

## **Minutes for KSU Council of Students**

King's Students' Union 2015-2016

Sunday, October 18, 2015, 10:00am

Shatford Room, New Academic Building

### **Voting Members**

Aidan McNally  
Alex Bryant  
Hannah Kaya  
Sofia Zaman  
Brennan McCracken  
Ryan Kavanagh  
Kristen Thompson  
Melina Zaccaria  
Zoe Brimacombe  
Nate Winsor  
Alex McVittie  
Taylor Saracuse  
Joy Shand  
Benn van Rynn

### **Non-Voting Members**

Gwendolyn Moncrieff-Gould  
Charlotte Sullivan  
Grace Kennedy  
Emma Leighton Jones  
Chris Parsons  
Andrew Griffin

### **Call to order**

#### **Recognition of unceded traditional Mi'kmaq territory**

Everyone goes around to introduce themselves since there are new councillors.

#### **1. Adoption of Agenda**

Agenda is adopted.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes from September 27, 2015**

No amendments to the minutes. The minutes are adopted.

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

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

Taylor Saracuse explains that he, Alex Bryant, and Zoe Brimacombe will go over what happened with the Board of Governors after what happened at the last meeting on Thursday around 2:05pm. We will discuss what kind of consultation happened beforehand. They were asked to do a consultation around mid-September after the draft for the first proposal was released. The executives and Board of Governors reps met up to talk about whether a consultation was worth it after being approached by the Tuition Committee. They had made the initial decision not to do a consultation since students were aggravated by the entire process, but the committee got back to them and said they were awaiting this consultation. They hosted it, and beforehand had a Town Hall on the 24th of September where 50+ students and 3 faculty

members showed up. The sentiment was unanimous- this was a bad idea and the draft proposal was ludicrous. They were educating the membership on the board and what the proposal was about. They also hosted, on September 28th, a Town Hall in the KTS red room about the tuition increase. That was a disaster. There were students who represented themselves well but everyone had a hard time with that meeting, making it very unproductive for everyone. Alas, they brought in a new proposal that would be a chance for students to prove themselves according to the committee. **Ben van Rynn walks in 10:11.** The new proposal was to make students get more students to come here and after that, there would be considerations for the \$500 increase in the 2017-18 year and the year after that. Apart from this, we had complete support from the teaching fellows union who sent in a letter in support of the research Alex Bryant, Zoe Brimacombe, and Taylor Saracuse had done. There was overwhelming support from the community, the DSU, and the fellows asking for a tuition freeze. There were MLAs supporting us, provincial representatives, the NDP, and pretty much a huge support against this proposal.

Zoe Brimacombe now starts by welcoming the new councillors. She attended a CFS skills conference and found out some cool things, including attending a lobbying workshop. **Joy Shand walks in 10:14.** Quick mention of #itsnosecret- she attended the all candidates debate at Dal with the local candidates, and is very excited to see turnout at the polls. She gives a shoutout to the DSU and to Hannah Kaya. Now, on to the board meeting- prior to this meeting, they went to the luncheon in the lodge. The report written by Alex Bryant became a part of the motion that was moved. Essentially, the motion was that the board would not increase FYP tuition apart from the 3% increases, which is a separate discussion, but that it be allowed to increase it after next year. These tuition hikes would be considered individually as discrete adjustments. They started by talking about the Wardy and Galley, and then launched into the report that was circulated to the Board of Governors. It was a document that she recommends everyone reads, containing research that gives detail on the correlation between enrollment and tuition fees. The report was presented together and the board members reacted differently. Some sided with the KSU and made their case stronger, and some spoke about the necessity of passing this motion since it could “save us” in the future. Another group talked about the proposal as irrelevant. There needs to be a correction of large structural issues, not minor fees. Those people were correct, but missed a fundamental piece of the puzzle. While that amount is irrelevant to the board, it is very significant for students. The board missed the other big picture- the process. Taylor Saracuse spoke of the consultation. Passing this motion is about the board ignoring the stakeholders. We can't trust a board that consistently ignores us. When the vote occurred, the motion passed 12-8. It's tempting to feel defeated, so Zoe Brimacombe encourages us to fuel our anger into constructive things, to channel our anger into taking our administration to task about ignoring us. She salutes the board members who voted with us. The fight is not over yet. We have to be prepared for what's to come and we will have to fight these increases very hard. Aidan McNally asks if we can say who voted with us, which we cannot. Taylor Saracuse is curious about talking about who is on the board and how we need to inform the students of who is on the board. We should write the members who were supposed to be at the meeting and were not. We should call for George Cooper's impeachment. Alex Bryant will later talk about steps moving forward. We are all interested in kicking into high gear about this.

