Mr. Michael Keene.*

**Ms. Judy Booth:** This is pretty similar to the last action item – the Environmental Affairs Committee formulates environmental policy for the KSU. The Bike Co-op wants to help save the environment by creating a Bike Co-op, so I think they're appropriate.

**Mr. Michael Keene:** Have they purchased any bikes yet? What have they done so far?

**Ms. Judy Booth:** They haven't got any bikes yet, and they're very new.

**Mr. Philip Taber:** Is purchasing bikes part of their mandate?

**Ms. Judy Booth:** Yes. Have they applied for funding?

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** No.

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** When people ask to be involved in these committees, council tends to encourage them. I'm not sure that Mike's concern would really prohibit them from getting involved.

**Ms. Judy Booth:** I don't think their actions so far are what qualify them – it's their mandate that does. I think keeping them from sitting on the committee would prevent them from fulfilling their mandate.

*Vote on the Motion*

No oppositions. Motion carries.

1.4.5 BIRT David Lipsitz be allowed to sit in as a non-voting member on the Constitutional Review Committee.

Moved by Ms. Victoria O'Neill

*Seconded by Mr. Chad Hudson.*

**Ms. Victoria O'Neill:** David approached me after the GM. He had a lot of questions, was interested in our constitution, and I thought this would be a great way of getting him involved. Because the Constitutional Review Committee's members are ratified at a GM, this would be the best way I think he could be involved. I think we should give him this opportunity.

**Mr. Chad Hudson:** I think it's a wonderful idea, but I'm curious: why is he a non-voting member?

**Ms. Victoria O'Neill:** This committee already has quorum – so it's easier to get him involved as a non-voting member. He also hasn't been elected by the student body. If council could offer voting rights to anyone, problems would arise for council.

*Vote on the Motion*

Motion carries.

1.4.6 BIRT \_\_\_\_\_ is ratified to the Finance Committee for the 07-08 year.

Moved by Ms. Lara Haines- Love

*Seconded by Mr. Adrian Lee.*

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** One of the council members we ratified at our last council meeting decided not to participate again this year. I nominate Lev Bubis to fill the blank.

**Mr. Michael Keene:** Can someone motivate for him?

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** He wanted to be really involved in the KSU and he saw this as his way of doing it, despite a lack of financial experience.

**Mr. Chris Doody:** Who decided not to participate?

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** Aaron Burnett – he has too many Journalism responsibilities.

*Vote on the Amendment*

No oppositions. Amendment carries.

*Vote on the Motion*

No oppositions. Motion carries.

1.4.7 BIRT council approves funding to the following societies for the suggested amounts:

The Anime and Manga Palooza Society receive \$556.00 contingent funding with the understanding that they will contribute something of their experiences at the convention to the King's community by the end of the 07-08 academic year.

The HOST Society receive \$2565.00 non-contingent funding.  
\$2215, \$315 CONTINGENT

The EMSP Society receive \$300.00 non-contingent funding and up to \$150 contingent funding

The King's Crew recreation and Rowing Society receive \$1295.00 contingent funding

The King's Holocaust Education Society receive \$500.00 contingent funding

The Zine Society receive \$300.00 contingent funding

The Free the Children Society receive \$250.00 contingent funding

The King's Dance Collective receive \$600.00 contingent funding

The King's Film Collective receive \$1679.00 contingent funding  
EMSP 300\$ contingent year-end

Moved by Ms. Lara Haines- Love

*Seconded by Mr. Adrian Lee.*

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** I want to make three amendments.

*It is the will of council to consider all the amendments together.*

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** First, that the HOST Society receive \$2215.00 contingent funding (a modification of the original line). Second, that the HOST Society receive \$350 contingent funding for their year-end party, contingent upon the fact that all students are allowed to get tickets or be invited (added as a new line item). Third, that the EMSP society receive \$300 for their year-end party with the same stipulation as the HOST society (added as a new line item).

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** So for the EMSP society it's \$300 in addition to the \$350?

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** Just include it as two different lines.

*Seconded by Mr. Adrian Lee.*

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** Sorry for the confusion. The finance committee did one resolution by e-mail, because council has been put off, and societies who want to put on events have had to put out money from their own pockets for events.

*Vote on the Amendment*

No oppositions. Amendment carries.

**Ms. Judy Booth:** What's the reason behind the funding for the Holocaust Education Society? Holocaust Education Week has already passed.

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** We haven't had council for a month, so events have already passed that are associated with some of this funding. For the Holocaust Education Society, the total budget that they spent was 4500\$ and they only asked us for 500\$ toward their advertising and some of their other \_\_\_\_.

**Ms. Judy Booth:** And this isn't retroactive funding because they applied before the events happened, but the events have by now happened.

**Mr. Michael Keene:** Have Jim Gow's Sterne course submitted a funding request?

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** No, they haven't.

