

**Minutes for KSU Council of Students**

King's Students' Union 2015-2016  
Sunday, September 13, 2015, 10:00am  
Boardroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor A&A Building

Non-voting members:

Gwendolyn Moncrieff-Gould

Charlotte Sullivan

Julia

Sophie

Hannah MacDougall

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar

Meg Shields

Voting members:

Zoe Brimacombe

Alex Bryant

Hannah Kaya

Alex McVittie

Aidan McNally

Taylor Saracuse

Joy Shand

Fiona Westin

Hannah Yaphe

Melina Zaccaria

Sofia Zaman

Call to order

Recognition of unceded traditional Mi'kmaq territory

People are reminded of the rules of council: they are allowed to ask for points of information, calling amendments, points of order, and have Gwendolyn check to ensure we are proceeding as we should.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Aidan McNally motions to amend Item 19 on the agenda- Finance Committee- to be struck because they don't have the physical funding request, and therefore are unable to recommend approval. Alex Bryant seconds the motion. Item comes to a vote. Amendment passes.

Taylor Saracuse asks if there is an ability to make an omnibus. Aidan replies that it will be possible later in the meeting.

## 2. Approval of Minutes from May 31st, 2015

The only amendments to the minutes were typos, Sofia says.

*Reports of councillors and the executive (approximately 45 minutes)*

## 3. Oral Reports and Goals of Councillors

Melina Zaccaria spoke with Angela, the president of DASS, and she wants to bring the heads of the upper year societies into DASS. It would be a little funky for one King's person to bring all of this to Dal alone, so more people should get involved with that.

Hannah Yaphe went to the "Ask an Upper Year" session, and is very excited about the new science students at King's.

Taylor Saracuse says this was a good summer for us in a lot of ways. There were some very positive developments at the BOG meeting in June, mainly to do with board transparency insofar as there is a motion to open the board meetings and what that might look like. How much we can bring this to public attention is still unclear. There was an interesting talk about tuition, with people asking some brilliant questions like: "If we were to lower tuition, would that increase enrollment?" Cool accessibility things have happened over the summer- walls have been knocked down to allow wheelchair access to the Wardroom and other places around campus. The gym has new policies to lower the intimidation level for people- no bullying policy as well as a music policy, but Taylor is not sure if the music policy has been revoked or not since the signage is gone. He also hosted the frosh leader party and he wants to thank the frosh leaders for being amazing, positive, and respectful.

Fiona says the DSS has been amazing this summer. The turnout has been great at events. The DSS frosh BBQ made lots of people come out. They also got lockers for day students with locks, for first year day students primarily. They sponsored the frosh van, as well as a dinner and breakfast during frosh week. The DSS also came out at the society fair and that went well too. Unfortunately they weren't able to have Maritime Night during frosh week, but that'll come later this semester. Elections for first year rep and member at large are the week of the 21st of September. Our elections are the week after that. Joy will give more information on this.

Joy doesn't have much to add, but October 7th is the tentative date for the Fall GM. There is interest for first year rep already. Joy was blown away by the attendance and how many people

seemed excited to be at King's and take part in campus life. There is a big plan for the semester: trivia, trying to have Maritime Night, a pool tournament, and trying to do a trip to the Annapolis Valley. Joy is very happy with how frosh week went.

Zoe does her report later than scheduled because she set her alarm wrong. She went to the Senate Disciplinary Committee a lot this summer, and she would love to talk about it with people who show some interest. She attended the Finance and Audit Committee in Aidan's place. She did not understand much of it, but a lot of thought is being put into stopping a huge deficit from coming back to King's again. Zoe is also in the College Task Force. She went to a couple of meetings that dealt with the financial future of the college. It is a challenge to make headway for students but they are hoping to move the conversation toward student needs as much as possible, and how students can't actually afford increasing fees. That being said, there have been many interesting projects there that she will discuss when things are less confidential. The equity report at the BOG meeting is important. Gender inclusive washroom signage has been brought up. Kim Kierans is looking at sign options and wants to consult the students. The equity committee is running a gender sensitivity workshop in the fall. They will also lay down faculty bylines for pronoun and preferred name use, content warnings on things, etc. Better access to mental health services for faculty and staff is also getting some traction. Events for African Heritage Month are in the works as well. At the board meeting, Neil Cooper mentioned gender neutral washrooms in the gym as well. There was an honest and productive conversation on open board meetings. They talked about the issue for close to an hour, with many allies in the room that were unexpected. Things started by being met with hostility, but by the end people were feeling it. Board members said it was inevitable. The MJJD is also exciting- a new program to attract a handful of students. Good for media law or journalists specializing in legal issues. Zoe attended It's No Secret meetings over the summer as well.

