



Agenda for Meeting 13 (Council)

King's Students' Union 2018-2019

Sunday, March, 18, 10:00am

Boardroom, A&A Building

Call to order

Recognition of unceded Mi'kmaq territory

1. Adoption of Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2018 and March 4, 2018

3. Oral Reports and Goals of Councillors

4. Reports of the Executive Committee (Attached)

4.1. Report of the Student Life Vice President

4.2. Report of the Financial Vice President

4.3. Report of the External Vice President

4.4. Report of the Communications Vice President

5. Action Items

5.1. BIRT _____, _____, and _____ be elected to the 2018 Chief Returning Officer Search Committee.

(Tabled from the March 4, 2018 meeting)

Moved by Brennan McCracken

5.2. BIRT _____, _____, and _____ be elected to the 2018 Scribe Search Committee. *(Tabled from the*

March 4, 2018 meeting)

Moved by Brennan McCracken

5.3. BIRT _____, _____, and _____ be elected to the 2018 Chair Search Committee. *(Tabled from the*

March 4, 2018 meeting)

Moved by Brennan McCracken

5.4. BIRT the King's PRIDE Society receive \$70 in contingent funding to purchase materials and snacks for an Arts and Crafts event to be held in March.

Moved by Marie Dolcetti Koros

Finance Committee recommends approval.

5.5. BIRT the King's PRIDE Society receive \$30 in contingent funding to purchase snacks for the last meeting of the year.

Moved by Marie Dolcetti Koros

Finance Committee recommends approval.

6. New Business

6.1 General Meeting scheduled for March 28, 2018, 6:30pm, Wardroom

6.2 Next council meeting scheduled for April 8, 2018, 10:00am, Boardroom

7. Adjournment

Reporting Period: March 1, 2018 – March 14, 2018

1. Internal – Union Affairs

1.1. Changeover

- On March 4, 10, and 11, Michael attended KSU changeover workshops that included goal setting, anti-oppression workshops, how to do outreach, how to hire, media training, office training, and HR training. A big thanks to all those who gave workshops!
- On March 7, Michael met with outgoing Student Life Vice-President Lianne Xiao to discuss upcoming dates and changeover.

1.2. Orientation Week Coordinator Search Committee

- On March 13 and 14, Michael attended meetings of the Orientation Week Coordinator Search Committee. The committee interviewed candidates and decided recommendations for hiring.

2. External – University

2.1. Campus Planning Committee

- On March 8, Lianne and Michael attended Campus Planning Committee. The committee discussed the college's accessibility needs, particularly in Alex Hall. New plans included two new accessible dorm rooms, a new lobby, stairs from the basement to fourth floor, relocating the stairs on the ground entrance, and accessible washrooms.

2.2. Meeting with Bonnie and Bill

- Michael and Lianne prepped with incoming and outgoing executives and other councillors for a meeting with Bonnie Sands, Bursar, and Bill Lahey, President of the University of King's College on March 13. There were discussions in the meeting about reducing tuition fees, residence fees, and the importance of fully funding the Sexual Violence Policy with a full-time position.

3. External – Other

No updates for the reporting period.

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1. Internal – Union Affairs

1.1. Changeover

- On March 4, Zoe co-led an ‘Intro to Union Finances’ workshop for the incoming executive team.
- Over the course of the past two weeks, Marie and Zoe continued to meet to discuss budget preparation, payroll, and other key FVP responsibilities.
- On March 9, Zoe and Marie met with KSU bookkeeper Patricia Scott.

1.2. DIY Reusable Pad Workshop

- On March 1, Zoe and Marie attended the KSU reusable pad workshop in the wardroom, facilitated by Brianna Dunn.

2. External – University

2.1. Finance, Audit, and Risk Committee

- On March 1, Zoe and Marie attended a meeting of the university’s Finance, Audit, and Risk Committee. The committee received the Q3 financial update and audit preparation report. The bursar presented a draft budget and a document listing budget assumptions, which included a 3% increase to tuition fees, a 0% increase to ancillary and auxiliary fees (with the exception of meal plan fees), and a significantly increased deficit compared to last year. Marie and Zoe both emphasized the need for the up-front reduction of tuition and fees, and told the committee that making bursary and scholarship funds available was not an adequate way to address the exorbitant cost of attending King’s, particularly for low-income and otherwise marginalized students.

2.2. Consultation on Student Fees

- On March 13, Zoe and Marie participated in a consultation on student fees for the 2018/19 budget along with a number of other outgoing and incoming executives and councillors. King’s President Bill Lahey and Bursar Bonnie Sands attended from the university. Students emphasized the importance of reducing ancillary and auxiliary fees, reducing journalism tuition fees, and providing adequate funding for the Sexual Violence Policy implementation, including hiring a full-time staff person to administer the policy. Students also emphasized the need for King’s to publicly advocate for increased public PSE funding and to be directly involved in Dalhousie’s BAC process.

2.3. Enrolment Management Committee

- On March 13, Zoe attended a meeting of EMC on behalf of President Brennan McCracken. The registrar presented an enrolment report. The registrar’s office is also working on a framework for the distribution of targeted financial awards with the goal of maximizing enrolment. Zoe emphasized the KSU’s position: that the distribution of financial aid should be based on financial need.

2.4. Budget Advisory Committee

- On March 14, Zoe and Marie attended a meeting of the university’s Budget Advisory Committee. The registrar presented an enrolment and conversion reports reiterating many of the same points that were discussed at Enrolment Management Committee. The committee discussed and voted on departmental budget increases for Foundation Year Program, Athletics, and Facilities.

