



Voting members present:

President – Brennan McCracken
Financial Vice President – Zoë Brimacombe
Student Life Vice President - Lianne Xiao
External Vice President – Marie Dolcetti Koros
Board of Governors Representative – Julia-Simone Rutgers
Board of Governors Representative – Daniel Whitten
Journalism Representative – Kaila Jefferd-Moore
Science Representative – Aeriana Narbonne
Residence Representative – Heather Velthuis
Day Student Representative – Cédric Blais
Arts Representative – Adrianna Vanos

Non-voting members present:

Interim Chair – Charlotte Kiddell
Scribe – Michael Greenlaw
The Watch Magazine – Nicholas Frew
Orientation Week Coordinator – Hannah Sparwasser Soroka
Member – Cameron Lowe
Member – Sam Gleave
Member – Beth Hawco
Member – Clare Sully-Stendahl
Member – Kennan Livingstone
Member – Nicholas Harrison

Regrets:

Member at Large – Chris Pearse
First Year Representative – Izzy Ortnr

Absent:

Communications Vice President – Cassie Hayward

*Zoë Brimacombe moved that Charlotte Kiddell be ratified as Chair to relieve Brennan McCracken.
Seconded by Marie Dolcetti Koros*

Motion passed.

Meeting was called to order at 3:18 P.M

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

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved Marie Dolcetti Koros

Seconded by Julia-Simone Rutgers

Zoë Brimacombe amended that action item 6.7 BIRT the King's Theatrical Society receive \$750 in non-contingent funding to help purchase sound equipment for use in the Pit be moved to directly after the adoption of the agenda.

Seconded by Brennan McCracken.



Zoë Brimacombe said that the KTS executive that is here now has to leave in order to get to an audition.

Amendment was passed.

Agenda was approved

6. Action Items (Taken out of order)

6.7. BIRT the King's Theatrical Society receive \$750 in non-contingent funding to help purchase sound equipment for use in the Pit.

Moved by Zoë Brimacombe.

Seconded by Marie Dolcetti Koros.

Finance Committee recommends approval

Zoë Brimacombe said that this funding is for sound equipment. She said that it is uncommon to give funding for capital purchases (meaning physical objects), but given the current situation for the KTS- where they are using a space very consistently- finance committee recommends approval.

Nicholas Harrison said that new sound equipment is greatly needed. He said that the main reason he is requesting this funding is because the KTS is usually independent and they want to integrate their own equipment. He said that the KTS is the largest and most active society on campus, and that this funding might be beneficial for their shows and making them more sustainable.

Zoë Brimacombe said that she speaks in favour of this motion as it benefits all King's students. She said that this is a great motion.

Motion passed.

3. Approval of Minutes from December 3, 2017 and January 22, 2018

3.1 Approval of Minutes from December 3, 2017.

Moved by Brennan McCracken

Seconded by Marie Dolcetti Koros

Brennan McCracken said that he is speaking on behalf of Communications Vice President Cassie Hayward. He said that after discussions that he has had following the last council meeting, and questions that have been received, there has been a document circulated which outlined the draft edits from scribe and the minutes that were presented to council. He said that the minutes are edited so that the minutes are accurate and grammatically correct. Brennan said that he felt as though the draft minutes did not reflect what he meant and actually said during the actual meeting. He said that he felt as though the minutes misinterpreted what he actually said and that he was going to put forward an amendment because of it, but because of recent meeting he has had with councilors and because of their concern with this amendment, he decided not to. He said that council ultimately has the power to approve the minutes. He said that he retracted his amendment. Brennan said that he apologizes for the statement and misstating his thoughts. He said that accountability and equity work are important and that they can only happen within systems that hold all accountable. He said that we need to consider both equity and accountability when having these important conversations.

Daniel Whitten said that he appreciates that we are all on the same page. He said that he is concerned that the amendment was done by the Service and Campaigns Coordinator, which has



never happened before in earlier years. He said that members of the executive have only said that the SCC only edits typos, grammatical, and clerical errors but never changing the content of the minutes.

