

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

King's Students' Union 2015-2016

Sunday, April 10, 2016, 3:00pm

Boardroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor A&A Building

### **Voting Members**

Kayleigh MacDonald

Aidan McNally

Julia-Simone Rutgers

Gina Grattan

Brennan McCracken

Zoe Brimacombe

Liam Compton

Curran McConnell

Joy Shand

Kristen Thompson

Melina Zaccaria (arrived at 4:03pm)

### **Non-Voting Members**

Gwendolyn Moncrieff-Gould

Charlotte Sullivan

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar

Mary Innes

### **Call to order**

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

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

There are no amendments. The agenda is adopted.

##### **2. Approval of Minutes from March 28th, 2016**

Julia-Simone Rutgers says that Keely Olstad's name was spelt incorrectly in a few places in the minutes, which was rectified.

The other amendments included changing the language in certain motions to better reflect the state of the minutes as a legal document. There were also some clarifications about the CSP Society's latest funding request and the responses to this request.

Aidan McNally sent in these amendments wanting to clarify some of the conversations for legal reasons. She also just wanted to clarify that minutes become public to everyone at the university.

There are no further questions about these changes. The minutes are adopted.

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

Liam Compton says he hasn't done anything with the Board lately.

Curran McConnell says he recently met with Zoe Brimacombe and Taylor Saracuse to go over some changeover documents. They spoke extensively on the different members of the Board, discussed history and strategy, and talked about what projects they might want to take on as members of the board.

Joy Shand has had a quiet couple of weeks. The DSS Election happened, and the results are as follows: Kayleigh MacDonald is Member-at-Large, Liam Compton is Financial Vice President, Charlotte Sullivan is CVP, and Cedric Blais is President. She thanks those who ran and those who participated. The DSS also doubled their quorum in the election. They have also been speaking about the financial situation for the new pool table. The old pool table went out this morning. Facilities essentially said they did not want to store it because they had no space for it. Instead, Joy Shand spoke to Alex Doyle about different funding possibilities. He asked to see the quote for the new pool table and the various options that the DSS is considering for this purpose. Joy Shand said that the DSS would contribute \$1000 from this year's budget.

Alex Doyle said he would find donors to fund the rest of it, which is great. The DSS will figure out a co-ownership agreement with the university going forward.

Kayleigh MacDonald says that the FYP Oral Study Snacks happened on April 6, and included two faculty members, Daniel Brandes and Kait Pinder. There were 20 to 25 first years in the Wilson Room. Everyone appeared to have their questions answered and it was a productive event.

Kristen Thompson just wants to mention that since it's the last Council of the year, she's been very happy to work with everyone and is excited about the things to come.

#### **4. Reports of the Executive Committee**

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

There are no questions.

##### **4.2: Report of the Student Life Vice President**

There are no questions.

##### **4.3: Report of the Financial Vice President**

There are no questions.

##### **4.4: Report of the External Vice President**

There are no questions.

##### **4.5: Report of the Communications Vice President**

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asks about summer council meetings. He says that especially this year, with hiring the new Campaigns and Services Coordinator, the meetings will be pivotal. He wants to know how general members can participate, engage, and speak during those council meetings. Aidan McNally has met with Gwendolyn Moncrieff-Gould about this issue. We have had difficulty getting quorum in the past. Typically, these meetings will be teleconferences and the number can be advertised so that students can call in. She hopes that many Councillors will be in the city as well so that we can do more in-person presence in order to facilitate discourse on the upcoming action items. Summer council meetings have always posed a problem, but the current contract ends in July and all hiring must be approved by Council as a body.

#### **5. Action Items**

##### **Special Resolutions**

##### 5.1 BIRT Benn Van Ryn be impeached from his position as Residence Representative.

Gwendolyn Moncrieff-Gould says this is coming forward because Benn van Ryn has been absent from Council three times, and as per the bylaws, this means we must vote on his impeachment. Aidan McNally says that Benn van Ryn has a concussion, which has contributed to his lack of attendance at recent meetings. She recommends voting this down considering that there are only a couple Council meetings in the fall before a new representative is elected.