Brennan McCracken introduces himself again. He is the new member at large and doesn't have much to say, but wants to thank Zoe Brimacombe for liveblogging today so he can absorb what's going on. He congratulates the other new councillors and is excited to be here and learn the ropes.

Nate Winsor introduces himself again. He is thrilled to be here and won by a slim margin, so wants to make us proud. He's been approached to do a science/HOST student crossover with people at Dal which is really exciting to serve the community. He thanks us for voting.

Melina Zaccaria is happy to be back and congratulates everyone who ran. She doesn't have much to report. She is selling Fall Ball tickets for the DASSS.

Kristen Thompson is in the same boat as the others, and is happy to be here. She gives a shoutout to Kate Ashwood for encouraging people to vote. She's excited that everyone is so passionate about these kinds of things.

Benn van Rynn is the new residence rep and is grateful and excited to learn. He has a bunch of ideas for events this year and can't wait for it.

Ryan Kavanagh is the first year rep. He hasn't gotten the chance to do a lot yet, but has casually talked to first years to get the general feeling of the group and whether they have problems. People think there is a lack of connectivity in first year between people, so he and Benn van Rynn will try and get people feeling more connected. He is working on putting together a booklet of every member of the council and executives- positions, roles- so information is accessible to all first year students. He thanks us all for listening and he's happy to be here. Zoe Brimacombe says it's good to coordinate with the residence rep and encourages talking to the first year Day Students Society rep, who has not yet been elected. Hannah Kaya says Ryan Kavanagh has already gotten involved with putting posters up.

Joy Shand asks us to forgive her for not being energetic today since she hasn't slept. The DSS has worked on a few things- the biggest being Maritime Night, which was really successful. The bar was full. We had first years attending and everyone loved the shuck-your-own-oyster experience. It was a good time and we got comments about it being amazing. Jen was excited about us filling the bar and selling a lot of beverages. The musicians were great. She's glad about how it happened. Their art project is still up in the Wardy too. They are planning a fall field trip to a u-pick farm on the 24th. There are forms to pick up at Alex Hall front desk and they're also in the Wardy. A \$10 fee offsets all the costs for the day and it will be a ton of fun. If anyone is interested she suggests getting a form in relatively soon. They will be bringing pumpkins back for pumpkin carving in the Wardy. DSS elections haven't happened yet since they've had delays due to not having enough nominees. All the nomination forms are gone and most were not returned. She encourages voting. Aidan McNally asks who can vote. Joy Shand says that for Member At Large, any day student (person who lives off campus) can vote. For first year rep, first year day students can vote.

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

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

The second half of this report is worth reading but Alex Bryant will dwell on the first. We are up to speed on what happened on Thursday. Everyone has been all over Facebook for 48 hours. There are tons of articles up. After that board meeting, he, Taylor Saracuse, and Zoe Brimacombe collected themselves and all the desserts that were still there. Everyone was frustrated and talked about the next step. There were a lot of ideas floating back and forth but right away they decided to let the membership know what had happened because people were so invested in the motion. They made a Facebook post, which was pretty lowkey. At least 4000 people had seen it by the time he wrote his report. People were upset. That evening, they drafted a press release so that different media outlets in the HRM would know and put that out on Friday morning. Chris Parsons also worked on it on his birthday which is really nice. It was picked up by

