

Minutes for KSU Council of Students

King's Students' Union 2015-2016

Sunday, March 13, 2016, 10:00am

Boardroom, 2nd floor A&A Building

Voting Members

Benn van Ryn
Zoe Brimacombe
Brennan McCracken
Kristen Thompson
Alex McVittie
Melina Zaccaria
Sofia Zaman
Aidan McNally
Alex Bryant
Joy Shand
Liam Compton
Nate Winsor

Non-Voting Members

Charlotte Sullivan
Gwendolyn Moncrieff-Gould
Gina Grattan
Julia-Simone Rutgers
Kate Ashwood
Emma Jones

Call to order

Recognition of unceded traditional Mi'kmaq territory

1. Adoption of Agenda

Aidan McNally wants to strike item 5.4. Items 5.6 and 5.7, since they are procedural, must go before all of the other action items. There are no other amendments. The agenda is adopted.

2. Approval of Minutes from February 28th, 2016

The minutes are approved.

3. Oral Reports and Goals of Councillors

Benn van Ryn has done King's Talks over the last two weeks. Attendance was a little low, but all of the attendees loved it. He met with many people from the Dal Leadership Organization. They are all interested in seeing this event happen next year. He thanks everyone who helped make this event happen.

Zoe Brimacombe says that changeover is the big thing that's happened for her. She is very excited to be FVP and follow in Aidan McNally's footsteps. As for the Board, she and Taylor Saracuse are preparing a changeover document. They are mandated to prepare it by March 31st. It will be done by then, and maybe a bit before then. They will meet up with Curran McConnell and Liam Compton to discuss that document when it is done. Throughout these past weeks, Zoe Brimacombe has started attending committees that the FVP sits on as well. She had her first finance committee as well. They also did bank changeover, and now she is a signing authority on the KSU's bank account. She is also now in charge of payroll. The sit-in also

happened at Kelly Regan's office to protest the tuition fee reset and the fact that Bill 114 hasn't been passed yet. Zoe Brimacombe says it was good. She called Kelly Regan and left her a message, which was a highlight. At the board meeting, she reported on the sit-in, on solidarity with the Herald, and on the RISE conference that's happening at the national level. One of the things she wants to mention is that there will not be a second year of the wage freeze for faculty and staff, which is important and exciting. Zoe Brimacombe made sure to bring up at the meeting that the Board is willing to do things that improve the community. Alex Bryant clarifies that we are in solidarity with the Herald's workers, not the Herald.

Brennan McCracken has been busy with changeover with Alex McVittie, whom he describes as a joy and a delight. He has been meeting with Neil Cooper, Stephanie Boudreau, and Alex Doyle. There are exciting things coming up in terms of facilities jobs this summer. Like Zoe Brimacombe, he was also on the inside of the sit-in at Kelly Regan's office. It was an inspiring and successful action that he is proud to have been a part of. He thanks the current executives and Board of Governors reps so much and is happy to have worked with them this year.

Kristen Thompson says lots has happened in the King's community. King's students took to the Chronicle Herald with the typographical union this time around. They are still fighting against the Herald. The Watch had their executive elections a few days ago and she is excited, saying that the new team is great. Emma Jones is leaving, but her replacement seems great as well.

Melina Zaccaria says that over the last week, many conferences have happened. She went to the DASSS conference yesterday, which was very interesting. She wasn't able to attend the EMSP conference but heard it also went well. Melina Zaccaria has been working with Hinge, and reviewing many papers for Canon, which is a journal on marginalized voices in academia. Dalhousie has pretty much given out all of their funding for the year.

Nate Winsor apologizes for missing the last few meetings since he was stuck on flights and in conferences. He quickly wants to mention that he's planning an Ask an Upper Year event, for students at King's and in science to eat snacks and answer first years' questions who are doing course selection right now. The timetable came out last week and course registration is on March 22nd. Meet a Scientist won't happen this year since there are not enough weekends left. He's considering doing a zine for frosh about FYP Science. He wants to do that before the first years come in this fall. The Dal Science Society meetings have also been going well. Tomorrow's meeting has been cancelled. Last Monday there was a meeting with Dal Science Society candidates, and he talked to all these science students as well as tuition, etc. Everyone had good ideas and was keen on good communication.

Liam Compton has been doing a ton of changeover stuff. He went to a Board meeting and joined the Senate Disciplinary Committee. As far as the DSS goes, they've been doing Life Chats. Day student societies come and have tea in the Wardroom. They also hosted a Tenants' Rights Workshop. They hope to get elections started next week, although they have hit a bump in the road with that.

Joy Shand says it's been a busy past couple of weeks. She went to the rally for Reject the Reset and says it was a good time. She went to the Campus Master Planning meeting on March 3rd and edited the plan. Her main contribution was a suggestion to include something on how the focus and goal of this plan was the comfort and safety of students, not just risk management. As Liam Compton said, the Workshop went well. They have a little pamphlet out too, which is in the Wardroom. They met with Alex Doyle and Allie Fair to talk more about planning as well. Students are unclear right now on the plan, so they want to be better educated on what the plan is. A poster will be going up in the Wardroom regarding those kinds of details. Construction will start as soon as possible after the Wardroom closes. The construction companies will get on the job in April. They also went to the Mooseheads game on Friday, and 30 people came. It was a great time.