We move to the vote. The motion fails.

##### **Funding Requests**

##### 5.2 BIRT the HOST Society receive \$82 in non-contingent funding to purchase beer, wine, and snacks for a thesis completion party on April 14th.

*Moved by Zoë Brimacombe. Finance Committee recommends approval.*

Zoe Brimacombe says that the HOST Society is planning a celebration for the students who did a thesis this year. They want to get together in the Senior Common Room and think about 10-15 people will attend. The funding would cover drinks, wine, cheese, and crackers.

Mary Innes motivates for this. She says that the HOST Society really just wants to do one last event at the end of the year. Since relatively few people write a thesis in HOST, it's nice to celebrate that.

We move to the vote. The motion passes.

5.3 BIRT SNARC receive \$300 in contingent funding to purchase misprinted copies of CANON at a discounted price.

*Moved by Zoë Brimacombe. Finance Committee recommends approval.*

Zoe Brimacombe says that SNARC had initially requested \$450 for their journal CANON. This included contingency costs, the actual printing, and the release party. SNARC only spent \$250 on printing in the end, but the journal was misprinted. Meg Shields explained this in an email to Zoe Brimacombe, stating that the front cover was slightly smeared. There are a ton of extra misprinted journals as a result. Etc. printing has offered to sell those misprinted journals (75 of them) for half price. The reason why SNARC only paid \$250 for printing the first time is because NSPIRG covered the rest of the cost originally. All of the journals were gone after the CANON launch party, so the reason that Zoe Brimacombe is moving \$300 is because there was \$100 not used in the original allocated amount. The cost to purchase the misprints would be \$370. They are also sending a copy of CANON to the Smithsonian. Some money was spent transporting the journal as well. Zoe Brimacombe thought \$300 would be an adequate amount and would give SNARC enough to both buy the extra journals and send a copy to the Smithsonian. Curran McConnell asks, in terms of having use for the journal, what buying 75 extra copies would mean. Zoe Brimacombe says that CANON is a popular journal and there would be ample uptake on purchasing the 75 misprinted copies. Jacob Baker-Kretzmar agrees, saying that even the people involved in CANON were only able to get one copy. They were also only able to give one copy to the Archives, and also would love to give copies to the CSP, EMSP, and FYP offices as well. Aidan McNally asks where the other copies of CANON will be held. Jacob Baker-Kretzmar says they can probably be stored in the KSU office. SNARC also knows a lot of people who want them already, so they will give some out to those people first and then advertise for the extras. We move to the vote. The motion passes.

5.4 BIRT Alex Bryant receive a \$150 travel bursary to pay for transportation costs for the Historical Materialism conference in Toronto.

*Moved by Zoë Brimacombe. Finance Committee recommends amendment.*

Zoe Brimacombe received an email from Alex Bryant, who wants to go to an academic conference in Toronto from May 13th-15th. The cost for registration is \$35, and he will be taking a bus to Toronto from Waterloo, Ontario. He will be staying at a friend's house (thus eliminating accommodation costs) and using the TTC while in Toronto. This will come to about \$105, but there will likely be some unforeseen costs, as well as food costs. As a result, Finance Committee wants to amend the motion to include \$150. Zoe Brimacombe says that Finance Committee knows that this is a modest request, and given that they have some remaining travel bursaries, they would like to allocate this amount. Aidan McNally says that usually, only the cost of travel gets considered in allocating travel bursaries. This amendment makes sense and also points to another reason why travel bursary allocation is complicated.

We vote on the amendment to the motion. The amendment passes.

Curran McConnell says that there was some sense that the travel bursaries should contribute in some way to the King's community. Aidan McNally says that as she explained in her report on travel bursaries, this was the initial purpose. The scope of what the bursaries has gone towards has changed. An academic conference does fall in line with the original purpose either way. There have also been fewer requests to attend academic conferences within the past few years.

We move to the vote. The motion passes.

***Election of General Members to committees***

5.5 BIRT Kristen Thompson, Piper MacDougall, and Fadila Chater be elected to the Watch Board of Publishers as general members for the 2016/17 academic year.

