

Minutes for KSU Council of Students

King's Students' Union 2015-2016

Sunday, November 1, 2015, 10:00am

Boardroom, 2nd floor A&A Building

Voting Members

Brennan McCracken

Taylor Saracuse

Ryan Kavanagh

Alex Bryant

Joy Shand

Sofia Zaman

Aidan McNally

Benn van Ryn

Melina Zaccaria

Nate Winsor

Hannah Kaya

Zoe Brimacombe

Non-Voting Members

Charlotte Sullivan

Gwendolyn Moncrieff-Gould

Emma Creighton-Jones

Call to order

Recognition of unceded traditional Mi'kmaq territory

1. Adoption of Agenda

Aidan McNally asks if there are any amendments. Alex McVittie wants to strike action item 5.1 from the agenda until next meeting. The item is removed. Ryan Kavanagh wants to amend the bylaws since he has found some problems in there. Aidan McNally says we cannot do that during Council.

2. Approval of Minutes from October 18th, 2015

Sofia Zaman made some changes to wording, typos, and grammatical things. Minutes are approved.

Reports of councillors and the executive (approximately 45 minutes)

3. Oral Reports and Goals of Councillors

Brennan McCracken is doing his first live blog. He thanks Zoe Brimacombe for her help with this. He attended the Campus Master Planning consultation and also sat in on his first Finance Committee meeting. On top of this, he went to Councillor Training and went through old emails from past Member-at-Larges. He brings up that Zoe Brimacombe reached out to the MFA students and MJ students, and thinks this is a great idea because we don't often hear those voices on Council.

Taylor Saracuse has had a quiet few weeks. Councillor Training was very beneficial. He realized that the Board of Governors reps, he and Zoe Brimacombe, are meant to alternate as observers at meetings from the bylaws, so they may start doing that. He's been drafting a survey that will go out to the entire student

body and would love collaboration from other councillors and executives about that. More to come later. He says that Alex Bryant will catch people up more on board politics.

Joy Shand says the DSS has been up to a lot these last few weeks. They are changing their bank account and moving to Scotiabank, which was a suggestion from Dean Hatt so that all the accounts he oversees are under the same bank. They had an appointment on Friday with Claire and Dean Hatt. They have officially opened an account and are setting up electronic funds transfer for levy deposits. They now don't have to wait for the cheque and deposit it. They are also setting up a cash guarantee credit card, which is better than the execs spending their own money and later paying themselves back. This way there is no need to spend their own capital and they only need to write cheques for the people that they're paying. It makes life a lot easier. All of this will be set up under Dean Hatt. He'll maintain the regular contact with the account. It is officially opened, but they still have the TD account where the money is. People need to cash their final cheque before it's officially closed. She also sat on the non-residence space subcommittee the meeting before last and was very surprised. It was really wonderful and they were very welcoming. They wanted student opinions. At the request of the committee, she was put in charge of getting student feedback and so made a survey on Google Forums. Her goal is to get at least 5% of the student body as respondents, but ideally 10%. She will be writing up a final report on that which will be circulated later. Elections have not yet happened for the DSS. They had a CRO who dropped out. Instead of postponing elections, getting nominees, etc. they've appointed a Member at Large and are in the process of appointing a first year rep that have been elected by the council. The membership will vote at the GM on November 15. They also went to Willowbank farm over the weekend and had a lovely time. Not very many people came and they recognized they should have done it before midterms were really heating up. Everyone who went had a really good time. They also participated in preparing the Halloween party in the Wardroom on Friday.

Ryan Kavanagh says he had a fun and informative time at Councillor Training. He had a KSU position list in the workings for the past week or two and finished it. It has been posted as well as a suggestion envelope where people can either anonymously or not submit suggestions if they want to. Those are located on the cork boards of all of the bays as well as in Alex Hall at the front desk on the bulletin board. Alex McVittie and Ryan Kavanagh have started planning some general events. They're getting things in motion a little bit and he has talked to Joy Shand about the involvement of the DSS in future plans. He's mostly just been talking to students about how the year is going and what else is going on and wants more general opinions. He went to the North Pole Bay planning meeting and he feels that it went well.

