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**Minutes for Meeting 2 (Council)**

King's Students' Union 2017-2018

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, 10:00am

Boardroom, Second Floor, A&A Building

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***Voting Members Present***

President – Brennan McCracken

Financial Vice-President – Zoë Brimacombe

External Vice-President – Marie Dolcetti Koros

Communications Vice-President – Cassie Hayward

Board of Governors Representative – Daniel Whitten

Day Student Representative – Cédric Blais

First Year Representative – Riel Tétreault

Science Representative – Frances Grace Fyfe

***Voting Members Absent***

Arts Representative – Drew Guyan

Residence Representative – Lucia F. Helder

Student Life Vice President - Lianne Xiao

***Non-Voting Members Present***

Chair – Charlotte Sullivan

Scribe – Michael Greenlaw

***Regrets***

Board of Governors Representative – Julia-Simone Rutgers

Journalism Representative – Vacant

Member-At-Large - Vacant

***Called to order at 10:02am.***

***The Chair recognised that the meeting took place on unceded, traditional Mi'kmaq territory.***

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

*The agenda was adopted.*

**2. Approval of Minutes from September 17, 2017**

*The minutes were approved*

**3. Oral Reports and Goals of Councillors**

Daniel Whitten said that Julia-Simone Rutgers, and himself are going to deliver a more in-depth report from their Board of Governors meeting at the next KSU council meeting.

Riel Tétreault said that it is bittersweet to be leaving his current position as First Year Representative. He is looking forward to meet with the soon-to-be elected First Year Representative.

Cédric Blais said that Maritime Night in the Wardroom was a huge success! He reported that the next Day Student Society general meeting is on Monday.

Brennan McCracken asked where and when the meeting was taking place.

Cédric Blais responded that the meeting is going to be taking place in the Wardroom at 3:00pm.

Frances Grace Fyfe said that the science student social went very well: There was a great turnout from both upper year students and first years! FG is excited for the upcoming election season!



**4. Reports of the Executive Committee and Rulings of the Chair (Attached)**

- 4.1. Ruling of the Chair re: Fall 2017 King's Students' Union Councillor Elections  
Charlotte Sullivan explained that the ruling was made because the KSU did not receive enough applications for the positions.

Daniel Whitten asked if there was any consideration to moving nominations forward if we have only received one application for the positions.

Charlotte Sullivan responded that it is to the discretion of the CRO.

- 4.2. Report of the President

- 4.3. Report of the Student Life Vice President

Zoë Brimacombe delivered the report on Lianne Xiao's behalf.

- 4.4. Report of the Financial Vice President

- 4.5. Report of the External Vice President

Daniel Whitten asked how the attendance was for the Bill 148 Rally.

Marie Dolcetti Koros responded that the King's student's present was minimal, only about 20 attended owing to low advertisement. Although, about 100 Halifax students were present.

- 4.6. Report of the Communications Vice President

**5. Notice of King's Students' Union Annual General Meeting**

- 5.1. The King's Students' Union Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday October 19, 2017 at 6:30pm in the HMCS King's Wardroom.

Brennan McCracken spoke to spreading the word widely to Kings students. He is excited that the meeting is taking place in the Wardroom this year.

Daniel Whitten asked what quorum would be for the meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Brennan responded that we needed 5% of the King's Students' Union to make quorum.

**6. Action Items**

- 6.1. BIRT the King's Improv Society be ratified as a Tier 1 society for the 2017-2018 academic year.  
*Moved by Lianne Xiao*

The Kings Improv Society aims to provide an opportunity for students to practice and perform improvisational theatre.

*Motion was passed.*

- 6.2. BIRT the Best Buddies Canada - King's Chapter Society be ratified as a Tier 1 society for the 2017-2018 academic year.

*Moved by Lianne Xiao*



Best Buddies Canada - King's Chapter aims to promote inclusivity and connect students with adults with intellectual disabilities.

*Motion was passed.*

- 6.3. BIRT the Le Salon be ratified as a Tier 1 society for the 2017-2018 academic year.

*Moved by Lianne Xiao*

Le Salon aims to provide a space for King's students of all French-speaking abilities to practise conversational French.