**Mr. Michael Keene:** What characterizes KAMP contributing their experiences to the King's community?

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** We haven't heard back from them about this yet. I don't know what it would be, but it would have to be something.

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** Does the Holocaust Education Society ask for blanket funding from all organizations, or what?

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** Their request from us was small compared to their funding requests from other sources.

**Ms. Kaley Kennedy:** I was wondering what the King's Film Collective needed funding for. I'm worried that they haven't been very open and I'm also worried about their advertising. What's the equipment for?

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** They're creating a film.

**Ms. Victoria O'Neill:** I want to strike the KFC from this motion but I want to explain why *in camera*. I think this discussion could be better held that way.

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** I want to answer the question first. Let me tell you how touchy this funding stuff is – (reads off equipment) – if this is going to be seriously questioned, I think you should hear about the funding stuff.

**Ms. Victoria O'Neill:** I move to strike KFC from the motion.

*Seconded by Ms. Kaley Kennedy.*

**Ms. Victoria O'Neill:** I move to go *in camera*.

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** Can you explain that so that everyone understands?

**Mr. George Rae:** An *in camera* discussion won't have minutes taken of, and councilors are instructed to not repeat what is said in that discussion.

**Ms. Coren Pulleyblank:** It remains in the room.

*Seconded by Ms. Kaley Kennedy.*

*Vote on the Motion*

No oppositions. Motion carries.

*At 2:25 P.M., council comes ex camera.*

**Ms. Kaley Kennedy:** Do we want to direct Lara to go back to the KFC and ask them whether they can produce this film cheaper, and how they plan on involving students?

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** They HAVE started making the movie, and it's their own choice to have started the project before getting funding.

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** But they haven't started filming yet?

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** He came in to see me recently to say that they had started pulling money out of their pockets already.

**Ms. Victoria O'Neill:** If it's a collective, everyone involved should have input on the project. I think if they've started without involving students, that doesn't represent that the KSU wants to do.

**Mr. David Etherington:** Is the executive of the KFC the only group who gets to make films, or do they find directors? Also, does the KFC seem to be moving to more exclusivity by buying equipment?

**Ms. Victoria O'Neill:** They're renting it.

**Mr. Michael Keene:** To my knowledge, the KFC is made up of a group of friends who formed the Collective in their first year. They're not bad movies, but it is something of an exclusive group made up of some Cochran Bay boys and Steve. They don't really export the films they make.

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** Here's what they put on their funding request: the number of people involved is listed as approximately 28. They do have a section with their advertising strategy. A lot of societies run around running events that are far more exclusive than this, and where they don't use the money exactly as they've said in their request.

**Mr. Michael Keene:** Why is that a bad thing? So this club is exclusive -- so what? What's the problem here? This is a problem that the KSU and council need to address. This is based on issues that have arisen in the past.

**Ms. Coren Pulleyblank:** There's an added level to the exclusivity when people who want to be involved can't get involved. With other groups, this isn't a problem.

**Mr. Philip Taber:** Even if we can't just judge them based on their request for this year. We can't give them a clean slate if there have been problems in the past, and they need to be held accountable.

**Ms. Coren Pulleyblank:** I'd like to amend the motion.

**Mr. George Rae:** Right now we're considering the striking of the clause from the motion.

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** If we strike it, we're essentially saying that things they did last year -- we're telling them they can't re-apply. Are we saying no to this project, or are there specific things we'd like to ask them?

**Ms. Judy Booth:** This IS contingent funding. I'd like us to make up some stringent rules for them to govern their behaviour.

**Mr. George Rae:** We need to vote on this amendment.

**Ms. Kaley Kennedy:** I think we should strike this part, and have a discussion, where we give Lara some directives, which CAN come out of this – such as coming back with a budget that's more inclusive, and has a cheaper bottom line, and where they can prove that these issues have been resolved.

*At 2:33 P.M., Mr. Daniel Latner and Mr. Michael Keene leave.*

**Ms. Kaley Kennedy:** Let's continue with this – I don't think we can get contingent enough for council to be happy.

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** What would happen if they get struck from the motion? I'll have to take council's suggestion for this.

**Ms. Coren Pulleyblank:** Is it the same as defeating the funding? If we strike this, it can still come back next meeting. Can we call it separating and then tabling?

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** I think it needs to change and then come back to council, based on what happened last year.

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** I honestly don't think I can run around and follow them based on these concerns. We can't make this contingent upon us following them around making sure they follow our recommendations.

**Ms. Judy Booth:** Weekly reports would be an effective monitoring measure.

*At 2:35 P.M., Mr. Michael Keene returns.*

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** When they submit their receipts, they can discuss how our recommendations have been met – so let's defeat this part of the motion.