a whole bunch of people- the CBC, the Coast, the Signal, the NDP, the Chronicle Herald, the Watch, two TV assignments through J-school, etc. The university immediately laid into us in the media despite us being polite and respectful. Reporters have said the KSU looks way better than the university in the media right now though. This is a long-term conversation since it's been kicked down the road. We'll appeal to the province since the language of the motion is inconsistent with that of the province. We'll just keep being fantastic and Alex Bryant hopes the new councillors will help with that. His report is snarky, if we want to read it. Usually he has a whole bunch of stuff to report but this is pretty much all he's worked on for the past 3 weeks. This meeting is specifically all about this issue. Taylor Saracuse comments that apart from the outpour from students, he wants to say that we're grateful for the support of the students in decision making. Joy Shand asks what the acronym on the cover of his report means, and Alex Bryant says it means "don't let the bastards get you down".

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

Alex McVittie doesn't feel like talking about the adjustment. She put knife emojis on her report to show this. She didn't do that much relatively in the past two weeks since everyone was so focused on this one issue. Alex McVittie gives a shoutout to Kate Ashwood and Sofia Zaman for the GM, which was extremely efficient, and the chosen representatives are wonderful and qualified. She is excited to work with the new people. The athletic wear is in the works now, and Abbotsfield is the company we'll be working with for the hats- they use recycled and vintage fabrics. We'll probably do a limited edition release. We'll see if we can get cheap Nike and Adidas stuff. It's going to be grunge. Aidan McNally and Alex McVittie had society training on Tuesday and it was well attended. They also reviewed all of the information that they needed to, including a couple of societies to ratify. Campus Master Planning and consultations, the heart of Alex's job, have met twice since the last council and the floor plans in her report are for North Pole Bay. There will be a consultation on the 21st of October at 4pm in the Scotiabank room about this stuff. She wants all the feedback she can get. The interesting thing about North Pole Bay is that because it's separate, it will model the rest of the bays. This is a really exciting time and she congratulates all the new councillors. Hannah Kaya quickly flags using Nike because she and the KSU support unionized workplaces.

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

Aidan McNally says it's been a roller coaster ride lately. She gives a shoutout to Sofia Zaman for councillor training yesterday. She is looking forward to a more robust training for all of our councillors and offering a bunch of support to the exec. She wrote a piece about the vote at the Board of Governors. This strikes a chord with her as a past Board of Governors rep. She wants to acknowledge how emotionally taxing dealing with upper administration, fighting such a good fight, and having the results be what they were is. She highlights a couple of things. She's amazed that after all this discussion, in the face of research written by students in their free time, the board still voted it through and expected it to go smoothly. She shoutouts everyone who went to the Town Hall and consultation. We are meant to be students and a lot of us don't have time to do anything, including chasing after the administration. We continue to fight to make the institution more accessible even after the rhetoric has been put out that the decision has not been made. The verdict you might hear is collectively fighting this problem, which imposes an unfair ultimatum on students. Increasing fees is detrimental to what we're trying to do. FYP is no more appealing next year than this year. We have nothing more to give students other than being the most expensive program. There was a chance to make things more accessible but now here we are with decreasing enrollment. It's a tough situation to be put into, and one that is simply unfair. She had a university finance committee (distinction with the KSU finance committee) meeting, and there was a phone-in call on Wednesday when the chair of the committee on student fees, Tom Eisenhower, was invited to give a briefing. She expressed her disagreement with the proposal and couldn't make a recommendation to the board. The finance committee didn't endorse, or not endorse, this motion in the end. Aidan McNally tried to explain how the decision would impact the community but many board members didn't get it. The full KSU committee met for the first time on Friday. There are some returning