Brennan McCracken said that he responding towards his amendment. He said the reason that he sent in the amendment was because the misinterpretation of what he said was something that was causing him a lot of anxiety and public embarrassment on campus. He said that he woke up from a stress dream about this specific statement. He said that by the time he had made the decision to make an amendment, they were already at a point in the editing process where Communications Vice President Cassie Hayward had already sent the minutes to Michaela Sam for a second edit and that is why Michaela made that edit; because Brennan had asked her to.

Julia-Simone Rutgers said that she is thankful for the way things said. She said that some things that were said in the conversations which had impact were not recorded well here.

*Kaila Jefferd-Moore amended that page 11 be read, "we should be thinking, as council, of other ways to fix this toxic power structure".
Secoded by Heather Velthuis.*

Amendment passed.

Minutes were approved.

3.2 Approval of Minutes from January 22, 2018

*Moved by Heather Velthuis.
Secoded by Lianne Xiao.*

Brennan McCracken said that he said that today they approved minutes that they tabled from their last meeting and that the scribe was still working on the minutes from January 14, 2018, as they are quite long.

Daniel Whitten thanked Scribe, Michael Greenlaw, for all of the work he is doing. He said that Michael was doing more work than any scribe has done in the past few years.

Minutes were approved.

4. Oral Reports and Goals of Councillors

Heather Velthuis said that there is not much to report, but she is attending a dinning service committee meeting on Tuesday.

Kaila Jefferd-Moore said that she does not have much to report, but is still on the hunt for a coding workshop leader.

Julia-Simone Rutgers said that in these past couple weeks, she and Daniel Whitten sat down with Mi'kmaq elder, Jerry, to talk about ways that they can bring reconciliations to the BOG meetings, they spoke about doing a blanket exercise. She said that there needs to be more indigenous perspectives in the FYP curriculum, and giving medicine pouches at graduation like Dalhousie does, as well as giving land acknowledgements for lectures and FYP.



Cédric Blais said that he got screwed over by his banker and that they never called him. Charlotte Sullivan, the DSS Financial Vice President has been working hard to correct these circumstances. He said that they have rescheduled the Sugar Moon Farm trip to March 3. He said that in the next coming weeks, the DSS will hold its Annual General Meeting to approve funding.

Daniel Whitten said that he was also at the meeting with Mi'kmaq elder, Jerry. He said that he is looking to other groups that could be doing the blanket exercise. He said that he is interested in raising the Mi'kmaq flag on campus, but Bill Lahey has to first bring it to Grand Council.

Adrianna Vanos said that she attended a meeting with DASS and it went great. She said that Izzy Ortner and her are working on their social event.

5. Reports of the Executive Committee and Union Hired Positions (Attached)

5.1. Report of the President

Brennan McCracken added that Dalhousie Faculty Association is currently in a conciliation process regarding the negotiations between the DFA and Dalhousie and that we support their goal of accurate faculty funding that reflects their workload. He said that they are keeping a close eye on this situation. He said that they might have to call another extraordinary council meeting if and when that strike happens with faculty members.

Cédric Blais thanked Brennan in response to the December 4, 2017 email. He thanked Communications Vice-President Cassie Hayward on her hard work to make the amendment at the extraordinary council meeting.

5.2. Report of the Student Life Vice President

5.3. Report of the Financial Vice President

5.4. Report of the External Vice President

Marie Dolcetti Koros added that Communications Vice-President Cassie Hayward was unable to make this meeting. She said that Cassie asked for it to be noted that people don't know how hurtful words can be and that she is frustrated and upset that people keep bringing each other down. Marie said that we should be intentional in how we treat each other outside of meetings.

Zoë Brimacombe said that she wants to acknowledge the amount of work that Marie Dolcetti Koros is doing.