**Ms. Victoria O'Neill:** Just because they submit receipts, it doesn't mean their behaviour is being monitored. I think this is a significant concern. I don't think the money should be requested with them expecting to receive it – I feel that they need to be told that they can't produce a film on this kind of budget, with the idea to submit it to the Film Festival, and then not submit it. I don't want them paying from their own pocket, but I think they can produce their film through other means than the one they've requested.

**Mr. George Rae:** I'm looking for someone to call the question.

**Mr. Michael Keene:** Based on the fact that they want to produce a professional film and aren't behaving professionally, I call the question.

*Vote on the Amendment*

No oppositions. Amendment is carried.

*Vote on the Motion 1.4.7*

No oppositions. Mr. Dave Jerome abstains. Motion carries.

- 1.4.8 BIRT the King's Student Union, publicly endorse the student strike currently happening in Quebec and write a letter calling on the Government of Quebec to reinstate the tuition fee freeze and return tuition fees to the levels of the 2006-2007 academic year.

Moved by Ms. Kaley Kennedy

*Seconded by Mr. Chad Hudson.*

**Ms. Kaley Kennedy:** Quebec's record 35 years of tuition fee freezes, which were a model in Canada as the lowest fees in country, were unfrozen as of September 2007. Increases are already being seen – currently it's 50\$ per course, which doesn't seem like very much, especially compared to Nova

Scotia's tuition. We've always pointed to Quebec and Newfoundland as making post-secondary education accessible. McDonald promised to reduce tuition fees to put Nova Scotia fees at the national average. He's trying to lobby the Quebec and Newfoundland governments to raise tuition fees so that he'll be able to reach the national average – this really affects all of us.

**Mr. Philip Taber:** What if it's legitimate? All of us who have friends at Quebec universities must know that Quebec students need more money to improve the quality of education.

**Ms. Kaley Kennedy:** Universities need money, that's true. But who should be paying that? The government should be taking on infrastructure costs. Their claim is that they're seeing infrastructure failure – and universities are seeing deficits because of infrastructure failure. Whether that burden should be borne by students or the government is the question.

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** Are we, by publicly endorsing this, not endorsing Quebec's system as an 'ideal' system? The system's not perfect, but they're setting tuition fee freezes, so let's focus on that.

**Mr. Michael Keene:** I call the question.

*Vote on the Calling of the Question*

Mr. Chris Doody and Ms. Victoria O'Neill abstain. Motion carries.

*Vote on the Motion*

Mr. Chris Doody, Ms. Caleigh Davis, Mr. Philip Taber, Ms. Lara Haines-Love, Ms. Judy Booth, and Mr. David Etherington abstain.

## 1.5 Discussion

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**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** I motion to add a discussion item. I have to bring up the King's Film Collective again, because I'm still not certain what council wants from Judy and I, so that we know exactly what to tell to the KFC.

*Seconded by Mr. Dave Jerome.*

*Vote on the Motion*

No oppositions. Motion carries.

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** I need to know exactly what you want me to tell these people. What's council's position, and what do we want from them?

**Mr. Chris Doody:** I think we should table the motion of funding them until next council meeting. We should draft an agreement to know what will happen at this meeting on Wednesday.

**Ms. Judy Booth:** Rather than being tabled, we struck their funding truck with the understanding that they would re-apply with a cheaper film.

**Ms. Kaley Kennedy:** I want to see them be involved in some kind of public education project – maybe workshops, or something, to see that more students are involved.

**Mr. David Etherington:** Could they explain better what they mean by "advertising"?

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** We're giving contradictory suggestions to Lara. We need a consensus as a group. How do you want us to go, Lara?

*At 2:50 P.M., Mr. Daniel Latner enters the room.*

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** Do we need a formal motion to express our consensus?

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** I don't think we need a formal motion, but a consensus would be good.

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** I don't think it's fair to ask them to do a public workshop. Their involvement of the public in the project, and using advertising, would be equivalent to a public workshop. They just need to act in an appropriate manner.

**Mr. Philip Taber:** They need to know that their status as a society is currently precarious.

**Mr. Chris Doody:** They should send an e-mail to all the Journalism students, because I think a lot of them would be really interested. Not only that but getting Journalism students involved, who have experience and access to materials, would be excellent. They should send a note out before the meeting on Wednesday.

**Mr. Michael Keene:** Does that need to be a council demand, or what?

**Mr. Chris Doody:** No, no.

**Ms. Judy Booth:** Are any of these directed to me, or are these Lara's responsibilities?

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** They're going to want to know why their funding has been struck.

**Ms. Victoria O'Neill:** You should both deal with it, because they need to know that their society status is in question. Having two people, so that there's a support structure and a witness, would also be appropriate for you both.

**Mr. Michael Keene:** I think the president should also be involved based on last year's behaviour.

**Ms. Judy Booth:** My understanding is that we won't fund as much as they've asked for. Do they want to pay for more of it themselves, or do they just want to make a cheaper movie? We need to know this.

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** We can't just go to them and say they can't have money, and then tell them we don't know how much they're going to get otherwise.