Benn van Ryn went to training, and also met with Ryan Kavanagh and Alex McVittie to talk about some events. They had a roommate appreciation day on December 7. They are having what is similar to a TedX conference, but isn't branded TedX. This will be sometime in January. Everyone is welcome to apply to speak for this. There might be a chess tournament in March due to the large chess playing population here. They're also thinking of lounge game championships, also in March. For April Fools there will be a water fight, and later, a karaoke night in April, etc. If anyone else has other ideas, please let them know.

Nate Winsor says training was cool. In terms of what he's done, he read the past emails of the science reps and learned that reps sat on the Science Society meetings. He will not be able to make tomorrow night's meeting since he has an exam but hopefully can report on the minutes of that meeting next council. The HOST department wants to get science students to do a meet the scientist day over lunch. He wants to invite profs over. These stages are very loose and he just go an email about it this morning. Sofia Zaman asks if that's going to be a round table discussion. Nate Winsor says the format is to be determined but will probably be a casual round table. It just needs to be set up. He also wants to figure out how to get

in contact with the science students to see if they want to set up a Science Society again. He wants a study snacks for science students that can couple with other activities.

Melina Zaccaria has had a quiet couple of weeks. Things happened at the DASS meeting- the Fall Ball was a huge success and was sold out. They made a ton of money and Dal matches whatever they make, so it's double that. There's a new module coming out that helps people pick courses. This was explained in their meeting. They don't want King's classes to get pushed down if they're less popular than Dal courses. She went to a Watch Board meeting on Friday and they released the Watch levy, plus will be looking at the constitution of the Watch. She says Councillor Training was good and there is a lecture at Dal on November 13th about Putin. She will start her monthly meetings with society heads soon as well.

Zoe Brimacombe has finally figured out her office hours, which will be Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30. She went to a special CFS-GM to elect an aboriginal student rep- a NSCAD student named Aidan was elected. The Watch Board meeting happened but she could not make this particular meeting. She's excited to get to work on bylaws and operations policy there. It's been a busy few weeks but she hasn't done much with regards to the KSU.

4. Reports of the Executive Committee (attached)

- 4.1 Report of the President
- 4.2 Report of the Vice-President (Student Life)
- 4.3 Report of the Vice-President (Financial)
- 4.5 Report of the Vice-President (External)

Hannah Kaya forgot to include in her report that the national aboriginal caucus sent some resources on not stereotyping and will also talk about national support on the tuition reset at the GM in November. She also says that Sust King's is focusing on Bill 111 right now that will be given a second reading in November when Parliament reconvenes. Anyone interested in taking action against environmental racism should go to the Sust King's meeting on Friday or talk to Matt Green. She also mentions that the Queer Services caucus is meeting on Tuesday at 3 pm at South House. Taylor Saracuse asks what environmental racism is. Hannah Kaya says certain people are disproportionately affected by resource extraction. Alex Bryant says Google is really useful for questions like these. Zoe Brimacombe is curious about when Sust King's meets on Friday. Hannah Kaya says usually around 4:30, but they're not meeting this upcoming Friday.

- 4.5 Report of the Vice-President (Communications)

5. Action Items

1. BIRT the King's History of Science and Technology Society be ratified for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Moved by Alex McVittie

Alex McVittie says the HOST society is very active on our campus and it's a fantastic society. Every year they submit their bank statements and no one has to run after them. They're talking about the popularization of HOST and science students. It also helps HOST students and faculty talk. They're publishing a journal once per academic year. She recommends it to pass. We move to a vote. The motion passes.

2. BIRT Young Alexandra Society receive \$48.77 in contingent funding to fund snacks for exam de-stresser movie night and hot-chocolate giveaway for Queen Alexandra's Birthday, happening on November 21 and December 1st respectively.

Finance Committee recommends approval

Aidan McNally says they're planning two events but are requesting funding together, which is nice. The movie they're showing will probably be Love Actually. They want a relaxing low-key event. It will probably be in the Manning Room and they want to serve popcorn. This is a very nice request, and well done as well. The second event is a hot chocolate giveaway. December 1st is also the night of the FYP position paper so they would love to help people destress. This is really cool. They're using paper cups but encourage bringing down mugs. They're also bringing candy canes from Bulk Barn. It's coinciding with their ticket launch and bake sale. We move to a vote. The motion passes.

