

**Minutes for KSU Council of Students**  
King's Students' Union 2015-2016  
Sunday, February 14, 2016, 10:00am  
Scotiabank Room, New Academic Building

**Voting Members:**

Alex Bryant  
Alex McVittie  
Sofia Zaman  
Joy Shand  
Ryan Kavanaugh  
Zoe Brimacombe  
Kristen Leigh-Ann Thompson  
Benn Van Ryn  
Brennan McCracken  
Taylor Saracuse  
Liam Compton

**Non Voting Members:**

Jake Norris  
Gwendolyn Moncrieff-Gould

**Call to order**

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

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

Alex Bryant motions to suspend the rules and take up the motions before the reports.  
Alex Bryant moves to consider the typos "attached"

**2. Approval of Minutes from January 10th, 2016**

The minutes are approved.

**3. Approval of Minutes from January 24th, 2016**

The minutes are approved.

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

4.1 Report of the President

The sound licensing for the Wardroom has been handled by Alex Bryant and our Hospitality Manager. he has been working with Jen quite extensively on documenting the Wardroom loan, and they submitting a report to WBOM. He says he has been emailing back and forth with the Census, and says there are many opportunities for students to get paid for getting involved. Alex Bryant says he was able to mediate a conversation with DASS about representation at King's. There is a media mixer that the Union will work to advertise.

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

Alex McVittie says the Campus Master Planning document is underway. She is starting to plan a “Before Christ” party, where everyone comes as something before christ, like a rock. Or a plant. She is excited about the presidential candidates. Cochrane windows will be done by the end of the day. There will be an event at North Pole Bay where students will be able to walk through and see the floor plans. The province and Siemens will be giving us money to start projects this summer. There will be more summer jobs for students as companies are coming in to use our spaces.

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

Aidan congratulates election committee for working under exceptionally difficult circumstances. She reminds everyone that the decision about who is the next president will be decided next week. There will be meeting on Wednesday for Presidential Search Committee, and then at the end of next week, there will be a full Board teleconference to vote on accepting the recommendation of the search committee. The

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

The CFS NS gm was a great. The plenary voted to condemn the fee hikes at Dal and the proposed Department cuts at Mount Allison, to the department of Women and Gender Studies. Students attended an Avalon Meeting to discuss next steps for Bill 114. The Union is able to send two students to the Racializes Indigenous Student Experience Summit this March 18-21st in Toronto, with details to follow.

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

She congratulates everyone that participated in the elections, and is excited to work with JS on changeover. There is a CKDU meeting coming up.

### **6. Oral Reports of the Councillors**

#### Board of Governors Rep

Taylor says there is a grand survey for Union members to fill, asking about Board-Student relations.

Zoe Brimacombe attended a Watch Board meeting, and the Watch levy was released. Zoe attend the CFS NS general meeting was a success, and she congratulates Hannah for being elected the deputy chair.

#### Residence Rep

Benn says he has been working with King’s Talks, and is very excited.

#### First Year Rep

The CFS-NS general meeting was great, and is also working with Benn to King’s Talks

#### Journalism Rep

Kristen Thompson says the scad labour talk was a success. She congratulates Brennan on the position of SLVP. She is trying to organize a journalism social, and will contact the journalism society.

#### Member-At-Large

Brennan says the general meeting was inspiring, and it was great to see a support system for student activists, as it is easy to feel alone.

## Day Student Representatives

Liam Compton says many people came up to him during his office hours to say that they really wanted the canceled Sugar Moon Maple Farm to happen. He calls for help to organize, and is trying to figure out the money for it. Ryan Kavanagh and Kristen Thompson volunteer to help.

Alex Bryant says there are several venues to get money, such as Dal After Dark.

Joy apologizes for being absent the past few councils, due to illness and being out of town. She has been working on the constitution, and is excited to bring it forth before the spring GM. Joy says they will begin to run the coffee and tea program, being organized by the member-at-large and first year rep.

Alex Bryant says that the Union and the DSS should jointly fund a new pool table as part of the Wardroom renovations. Joy Shand agrees.

## 7. Action Items

7.1 BIRT the Arts Abstract society receive \$194.60 in contingent funding to purchase and develop 8 rolls of film for their ongoing art project in the Wardroom, "Shots on a String".

*Moved by Alex Bryant*

*Finance committee recommends approval.*

Alex Bryant is speaking on behalf of Aidan McNally, and she stressed that there are no controversial motions.

Brennan McCracken motivates, saying this is a regular funding request.

The motion passes.