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** They'll just have to reapply.

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** But they put a LOT of work into their funding request.

**Ms. Kaley Kennedy:** But they didn't fulfill the terms of last year's funding request. Like being on probation – the society isn't fulfilling their mandate.

**Ms. Coren Pulleyblank:** Because it's coming out of student pockets, we want you to try reconsidering your request \_\_\_\_\_? We can present it as – we want to give them the opportunity to re-format because we're not sure they have the \_\_\_\_\_ sources or not.

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** If I could just summarize: Chris wants me to ask for a list of people who come to the meeting and positions in the society; we want people involved to be allowed to get involved; and we want a written response for last year's actions, and how the collective plans to rectify

**Ms. Victoria O'Neill:** Can we also stipulate an apology to the Union for taking for granted the space we provided for them? Does everyone think that's appropriate?

**Mr. George Rae:** It can be introduced as a proper motion in "New Business".

**Mr. Michael Keene:** Maybe we should start treating this as a society on probation. Why can't we have updates from them as a society on a regular basis of their progress on the film, of their involvement of students...

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** Sorry, I wasn't done. We struck the public education idea; we want them to explain their advertising processes in more detail; we still want monthly updates, I think; we need to let them know that their status as society is based on their response to all this; and we have a suggestion to send e-mails to all Journalism students. Can they send this kind of e-mail?

**Mr. Chris Doody:** There's a listserv.

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** And – we also have a suggestion that they reformat their project within a tighter budget.

**Mr. Michael Keene:** I don't know why we're including the Journalism thing in all this.

**Mr. Chris Doody:** I think that it would just be a good idea, as it'd mean access to resources that would allow them to lower their budget.

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** Anyway, that's the complete list.

**Mr. George Rae:** Anyone want to add to the recommendations?

**Ms. Coren Pulleyblank:** I'm unclear on what we were saying about an apology – do we still want this from them? Who would it be directed to? What are Judy's and my roles?

**Ms. Kaley Kennedy:** We want an apology to the Union, I think. I think that this discussion should happen between the three of you and the executive of the KFC.

**Mr. Dave Jerome:** I'm not so sure about the process of apology. In this case they could go through the motions of apology without being sincere – we need to make clear the concerns we have about them, and have them demonstrate that they recognize there are problems, and leave it up to them to follow these. It's not YOUR responsibility, but their responsibility to show they've fulfilled these before we give them contingent funding.

**Ms. Kaley Kennedy:** Our reasons for the apology are that we want them to recognize that the KFC have done something wrong. We've acknowledged that they've done something wrong, but if they don't, I wouldn't feel comfortable giving them funding.

**Ms. Judy Booth:** Kaley or Mike mentioned talking to the executive of the KFC in person, rather than over e-mail, which I think is a good idea that we should add to the list.

**Mr. Michael Keene:** I think what Kaley said is right, based on insincerity – and it's wrong to blackmail.

**Mr. Chris Doody:** Their written response for their acts last year can include an apology if they think it's appropriate.

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** I think that's clear enough.

## **1.6 New Business**

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## **1.7 Written Reports**

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### *1.7.1 Coren Pulleyblank (President)*

**Ms. Coren Pulleyblank:** My report is in the agenda. I wrote this for the council meeting we missed, but I wanted council to know that I won't be attending the Canadian Federation of Students in Ottawa. The executive decided that it's more prudent for me to stay in the city for the Board of Governors executive meeting coming up. One person who was interested in attending the CFS meeting backed out. We couldn't fill the increased cost of flights.

As for the Wardroom, we've been having extensive discussions with the chair of the Board of Management. One discussion has been the structure of the Board of Management itself, because we've had two representatives leave. Also, we're dealing with the question of who is legally and practically responsible for Wardroom security.

Dave and I did meet with Dr. Barker about our problems with the property acquisition. The basic rundown is that there are two separate concerns: the property itself, and the way the housing works. I'll keep updating you because it's an ongoing issue.

As regards the dental referendum, we now have a quote, so we're trying to beef the question up a bit more before we present it. We want to bring it back to council.

The KSU is currently working on preparing a document outlining our requests for basic financial transparency at the Board of Governors level. We're developing a working document to help give us a core set of ideas that we're going to operate by. We're not sure how we're going to present it yet. Once it's done on the executive level, since we've been dealing with the administration directly, I'll bring it to council and to other Board representatives.

Sarah Towle approached Dave and me on Friday with a complaint that the university formerly would give back \$200.00 to one-year Journalism students to reimburse for missed meals due to internships, which they stopped doing this year. I intend to spend a few days researching this, since Sarah requested that the KSU take this on.