*Moved by Zoë Brimacombe.*

Zoe Brimacombe says that the Board of Publishers meets a few times a semester to release the Watch levy and receive reports from the editor. They also deal with questions about the Watch at these meetings and make the decisions about the magazine itself. The Financial Vice President of the Union sits on it as well as three general members. The publisher of the Watch and the Chair of the KSU also sit on the Board.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asks who the publisher of the Watch currently is, considering their recent elections. Kristen Thompson says it's the Watch's past treasurer, John Sandham.

We move the floor to nominations.

Zoe Brimacombe nominates Fadila Chater.

Mary Innes self-nominates.

Zoe Brimacombe nominates Mikylah Gillis.

Kristen Thompson self-nominates.

Gina Grattan nominates Piper MacDougall.

We move to motivations. We have five names for three positions.

Zoe Brimacombe reached out to Fadila Chater about this committee. Fadila Chater is a second year student with a love for democracy. She knows that the Watch is a product of journalistic excellence. Zoe Brimacombe says that Fadila Chater is a very responsible person, and that she is a Journalism student who would love to get involved with the Union in some capacity.

Mary Innes says she's been involved with some publications this year, including the upcoming independent journal Fig Tree, for which she is an executive. She is involved with several societies on campus and wants to get involved with the Union as well.

Zoe Brimacombe says Mikylah Gillis is a second year student, majoring in English and minoring in CSP. In the future, she aims to work in the publishing world. She would love to get more involved in the King's community. She just sat on the O-week Coordinator Search Committee and would love to be involved with the Union through this position as well.

Kristen Thompson has been very involved with the Watch both as in her role as a councillor and in her life as a student. She wants the Journalism rep to be on this committee as well, thinking it's an important part of the representative's role. She also enjoys the people there and would love to help in making it better.

Gina Grattan says Piper MacDougall is a Journalism student finishing up her first year. She is a hard worker who loves the Watch. She wants to write more this upcoming year at both King's and Dalhousie.

Gina Grattan says Piper MacDougall is awesome, dedicated, and personable. She is a great student and would be great in this position.

Kristen Thompson asks if she can vote for herself. Gwendolyn Moncrieff-Gould says yes.

We move to the vote. There is a three-way tie for second place. Kristen Thompson received the most votes, so her name will be inserted. Mikylah Gillis, having received the lowest amount of votes, will be struck from the list.

The vote is now between Piper MacDougall, Mary Innes, and Fadila Chater.

The blanks will be filled by Kristen Thompson, Piper MacDougall, and Fadila Chater.

We move to the vote on the motion. The motion passes.

#### 5.6 BIRT Liam Compton, Sadie Cunningham, and Mary Innes be elected to the Galley Board of Directors as general members for the 2016/17 academic year.

*Moved by Aidan McNally.*

Aidan McNally says that the Galley Board of Directors includes KSU executives and a few general members, and generally oversees budgets for the year while looking at upcoming projects for the Galley.

This committee generally meets a few times a semester. Joy Shand asks if there is a staff representative on the committee. Aidan McNally says one of the Galley managers sits on the committee.

We open nominations.

Liam Compton self-nominates.

Zoe Brimacombe nominates Sadie Cunningham.

Mary Innes self-nominates.

Julia-Simone Rutgers nominates Keely Olstad.

Liam Compton says that this position fits all of the areas he has been involved in. He will be on the Wardroom Board of Managers next year as a DSS rep. He has been involved with food services prior to arriving at King's. He also loves the Galley. He thinks that his Board experience as Board of Governors representative and his upcoming experience as Financial Vice President of the DSS next year, as well as his current involvement with the DSS, relates to and would be applicable to this position.

Zoe Brimacombe says Sadie Cunningham loves the Galley and loves that it fits everyone's different dietary needs, as well as providing local food. It creates jobs for students and isn't corporatized. She would love to get involved with this movement and keep it going on the King's campus.

Mary Innes has lots of experience running things at King's. She is the HOST member at large and has sat on some academic committees early in the year. She is involved in many different societies and thinks she would be great on the Galley team because she is so invested in the King's community.