*Motion was passed.*

- 6.4. BIRT the King's Journalism Society be ratified as a Tier 2 society for the 2017-2018 academic year.

*Moved by Lianne Xiao*

The King's Journalism Society aims to facilitate networking within the journalism school and organize events for journalism students.

*Motion was passed.*

- 6.5. BIRT the Students Advocating for Representative Curricula (SNARC) be ratified as a Tier 2 society for the 2017-2018 academic year.

*Moved by Lianne Xiao*

Students Advocating Representative Curricula (SnARC) aims to promote the representation, study and discussion of marginalized voiced in curricula and academic spaces.

Brennan McCracken motioned to recess at 10:27am

*Council resumed at 10:29am.*

*Motion was passed.*

- 6.6. BIRT the King's Dance Collective be ratified as a Tier 2 society for the 2017-2018 academic year.

*Moved by Lianne Xiao*

King's Dance Collective aims to provide a non-competitive and creative environment for all students interested in dance and choreography.

*Motion was passed.*

- 6.7. BIRT the Sodales Debating Society be ratified as a Tier 2 society for the 2017-2018 academic year.

*Moved by Lianne Xiao*



Sodales Debating Society: aims to promote and encourage the growth and development of debating, rhetoric and public speaking.

*Motion was passed.*

- 6.8. BIRT that the CKDU-FM Society be ratified as a Tier 2 society for the 2017-2018 academic year.

*Moved by Lianne Xiao*

CKDU-FM is the campus and community radio station run out of the Dalhousie Student Union Building!

Zoë Brimacombe asked if Cassie Hayward currently sits on the CKDU board. Cassie Hayward responded that yes, she does technically sit on the board. Although, owing to the laid back nature of the board, she has not been asked to attend meeting.

*Motion was passed.*

- 6.9. BIRT The Early Modern Studies Society (EMSS) receive \$25 in non-contingent funding to purchase snacks for a Mental Health in the Early Modern Period and Contemporary Mental Health Services Event.

*Moved By Zoe Brimacombe*

*Finance Committee recommends approval*

Event is happening on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. 4-6pm WCR. For cookies and tea. Casual meet and greet. Meet about mental health, they though 30-40 people in attendance, but in reality 13-14.

Zoe Brimacombe moved to amendment that action item 6.9. be read "...*Finance Committee has no recommendation*"

*Motion was passed.*

- 6.10. BIRT EMSS receive \$30 in non-contingent funding to purchase tea for the thesis Study Snacks events to be held throughout the year.

*Moved by Zoe Brimacombe*

*Finance Committee recommends approval.*

The Study Snacks events are to support the EMSP students writing their thesis in the Manning Room and the Wilson Common Room.

*Motion was passed.*

- 6.11. BIRT \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be elected members of the King's Dining Services Advisory Committee for the 2017-2018 academic year.

*Move by Brennan McCracken.*



Brennan McCracken explained that this action item was tabled at the last council meeting because students were at the time unaware and unfamiliar with how Chartwells operated because it was a new catering company to Kings. Brennan wanted students to have more experience eating at Chartwells before electing members.

Brennan nominated Adaline Catlin. Adaline is very interested in this position, she has celiac and wants to advocate for other people who may have celiac, she is very passionate about food.

Brennan nominated Caroline French. Caroline is passionate about healthy food, she is a regular eater at Prince Hall, and she is also a vegetarian. She looks forward to advocating for other like-minded vegetarians.

Daniel Whitten motivated for Caroline French.

Marie Dolcetti Koros motivated for Adeline Catlin.

*The blanks were filled with unanimous consent.  
Motion was passed.*

- 6.12. BIRT be elected to the University Sexual Violence Awareness, Prevention and Response Policy Committee.  
*Moved by Brennan McCracken*

Brennan McCracken moved to amend that action item 6.12. be read “BIRT **Levi Clarkson** be elected to the University Sexual Violence Awareness, Prevention and Response Policy Committee”  
*Cassie Hayward seconded the amendment.*

Brennan McCracken explained that after the University Sexual Violence Awareness, Prevention and Response Policy Committee had processed feedback they've received, they think this is an important decision. Levi Clarkson's name was chosen by students sending his name, along with other applicants to a third party abitur, the CSS Maritimes Office. The CSS Maritimes Offices made a recommendation to Brennan. For the application process, relevant experience, passion towards the position, and marginalized identities were considered an asset.