Aidan adds an internal update, saying Dorota Glowacka worked a lot on equity meetings and partnered with South House on this. She is a great example of how students and faculty can work together to achieve the same goals. Melina brings up working with aboriginal people, as she went to a meeting over the summer and met someone interested in Mi'Kmaq issues in Nova Scotia. This person talked about doing a documentary at some point. Taylor brought up the new sexual assault help line. Alex McVittie says there was a meeting where there was a one time surplus for health services at Dal and they had to determine where it went- most went to the Dal sexual assault help line and for training for the volunteers that work there. It is doing great work and the DSU has worked hard to get it off the ground. Alex Bryant mentions that we're excited about that project and it's open to King's students to volunteer and access it. We talked about supporting them adequately but we can't make a sizable contribution that would make a dent, however we can provide them with help, bulk coffee, space for training, etc. We've been in contact a fair bit with the DSU.

#### 4. Reports of the Executive Committee (attached)

##### 4.1 Report of the President

See attached.

Zoe Brimacombe enters the meeting (10:30).

Sam asks if any students sat on the Tuition Committee this year. Alex Bryant replies that there is a board member, the board chair, George Cooper, the director of journalism, and the director of FYP on the committee, but no students. Melina asks where faculty stands on the tuition committee decisions. Alex Bryant says they have not been consulted on it yet. They are going to talk about it soon. Anything before this weekend has been totally confidential. This is literally the first time they've been able to vaguely say what they've been working on. There is a sense that faculty that values their position at King's won't be interested in a tuition increase that would impede people's ability to come to the school and jeopardize the financial ability of the school. Taylor points out that there was a response to the letter the board sent to Kelly Regan that should be made public because it is horrible, and at best a vapid waste of time. Kelly let us know that many universities are considering using Bill 100 after LAE said they didn't expect anyone to pursue it because it was a "last ditch" resort. Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asks if there is anything in the university bylaws that specifies that board meetings are closed to the public. Alex Bryant says he doesn't think so, but they just want to make sure that's the case. Is there a plan to organize student attendance? Not yet, but if things go well the next board meeting we have could be open. Sam asks who the proposal for the \$1000 tuition increase was put forward by. Alex Bryant says it's confidential. Julia asks who the committee is comprised of. Alex answers: two BOG members, the chair of the board, the university president, the directors of journalism and FYP, and himself.

#### 4.2 Report of the Vice-President (Student Life)

See attached.

Taylor asks what the CMP is, and Alex Bryant explains that if for example we got rid of the driveway and replaced it with grass in the quad, then they would do it. They take care of anything that has to do with changing the layout of campus, how to pay for that, etc. Huge big picture 20-year plan on campus.

#### 4.3 Report of the Vice-President (Financial)

See attached.

#### 4.5 Report of the Vice-President (External)

See attached.

#### 4.5 Report of the Vice-President (Communications)

See attached.

#### 4.6 Report on the Environmental Affairs Committee

### 5. Action Items

*Items concerning society ratifications and seats on committees (approximately 20 minutes)*

1. BIRT Allie Graham Robin Brace and Meg Collins each receive a \$750 honorarium for their work as Orientation Week Coordinators for 2015.

*Moved by Alex Bryant*

Sofia is printing these reports right now but Alex Bryant says that the next (5.1 to 5.2) honoraria were already brought out. Quorum wasn't reached this summer but both of these have been passed already. These people have already been paid. This vote is required by procedure but is just ceremonial. Motion passes.

2. BIRT Carrie Deleskie and Leah Morris each receive an honorarium of \$300 for their work as Grad Week Coordinators for 2015.