5.5. Report of the Communications Vice President

5.6. Report of the Orientation Week Coordinators

Brennan McCracken said that this Orientation week was phenomenal and that Gina Grattan and Hannah Sparwasser Soroka were fantastic coordinators and that they did great.

6. Action Items

- 6.1. BIRT Gina Grattan be paid \$1000 for completing the second half of her work as a 2017 Orientation Week Coordinator.
Moved by Brennan McCracken.



Seconded by Adrianna Vanos.

Brennan McCracken said that they both did great work and is in favour of this motion and wants to pay them.

Motion passed.

- 6.2. BIRT Hannah Sparwasser Soroka be paid \$1000 for completing the second half of her work as a 2017 Orientation Week Coordinator.

Moved by Brennan McCracken.

Seconded by Lianne Xiao.

Brennan McCracken said that Hannah Sparwasser Soroka also did great and put in a lot of hard work into finances. He said that he was thankful that she could present her report today.

Lianne Xiao said that it was a privileged to work with these two coordinators. She said that she transitioning into her position as Student Life Vice President and was happy that the O-week coordinators were easy and a pleasure to work with.

Motion passed.

- 6.3. BIRT the Saint Thomas Aquinas Society be ratified as a Tier 1 society for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Moved by Lianne Xiao.

Seconded by Marie Dolcetti Koros.

Lianne Xiao said that the society aims to educate the community and provide service at the chapel in theology and clergy of the catholic tradition; to ensure spiritual preparedness and; to celebrate Saint Thomas Aquinas's feats. She said that she is excited that they are re-ratifying.

Motion passed.

- 6.4. BIRT the Loaded Ladle be ratified as a Tier I society for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Moved by Lianne Xiao.

Seconded by Zoe Brimacombe.

Lianne Xiao said that the Loaded Ladle is a registered food cooperative student society at Dalhousie and does free meals, solidarity work, gives food to people, and are pro eating food!

Julia-Simone Rutgers asked if they passed a referendum. If not, she asked if they were planning to. Lianne Xiao responded that they did not, and they are planning to and that's why they are ratifying.

Zoë Brimacombe said that she is excited to work with the Loaded Ladle, and speaks in favour of this motion.

Motion passed.



- 6.5. BIRT the Students Advocating for Representative Curricula Society receive \$665.16 in contingent funding to fund the printing of the CANON journal and the journal launch party on April 6 2018.

Moved by Zoe Brimacombe.

Seconded by Daniel Whitten.

Finance Committee recommends Approval.

Zoë Brimacombe said that this is for the CANON, SNARC's academic journal. She said that the funding request is offset by a grant that has already been given by NS BURG. She said that there is more money being spend not just through KSU. She said that this is an awesome journal

Clare Sully-Stendahl said that she is taking it over the journal and is excited about that. She said that they have received money from outside sources, but are looking to do printing like art and drawings; non-traditional style for a non-traditional journal. She said that she is excited to be running the project.

Cédric Blais said that he excited about this project and shows his full support.

Motion passed.

- 6.6. BIRT the King's Jewish Book Club receive \$18.00 in contingent funding to purchase snacks and drinks for a meeting about Maimonides with guest Rabbi Yakov Kerzner on January 31 2018.

Moved by Zoe Brimacombe.

Seconded by Heather Velthuis

Finance Committee recommends approval

Zoë Brimacombe said that she just was just recently reminded of Maimonides. She said that the funds are for chips, drinks and cookies.

Motion passed.

7. New Business

- 7.1. Next Council Meeting – February 11, 2018, 10am

- 7.2. BIRT that the KSU declare solidarity with the Nova Scotia Assembly of Chiefs and with the generation of Mi'kmaq activists who have stood against Cornwallis's legacy of colonialism and; BIRT that the KSU join in the call for the immediate removal of the Cornwallis statue and all other instances of his name in a public letter to the HRM City Council.

Moved by Marie Dolcetti Koros.