**Mr. Chris Doody:** What's the property that King's intends on buying?

**Ms. Coren Pulleyblank:** I really wish we could say. It is on Coburg road, it is a house.

**Mr. Michael Keene:** The Bursar was very proud of the idea.

**Ms. Coren Pulleyblank:** There's a for-sale sign right outside of it, but I don't know anything about the interior.

**Mr. Chris Doody:** What's the intended use?

**Ms. Coren Pulleyblank:** There's a standing idea that property purchasing is a good idea, and they put the proposal first before they want to decide what to do with it. First they would have to rezone the property.

**Ms. Kaley Kennedy:** It's about 99% certain that this property is bought. It's more like "we've bought property" than "we're thinking about buying property".

#### *1.7.2 Judy Booth (Internal Vice President)*

**Ms. Judy Booth:** A lot of my time has been spent cleaning up small administrative things. I've been working on my files and on information involved in my job. I've been focusing on policy – for example the DSU society policy committee -- and I've talked to a lot of society heads about policy. I'm looking at how midterm reports have been done in the past, especially to avoid things like what happened with the King's Film Collective last year. I've been spending time thinking about how to get better communication with societies. I've also been working on the Sexual Harassment Policy – I want to have a policy in place by the end of my term, period. The rest of it is written out.

Campus Safety is also going really well. Sorry about the seminar we were intending to have. Jean and I have been working on Campus Safety things, and we have a number of projects in the works about sexuality and bike safety – those should be coming up soon.

Starting this Wednesday, I'll be running "exam relax times" on Wednesdays between 7 and 8 PM.

### *1.7.3 Lara Haines-Love (Financial Vice President)*

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** We found our new Yearbook Editor, Dalia Levin.

The audit for '05-'06 hadn't been completed, and I wanted to let everyone know that it's gone through. Our audit fees went up considerably because they had to trace a *lot* of pieces of paper, but we did manage to pass.

We've had a few bombshells dropped on the Union – we'll keep you updated. I had a meeting with Gerry last week, and I basically was told that payroll is no longer being dealt with. Also, I found out about our being charged for the use of our Ethernet ports.

There are some re-negotiations coming up in the near future. We've had a lot of students coming in complaining about how they are being treated by the Bursar's Office, both verbally and in the attention being paid to their account. Students come to us not wanting to go upstairs to have their accounts dealt with.

**Mr. Michael Keene:** In regards to the Yellow Ribbon campaign – can we move really carefully? Suicide rates tend to go up rather than down, especially in a university residence environment.

**Ms. Lara Haines-Love:** We're planning to move very slowly, and we've talked to Leigh Gillis. Posters are going up saying "Yellow Ribbon Program – it's coming to King's". It's moving very slowly so far.

### *1.7.4 Kaley Kennedy (External Vice President)*

**Ms. Kaley Kennedy:** CKDU is hiring a new station co-ordinator – so if you'd like a full-time position that doesn't pay very well, that might be for you...

The Annual General Meeting of the Dalhousie Women's Center is happening next Monday, and all councilors should come out, and get their constituencies to come out. I'll be advertising to get more people involved.

In the next three weeks, the provincial government will be consulting with students about student loan processes – there will be three consultations in the Halifax area, one at Dal, one at the Waterfront Campus for NSCC, and one at MSVU. They'll be soliciting suggestions for what the student loans programme in Nova Scotia should look like.

I'll be attending the Canadian Federation of Students GM on Tuesday with Tori, and it goes until Sunday morning. If you have questions, come to the office.

As regards ancillary fees, I've talked to Wayne Docket – the Higher Education executive director. He reviewed the fees, saying they are in line with the costs of the University providing the services in question, but concerns were raised about ancillary and auxiliary fees. The review process itself, as well as the internal processes, are in question. The exact numbers are still being looked over, and we're trying to determine whether that's an adequate response to the questions we asked. It's not clear about whether the College Fee is allowed to be charged given the rules that govern university funding. We'd like to sit down with Wayne Docket again.

As for Memorandum of Understanding negotiations, if there IS an update, we'll know; I suspect something will come out after the Speech from the Throne.

That's all I'll highlight from my report.

**Mr. Chad Hudson:** I hope everyone comes out to the House of Assembly, since I'm working the gallery that day.

### *1.7.5 Victoria O'Neill (Communications Vice President)*

**Ms. Victoria O'Neill:** My report's short; I've had bad health so I'm sorry I haven't been in the office much lately.

I'm always the go-to person to compile suggestions for the way we run things, so let me know what you think so I can pass these along to the next executive meeting.

We're planning to have an office 'holiday' on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, so please come by – it's Judy Melgar's last day. We'll try to have some cookies and things for people.

The next council meeting is on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1PM. I'm not quite sure yet. Just so that people have this in mind.

If you're not getting e-mails, let me know.

**Ms. Coren Pulleyblank:** Last year we started Councilor Appreciation during the December break. Last year we went to Chives, and I wanted to know whether people are interested in doing something like this again. Let me know. I'll try to have a date by the next meeting, but if you have any screaming deadlines, tell me ahead of time.