members, some new, and there were snacks. There were great discussions and recommendations everyone can stand behind. They talked about the travel bursary discussion and the new member at large will join next week. Society training was great. A note on photocopy codes- there will be a switch next week so societies need to talk to Chris Parsons about using this new machine. A financial update for the KSU: King's students pay dues to the Union. We haven't gotten those dues from the university yet. If you're waiting for a reimbursement then that'll happen soon. The travel bursary policy is changing- she went through past minutes and found no recommendations but found stuff from Michaela Sam and Emily Rendell-Watson. She wants to give a small history: people applying for bursaries need to include a breakdown of cost, purpose of trip, benefit to King's, and what the student will bring back from it to King's. People assumed they had to present why they were going, which was weird. Perimeters must be passed on what qualifies as a trip- it used to be subsidizing an academic event, but now has gone beyond for travelling for any university related purposes, like sports. She's hoping to work on a draft policy that we can tentatively adopt and pass. Taylor Saracuse notes that it would be great to put a priority on those travelling with more eco-friendly sources- like not flying. Aidan McNally says that's a discussion to be had, but part of that is not having a priority system. You can ask people to keep in line with the values of the KSU, but doesn't imagine it's a firm yes or no. No policy has been set.

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

Hannah Kaya says most have expressed how tough these past few weeks have been. She is so impressed by the across the board demonstration of solidarity and that's something we can develop and mature going forward. It's easy to feel powerless and we need to keep practicing self-care. She wants to explain that the white stuff in her hair is paint from last night. For the CFS skill conference, people got together and learned about chairing the meeting, budgeting, and how to handle media. It's very exciting. You get to meet students from across Canada, and talk about all these struggles people deal with across campuses. The exec also decided who would go to the national GM in November- it will be Hannah Kaya and Aidan McNally. Since we're joined by new members, if anyone wants to know about the CFS they should go to Hannah Kaya's office hours. The election is tomorrow. We're having a fun time in the Wardy and going over the results. She wants to remind day students to look up their polling stations. Most of us can't vote at the Dal SUB. The advance polling stations and special polls had a great turnout. There was lots of work with our levied societies these past few weeks- they had a consistent presence on our campus. South House is hosting a capacity building workshop soon which is great for societies. Brandy Whitford and Hannah Kaya have talked to Avalon about free consent workshops and are consulting students about how to proceed. Consent is complex but also simple. The first workshop will be in December. She also notes that Sustainability has done some great work, headed by Matthew Green, and held a successful screening of Princess Mononoke with a short lecture by Simon Coe. She says To the Root is on campus right now, which is a rad food justice series.

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

Sofia Zaman is keeping it short and sweet. She also gives a shoutout to Kate Ashwood. She's excited to keep working with her throughout the year. The GM was great and productive, changing bylaws right before the GM on how honoraria are paid. We're focusing on elections mainly this year, since election policy is super weird. TWAK goes out to 1500 people and we should hype that up. If people have events they want others to know about, TWAK is a great resource. She says hello to the new councillors. Taylor Saracuse asks about office hours on the website- some have been updated, some have not. She still needs to update a few things and how our hours would be for this year. He also says it was the smoothest GM ever. Joy Shand agrees with Taylor Saracuse about the GM and is wondering about the elections policy review and if that will include consultation. Sofia Zaman says we'll be having members coming up with suggestions on bylaws and what we'll talk about.