Seconded by Zoë Brimacombe.

Marie Dolcetti Koros said that she is excited about this motion. She said that coming from the Canadian Federation of Students-Nova Scotia AGM, a similar solidarity motion was passed by that body which called for removal of the Cornwallis statue. Marie said that it is important to join this movement.

Zoë Brimacombe said that she gives credit for this motion to the Indigenous constituency at the CFS-NS AGM. She said that they adopted the language that they used to help draft the language of this motion.



Motion passed.

8. Adjournment

*Lianne Xiao motioned to adjourn.
Seconded by Aeriana Narbonne.*

Council adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Reporting Period: January 11, 2018 – January 24, 2018

1. Internal – Union Affairs

1.1. KSU Winter Elections Campaigns Workshop

- I collaborated on the KSU Winter Elections Campaigns Workshop. The workshop included a presentation on the decision-making structure of the KSU and the role of executive members and Board of Governors representatives.

1.2. Meetings with Councillors

- After the last council meeting, I emailed all members of council, including the Chair and Scribe, acknowledging the frustrations and difficulty that a number of us have felt during the past number of meetings. I've had a number of helpful and productive conversations over the past couple of weeks with members of council, and I'm encouraged by the number of ideas folks have for improving communication between the executive and councillors, and between council and the student body. I look forward to working with as many of you as possible to further these conversations and find better ways to work together and represent students.

1.3. Statement in Response to December 4 Email

- On December 4, 2017, the KSU executive sent a membership advisory to the This Week at King's mailing list providing information and clarifying discussions about the Wall of Women project. We have since heard concerns from a number of students about this email and the way in which it was circulated, and regret sending the advisory in a way that caused these concerns. We are making this statement to apologize for sending this email and retract it. Please contact info@ksu.ca if you have any comments, questions or concerns.

2. External – University

2.1. Governance, Nominations, and Human Resources Committee

- I attended a meeting of the Governance, Nominations, and Human Resources Committee on Wednesday, January 24.
- At the meeting, the committee discussed beginning the process for Board nominations. There is currently one vacant co-opted position on the Board, and the committee discussed other positions that will become vacant this year and in 2019. I hope to work with the incoming President to incorporate a stronger student perspective into the Board nominations process.

3. External – Other

No updates for the reporting period.

4. Upcoming Dates

4.1. Outreach in the Gym!

- On Thursday, February 1, we will be doing outreach in the Gym with the Canadian Federation of Students – Nova Scotia to talk with student athletes about our campaigns and the upcoming University budgeting process.

Report of the Student Life Vice-President
Lianne Xiao
KSU Council
January 28, 2018

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1. Internal – Union Affairs

1.1. Awards

- I have been working on the KSU Awards including consulting past SLVPs, acting on previous recommendations, and doing research about the history of each award. If anyone is interested in working on this with me, please do not hesitate to chat with me.

2. External – University

2.1. Dean Advisory Search Committee

- On January 19 and January 23, I attended meetings of the Dean Advisory Search Committee. We discussed the timeline of the search, the hiring of an interim dean, and discussed job descriptions. The job ad has been posted. There will be an email for feedback circulated in TWAK. Consultations with students and faculty will be conducted in the next following weeks.

2.2. Chaplain Advisory Search Committee

- On January 19, I attended a meeting of the Chaplain Advisory Search Committee. We discussed the timeline of the search and discussed job descriptions. The job ad has been posted.

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1. Internal – Union Affairs

1.1. “Non-Dudes” Elections Workshop

- On January 24, I attended this closed-space workshop facilitated by Aidan McNally and Sarah Trower from the Canadian Federation of Students – Nova Scotia. While attendance was low, the opportunity to have a productive conversation about dealing with and dismantling misogyny in the context of elected positions was great. We also discussed ways that we could reformulate this workshop in the future to better serve the needs of trans students, non-binary students, and women students.