*Moved by Alex Bryant*

Alex Bryant says that the document they submitted is in the same form that the O week coordinators pursued. It has much to do with what we should improve in years to come. They had a 20 page report about the week and did it with cool formatting and stuff. They ran this week on a shoestring budget with 2 out of 3 coordinators, hired six months late, and they still did a great job. FVP will end up being the grad week hirer of coordinators from now on. Alex Bryant says that having the president supervise has been to the detriment of the coordination. Motion passes.

3. BIRT Alex Bryant receive an honorarium of \$750 for his work as President in the 2015 Summer Term.

*Moved by Aidan McNally*

Aidan says that a couple of years ago there was allocation for summer honoraria for union executives. It makes sense because while we go on vacation, the university committees continue to meet and have student representatives. Alex Bryant took over many of Aidan's responsibilities and oversaw O week with Alex McVittie, and a lot goes on in the summer that we should recognize. Alex Bryant says that the chair and him are going to talk about executive honoraria and how they're paid out soon. It seems to him a bit odd that we vote on whether or not we pay people at council and talk about whether we should be paying honoraria that helps to make people make rent. Every year on the council has started with the summer report and how people have no money and that impedes the accessibility of positions. Hannah Yaphe is confused about the amount because the agenda says \$750 but Aidan just said \$1500. Aidan says we are voting on the latter amount, but that's the overall amount, so the second half hasn't been released yet. We are approving \$1500 in total. Motion passes.

4. BIRT Alex McVittie receive an honorarium of \$500 for her work as Student Life Vice President.

*Moved by Alex Bryant*

Alex McVittie was away on and off over the summer but she did a ton of work either way and helped Alex Bryant not have to be constantly busy. She sat on many committees and attended many It's No Secret events. She was invaluable. Again, the total amount is \$1000 and we're approving half. Motion passes.

5. BIRT SNARC Society receive \$50.00 in contingent funding to purchase a bouquet of flowers for FYP section coordinators that have included texts in their section written by "non white dude authorial" voices.

*Finance Committee recommends Approval*

Alex McVittie moves to omnibus items 5-15. These are all motions about society ratifications. Taylor Saracuse asks if he can abstain from one of the votes, and secondly about Loaded Ladle being separate. Aidan says it depends on whether he feels comfortable voting on it. Taylor seconds. Sam makes a point of order on that it's actually (7-19) on our agendas. Motion passes in omnibus.

6. BIRT Early Modern Studies Society receive \$405.26 in non-contingent funding to host the Babel Launch party on Oct. 1, 2015.

*Finance Committee recommends Approval*

An amendment is made. The discussion at finance committee was about holding a social for the Babel launch- cheese, baguettes, and wine. Everything is specifically requested but they want to put the total up to \$450 to cover HST on some items, and if there are unexpected costs then the money can go to that. Amending 5.17 to strike out \$405.26 and insert \$450. The motion is amended. This is just for free copies of Babel to be given out, hosting a social to discuss EMSS in a discussion beyond the classroom, and to educate students. It's a social event at the beginning of the fall term to establish community ties. Motion passes.

7. BIRT King's Foreign Film Society receive \$315.00 in contingent funding to purchase snacks and video rental for seven movie screenings in the fall.

*Finance Committee recommends Approval*

Wants \$315 to purchase snacks and video rentals this fall. Looking to fund regular screenings before the winter break. Goal to challenge folks through film and provide communal space and snacks. Asking for \$315 for cheese, baguettes, and video. This is 45\$ a meeting. Also this is contingent funding. Taylor says last term they didn't use all their money and in the future they hope that through better organization and support that they can do all seven meetings and are excited about this year. Motion passes. Taylor abstains.

8. BIRT The Arts Abstract receive \$120 in contingent funding to cover film and development costs for the camera in the wardroom project.

*Finance Committee recommends Approval*

Society publishes a biweekly email newsletter to allow the King's community to know about arts events in the area. They were seeking funding about two years ago: Wardy camera installation, where they put film in a camera and tie it to a post in the Wardy so people can document their good times and interact with the space. Creates content for the arts abstract for people to interact with. Seeking funding for six rolls of film for a total of \$120. Seeking contingent funding. Jacob Baker-Kretzmar explains how it went two years ago and last year there were one or two. Very successful and took lots of photos. Photos mostly came out really well. He would love to do it again. Aidan asks Jacob Baker-Kretzmar what happens to the photos. They go on the Facebook page, get tweeted, used as headers in the newsletter and are under consideration for printing as well. They're thinking of doing a collage of some sort. The motion passes.