### 5. Report of the Services and Campaigns Coordinator

Chris Parsons introduces himself. He's one of two full time staff people for the King's Student Union- not a member or student. Jen gave her report two meetings ago. She is his coworker. This is his fall semester report. This is his third year of employment and he's happy to be back. He's super proud of the KSU for doing all of the things they've done, particularly over the last few years. The board meeting feels like a loss right now but he thinks we should still be proud. He's going to discuss general things about the health plan. This takes up the vast majority of his time- a disproportionate amount of his time, especially in September and October. He's put in more than 35 hours a week onto just the health plan, which explains how busy it is. This year was a bit different. Previously, there was a broker that we would consult with that handled negotiations with health carriers like Greenshield to get the best price. They also handle a bunch of data services. Normally, Chris Parsons would come out with an enrollment list and he would give them any changes that he would make. Now it's more complicated since it's negotiated through the National Students Health Network through the CFS. The student health network, set up to help unions navigate a predatory industry, helps people not get ripped off by insurance companies. Our relationship with this company is a little different. We saw a deterioration of service and students are feeling an impact. His first year here, there were some issues. Last year it took 3 and a half weeks more to deal with this stuff. Students were beginning to feel the impact of the changes we were seeing. Greenshield has a great relationship with us still, but other unions had similar problems on the data entry side and billing. We began talking about using a new broker. This meant that we could negotiate with them directly and cut out the middle man. Some people switched their health insurance mid-year because the problems were so bad. We switched over, which led to a reduction in rates. We expect to see rates continue to increase in the future. The exec signed off on the new rates sheet in the spring. We switched over in September and our relationship with Greenshield has been really, really good. The plan was supposed to go live on October 7th but it only happened on the 15th. The data has to be a bit more precise, but it all happened very quickly, which is nice. That being said, the health plan is a huge thing for him, and leads to him working long hours. Over the last few weeks he's been putting in a ton of time and some pretty late nights. With a new system, once there's a better guide to it, it'll be better. In the coming year we'll see if we can open it up and tweak the plan design- what is covered and what it costs. When premiums go up, it's not a bad thing that cost goes up. Our plan has been stable these last few years. We need to discuss how much we cover for massage therapy, some physiotherapy and paramedical stuff, ambulance costs, etc. Aidan McNally just wants to mention that it costs nothing to call an ambulance. Nate Winsor asks if it's free if the injury is life threatening, but Chris Parsons says it always costs money due to the privatization of the health system. Sofia Zaman says that for those living in res, people can take a cab to the hospital (Zoe Brimacombe says it's 7 dollars). Kristen Thompson says that if you're a resident of Nova Scotia, it's \$216 for the ambulance rather than \$711.

Chris Parsons moves on to office management. In September, they always lose all their office supplies. The new layout of the office looks really great. It's way more functional. If you're holding office hours you can come in and use the shared workspace. The new photocopier codes will be out soon. If you're not a ratified society then you can talk to Chris Parsons. Also if you're hosting an event, then councillors can use the copier for promotional purposes. Always talk to Chris Parsons before photocopying. It's basically almost like a copy centre photocopier. There's a new ISIC system in place too. We receive that service for free. We were one of the first places to test the new system but it works well. We will organize a couple of days to do ISIC/health card issuing. His hours have been sporadic because of health plan stuff but they'll settle down to 11-5 soon.

Orientation week was really smooth and great. There were some schedule changes. In terms of his involvement, he handled a lot of small things. One thing he wants to do is make a master schedule for O week, dealing with permits coming early, getting the yurt, etc. This year for example there was a permit issue. He's super impressed with everything the exec has done. We took tabling shifts and filled in the gaps- media prep with Alex Bryant. A big thing he will flag is general support this year. He helps societies a lot. In the past he's assisted the Galley a lot with timesheets and cashouts. This year he has done none of that. He hasn't had to take any deliveries this year either. He attended the CFS June GM for

development as well as the CFS skills symposium and presented a workshop on successful event planning. It was more interesting than the contract workshop he did last year. He says bulk purchasing is great and we usually order from the ethical purchasing network. They use recycled fabrics from a shut down sweatshop. Chris Parsons early on established a numeric system so we didn't over order frosh week items. We roughly have about 80% of frosh students joining. The quality of items is also super high lately. We ordered 6000 condoms this spring on top of 2000 condoms left over. Lots have been taken. There's been a request for a variety of brands of condoms, ordered through the CFS and the Canadian Federation for Sexual Health.

Finally, we ordered 420 handbooks this year and gave away the last one this week. It's a well-used service. There's always a tough balance to make sure we have enough without having too many. Work hours are tough to corral for Chris Parsons. He'll discuss this with his supervisors. This is just an issue with the nature of the job, something to flag. He hasn't had time to work on extended projects, but that said, he hopes over the remainder of the year to complement the elections review and looking at health plan design. That's more or less what he's been up to since the spring. Joy Shand asks about menstrual health products. Chris Parsons says we don't offer them but there is money in the budget for this. We have about 100\$ so we can go to Costco and get some soon. We hope to offer them before the end of the month.