3. BIRT SNARC Society receive \$50.00 in contingent funding to make cake & have decorations for the Wall of Women Birthday event happening on Nov.13 in the Wardroom.

Finance Committee recommends amendment

The reason there's a recommendation for amendment is because Aidan McNally thinks it would be better to give \$50 instead of \$63. As many of us might remember, last year the Wall of Women project was a huge success and they had really cool pictures of great ladies put up in the Wardroom. They're now celebrating their one year birthday and it's a cool event in terms of a birthday party but they're also trying to get South House, Venus Envy, and NSBERG to come table during Happy Hour and lady bands are playing after 8 pm. SNARC is distributing their own zines and buttons of would-be FYP ladies. It's around \$10 for decorations, and the rest of the costs are associated with the ingredients for a cake. Claire Barrowman will be making the cake, so it promises to be delicious and there will be enough ingredients to make two cakes. The \$63 included purchasing a cake pan, and this is a capital purchase, which we don't do. They've factored two dollars in for a disposable tin pan which brings it down to \$50. Aidan McNally moves to amend and Alex Bryant seconds this. We strike out \$63 and replace with \$50. We move to a vote. The amendment passes. We move on to the vote about the motion itself. The motion passes, but Melina Zaccaria abstains.

4. BIRT King's Dance Collective receive \$200.00 in non-contingent funding to offset the costs for the pole dancing workshop hosted on Nov.28th at Studio in Essence.

Finance committee recommends approval

The event here is a pole dancing workshop where they expect 15 to 20 students who will pay approximately \$10 each to contribute to the cost. This mitigates the initial cost to participate. This introduces students to a successful local business and also is very cool. Aidan McNally says the first event last year was super fun and she recommends it to all of us. Some concerns at finance committee included whether there would be enough people who'd participate. There are two versions of the event they could run and if only 10 people sign up, the workshop would be an hour long. If they have 15, they could run for more time. It requires a \$100 deposit but once the event is set then we will deposit the \$200 into their bank account. It will be from 2:30-4pm on November 28. We move to a vote. The motion passes.

5. BIRT PRIDE Society receive \$15.00 in contingent funding for prizes for the karaoke night hosted on Nov. 6th in the Wardroom.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

PRIDE stands for People Recognizing Individual Diversity and Equality. They're hosting a cool karaoke night and Aidan McNally hopes there's more follow-up on this throughout the week. There will be a contest portion and a time for free play after the contest, and special drinks hosted by the Wardroom. They are just asking for a \$5 card to the Galley and a \$10 card for the bookstore. Alex Bryant just wants

to know if they're giving free drinks. Aidan McNally says there will be special drinks hosted by the Wardroom. Zoe Brimacombe is wondering how they're going to rent a karaoke machine. Aidan McNally says they will follow up with more information on this, but presumably will be a microphone and Youtube set up. No machine needed. We move to the vote. The motion passes.

6. BIRT King's Journalism Society receive \$50.00 in contingent funding for snacks for pj party/skype date with Kyle Mullen, a freelancer in Beijing, date TBD.

Finance committee recommends approval.

This is a newly ratified society and the first time they're requesting funding. This is a cool social and the date is with a widely published guy who's agreed to have an informal chat with some students about his career and journalism in general. They want to do it between November 4 and November 20. The total of \$50 covers popcorn, hot chocolate, cups, and cookies. This is pretty standard for a society meeting. We move to the vote. The motion passes.

7. BIRT King's Understudies Society receive \$75.00 in contingent funding for honoraria for three members of the Halifax improv community to host workshops at King's.

Finance committee does not have recommendation.