Julia-Simone Rutgers says Keely Olstad has recently sat on the Chief Returning Officer Hiring Committee and really enjoyed it. She wants to get more involved with the Union in different ways. She thinks the Galley is integral to the school's functioning.

We move to the vote.

The blanks will be filled by Liam Compton, Sadie Cunningham, and Mary Innes.

We vote on the motion. The motion passes.

#### 5.7 BIRT Hannah MacDougall and Katie Buckley be elected to Staff Search and Review Committee for 2016

*Moved by Aidan McNally.*

Aidan McNally says that this committee will review staff positions like the Hospitalities Coordinator and the Services and Campaigns Coordinator, as well as hire the latter for the upcoming year. The people who have to sit on the committee must be in Halifax over the summer since this work will happen in May and June. Aidan McNally says this committee is also a big commitment.

We open nominations. Aidan McNally nominates Hannah MacDougall. She also nominates Katie Buckley.

We fill the blanks by unanimous consent.

Curran McConnell asks if this job requires people with different skill sets. Aidan McNally says few students have hiring experience, and therefore the Union mostly seeks people who are interested in the position and who have relevant King's experience/have previous involvement with the Union. Aidan McNally says there are no specific skill sets required other than enthusiasm and a good perspective as a general member.

We move to the vote. The motion passes.

#### ***Release of honoraria for Union Hired Positions***

#### 5.8 BIRT Brandy Whitford receive an honorarium of \$250 for her second term as Equity and Advocacy Officer.

*Moved by Gina Grattan.*

Gina Grattan says she just received Brandy Whitford's report. Her report mostly discusses the functionality of the position of Equity and Advocacy Officer. The events she planned for the semester were a film screening and workshop. The workshop, which was on mental health, went very well despite having a slightly lower turnout than she had hoped for. The elements of the position are changing. Going forward, she hopes a contract will come into play and that a changeover process occurs. She thinks it would be helpful to narrow down the scope of the position. Advocacy is an expansive topic that can therefore be quite vague. Gina Grattan also says that Brandy Whitford did a terrific job with the current position.

We move to the vote. The motion passes.

5.9 BIRT Alex Rose and Joe Fish each receive an honorarium of \$125 for their second terms as CUBE Coordinators.

*Moved by Brennan McCracken.*

As per a request from Jacob Baker-Kretzmar, seconded by Liam Compton, we quickly recess to look up the amount for the CUBE honoraria in the bylaws.

We are back in order, and Brennan McCracken moves to amend the motion by striking out \$250 and inserting \$125.

We move to a vote on the amendment. The motion passes.

Brennan McCracken got the CUBE coordinators' report last night. It was informative and thoughtful. Alex Rose and Joseph Fish have been CUBE coordinators for two years and have done an excellent job. They also made great suggestions for what to look for in incoming coordinators.

We move to a vote. The motion passes.

5.10 BIRT Matthew Green receive an honorarium of \$250 for his second term as Sustainability Officer.

*Moved by Gina Grattan*

Gina Grattan says Matthew Green has had a very successful year in his position and also that he sent in some great recommendations for the position. He worked with other societies and the Galley this year.

Gina Grattan has only good things to say about him.

We move to the vote. The motion passes.

5.11 BIRT Charlotte Sullivan receive an honorarium of \$250 for her second term as Scribe.

*Moved by Julia-Simone Rutgers.*

Julia-Simone Rutgers said Charlotte Sullivan sent in a report about her position as Scribe. She loved being Scribe and also touched on the question of what happened to the Fall GM minutes within that report. Those minutes are still missing. Charlotte Sullivan suggests that to prevent similar situations in the future, the Communications Vice President should discuss the scheduling of the GM with the Scribe to ensure the latter's attendance. The Scribe's contract was also discussed. Charlotte Sullivan and Julia-Simone Rutgers agreed to strike out having the Scribe report at the end of both semesters and instead just having the Scribe submit one report at the end of the year. Julia-Simone Rutgers says Charlotte Sullivan did a great job with the minutes this year.