7.2 BIRT SNARC receive \$40 in contingent funding to purchase a door prize (a gift card to Big Pony) for the upcoming "GUTS Dance" event on March 10th at the Company House, put on by the feminist magazine, GUTS.

*Finance committee recommends approval.*

Alex Bryant explains the event is put on by a magazine from Toronto, which asked SNARC to co host and fund the door prize. He says it looks like a cool event.

Taylor Syracuse asks if it is a problem that this is an off campus event, and if there is a cover.

Alex Bryant responds this is not a problem, and there is no cover.

The motion passes.

7.3 BIRT EMSS receive \$270 in non-contingent funding to cover start up costs for Early Modern department/society t-shirts, as well as unanticipated bank costs.

*Finance committee recommends approval.*

Alex Bryant says that this is an exciting project that has been pushed for the past few years, and he is glad it is finally coming about. The other part of the request is for cheques that bounced.

Brennan McCracken motivates, agreeing this is a motion that the Union should fund.

7.4 BIRT EMSS receive \$2115.54 in non-contingent funding to host the 4th annual Conference of the Early Modern, a weekend long event which features key note lectures, student presentations, a reception, meals and a concert, set to be held on March 4-5, 2016.

*Finance committee recommends approval.*

Alex Bryant says there were no major concerns with the funding request, and it is relatively modest compared to past years.

Brennan McCracken says this funding request is in line with or modest for the EMSP, and finance committee has no major concerns.

Jake Norris says they were able to find keynote speakers in the area, which dramatically cut the costs. He says a lot of the planning at this stage is dependant on what the department itself funds, but where it stands now looks ok for the current event. He says the Sodexo quote is about \$300 more expensive than last year, but this may be taxes. Jake asks if he is able to put in another funding request with the updated numbers, should it be more.

Alex Bryant replies, saying this is not a problem as we have another council meeting, but he must have it in by then as we cannot retroactively fund.

Zoe Brimacombe asks if this should be put in contingent funding, as the society has a bank account.

Alex Bryant suggests that this motion should pass, and passing another motion at the next council might be the best option.

Zoe Brimacombe asks if they already know it is \$300 more, and if Jake Norris would like to amend the motion to reflect that.

Jake Norris says this may come from departmental funding.

Alex Bryant says because this is non-contingent funding, this money should be enough to start the planning, and he can come back with more.

Taylor Saracuse asks who is playing. Jake Norris says they are fourth year Dalhousie students.

The motion passes.

7.5 BIRT HOSTSoc receive \$474.52 in non-contingent funding to host their Undergraduate conference and fund breakfast and lunch, as well as purchase faculty panelists flowers.

*Finance committee recommends approval.*

Alex Bryant says this is exciting as HOSTSoc has not put in a request of this nature in recent memory.

Brennan McCracken motivates, saying they had submitted a vague funding request, which was then amended to this one, which was a lot more detailed.

The motion passes.

7.6 BIRT CSP Society receive \$79.42 in non-contingent funding to fund snacks for the Hinge reviewers.

*Moved by Alex Bryant*

*Finance committee recommends amendment.*

Alex Bryant asks Gwendolyn Montcrieff- Gould if she is still executive of the society. She says she is not.

Alex Bryant says they were taken aback by the alarming price of grapes in this funding request.

Brennan McCracken explains that this seemed like a lot of food for a small amount of people, especially since this is an exclusive event.

Alex Bryant says this food would be for about 20-22 people.

Zoe Brimacombe asks if there should be an amendment brought forth, as mentioned in the motion. Gwendolyn Montcrieff-Gould says this is not necessary. Brennan Mccracken says that the committee came up with a baseless number, but no recommendation.

The motion passes.

7.7 BIRT the Table Top gaming society receive \$80 in contingent funding to purchase snacks and host a Smash Bro Tournament in Alumni Hall for the students staying on campus for reading week.

*Finance committee does not have a recommendation.*

Alex Bryant moves to amend the motion to \$50 in contingent funding.

Taylor Saracuse says if they should increase the funding for the 20+ people.

Brennan McCracken says they wished the request was a little more detailed, and asks Ryan Kavanagh why this was not going through the Smash Bro Society, if it was ratified for this purpose.

Ryan Kavanagh says this event was already being planned before they came on, so they thought it was easier.

Alex Bryant says it is not helpful to consider

The motion passes.

Kristen Thompson opposes the motion.

## **8. New Business**

Taylor Saracuse asks when the next council is, Sofia says that it would be sometime the week that we get back, as it was originally the Sunday of reading week. Kristen says that we must keep in mind King's Talks.

## **9.Adjournment**

**Adjourned at 5:17 pm.**