The Understudies is a sketch comedy group. Finance committee didn't recommend because they didn't have all of the answers on their funding request. They want to host three workshops on Improv and relevant skills. Mentorship is a critical part of strengthening improv sketch and standup skills. These will impart critical skills to the membership. The Understudies don't have a strong institutional history so this is a strong skill-based foundation. They've outlined the three members of the community. A few questions were how long the workshops are since this would influence the decision- they're an hour and a half and it's three different shops rather than one with three speaks. Allie Graham, in an email, said that it's \$25 for the workshop, not \$75 each. This appears to just be a misunderstanding so the amount should be amended to \$75 total. This covers the cost anyway for one workshop and if she misunderstood, then they can reapply for funding. She motions to amend and Alex Bryant seconds. Ryan Kavanagh asks what \$25 covers, and Aidan McNally says it's the cost per workshop. The amendment passes. We're back to the motion itself. We move to a vote. The motion passes.

8. BIRT King's Understudies receive \$50.00 in contingent funding to commission logo for King's Understudies Society.

Finance committee does not recommend approval.

The Understudies want to distinguish and unify their publicity and would like a logo for this purpose. They were hoping to have a logo by the time they have an exhibitional showcase in November. Finance Committee was pretty divided to begin with insofar as people wanted to compensate people and artists for their work, but a bit concerned about commissioning art for a number of reasons. There's no precedent and none of the other societies has done this- either someone photoshops something or has a student make art within the society. A professional logo isn't really relevant to the functioning and success of a society. This is also a capital purchase. It's again covered by student fees so if the Understudies ceased to exist then the logo would lose its values. We also have a history of students designing stuff. This wouldn't therefore follow that precedent. Alex Bryant comments that the way Finance Committee talked about this was really useful and probably will be a conversation we need to carry out. We move on to the vote. The motion does not pass.

9. BIRT Marie Dolcetti Koros, Antonia Paquin, and Liam Doherty be elected to the Grad Week coordinator selection committee for Grad Week 2016.

Finance Committee recommends approval

Aidan McNally and Alex Bryant have been working hard on this grad week business and Aidan McNally will take the lead on this. Alex Bryant recommends changing the supervising of this as well to the FVP

eventually. This is the selection committee for the two coordinators (recommendation to hire three). This is not a complex motion. We're figuring out who we're looking for, conducting some interviews, and selecting good coordinators who'll come to council and then we'll vote on them. Selection committees are cool because they get people involved with the Union in a low commitment way. Ryan Kavanagh asks what grad week is. Alex Bryant says the week of graduation is called Encaenia, the esoteric name, so they get a week of activities for grads that sometimes is a huge blowout, sometimes lowkey. It really depends on the grad year. Coordinators are picked similarly to frosh week and there's also fundraising for the grad gift. This is for grad week 2016. We open nominations. Aidan McNally nominates Marie Dolcetti Koros. Alex Bryant nominates Liam Doherty. Zoe Brimacombe mentions that it would be helpful if we could know about these motions further in advance as well. Aidan McNally motions to recess for 5 minutes, which is seconded by Taylor Saracuse.

Recess ends. Benn van Ryn nominates Antonia Paquin. Alex Bryant nominates Emma Kenny. We're starting with motivations. Aidan McNally says she got to know Marie Dolcetti Koros at the CFS skills weekend. She's eager to get involved at King's as much as possible. She's super into Sust and X action, plus social justice issues. This is a committee she would do great on and it's also a selection committee so very few students have hiring experience. Alex Bryant says Liam Doherty was very interested in finance committee and said he just wanted to be on any committee in various states of sobriety so it would be nice to get him in on this. Aidan McNally asks what year Liam Doherty is in, and Zoe Brimacombe says second. Benn says Antonia is in FYP with him. She's super motivated, ran for science rep, is very smart and would be great for the position. Alex Bryant mentions that Emma Kenny is a fourth year student who's been heavily involved in the King's community. He says that she wouldn't mind taking a backseat for other people who haven't been involved yet, so Alex Bryant says that if he could withdraw the nomination, he would. We move to the vote. Marie Dolcetti Koros, Antonia Paquin, and Liam Doherty get elected. The motion passes.

6. New Business

Alex Bryant wants an in camera session that'll last 15 minutes at most but Sodexo finishes at 1 so part of him says to just adjourn and then return after meeting. We can recess for twenty minutes for lunch and then power through it in a bit, or we can adjourn. Ryan Kavanagh motions for a twenty minute recess. We are adjourned. Return at 12:55.

Adjournment

Next meeting: Sunday November 15, 2015, 10:00am (Boardroom)