## 6. Action Items

Alex McVittie motions to omnibus motions 6.1-6.6. The motion passes. The poetry society is active, and they deal with primarily doing poetry readings and a space for people to work creatively together. The PRIDE society is also active, hosting movie nights and celebrating queer culture. The Chorus is huge and performs each week. There are several levels of professionalism. The Journalism society celebrates the journalism program at King's. Saint Andrew's Mission Society is ancient and talks about community and social issues. The St. Thomas Aquinas Society does a lot of outreach. Alex Bryant wants to flag that he did not move #2, Alex McVittie did, and wants to make SAMS the Saint Andrew's Mission Society. Aidan McNally speaks in light of all of these societies. These typos are corrected. The motion passes in omnibus.

Aidan McNally wants to do the funding request now, suspending the rules. Alex Bryant seconds this. We'll start with 6.10, then 6.8, 6.9, and 6.11, and leave the Watch (6.7) for the end. This is because Andrew Griffin is here from the King's Chorus so we want to go over 6.10 for him first.

1. BIRT The King's Poetry Society be ratified as a society for the 2015-2016 academic year.

*Moved by Alex McVittie*

Motion passes in omnibus.

2. BIRT The King's PRIDE Society be ratified as a society for the 2015-2016 academic year.

*Moved by Alex McVittie*

Motion passes in omnibus.

3. BIRT the King's Chorus be ratified as a society for the 2015-2016 academic year.

*Moved by Alex McVittie*

Motion passes in omnibus.

4. BIRT The King's Journalism Society be ratified as a society for the 2015-2016 academic year.

*Moved by Alex McVittie*

Motion passes in omnibus.

5. BIRT the Saint Andrew's Mission Society be ratified as a society for the 2015-2016 academic year.

*Moved by Alex McVittie*

6. BIRT The St. Thomas Aquinas Society be ratified as a society for the 2015-2016 academic year.

*Moved by Alex McVittie*

Motion passes in omnibus.

7. BIRT Adrienne Colbourne be elected to the Watch Board of Publishers for the 2015-2016 academic year.

*Moved by Sofia Zaman*

They advertised a bit in TWAK for this position. They are a board that oversees the Watch's operations. The position is for a general member. Nate Winsor asks if you get reimbursed or if it's voluntary. Sofia Zaman says it's voluntary. Nominations open. Sofia Zaman nominates Adrienne Colbourne. Grace Kennedy talked to her earlier, and she has lots of experience- she self-published a novel and worked with Wordsmiths and the Watch. She's very meticulous and thoughtful and doesn't make rash decisions. We move to a vote. The motion passes.

8. BIRT SAMS's receive \$150.25 in contingent funding to prepare food for the soup kitchen at St. George's Church on Oct 31st, 2015.

*Moved by Aidan McNally*

*Finance Committee recommends approval*

They will be serving a meal to community members in need and will prepare the food on October 27th on campus in the Alex Hall kitchen. There are multiple areas where students can be involved in this. This is to help the Halifax community and will feed the people a healthy and warm meal. They seek contingent funding. Nate Winsor asks if there's a danger- with a precise amount- that they go over. In the past they've asked for specific estimates with GST. Alex Bryant mentions that SAMS does a great job of submitting funding requests, asking for money, and doing everything really well in general so council is open to larger requests from them. The motion passes.

9. BIRT EMSS receive \$200.00 in contingent funding to provide snacks and beverages for the lecture and screening of "What we do in the Shadows" and the reception that follows on Oct. 26th.

