



**Voting members present:**

President – Brennan McCracken  
Student Life Vice President - Lianne Xiao  
Financial Vice President – Zoë Brimacombe  
External Vice President – Marie Dolcetti Koros  
Board of Governors Representative – Julia-Simone Rutgers  
Board of Governors Representative – Daniel Whitten  
Day Student Representative – Cédric Blais  
First Year Representative – Izzy Ortner  
Science Representative – Arianna Narbonne  
Residence Representative – Heather Velthuis  
Member at Large – Chris Pearse  
Journalism Representative – Kaila Jefferd-Moore

**Non-voting members present:**

Chair – Charlotte Sullivan  
Interim Scribe – Frances Grace Fyfe

**Regrets:**

Communications Vice President – Cassie Hayward  
Arts Representative – Adrianna Vanos

***Meeting was called to order at 10:16 AM.***

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

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

*The agenda was adopted*

**2. Approval of Minutes from October, 1, 2017**

Brennan McCracken corrected a previous statement that read that the Annual General Meeting would be taking place at 6:00 PM, replacing it instead with the time of 6:30 PM. He wished also to correct some typos.

*The agenda was adopted as amended.*

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

Chris Pearse introduced himself to council. He is looking forward to catching up with the live blog, and working alongside representatives within the KSU to encourage a more collaborative relationship across constituencies.

Cédric Blais noted that the Day Students' Society held their general meeting two weeks ago, where they elected their first year representative.

Kaila Jefferd-Moore was looking to settle into her new position.

Izzy Ortner wanted to meet with people in her year and hear their concerns firsthand, noting that she wished especially to approach people she doesn't know well or hasn't spoken to yet.



Arianna Narbonne was looking forward to having the science students get together to hear what they want for the year ahead. She wanted to create Thursday hand-out sheets for FYP science students that miss lectures and tutorials.

Daniel Whitten noted that he, Julia-Simone Rutgers and Brennan McCracken attended the Board of Governor's meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup>. It was a short and straightforward meeting, with discussion revolving around the news that certain schools within the province had received supplementary funding due to a discrepancy in the provincial funding formula. Concerns were raised about the lack of transparency within this government funding process. Daniel noted that the university president brought up the potential for provincial funding to be relegated to large scale projects within the university. Daniel also noted that the Board of Governor's representatives raised issues about student employment, and was pleased to note that the university president was interested in developing a human resources policy for student employees.

Heather Velthuis had a meeting with Dean Hatt on October 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss her roles on various committees as they pertain to the residence life community.

Julia-Simone Rutgers also attended the Board of Governor's meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup>. She noted that the university administration seemed willing to lobby for better governmental funding structures, and spoke about the administration's shift towards more long-term planning for King's finances, something she felt was encouraging for ensuring more financial sustainability for the university. Both she and Daniel Whitten had brought up the importance of freezing tuition fee hikes across such a long-term.

#### **4. Reports of the Executive Committee (Attached)**

##### **4.1. Report of the President**

Brennan McCracken delivered his report to council, making special note of the need for councilors and executive members to encourage constituents to show up to the upcoming KSU general meeting.

##### **4.2. Report of the Student Life Vice President**

Lianne Xiao delivered her report to council.

In regards to Lianne's recent attendance of the Canadian Federation of Students'-hosted Racialized and Indigenous Student Experience conference, Daniel Whitten asked if the Canadian Federation of Students-Nova Scotia had a specific campaign to combat white supremacy on campus. Lianne replied that they did not.

##### **4.3. Report of the Financial Vice President**

Zoë Brimacombe delivered her report to council.

##### **4.4. Report of the External Vice President**

Marie Dolcetti-Koros delivered her report to council. She wanted to give special thanks to Aidan McNally and Gina Grattan for their help tabling in the Wardroom for Consent Culture on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Marie circulated the updated report ("Working Towards Consent Culture") that the Canadian Federation of Students-Nova Scotia had submitted to the student government roundtable attended by her and Brennan McCracken on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Daniel Whitten asked if the report was available electronically. Marie responded that it was available through the CFS-NS website.

Brennan McCracken made special note of Marie's diligence and commitment to students at the round table. Marie also thanked Brennan for his hard work.

Brennan McCracken noted that Cassie Hayward, Communications Vice President, has been out of the country and thus has not had the chance to do much union work. She will be delivering a report at the next council meeting that will detail her work since her last attended council.