*The motion was approved.*

## **7. New Business**

*There was no new business.*

## **8. Next Meeting – Sunday October, 15, 2017, 10am, Boardroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor A&A Building**

## **9. Adjournment**

*Brennan McCracken moved to adjourn.  
Cédric Blais seconded this motion.*

*Meeting adjourned at 10:44am.*

## **Ruling of the Chair re: Fall 2017 King's Students' Union Councillor Elections**

This is a ruling of the Chair made under Appendix A of the Bylaws regarding the 2017 Fall Elections of the King's Students' Union (hereafter referred to as the KSU).

1. The nomination period for the positions of Journalism Representative, Arts Representative, Residence Representative, Science Representative, First Year Representative, and Member-at-Large opened on Monday, September 18th, 2017. This period was scheduled to close at 7:00pm on Friday, September 22nd, 2017.
2. As of 7:00pm on Friday, September 22nd, 2017, no candidates had yet submitted nomination packages for the positions of Arts Representative and Residence Representative. As a result, the Chief Returning Officer of the KSU sent a recommendation to the Chair that the nomination period for these positions be extended.
3. Article A.26 of the Bylaws provides in part that "... during extraordinary circumstances, the dates and times of elections may be adjusted by a ruling of the Chair in order to ensure a fair and open election for candidates and electors."
4. Therefore, pursuant to Article A.26, it is ruled that the nomination period for the Arts Representative and Residence Representative will be extended to close at 7:00pm on Monday, September 25th, 2017.

Charlotte Sullivan  
Chair, King's Students' Union  
September 22nd, 2017

Reporting Period: Monday September 18, 2017 - Wednesday September 27, 2017

## **1. Internal – Union Affairs**

### **1.1. KSU Fall Elections – Elections Toolkit!**

- On Wednesday, September 20, I worked with KSU executive members to organize an Elections Toolkit event to give students skills to help them run campaigns in the Fall Councillor Elections. I facilitated a short presentation that outlined the structure of KSU council and the roles and opportunities that come with each councillor position.

## **2. External – University**

### **2.1. Tuition Fees Action**

- On Monday, September 18—the day tuition fees were due at King’s—I worked with External Vice-President Marie Dolcetti Koros and other executive members, councillors and volunteers to organize an action in protest of high tuition fees at King’s. We raised a banner in the A&A Building lobby demonstrating that the average price of tuition in Nova Scotia (\$7567) is out of reach for students. We also invited students to write on posters about how high tuition fees affect them, and what accessible post-secondary education can look like. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with the action, and to everyone who contributed to the poster display in the A&A stairwell!

### **2.2. Town Hall on College Finances**

- On Tuesday, September 19, I attended a Town Hall on College Finances, hosted by the University’s President Bill Lahey, Vice-President Peter O’Brien, and Bursar Bonnie Sands. I spoke to the need to reduce tuition fees and increase funding for student services in the upcoming budget. I also said that tuition fees are already untenable for King’s students and the University cannot take a multi-year approach to financial planning or talk about reaching financial sustainability without planning to reduce tuition fees.

### **2.3. Alumni Association Executive Meeting**

- On Thursday, September 21, I attended an Alumni Association Executive meeting. At the meeting, I presented a report from the King’s Students’ Union outlining recent work of the Students’ Union, including Orientation Week and the Wardroom and Galley openings.

### **2.4. Sexual Violence Awareness, Prevention and Response Policy Committee**

- On Thursday, September 21, I attended a meeting of the Sexual Violence Awareness, Prevention and Response Policy Committee (SVAPRPC). At the meeting, the committee finalized a draft of the policy and created plans for student and community consultations. Students emphasized the importance of having a variety of consultation options available, advertising the consultation options widely, and having active listeners and a support space available during consultation times. I worked this week to coordinate active listeners for the two town hall consultations, which will be held on October 11 and 12.
- On Tuesday, September 26, I handed out No Means No/Consent Culture materials and leaflets with information about the committee to advertise the open student position on the SVAPRPC.