Gwendolyn Moncrieff-Gould reads Taylor Saracuse's report. 109 students responded to his survey on open board meetings. Students also responded to the open ended question at the end. The results have been shared with the Board. He hopes that these results will be made public. Changeover has been smooth, and he and Zoe Brimacombe will finish their changeover document by March 18th. They have been including Aidan McNally in the process as well. The board meeting was generally uneventful, but the change for the faculty wage freeze was huge. The external review for the Chapel has also been put through. As a Union, we should reach out to the Chapel since these reviews often result in job cuts. He states that it has been an honor to be on Council and is happy to have worked with such great individuals and leaders. He praises the current exec and especially thanks Zoe Brimacombe for being a great partner in crime. He invites everyone over to dinner on March 19th.

4. Reports of the Executive Committee (attached)

4.1 Report of the President

There are no questions.

4.2 Report of the Vice-President (Student Life)

There are no questions.

4.3 Report of the Vice-President (Financial)

There are no questions.

4.4 Report of the Vice-President (External)

Alex Bryant will read Hannah Kaya's report, since she could not attend this meeting. There are no questions.

4.5 Report of the Vice-President (Communications)

Sofia Zaman gives the floor to Julia-Simone Rutgers, who says that they are doing a change to the website. They are considering doing focus groups to see what students want with regard to the website: better navigation and a focus on prospective students have been the biggest ones. There are no more questions.

5. Action Items

5.1 BIRT the King's Poetry Society receive \$31.00 in contingent funding to purchase snacks for their meeting taking place Wednesday the 16th in the Wilson common room.

Finance committee recommends approval.

The King's Poetry Society are having a meeting and often put in a modest request for chips, cookies, pop, and juice. It sounds like a wild meeting. Aidan McNally loves this funding request. We move to a vote. The motion passes.

5.2 BIRT the Young Alexandra Society receive \$126.48 in contingent funding to purchase decorations and a cake for the Wardroom Birthday Party event on March 26th, 2016.

Finance committee does not have a recommendation.

Aidan McNally says that this request outlined the intent to co-partner with the Wardroom to host the Wardroom Birthday Party. This funding would be to purchase the cake and decorations like glow sticks, party hats, and streamers. This is a \$50 cake from Sobeys. It sounds like fun. Finance committee doesn't have a recommendation because they were unsure about how YAS fits in with an event like this, but after talking with the Wardroom and YAS, Aidan McNally says that her understanding is that YAS does one last event and throws its name out there in support of this event. If this can help both the Wardroom and act as a promotional event for YAS, it is a worthwhile event to fund. We move to a vote. The motion passes.

5.3 BIRT the CSP Society receive \$388.16 in contingent funding to host a thesis defense celebration event on March 18th in the SCR.

Finance committee recommends approval.

Aidan McNally says that this event is to celebrate the work that CSP students do in defending their theses over the next couple of weeks. This money includes a quote from Sodexo for one layer full slab chocolate cake that says “Congratulations”, wine and cheese, vegetable and fruit trays, etc. They expect 16 to 18 students. Aidan McNally motions to amend the motion to put in contingent rather than non-contingent funding. She says this is because they might also get funding from the CSP department. We move to amend item 5.3. The amendment passes, and we’re back to item 5.3. We move to a vote. The motion passes.

~~5.4 BIRT the CSP Society receive \$1018.98 in non-contingent funding to host the Hinge journal release party on April 1st, 2016 in the SCR.~~

~~Finance committee does not recommend approval.~~

5.5 BIRT the Women's Rugby Team receive a \$1000 travel bursary to help fund travel costs of their trip to Truro to participate in a rugby tournament the weekend of March 11-13th.

Finance committee recommends approval.

Aidan McNally has been in contact with the team about this event, and have been talking for about three weeks. The timing was very much due to the date of council, so there are no questions about retroactive funding here for this travel bursary request. The athletic department could not fund this trip. This has a \$350 registration fee, \$268.48 in car rentals, the hotel cost contingent on attendance (\$873 to \$1200). Aidan McNally’s understanding is that 10 players are attending as we speak. There is also gas budgeting. The total cost will be more than \$2000. Some proactive things the team has done include fundraising initiatives. Given that they have only given out 6 out of 20 travel bursaries this year, Aidan McNally has asked if every team player wants a \$100 travel bursary or if the whole team should just get \$1000. Finance committee was more interested in the latter so as to mitigate costs for the entire team. This is a great opportunity to support athletics students.

Zoe Brimacombe mentions that this is really the best way to go around this amount. She commends Finance Committee for this.

Sofia Zaman asks how many bursaries are left. Aidan McNally says there are four.

We move to a vote. The motion passes.

5.6 BIRT Kristen Thompson be impeached from her position as Journalism Representative.

Moved by Gwendolyn Moncrieff-Gould.

Alex Bryant motions to move in camera. We move in camera.

We move to a vote. The motion fails.

5.7 BIRT council accept Kristen Thompson's resignation from her position as Journalism Representative.

Moved by Gwendolyn Moncrieff-Gould.

We move to a vote. The motion fails.

6. New Business

Aidan McNally wants to acknowledge that this is the last meeting for the current executive. She has many sappy things to say. She gives everyone a thank you for the work that they have done and congratulates them on their incredible work. She is sad to see them go.

Gwendolyn Moncrieff-Gould says this is the best Council she has ever worked with and she is so happy to have worked with everyone over this year and watched everyone grow as people.

7. Adjournment

Alex Bryant motions to adjourn. Alex McVittie seconds.