3. External – Other

3.1. Watch Board of Publishers

Report of the Financial Vice-President
Zoe Brimacombe (Outgoing) and Marie Dolcetti Koros (Incoming)
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- On March 9, Zoe and Marie attended a meeting of the Watch Board of Publishers. The Publisher, Treasurer, and board members all delivered oral reports, and the board also received a financial update, an advertising update, and an insurance update. The magazine has cut printing costs and is planning on reducing the Treasurer honorarium in order to increase the Online Editor honorarium and contributor payments.
- The incoming Watch Executive is: Jessica MacIsaac (Publisher), Kristen Thompson and Nick Frew (re-elected Editors-in-Chief), and Isabel Ruitenbeek (Online Editor).

3.2. Fight the Journalism Fees

- On March 13, Zoe attended the Fight the Journalism Fees meeting and took minutes.

3.3. South House Levy

- Over the course of this year, Zoe has been working with the South House board to correct an ongoing levy issue. The 2012 referendum question that established the levy included a yearly adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). However, this adjustment has not been upheld since the levy was implemented. On February 1, Zoe reported on this situation to the South House Board and that board passed a motion to increase the levy for the 2018/19 year to account for inflation since 2012 and, going forward, to increase each year based on CPI as mandated by the levy question. South House is not requiring or expecting the KSU to backpay for unpaid levy funds over the past six years.
- The SoHo levy will be increasing from \$3.00 to \$3.28 for the 2018/19 year and will be adjusted for CPI going forward.

4. Upcoming Dates

- Budget Consultation – Leading up to the Spring General Meeting, Marie will be seeking input into the 2018/19 draft budget. There are four ways to be involved in the budgeting process:
 - Marie (Financial Vice President) will be the Wardroom from 10 am to 12:30 pm on March 20, 2018 to talk about the Budget and offer ways to give feedback. Come stop by.
 - Stop Marie's office hours to chat one on one about the budget: Tues / Thurs 10:30-12:30, and Wed 11:30-12:30, or by appointment.
 - Email fvp@ksu.ca with inquiries or comments for the Budget at any time!
 - Come to the KSU General Meeting on Wednesday March 28, 2018 at 6 pm in the Wardroom to hear about the budget and vote.
- General Meeting – The KSU GM will be held on March 28, 2018 at 6pm in the Wardroo

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1. Internal – Union Affairs

1.1. Changeover

- Marie and Isabelle have been meeting to prepare Isabelle for her role as EVP.

1.2. Union Hired Positions

- Marie has been meeting with both External Commissioner positions to check in on their projects and provide support.

2. External – University

2.1. Chaplain Search Committee

- Marie attended the Chaplain search committee on March 2 and 5. Marie worked with outgoing Student Life Vice President, Lianne Xiao, to collect feedback from students and helped bring that feedback to the committee. The outgoing executive committee appointed Marie to continue to sit on the committee to alleviate Lianne's workload.

2.2. Fees Consultation with University President and Bursar

- On March 13, the outgoing and incoming executive teams met with Bill Lahey and Bonnie Sands about tuition fees at King's, and emphasized the need for the immediate reduction of all tuition fees at King's.

3. External – Other

3.1. DIY Pads Workshop

- On March 1, our very own Galley manager Brianna Dunn facilitated a DIY Reusable Pad workshop. The workshop very successful and we'll do something similar in the future. Thank you to Brianna and to everyone who came out.

3.2. "Dear Bill" – Fees Photo Campaign

- On March 6 the Union did outreach in the Wardroom with posters for a "Dear Bill" photo campaign on the high cost of tuition fees at King's. The posters are up in the Wardroom and a photo album from the campaign is being put together.

3.3. Provincial Lobby Week

- Along with student representatives from across the province, Marie met with provincial government MLAs as part of Provincial Lobby Week on March 7. The lobby document "Public Education for the Public Good" is available online at cfs-ns.ca and in hard copy in the KSU office.

3.4. Fight the Journalism Fees

- On March 13, Marie and Isabelle co-facilitated a Fight the Journalism Fees organizing meeting. Discussions on the high cost of the Journalism school and its programs, as well as access to Adobe products for J-school students. Lots of exciting action items came out of the meeting – stay tuned or send an email to evp@ksu.ca if you are interested in being involved with the campaign!

4. Upcoming Dates

4.1. Fight the Fees Outreach

- We'll be in the Wardroom this week with Fight the Fees materials. If you're interested in getting involved, get in touch with Isabelle.

4.2. Provincial Budget Action

- On March 20, there will be a group heading down to the Nova Scotia legislature for the release of the Provincial Budget. The group will meet with other students from NS

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universities and participate in a collective action. For more information or to get involved email the EVP.

Report of Communications Vice-President
Cassie Hayward (Outgoing) and Izzy Ortner (Incoming)
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Reporting Period: February 8, 2018 – March 14, 2018

1. Internal – Union Affairs

1.1. Outgoing CVP

- Cassie was away for the majority of the reporting period. When she returned she focused on changeover documents and the daily affairs of the union including posters for search committees.

1.2 Incoming CVP

- Izzy has attended changeover workshops and met with the outgoing CVP to prepare for the position.

2. External – University

No updates for the reporting period.

3. External – Other

No updates for the reporting period.

4. Upcoming Dates

4.1 Hiring

- Scribe and Chief Returning Officer applications are due March 23, 2018. Resumes can be sent to info@ksu.ca.

4.2 General Meeting

- The KSU general meeting will take place on March 28, 2018 at 6:00pm in the Wardroom.