9. BIRT that the King's Foreign Film Society be re-ratified for the 2015-2016 academic year.

*Moved by Alex McVittie*

Motion passes.

10. BIRT that the King's/Dalhousie Fashion Show be re-ratified for the 2015-2016 academic year.

*Moved by Alex Bryant*

Motion passes.

11. BIRT that the King's Jewish Connection be re-ratified for the 2015-2016 academic year.

*Moved by Alex McVittie*

Motion passes.

12. BIRT the Early Modern Studies Society be re-ratified for the 2015-2016 academic year.

*Moved by Alex McVittie*

Motion passes.

13. BIRT the DSS be re-ratified for the 2015-2016 academic year.

*Moved by Alex McVittie*

Motion passes.

14. BIRT the King's Understudies be re-ratified for the 2015-2015 academic year.

*Moved by Alex McVittie*

Taylor Saracuse asks what this society is. Meg and Julia say that this is the old Footlights group and they changed the name so that Cambridge wouldn't sue them.

Motion passes.

15. BIRT the King's Feminist Collective be re-ratified for the 2015-2016 academic year.

*Moved by Alex Mcvittie*

Motion passes.

16. BIRT the King's WUSC be re-ratified for the 2015-2016 academic year.

*Moved by Alex McVittie*

Motion passes.

16. BIRT the Arts Abstract be re-ratified for the 2015-2016 academic year.

*Moved by Alex McVittie*

Motion passes.

17. BIRT the Students Advocating for a Representative Curricula ( SNARC) be re-ratified for the 2015-2016 academic year.

*Moved by Alex Mcvittie*

Motion passes. SNARC wants to purchase bouquets of flowers. Aidan McNally is impressed with their work despite just being ratified a few short months. They have been running stats on FYP curricula. They are now talking about changes and improvements. They want to give flowers to section directors for including non-white-dude authorial voices to recognize those who've

included female voices and to introduce SNARC to first year students. Aidan explains that contingent funding is where societies get refunded what they spend. They have bought 5 cheap Superstore bouquets for \$50. Finance committee recommended approval. Meg says that the cheapest bouquet was \$10. Zoe asks who isn't getting a bouquet, and the answer is the section 1 coordinator.

18. BIRT the Loaded Ladle is ratified for the 2015-2016 academic school year.

*Moved by Alex McVittie*

Motion passes. Taylor asks why it's considered a society. Alex McVittie says it's because now they have people at King's giving out food. Now we can have King's representation on the Loaded Ladle board. King's will be doing a levy this year to see who is interested in getting involved. There is interest in creating said levy, but nothing has been done yet. Alex Bryant says the Ladle is ratifying because King's disproportionately uses the Ladle. In the past they've booked rooms here. They'd like to run more events here, as a kind of cross-ratification. Jenn from the Galley used to work as a facilitator for the Ladle so if we need anything from the Galley, then this might help too. Joy asks about Sodexo as competition. Alex says they need to sign a liability waiver, and they can negotiate that with Celine. As this is very preliminary, then that's fine. Jacob Baker-Kretzmar says it's in the Galley and the Wardy.

19. BIRT that Hannah MacDougall, Brandy Whitford, Abby Borron, and Elena Blomley, be placed on the Equity Affairs Committee for the 2015-2016 academic year.

*Moved by Alex McVittie*

Alex McVittie gets Alex Bryant to explain the committee. It was created five years ago. Alex Bryant called it for the first time last year. The wording is very vague in bylaws. It's unclear to the union execs what they ought to do with the committee. They're considering the mandate of the committee this fall and hoping to pursue it this winter. Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asks if the terms of reference have been edited already, and Alex Bryant says no. Alex McVittie motivates for Abby Borron, Hannah nominates Brandy Whitford, Alex McVittie nominates Elena Blomley, and Sofia motivates for Olivia Huynh. Hannah MacDougall nominates herself. We move to a vote. Alex says Abby is in second year and is involved and passionate about King's student life, makes strides to create a safe and equitable environment for everyone around her. She is energetic and happy. Hannah says Brandy is our external advocacy and stands with Pride, passionate about equity, already is very involved and wants to get her involved at this level. She's in second year. Alex says Elena is a first year student who wants to educate herself on the matter, says that there wasn't anything like this in high school despite her interest, King's is a good place to learn about it, and is very passionate about it. Olivia wants to get more involved. Very fun to work with, easygoing, part of societies, etc. Hannah MacDougall is in second year and worked at King's for equity all summer, familiar with everything already, likes to educate herself on different issues and wants to learn more about that. She wants to make our campus a safe place and to involve herself with the union. There are five names and four blanks. They are filled by Hannah MacDougall, Brandy Whitford, Abby Borron, and Elena Blomley. Motion is adopted.