**Mr. Daniel Latner:** Does the KSU pay for this meal thing? Last year it cost about 600\$ for the nine of us DSS councilors, and it seems like a lot of money. I'm just saying.

**Ms. Judy Booth:** Councilor Appreciation is something we do because we appreciate you and you don't get paid.

**Ms. Coren Pulleyblank:** This is the more formal event of the two events we normally hold.

**Mr. Daniel Latner:** I'm not saying it's bad because it's true – people don't get paid for it.

**Ms. Judy Booth:** It was passed in the budget and people did ask about it at the GM.

*At 3:25 P.M., Ms. Kaley Kennedy leaves.*

### **1.8 Approval of Minutes**

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For Meetings 3 & 4

*Vote on the Approval of the Minutes*  
No oppositions. Minutes approved.

### **1.9 Announcements**

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**Ms. Victoria O'Neill:** The next meeting is on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, not the 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Ms. Coren Pulleyblank:** Come out to Yoga tonight!

**Ms. Victoria O'Neill:** There'll be new facts from the Archives in TWAK this week.

**Mr. Michael Keene:** Go see Macbeth.

**Ms. Coren Pulleyblank:** I have a request – I want to capitalize James' name in my written report...

*At 3:28, Ms. Kaley Kennedy returns.*

**Mr. Michael Keene:** How does attendance work if a person only shows up for 20 minutes and then leaves?

**Mr. George Rae:** It doesn't affect impeachment – it doesn't count towards quorum if they're coming back.

### **1.10 Next Meeting: Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 1 pm**

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### **1.11 Adjournment**

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**Mr. Adrian Lee:** I motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Mr. Chad Hudson.

Council adjourns at 3:29 PM.



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### **Walkhome Office**

The Walkhome Office Committee met to discuss the use of the old Walkhome Office. In attendance were Chris Parsons, Michael Keene, and Simon Bloom. It was generally agreed that the Day Students' Society should have access, but that the space must stay ultimately under the jurisdiction of the KSU. We discussed both a short term and long term solutions for the space.

### **Long Term**

The KSU sound gear will find a permanent home in the Wardroom. The KSU will retain ultimate control of the space, however an agreement will be made to give the Day Students' Society full use of the space. The agreement will be ratified at a General Meeting, and will include stipulations that the DSS will not be allowed to give the space to any other group, student or otherwise, as well as who will have access to the space. There will be a renewal clause as well as a termination clause.

### **Short Term**

The KSU and DSS will clear out the office. The Executives of the Day Student's Society will be asked to sign an agreement granting them access but not authority over the space, and they will be able to store their files and supplies in there.

### **Wardroom**

There are a number of big issues regarding the Wardroom. While negotiations regarding cost recovery initiatives on Wardroom Security were continuing at the Board of Management level, the Bursar's office started charging the full amount of the proposed rates. We again expressed our frustration about implementing these fees before anything had been officially agreed, and we were assured by the Chair of the Board of Management that the fees would be refunded to the extent that negotiations cut the rates. I prepared a document for the Board of Management discussing line-by-line all the charges, as well as how the implementation of the fees would affect the Wardroom and campus community. The meeting where we were supposed to discuss this was cancelled, and in the meantime two representatives, Tami Kendell and Ken Newman have informed the Chair that they will no longer be sitting on the Board of Management. We really do not have a sense of what this means for the Wardroom yet, and Lara and I will be speaking with Chris Elson tomorrow.

We have also just been informed that Tami Kendell will be on maternity leave come January and that the school will not be processing Wardroom Payroll in her absence, and likely not even when she returns. This would be a large expense for the Wardroom to take on (appx. \$1200/yr). Furthermore it is symptomatic of the school generally trying to let go of all responsibility of the Wardroom. There are a number of potential options in this situation, however as this is all very new, the details of the situation have not yet been worked out. Lara and I will be meeting with George Davis, the Wardroom Manager on Saturday after we have spoken with Chris Elson. We will have to move quickly, due to the time sensitivity of the Board of Governors meetings, as well as the fact that the payroll is currently scheduled to switch over on January 1st. I hope to have further updates at our Council meeting on Sunday.

### **Property Acquisition**

The University Administration has put in an offer for a property on Coburg Rd. The details about this have not been circulated, and we have concerns about the lack of due process surrounding such a huge purchase. Property acquisition is not only a huge allocation of funds, but has the potential to really change aspects of the King's Community. While these changes could potentially be for the better, there have been no thorough proposals presented for the property. Dave Jerome, James Mosher and I are calling on the Administration to present all the facts to the Board of Governors before the deal is closed, and to wait for Board approval. We will be meeting with Dr. Barker tomorrow.