**5. Results from the 2017 Fall Councillor Elections (Attached)**

Charlotte Sullivan encouraged people to contact Gina Grattan, Chief Returning Officer, should they have questions surrounding the Fall Councillor Election results

**6. Action Items**

6.1. BIRT the UKC Blue Devil's Supporter Society be ratified as a Tier 1 society for the 2017-2018 academic year.

*Moved by Lianne Xiao.*

Julia-Simone Rutgers asked what it meant for the Blue Devils' Supporter Society to "host celebrations before and after games." She expressed a concern that KSU society funding might be given to hosting parties in private residences. Lianne Xiao could not find any clarification in the society's constitution.

Brennan McCracken agreed this was a valid concern. He did note that because the Blue Devils' Supporters would be ratified as a Tier 1 Society, they would not have permission to apply for alcohol funding.

Lianne Xiao noted that the society had written in their application package that they intend to use money to host "BBQs at private residences."

Kaila Jefferd-Moore said it should be included in their ratification that they have to host events on campus.

Daniel Whitten said to treat funding on a case-by-case basis, and to make sure the society knows they are expected to host inclusive events when it comes time for them to apply for funding.

*Motion was passed.*

6.2. BIRT the Contemporary Studies Society be ratified as a Tier 2 society for the 2017-2018 academic year.

*Moved by Lianne Xiao.*

*Motion was passed.*

6.3. BIRT the King's Visual Arts Society be ratified as a Tier 1 society for the 2017-2018 academic year.

*Moved by Lianne Xiao.*

*Motion was passed.*



- 6.4. BIRT the World University Service of Canada - King's Chapter (WUSC) Society be ratified as a Tier 2 society for the 2017-2018 academic year.

*Moved by Lianne Xiao.*

*Motion was passed.*

- 6.5. BIRT the History of Science and Technology (HOST) Society be ratified as a Tier 2 society for the 2017-2018 academic year.

*Moved by Lianne Xiao.*

*Motion was passed.*

- 6.6. BIRT King's Outdoor and Sustainability Society receive \$182.75 in contingent funding to pay for snacks and a Driver Dave for a Day Trip to Crystal Crescent Beach on October 21, 2017.

*Moved by Zoë Brimacombe.*

*Finance Committee recommends approval.*

Daniel Whitten wanted to note the necessity for the KSU to fund the transportation for such an event given that municipal council has cut the bus route that would have ordinarily serviced this area.

*Motion was passed.*

- 6.7. BIRT The King's Theatrical Society receive 850 additional black and white photocopies for scripts and Murder in The Cathedral programs.

*Moved by Zoë Brimacombe.*

*Finance Committee recommends approval.*

Arianna Narbonne asked for clarification about society printing limits. Zoë Brimacombe explained that societies are allocated a certain number of printed pages per year, and that the King's Theatrical Society had since gone over their allocated amount.

Daniel asked if it was a concern that the King's Theatrical Society had already gone over their printing limit. Zoë Brimacombe said that it was not at the moment, as printing is relatively inexpensive and the KTS often requires more pages for scripts and programs. She said that it could be something to bring up at society training next year should it become a problem.

*Motion was passed.*

- 6.8. BIRT The King's Foreign Film Society receive \$31.36 in contingent funding to purchase bread, cheese, and pretzels for a Film Screening on October 19, 2017.

*Moved by Zoë Brimacombe.*

*Finance Committee recommends approval.*

*Motion was passed.*

- 6.9. BIRT The King's P.R.I.D.E. Society receive \$58.56 in contingent funding to purchase decorations, pizza, and snacks for Queereoke: Ladies of the 80s on October 20, 2017.

*Moved by Zoë Brimacombe.*

*Finance Committee recommends approval.*

*Motion was passed.*



- 6.10. BIRT The King's P.R.I.D.E. Society receive \$26.51 to purchase snacks and tea for their weekly Friday meetings.

*Moved by Zoë Brimacombe.*

*Finance Committee recommends approval.*

Daniel Whitten asked if this was contingent funding.

Zoë Brimacombe confirmed that it was, and moved to amend the motion to insert the words "in contingent funding" after "\$26.51."

*The amendment was passed.*

*Motion was passed.*

- 6.11. BIRT The Early Modern Studies Society receive \$200 in non-contingent funding to purchase decorations, candy, and prizes for a Luther 500 Costume Party on November 1, 2017.