21. BIRT that Hayley Zacks and Catherine Thomas be placed on the Environmental Affairs Committee for the 2015-2016 Academic year.

*Moved by Alex Bryant*

Hannah explains that this committee is about sustainable policy for the union, co-chaired by herself and Matt Green. Hayley Zacks is nominated, as well as Catherine Thomas, and Jessica MacIsaac. Hayley is motivated by her passion for environmental protection, understanding of sustainability, working with different organizations, including an organic farm, etc. She loves environmental policy and would love to work on issues she's dedicated to. Catherine is a member of SUST King's and has helped with events like Earth Week, DIY cosmetics, an eco fair she organized, etc. She was working at an ecology non-profit these past few summers. She managed compost, has experience with committees, etc. Jessica would love to aid the KSU. She has previous experience with an environmental club in her high school, where she made initiatives to ban water bottles, gave documentary screenings, etc. Hayley Zacks and Catherine Thomas are filling the blanks. Motion adopted.

22. BIRT that Nikki Foley, Julia-Simone Rutgers, and Curran MacConnell be placed on the Galley Board of Directors for the 2015-2016 Academic School year.

*Moved by Hannah Kaya*

The Galley is a great place and one where the Board will meet more often than in past years. We move to nominations. Aidan nominates Nikki Foley and Alex nominates Hannah MacDougall. Sofia nominates Julia-Simone Rutgers. Curran MacConnell is nominated as well. Nikki is a third year student, and has been on many committees at King's. She is diligent and detail oriented, a great member of the committee. Julia-Simone came immediately to talk about the Galley last year at the society fair. She would love to join. Hannah is here and a powerhouse on campus. She would be a great addition to the board and would bring professionalism and enthusiasm to meetings. Curran is passionate, critical, and loves getting involved. He wants it to be a healthy fixture of King's, and he's a math major and would love to do this. The blanks are filled by Nikki Foley, Julia-Simone Rutgers, and Curran MacConnell. Motion passes.

23. BIRT that Emma Jones, Melina Zaccaria, and Zoe Brimacombe be placed on the Watch Board of Publishers for the 2015-2016 Academic School year.

*Moved by Aidan McNally*

The Watch board meets with the publisher, members, the chair of council, and serves as a financially responsible overview of the Watch. Aidan nominates Emma Jones and Melina Zaccaria. Zoe nominates herself. Emma has written for the Watch many times, is very active in King's life, was a frosh coordinator and knows King's very well. Melina has been on council for a year, has been here for some trouble between the Watch and the KSU and thinks it's a valuable place and that she could bridge the gap. Zoe has experience sitting on boards and committees and wants to be more involved in levied societies. There are no objections to filling blanks with these three names. Motion passes.

## 6. New Business

Sam asks if he can bring up new business. He is president of WUSC and as a levied society they have to vote on procedure for levy each year. This requires all members of exec and external VP, faculty member and King's student representative. This does need to be voted on in council. Alex says a vote happens at general meeting. Anika was student representative last year, but had to be voted on as student body representative. Alex Bryant proposes a motion.

## Motion 6.1

Be it resolved that \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the WUSC levy board for the 2015/2016 academic year.

We need one person for the general membership to sit on levy board, review financial statement, and see if we should release the levy to them this year. We need the levy to pay for the new student's fees this year. Alex McVittie nominates Ally Lord for the position. Taylor Saracuse self-nominates. Hannah puts forward a motion that council recesses for five minutes. Motion is now out of order because seven days advertisement needs to occur. This item is off the agenda.

Adjournment

*Next meeting: Sunday September 27th, 2015, 10:00am*