### **Mental Health Month**

Mental Health Month is under way, though it is arriving a little late. The KSU is providing free Yoga on Sunday nights throughout November in the Dance Studio. There were a number of issues surrounding the Yellow Ribbon Campaign, however it seems to be happening at last. We are waiting for materials from the Campaign folk. Also, we're hoping to have a study-snacks type event in the last two Wednesdays in November. Judy Melgar is helping us organize these this. The Dean is also planning something with the Dons for FYP oral prep.

### **Dental Referendum**

The National Student Health Network is still working on pricing out a potential plan for the KSU. Because the quote was unavailable for the bi-election, we are planning to hold the referendum during the executive elections in February. We will present the question to Council beforehand.

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Report of the Internal Vice President  
November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Council,

Dear Council:

The past month has been productive. The Events Coordinator Search Committee finally met, and recommended someone to all you lovely people. I have continued to sit on the DSU's Society Policy Committee, which is going really well, but has moved away from the issue of King's students a little. We've been discussing how the societies will be structured, and how they should work together with DSU council. Again, if you have any ideas or suggestions, I would love to hear them.

As promised, I held a meeting of society heads. It actually went much more smoothly than I had expected, with surprisingly good attendance. In fact, all my committees have started coming together. Over the last few days, I have begun research on sexual harassment policy, calling other Students' Unions, and looking at the government's policy guidelines. It's a lot of fun, looking at how different organizations structure their policy and procedure. At the campus safety committee meeting this week, we will begin going over all of this, and formulating a policy for the union. By the end of my term, I want the KSU to have a solid sexual harassment policy in place.

Administrative committees are (finally) starting to meet. I'm looking forward to PACCSL and PGS in the next two weeks. I've also had several meetings with Leigh Gillis about goings-on in residence.

Now that the rush of society applications has died down, I've had time to tidy up all the little administrative things that had fallen to the side. This means that I've spent hours filing, making up contact lists, typing up descriptions, and so on. Look for some society content going up on the website soon.

I have also, of course, been participating in group initiatives. The exec has begun work on the restructuring initiative that we've been talking about for so long. I've been trying to get more involved in the union's external affairs, going to

meetings and events and trying to talk to Kaley about what she's up to. I've also been making an effort to understand more of the financial side of things, so I can answer questions and better understand how we operate.

The coming week will be hectic, with Kaley and Tori away in Ottawa doing the CFS thing. Hopefully, though, it will be a fun and productive week, with fewer distractions around the office. We're all getting ready to say goodbye to our Katimavik volunteer, Judy Melgar, who has been so helpful over the past few months. I urge you all to come into the office and give her your appreciation for all her work.

That's all for now.

Judy Booth  
Internal Vice President.



Report of the Financial Vice President  
November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007

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### **Audit**

The audit for the 2005-2006 year was completed about 3 weeks ago. The auditor expressed concerns with the internal controls in place of that year. He felt that they were not upheld to the standards that they should have been. There were a number of missing invoices and many of the cheque requisitions did not have adequate explanations attached. Nevertheless, they were able to ascertain to the best of their ability that

“the financial statements present fairly in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at Aug 31, 2006 and the results of its operations and cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.”

### **University Relations:**

A number of larger financial issues have risen with our relations with the university. Issues on the table include:

The university notified us this past week that they would no longer be providing payroll services to the Bookstore or to the Wardroom

It has been suggested that the university no longer run Wardroom security as it is now but rather place it under the Board of Management and the Dean and have the Wardroom and the KSU take on all costs associated with its operations.

As of September, they have begun charging the KSU Office and the Watch for their ethernet ports in the office. They have also back-billed us all for the past 2 years to the tune of \$2600.00 for these lines.

Lastly, the Financial Agreement in place between the KSU and the university is outdated. This agreement outlines how and when the student fees are collected and remitted by the Bursar's office. As both parties have been having multiple frustrations with the current processes, the agreement is likely to be renegotiated in the near future and the school has expressed such a desire. We are hoping to make it much more comprehensive and detailed to avoid any possible loop holes and ambiguities.

All of these issues are in the process of being discussed at different levels.

### **Bursar's Office Relations**

We have had many students coming into the office and complaining about the treatment they are receiving from the Bursar's Office both with respect to their accounts and in the general way they are spoken to. The executive has sent a letter on behalf of the students outlining the specific problems and asking that they address them.

### **Yellow Ribbon Program**

For mental health month, we are planning to implement a program called the Yellow Ribbon Program. It is a suicide prevention program started in the US by

parents of a teen who killed himself. Judy Melgar, our Katimavik volunteer is actually spear heading this project. We plan to introduce it slowly due to the sensitive nature of the issue. We have run into a few road blocks but the materials are finally on their way. So if you see posters and other information around, this is what it's all about!

That's all for now!  
All kind wishes,

Lara Haines-Love



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Report of the External Vice President  
November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007

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### **ISIC Issuing**

I've held a number of ISIC tables with Judy Melgar the past few weeks and they've been a great success. I've issues over 50 ISICs, and will do another two days of tabling before the Christmas vacation.