*Moved by Zoë Brimacombe.*

*Finance Committee recommends approval.*

Brennan McCracken spoke in favour of this creative, low-budget event.

Arianna Narbonne asked what the society budget was for the year. Zoë Brimacombe replied that it was about \$14 000.

*Motion was passed.*

- 6.12. BIRT The Dalhousie-King's Fashion Design Show Society receive \$1000 in non-contingent funding to put on the Vaudeville charity fashion show on March 4, 2018.

*Moved by Zoë Brimacombe.*

*Finance Committee has no recommendation.*

Zoë Brimacombe moved to table this motion until the next council meeting. She wanted to meet with Vaudeville executives to talk about properly having all the information to bring to council, especially as they exist as a Dalhousie-King's society. She felt like budget committee needed more information from Vaudeville before making a recommendation.

Daniel Whitten asked if Vaudeville might need short-term deposits. Zoë Brimacombe said they have contingency in their bank account from last year and seemed OK to meet next week.

*Motion was tabled until next council.*

## **7. Discussion Items**

### **7.1. Annual General Meeting on October 19, 2017**

Brennan McCracken spoke about the upcoming general meeting. He explained that oral reports of the executive would be given, the budget would be presented, and people would be voted to various union committees. He spoke about the importance of meeting quorum for such an event, and encouraged councillors and executive member to engage effectively with their constituents to encourage a greater turnout. Councillors and executive members delegated themselves to



various tasks, such as making class announcements, printing and handing out leaflets and posting about the meeting on various Facebook pages and through TWAK.

**7.2. Budget**

Zoë Brimacombe presented to 2017/2018 Fall Budget to council. She explained how the 2017/2018 Fall Budget is adjusted from the 2017/2018 Draft Budget based on actual enrolment, and spoke to the fact that King's has slightly higher enrolment this year than was anticipated in the spring; as such, the union has made slightly more money in membership dues.

Arianna Narbonne asked if councillor funding was contingent for all councillors. Zoë Brimacombe said yes.

Daniel Whitten asked for Zoë Brimacombe to speak to the Legal Fund under Management and Operations. Zoë said this fund is for when the KSU has to consult legal aid about things like changing bylaws, for example. Brennan McCracken added as an example that he will be consulting the union's lawyer to negotiate the Galley space agreement.

Zoë Brimacombe noted that the 2017/2018 Fall Budget has been available on the KSU website as of October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**8. New Business**

8.1. Brennan McCracken reminded council that the next council meeting would be taking place on Sunday, October 9 at 10:00 AM in the Boardroom.

**9. Adjournment**

*Lianne Xiao moved to adjourn.*

*Julia-Simone Rutgers seconded the motion.*

***Council adjourned at 11:59 AM.***

Reporting Period: Thursday Sept. 28, 2017 - Wednesday Oct. 11, 2017

## **1. Internal – Union Affairs**

### **1.1. Councillor Training**

- I have been working over the past week with members of the executive, staff, and external presenters to coordinate KSU Councillor Training 2017! , Councillor training aims to equip councillors with the knowledge and skills they'll need to do great work this year, both within and outside of council meetings. Welcome to all of the incoming councillors!

## **2. External – University**

### **2.1. Board of Governors Meeting**

- On Thursday, September, 28 I attended a meeting of the King's Board of Governors with Board of Governors Representatives Julia-Simone Rutgers and Daniel Whitten. We presented a report from the KSU that included details about Orientation Week, the Wardroom and Galley, students' work on the University sexual violence policy, and more.
- In the meeting President Bill Lahey and Bursar Bonnie Sands spoke to the University's current work to develop a long-term financial plan. I spoke to the necessity of including reduced tuition fees in any long-term financial plan. We also called on the University to publicly call for increased public funding for post-secondary education in Nova Scotia and spoke to the necessity of fair treatment for student workers.

### **2.2. Enrolment Management Committee**

- On Tuesday, October 10, I attended a meeting of the Enrolment Management Committee. The committee received a presentation from Registrar Julie Green on a draft enrolment/recruitment plan and provided feedback to guide the Registrar's Office's recruitment over the next year.

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

- I have worked with members of the Sexual Violence Awareness, Prevention and Response Policy Committee to prepare for community consultations on the draft policy. Following our committee meeting on September 21,, where I emphasized the importance of advertising the consultations with adequate notice, I advised Vice-President Peter O'Brien to postpone town hall consultations until October 17 and 18. I have included more information about the policy consultations later in this report.