*Moved by Aidan McNally*

*Finance Committee recommends approval*

This event is hosted in conjunction with the KFFS. This involves a guest lecturer, a screening, and a reception. Katherine Morris is lecturing. There is a keg at the reception. Aidan McNally says there's an immediate benefit in proposing the vampire course. It introduces first years to campus events and makes that connection with them. Posters have been designed by Jesse Hiltz. They are getting a huge Propeller keg, 6-7 cheeses, 4 baguettes, two boxes of crackers, and some non alcoholic beverages. The EMSS is very specific with their funding requests. Taylor Saracuse says it's going to be the best event ever and there will also be popcorn for the movie. The motion passes.

10. BIRT that King's Chorus receive \$1350 in non-contingent funding to offset operating costs for the 2015-2016 academic year.

*Moved by Aidan McNally*

*Finance Committee does not recommend approval*

Aidan McNally will motivate about this. We've also set the date for when funding requests are due- Wednesdays at midnight before Council. She would like to propose an amendment to 6.10 and strike out receiving \$2500 and replace that with \$1350. Alex Bryant seconds this. Aidan McNally will speak to this. We have been in conversation with the Chorus for the past three years. It's a group of 40-60 students that perform high level choral music, directed by Nick Halley, who is the assistant director of music for the Chapel Choir. The Chorus has graduated the model of a society and their capacity of operation is larger than the Union can support. There is work to be done on operating outside the Union, and we need to commit to this discussion about supporting Chorus and how it differs from societies typically. It's half the

amount because we want to have this dialogue throughout the fall and discuss funding next term after discussing if the Chorus is a society or an organization. This is kind of a check-in point. About supporting students in chorus- this amount includes scores for Cecilia (\$900), including purchasing music binders (\$150) and funding social activities for half the year (\$300). That's the discussion we had together. Aidan McNally sees this as a happy medium and this is a number she feels comfortable supporting. As Financial Vice President she supports this motion. Alex Bryant comments that if there's agreement between parties to amend something before Council, we take up that amendment before Council rather than proposing during council. Gwendolyn Moncrieff-Gould says this is because that's what went through Finance Committee. Taylor Saracuse says that if society execs weren't all in on the conversation then it is better to officially have the original in Council. Andrew Griffin says there was talk about a mandate for sending someone to task for finding how the Chorus can find a new non-society position. We vote on amending 6.10 by striking out \$2500 and replacing it with \$1350, and including the things that we're voting on giving instead of operating costs. The amendment passes. Now we're talking about the motion in itself. We move to a vote. The motion passes.

11. BIRT Maggie O'Riordan-Ross receive a \$100 travel bursary to offset the cost of flying to Newfoundland with Sodales for the debate tournament that was held the weekend of Oct. 2-4th.

*Moved by Aidan McNally*

*Finance Committee recommends approval*

Maggie O'Riordan-Ross has been in contact with Aidan McNally for the last few weeks. They talked prior to the event about Sodales. They do have to travel to meet other debate teams to do what their society does. Last meeting we passed a bursary for Rebecca Steele. Travel bursaries are the exception to the retroactive funding rule, and plane tickets have to be bought in advance. Given that Maggie O'Riordan-Ross talked to Sodales and the DSU as well about funding, we need to discuss Sodales taking up all the bursaries. Ryan Kavanagh asks what the cost was overall. Aidan McNally says the ticket was \$365 plus food and stuff in Newfoundland. The motion passes.

## **7. New Business**

7.1 BIRT the Financial Vice-President, in consultation with the executive of the King's Chorus, report to Council by January 10th on possible changes to the relationship between the King's Students' Union and the King's Chorus.

*Moved by Alex Bryant*

Alex Bryant says that we've been trying to figure out what to do with the Chorus for years. The Chorus runs an operating budget of \$20 000. Their employee is paid \$5000 a year. It begets a different relationship to the university than the society model, so it would be nice if Aidan McNally worked with them to see what can change in this relationship. It might become an independent organization. People just need to figure this out. We move to a vote. The motion passes.

## **Adjournment (12:11pm)**

*Next meeting: Sunday November 1, 2015, 10:00am ( Boardroom)*