We move to the vote. The motion passes.

***Hiring of new members to Union Hired Positions***

5.12 BIRT Charlotte Sullivan be hired as the Chair for the 2016/17 academic year.

*Moved by Aidan McNally as recommended by Chair Search Committee.*

Aidan McNally says that the Chair Search Committee met on Friday and conducted interviews. They had a robust discussion about the Chair and what they wanted in a candidate. It was an efficient search committee. Unfortunately, Gwendolyn Moncrieff-Gould was unable to attend.

Aidan McNally motions to replace the blank with Charlotte Sullivan. She says that Charlotte Sullivan gave a great interview, and Aidan McNally is very excited for her to take on a different role within the KSU.

We move to the vote. The motion passes.

5.13 BIRT Margaret Dingwell be hired as the Scribe for the 2016/17 academic year.

*Moved by Julia-Simone Rutgers as recommended by the Scribe Search Committee.*

The Scribe search committee met earlier this week to discuss the interview. The committee was a group of great people who had good discussions on the role of the Scribe. Julia-Simone Rutgers moves to fill the blank with Margaret Dingwell. She has a good typing speed and is a great individual. She will be attentive, organized, and committed.

We move to the vote. The motion passes.

5.14 BIRT Itai Kuwodza and Simon Gillies be hired as CUBE Coordinators for the 2016/17 academic year.

*Moved by Brennan McCracken as recommended by CUBE Coordinator Search Committee*

Brennan McCracken said the Search Committee met on Friday to conduct interviews. The process went very smoothly and they were especially impressed with the candidates who came forward. The candidates were enthusiastic about athletics and had good experience. The blanks will be filled with Itai Kuwodza and Simon Gillies.

Aidan McNally says she is very excited that a woman will be put forward as CUBE Coordinator and is excited to see what CUBE offers in the future. Brennan McCracken said Joe Fish and Alex Rose were very hopeful about someone who isn't a man being put forward. He also says that this means that CUBE will be a more inclusive space.

We move to the vote. The motion passes.

5.15 BIRT Sam Cotton, Verity Thomson, and Jonathan Brown Gilbert be hired as Orientation Week Coordinators for the 2016/17 academic year.

*Moved by Aidan McNally as recommended by Orientation Week Coordinator Search Committee.*

Aidan McNally is excited about this recommendation. We are one of the last student-run orientation years in Canada. She says the Search Committee met for 6.5 hours on Saturday and had great insight. She puts forward Sam Cotton, Verity Thomson, and Jonathan Brown Gilbert. All of these candidates had great and relevant experience. They will make a great team. Verity Thomson is currently in France, but they will be meeting shortly to hire frosh leaders.

Joy Shand asks when Verity Thomson is coming back. Aidan McNally says that she will be back in early May. There will be a combination of planning for schedules and individual work ethics.

Kristen Thompson says that Sam Cotton is going to Florence in May. Aidan McNally says that this is a slight conflict, but the committee decided that being in Halifax for at least July and August is a must.

They can work within limitations beyond that. Last year, two of the coordinators didn't meet until July.

Aidan McNally and Brennan McCracken will also help with this.

We move to the vote. The motion passes.

5.16 BIRT Hannah MacDougall be hired as Chief Returning Officer for the 2016/17 academic year.

*Moved by Julia-Simone Rutgers, as recommended by Chief Returning Officer Search Committee.*

Julia-Simone Rutgers said this was a great committee and they are putting forward Hannah MacDougall's name. Her interest in the election process and commitment to the school make her a great candidate.

We move to the vote. The motion passes.

## **6. New Business**

Julia-Simone Rutgers says that the tentative date for summer council will be June 5th. Councillors who have not submitted their reports must do so this week. Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asks if we can strike something out of the minutes before the end of the meeting. Gwendolyn Moncrieff-Gould says any amendments must happen after the minutes are circulated.

Aidan McNally remarks that this is our last council meeting in a while, and she hopes that everyone has a restful summer.

## **7. Adjournment**

Brennan McCracken motions to adjourn. Kristen Thompson seconds.  
We adjourn.