**3. External – Other**

3.1. Canadian Federation of Students – Nova Scotia Skills Symposium

- Along with three other executive members and Services and Campaigns Coordinator Michaela Sam, I attended the Canadian Federation of Students – Nova Scotia Skills Symposium from September 22-24, 2017. I attended workshops throughout the weekend on building an inclusive student movement, holding effective meetings, media relations, and many others.

**4. Upcoming Dates**

4.1. Sisters in Spirit Vigil

- This coming Wednesday, October 4, we will be working with the King's Feminist Collective to bring students to the Sisters in Spirit Vigil at the Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre. The vigil will include a sacred fire, prayer, moment of silence and feast to honour missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. Stay tuned for more information about where and when students will be meeting to head over together.



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## **1. Internal – Union Affairs**

### 1.1. Elections Toolkit

- On September 20, the KSU executive hosted the “Elections Toolkit,” an event to train members who were interested in running in the Fall Councillor Elections. We discussed the basics: how to campaign, write a platform, use social media, and do outreach. It was very successful and I would recommend future executives host this event in the future.

### 1.2. Society Training

- On September 27, Zoe Brimacombe, the Financial Vice-President, and I hosted Society Training. We presented on society basics as well as funding requests. Rebecca Stuckey from South House, Michaela Sam, the Services and Campaigns Coordinator, and Paisley Conrad, the general manager of the Wardroom also delivered presentations. I strongly encourage future executives to keep these presenters because their contributions were invaluable. There was great turn out and the event was successful!

## **2. External – University**

*No updates for the reporting period.*

## **3. External – Other**

### 3.1. Tuition Fees Action

On September 18, I supported our External Vice-President, Marie Dolcetti-Koros with an action to call on the University to reduce tuition fees. We decorated the steps inside the A&A building with streamers and did outreach with fight the fees materials. We asked members to write about how high fees impact their lives and we postered the stairs with their words. We were able to talk to many members and garner significant media attention, making it a successful action.

### 3.2. CFS-NS Maritimes Skills Symposium 2017

- From September 22 to September 24, I attended Maritimes Skills 2017. This was a great three day conference where I connected with other Maritime member locals of the Canadian Federation of Students. I learned so much from everyone and I was so happy to attend.

## **4. Upcoming Dates**

### 4.1. Racialized and Indigenous Student Experience Summit (RISE)

- From September 29 to October 1, Brandy Whitford and I will be attend RISE hosted by the Canadian Federation of Students in Toronto! I am so excited to learn in an informative closed space, to share knowledge with other racialized and indigenous folks, and bring back that knowledge to King’s.

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## **1. Internal – Union Affairs**

### **1.1. Society Training**

- Lianne Xiao, Student Life Vice President, and I held a mandatory training for society executives on Wednesday, September 27. The training was well attended, with just over thirty people in the room.
- In the interest of providing a comprehensive society training, we welcomed Rebecca Stuckey, South House Education and Outreach Coordinator; Michaela Sam, KSU Services and Campaigns Coordinator; and Paisley Conrad, Wardroom General Manager to discuss anti-oppressive work, office skills, and alcohol funding, respectively. Additionally, Lianne presented on society basics and I presented on society funding.

## **2. External – University**

### **2.1. Tuition Fee Action**

- On Monday, September 18, I participated in our action to protest tuition fees. Students wrote down the ways that high tuition and inaccessible education affect them, and then posted these statements on the wall of the A&A building. The participatory aspect was paired with a banner hung from the stairs that highlighted how the average tuition in Nova Scotia is “out of reach” for many students.
- I was present in the A&A lobby to speak to students, explain the action, and encourage people to participate.

### **2.2. Town Hall on College Finances**

- On Thursday, September 19, I attended both the afternoon and the evening sessions for the university’s Town Hall on College Finances. I highlighted that student priorities for the budget are decreased tuition and fees, financial support and resources to implement the Sexual Assault and Harassment Policy, and a commitment from our administrators to advocate for increased public funding for post-secondary education.