2. External – University

2.1. Budget Advisory Committee

- On January 17, I attended a meeting of the university’s Budget Advisory Committee. The bursar presented the university’s proposals on tuition and fees for the 2018/19 academic year, which will be further discussed at an upcoming student consultation (date TBD). The bursar also presented a report on the Athletics department’s budget.

2.2. Presidential Advisory Committee: Appointment of the Dean of Students

- On January 19, I attended the first meeting of the Dean of Students Hiring Committee on behalf of Student Life VP Lianne Xiao. After deciding on some key dates and logistics, the meeting time was spent editing and updating the position description.

2.3. Meeting with Director of Athletics

- On January 18, President Brennan McCracken and I had a brief meeting with Director of Athletics Neil Hooper. We discussed the new Athletics Fee that will come into effect this fall and opportunities for outreach in the gym and with athletes.

3. Upcoming Dates

3.1. National Lobby Week

- From February 4-7 I will be in Ottawa, participating in National Lobby Week with the Canadian Federation of Students.

3.2. Town Hall on College Finances

- On February 8, the university will host its third and final community town hall to discuss the budget. There will be two sessions (2:30-4pm and 6:30-8pm) that will each cover the same content. These sessions will include an update on the 2018-19 budget, a presentation on fundraising strategy and priorities, and a strategic budget discussion. I recommend that students attend these meetings to make their voices heard in the University’s decisions.

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1. Internal – Union Affairs

1.1. Union Hired Positions

- In the reporting period, I continued to meet with our Union Hired Positions to go over logistics. I also met our UHP for mental health research to discuss the research project on mental health resources.

1.2. Elections Workshops

- I have coordinated two of our elections workshops, one for Non-Dudes running in elections and one for Racialized folks. I also attended the Non-Dudes Elections Workshop on January 24.

2. External – University

2.1. Outreach

- On January 18, Sarah Trower, CFS Maritimes Organiser, and I spoke to students outside of Prince Hall about supporting faculty in the tenure-track process. We also printed ISIC cards on the spot and offered free hot chocolate to students who walked by.

3. External – Other

3.1. Walk the Talk Rally

- On January 20, I attended the Walk the Talk Rally that took place alongside the Halifax Women's March. It was inspiring to be led by such incredible community leaders.

4. Upcoming Dates

4.1. BIPOC Students' Election Workshop

- On January 29, there will be a closed workshop for Black, Indigenous, and students of colour who want to run in the KSU Elections. This workshop will be led by Amina Abawajy, current President of the Dalhousie Student Union. The workshop will take place at 6:30pm in the Frazee Room.

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1. Internal – Union Affairs

1.1. Everyday

- The past two weeks have been busy with poster making (elections and elections workshops), TWAK updates, and getting council documents ready.

1.2 Bylaw Review Committee

- Bylaw Review Committee met on January 22. We discussed a report we received from a student and discussed which sections of the Bylaws need work.

1.3 Extraordinary Council Meeting

- The majority of my time in the last two weeks has been spent organizing the extraordinary council meeting that was held on January 22.

2. External – University

No updates for the reporting period.

3. External – Other

No updates for the reporting period.

4. Upcoming Dates

4.1 Next Council Meeting

- The next meeting will be on February 11 at 10am in the Boardroom.

4.2 Elections Nominations Period

- KSU election nominations open on January 26 and close on February 1. Nomination packages can be found on the bulletin board outside of the KSU office and online at www.ksu.ca/elections. The candidate list will be made available after nominations have closed.

4.3 Election Candidate Speeches

- Election candidate speeches for the seven positions will be in the Wardroom at 6pm on February 9.

4.4 Election Voting Dates

- Voting will take place on February 14 and 15 from 9am-7pm outside of Prince Hall. Students need a King's ID or ISIC in order to vote. Election results will be announced in the Wardroom at 10pm on February 15. Results will also be posted outside of the KSU Office and online at www.ksu.ca/elections.