## **3. External – Other**

### **3.1. Student-Government Roundtable**

- On Tuesday, October 3, I attended a Student-Government Roundtable with Marie Dolcetti Koros (External Vice-President). We joined students from other post-secondary institutions in the province to meet with elected officials and staff from the Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Advanced Education. We were happy to co-present, with students from other campuses and representatives from the Canadian Federation of Students – Nova Scotia, a report on building consent culture on Nova Scotia campuses. The report included recommendations to:
  1. Implement legislation requiring all post-secondary institutions to have stand-alone sexual assault policies;
  2. Establish specific funding for students and student groups developing initiatives and campaigns to address sexualized violence on campuses in Nova Scotia.

3. And establish an accountability mechanism in the Department of Labour and Advances Education to ensure these policies to evaluate and ensure the implementation of these policies.

#### 3.2. Canadian Federation of Students – National General Meeting

- At our meeting on Wednesday, October 4, the KSU executive voted to send Zoë Brimacombe (Financial Vice-President) and I as Local 11 delegates to the Canadian Federation of Students National General Meeting. The NGM will be held between November 17-20.

#### 3.3. Sisters in Spirit Vigil

- On Wednesday, October 4, I joined King's students and the King's Feminist Collective at a Sisters in Spirit Vigil at the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre. The vigil included a sacred fire, prayer, moment of silence and feast to honour missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

### 4. Upcoming Dates

#### 4.1. KSU Fall General Meeting

- The KSU Fall General Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19 at 6:00 pm in the Wardroom. The membership will elect students to three committees at the meeting: Academic Committee (three general members), the Watch Board of Publishers (three general members), and the WUSC Levy Board (one general member). Stay tuned for more details about how you can help with outreach ahead leading up to the meeting!

#### 4.2. Sexual Violence Awareness, Prevention and Response Policy Consultations

- Town hall style consultations for the draft sexual violence policy will be held this Tuesday, October 17 and Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30 pm. The consultation on the 17 is open to all King's community members and will be held in the Boardroom. The consultation on the 18 is reserved for students only, and will be held in Alumni Hall. I have worked to ensure there will be active listeners and an adjacent support space available for folks during both town hall consultations.
- Folks who are unable to attend a consultation session in person also have the option to submit written feedback until Monday, October 23.

#### 4.3. Councillor Training Part 2

- Following the first councillor training session on October 13, we will hold an additional afternoon of training on Saturday, October 21. I look forward to workshops and presentations on anti-oppression in council meetings, the Canadian Federation of Students, rights and responsibilities of councillors, outreach, and more!

Report of the Student Life Vice-President  
Lianne Xiao  
KSU Council  
October 15, 2017

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## **1. Internal – Union Affairs**

### **1.1. Fall Councillor Elections**

- A huge congratulations to all our new councillors for running successful campaigns! I am very excited to continue our work together as a council.

## **2. External – Other**

### **2.1. Canadian Federation of Students Racialised and Indigenous Student Experience Summit**

- From September 29, to October 1, I attended the Racialized and Indigenous Student Experience Summit (RISE). I was so grateful to learn so much from other racialized folks in a closed space and attend workshops on how to survive white supremacy, intersections on queerness and race, and how to implement Truth and Reconciliation recommendations on university campuses. I hope to use this knowledge in the next few months to support racialized students on campus.

### **2.2. Sisters in Spirit Vigil**

- On October 4, I attended the Sisters in Spirit vigil at the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre. October 4 is a day where the lives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) are honoured. It's important to recognize and remember the ways in which colonization is intrinsically tied to this institution and in our daily lives.

### **2.2. Consent Culture Series: Galaxies of Healing & Pleasure**

- On October 11, I attended Galaxies of Healing & Pleasure, the first event of the Canadian Federation of Students - Nova Scotia's Consent Culture Series. A huge thanks to Carmella Farahbakhsh for their brilliant self and knowledge!

## **3. Upcoming Dates**

### **3.1. Councillor Training**

- On October 13 and October 21, the executive, along with staff, UHPs, South House, and the Canadian Federation of Students will be attending and presenting at councillor training and I look forward to attending!