## **3. External – Other**

### **3.1. Maritimes Skills Development Symposium**

- From September 22 to 24 I attended the Canadian Federation of Students – Nova Scotia’s Maritimes Skills Development Symposium at Mount Saint Vincent University, along with President Brennan McCracken, Student Life Vice President Lianne Xiao, External Vice President Marie Dolcetti Koros and Services and Campaigns Coordinator Michaela Sam.
- The symposium included a panel on direct action, a presentation on student union finances and human resources, and roundtable discussions for graduate and undergraduate students.

## **4. Upcoming Dates**

### **4.1. KSU Budget Consultations**

- I will be in the Wardroom to receive input and feedback on the KSU’s fall budget on Monday, October 2 and Thursday, October 5 from 1:30-3pm.
- There will also be a more formal consultation held in the Wilson Common Room on Wednesday, October 4 from 1-2:30pm.
- Students are welcome to also contribute via email ([financialvp@ksu.ca](mailto:financialvp@ksu.ca)) or by talking to me during my office hours: Tuesdays 2:30-3:30; Wednesdays 12-2; and Thursdays 1:30-3:30.

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**1. Internal – Union Affairs**

*No updates for the reporting period.*

**2. External – University**

2.1 Tuition Fee Action

- Students held an action in the lobby of the Arts and Administration building on Monday September 18, the day tuition fees were due at King's for the fall semester. The action brought attention to the high cost of tuition at King's and in Nova Scotia and called on the University to reduce tuition fees. We heard about students' struggles due to high tuition and the reality that an accessible education is out of reach for many students. Students will continue to take action and demand that the university administration decrease tuition.

2.2 Budget Town Hall

- On September 19, I attended the Town Hall on the University Budget and Finances held by President Bill Lahey, the University Vice-President, and University Bursar. I asked several questions about the University's budget.

**3. External – Other**

3.1 Bill 148 Rally

- On September 21, along with King's students and students from other Halifax universities, I attended the rally held in opposition to Bill 148 and the government's attack on workers outside of the Legislature. Bill 148, or the *Public Services Sustainability Act*, is provincial legislation that imposes a non-negotiated wage settlement on workers and removes longstanding articles from collective agreements.

3.2 Maritime Skills Development Symposium

- From September 22 to 24 I had the pleasure of attending the Maritimes Skills Development Symposium held by the Canadian Federation of Students- Nova Scotia with other members of the Executive and representatives from universities across the Maritimes.

**4. Upcoming Dates**

4.1 Student Government Roundtable

- Brennan McCracken and I will be attend a Student-Government Roundtable with representatives from the Canadian Federation of Students-Nova Scotia and members of the provincial Liberal party on Tuesday October 3 to discuss the state of post secondary education in Nova Scotia.

Reporting Period: Monday September 18, 2017 - Wednesday September 27, 2017

**1. Internal – Union Affairs**

1.1. KSU Fall Councillor Elections

- Nominations for the KSU fall councillor elections were open from September 18, 2017 to September 22<sup>nd</sup> for the positions of Arts Representative, First Year Representative, Journalism Representative, Member-At-Large, Residence Representative, and Science Representative. The nomination period was extended to Monday September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7pm for the positions of Arts Representative and Residence Representative by ruling of the KSU Chair. In order to raise awareness about the nomination period, I created several posters and regularly posted to the Union's social media. I also did one-on-one outreach by talking to students about the election.

1.2. Elections Tool-Kit Event

- On September 20, the executive hosted an event for folks looking to run in the KSU election! I presented on making posters.

1.3. Ongoing Communications Outreach

- I continue to make posters, write This Week at King's (TWAK), and prepare documents for council.

**2. External – University**

- *No updates for the reporting period.*

**3. External – Other**

- *No updates for the reporting period.*

**4. Upcoming Dates**

4.1. KSU Elections

Speeches for the KSU Councillor elections will be on Monday October 2, at 6pm in the Wardroom. Voting for KSU Elections will occur on October 4- October 5 from 9am-7pm. outside of Prince Hall.