### **CKDU Station Coordinator**

CKDU is hiring a new station coordinator. Applications are due December 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Resource Files**

The resource files are almost totally completed, thanks in large part to the work of our Katimavik volunteer Judy. I am hoping to begin advertising this new service to students in the coming weeks.

### **DWC Annual General Meeting and Board Recruitment**

The Dalhousie Women's Centre will be holding it's Annual General Meeting on Monday November 26, 2007. Please encourage your constituencies to attend.

The DWC is also recruiting board members, and I will be advertising this on campus with the intention of having more King's students on the DWC board.

Also, the DWC will be screening a movie here on November 28 in Seminar Room 4.

### **Student Loan Forum**

On Wednesday, November 14, 2007, the KSU hosted a student forum on student debt and student loans with Leonard Preyra, MLA for Halifax-Citadel, and Post-Secondary Education critic for the NDP.

The forum was a great success with several students coming out from schools across the city. The recommendations from the forum will be published online at <http://www.preyra.ca>.

### **Provincial Government Student Financial Assistance Public Consultations**

The Department of Education will be holding a number of public consultations across the province in the next few weeks to get input from students on the current state of the financial assistance program in Nova Scotia.

As soon as I have confirmed dates and locations from the Department, I will pass those along. Please encourage your constituents to attend. It is not often that students are able to have their voices heard directly by the Department of Education. Students will also have the opportunity to make submissions via an online form expressing their concerns.

### **Opening of the Legislature**

The Provincial Legislature will open on November 22 at 2 PM with the Speech from the Throne. I encourage everyone to attend.

### **CFS Annual General Meeting**

On Tuesday, Tori and I will be heading to Ottawa to attend a general meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students. Some of the goals we have outlined for the meeting are to get some ideas for how to implement the Grants Not Loans

campaign better on campus, and looking for improvements on the website service, and the orientation bulk-buying service.

### **Ancillary Fees**

The Department of Education has reviewed the fees at King's and found that the ancillary fee increases are warranted due to cost increases. The executive is continuing to review this information and verify that it is adequate.

This process has brought to light a number of concerns about progress. The process for approving fees at King's is very flawed, as these increases were not overseen by any of the appropriate governing bodies, or by students. As well, the review process has been long and confusing and there is still some dispute over whether these fees are adequately outlined.

In Nova Scotia compulsory fees rose 26% last year, compromising the tuition fee freeze for many students.

### **MOU Negotiations**

There has been no word from the government yet on how MOU negotiations will proceed. When this is made clear, I will let everyone know.

Issues of particular concern in the upcoming MOU include tuition fee reductions for all students, strict regulations on ancillary and auxiliary fees, and funding increases for the universities.

### **Dental Plan**

Because of concerns regarding having accurate information included in a question on a dental referendum, the Executive decided to push the referendum up until the next election. Currently, we have asked for a quote from Greenshield to add dental coverage to our health plan. I will keep you posted on the progress for this.

### **Students and Social Assistance**

A number of student groups and community organizations have come together on a campaign to allow people on social assistance to access student loans and attend university. The group is currently lobbying MLAs, and producing information on the campaign and hopes to plan some kind of public action in the near future. If you are interested in being involved in the campaign, let me know.

### **Grants, Not Loans**

I have been continuing to collect signatures on a petition for Grants, Not Loans. So far we've collected over 200 names.

### **Municipal Visioning Session**

A number of labour and community organizations are planning a "Municipal Visioning Session" on December 8 to discuss concerns for the city. Topics will include transit, environmental sustainability, and community building. I will be advertising the event and collecting names for people to attend as soon as more information becomes available.

In solidarity,  
Kaley Kennedy  
External Vice-President



Report of the Communications Vice President  
November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007

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Things have been pretty busy recently with a hurricane and midterms. Things are getting locked down in the office and really starting to cook.

TWAK

TWAK has been going fairly well although we do have those sparse weeks. I'm not sure whether it's the time of year or that there are fewer societies than last

year at this time but either way it's a little odd. The new system has also been doing a few funny things and keeps coming up with surprises for me but I have worked out a lot of them. Ben Lewis (the CFS' old tech guy and current financial head) has promised that he will troubleshoot with me while we are in Ottawa this upcoming week.

#### General Meeting

The General meeting is at last over! Phew! It went ok but, as seems to be the current trend, it was very hard to get quorum. A lot of people came up with suggestions on how to ease this problem after the meeting. The most resounding sentiment was to reduce the percentage of the student body that constitutes quorum. I will put this forward (with a slew of other recommendations!) for the next executives General Meeting.

Not a lot has been going on for me other than that due to health issues and mostly trying to prepare for this upcoming CFS meeting (for which Kaley and I leave for on Tuesday morning).

Cheers and I will have much more to report back to you I am sure for next meeting.

Cheers and see you all in a week,  
Victoria O'Neill