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## **1. Internal – Union Affairs**

### **1.1. Budget Consultations**

- This past week, I sought input into the KSU's 2017/18 Fall Budget through a number of different methods of consultation.
- I did outreach in the Wardroom from 1:30-3:00pm on Monday, October 2 and Thursday, October 5. I engaged students one-on-one for their thoughts on the union's priorities for this year.
- I also advertised and planned a more formal consultation for Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Wilson Common Room. However, the only attendees were a member of finance committee and a member of the executive and so we decided not to hold the meeting, as there were already specific consultations planned for both the executive and for finance committee.
- I created a brief survey, distributed both online through Google Forms and on paper, intended to get an idea of students' priorities for the coming year. The survey listed seven areas of the KSU's work, and asked students to rate each on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being highest priority and 5 being lowest. We received 34 completed surveys.
- I also emphasized that I was available for one-on-one conversations or questions about the budget via my email and my office hours.
- All methods of consultation were advertised online and in person through a FYP announcement.
- I also discussed the budget with KSU Council, with Finance Committee, and with the executive.
- At our meeting on Wednesday, October 11, Finance Committee voted to recommend the budget for adoption as presented.

### **1.2. Unaudited Financial Statements**

- On Monday October 2 I met with our accountant, Amy Houle of G&R CPA, to go over the completed Unaudited Financial Statements from the 2015/16 Financial Year. We discussed a number of small changes to improve clarity, and once those are made I will sign off on the statements.

### **1.3. Societies and Training**

- Student Life Vice President Lianne Xiao and I met with a first year student interested in starting a society on Friday, October 6, to help them get started and to provide a "mini society training."

## **2. External – University**

*Nothing to report for this period.*

## **3. External – Other**

### **3.1. Desmond Cole**

- At our meeting on Wednesday, October 4, the executive voted to donate \$100 towards Desmond Cole's speaking tour in Halifax.
- Cole is a well-known Toronto-based journalist and activist, and will be speaking at King's and other Nova Scotia Universities. Local poet, professor, and activist El Jones is coordinating the lecture series.

Report of the Financial Vice President  
Zoe Brimacombe  
KSU Council  
October 15, 2017

**4. Upcoming Dates**

- KSU Fall General Meeting: October 19 at 6pm in the Wardroom

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**1. Internal – Union Affairs**

1.1. Councillor Elections

- I attended election speeches on Tuesday October 3, and encouraged members to vote.

**2. External – University**

*Nothing to report for the reporting period.*

**3. External – Other**

3.1. Consent Culture Outreach

- Canadian Federation of Students-Nova Scotia Chairperson Aidan McNally and Womens Representative Gina Grattan did outreach on consent culture and the CFS-NS Consent Culture Series, in the Wardroom on Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup>.

3.2. Student-Government Roundtable

- Along with representatives from other Nova-Scotia universities and the Canadian Federation of Students-Nova Scotia, Brennan McCracken (KSU President) and I attended a Student-Government Roundtable on Tuesday October 3.
- Agenda items included a roundtable discussion with Labi Kousoulis, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, student presentations by CFS-NS on Consent Culture and legislation and a presentation from Students Nova-Scotia on health care for international students.
- Along with the other student representatives from CFS-NS, Brennan and I presented a document titled, “Working Towards Consent Culture: Developing a Plan to Combat Sexual Violence in Nova-Scotia”, an updated version of a report published in 2015.
- The recommendations of the document are
  - Pass legislation that mandates postsecondary institutions to have stand-alone sexual assault policies.
  - Establish specific funding for students and student groups developing initiatives and campaigns to address sexualized violence on campuses in Nova Scotia.
  - Establish an accountability mechanism within the Department of Labour and Advanced Education to evaluate and ensure implementation of sexualized violence strategies and policies on all campuses.
- The provincial government made no commitments and continues to fail students and survivors in this province through their inaction on these issues.

3.3. Consent Culture Series Workshop: Galaxies of Pleasure, Galaxies of Healing

- I attended the first event of the CFS-NS Consent Culture Series on complicating consent held at Kings on October 11.

**4. Upcoming Dates**

4.1. Councillor Training

- I look forward to attending and helping to facilitate Councillor Training this week.

4.2. KSU General Meeting

Report of the External Vice-President

Marie Dolcetti-Koros

KSU Council

October 15, 2017

- The King's Students' Union General Meeting is Thursday October 19, – I look forward to seeing you there to go over our Budget, vote on Committees, share snacks and so much more!