

Minutes for KSU (Council of Students)

King's Students' Union 2016-2017 September 11th, 2016 10:00 am Boardroom

Voting Members Present:

Cedric Blais
Zoë Brimacombe
Liam Compton
Gina Grattan
Curran McConnell
Brennan McCracken
Aidan McNally
Julia-Simone Rutgers
Kristen Leigh-Ann Thompson
Melina Zaccaria

Non-Voting Members Present:

Hannah Daley Catherine Frawley Helen Hillis Caleb Ner Allie Rivero Michaela Sam Charlotte Sullivan (Chair) Clare Sully-Stendahl Daniel Whitten

Call to order 10:22am.

The chair recognized that the meeting is taking place on unceded traditional Mi'kmaq territory.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Zoë Brimacombe asked to strike item "5.9 BIRT The Platypus Affiliated Society at Dalhousie and King's receive \$325 in non-contingent funding to fund a portion of the printing for the Platypus Review" and renumber all items accordingly.

The agenda is adopted.

2. Approval of Minutes from May 31st, 2016

Julia-Simone Rutgers said that one spelling mistake was submitted and corrected.

The minutes are approved.

3. Oral Reports and Goals of Councillors (45 minutes)

Kristen Thompson welcomed councillors back to King's. As Journalism Rep, Kristen noted that her term was almost over but that she hoped to do a Journalism School Orientation Event before her term ended.

Melina Zaccaria said that she was working with the SNARC society and that she was looking forward to doing outreach to the first year class and reinstalling the wall of women in the Wardroom after the

renovations were complete. She said that she looked forward to ways that she could support the National Day of Action coming up.

Liam Compton said that he attended the Board of Governors meeting over the summer. He said that pension changes took up a significant portion of the discussion at the June Board Meeting. He said that the student Board Representatives have been working on for a long time on a project to make the Board meetings open to the public. He explained that currently board meetings are not open but that the student board representatives have advocated for consultation sessions. Liam also mentioned that fees are increasing including meal plan fees.

Curran McConnell said that he also attended the June Board Meeting. Curran also discussed the changes to the King's Pension Plan and said that Faculty felt that the Board's Consultation on pension changes was inadequate.

Cedric Blais said that the Day Students Society funded the Orientation Week Van and will be funding a new pool table in the Wardroom.

4. Reports of the Executive Committee (attached)

4.1: Report of the President

Daniel Whitten asked about the level of debate about tuition fee increases at the June Board of Governors Meeting. Aidan McNally responded that the student representatives raised students concerns very vocally to the board. While she noted increased sympathy for student issues, that sympathy did not translate to action.

Daniel Whitten asked whether there were any other votes against the tuition and fee increases other than Board Members. Aidan responded that she was doubtful but would check the minutes.

4.2: Report of the Student Life Vice President

Curran McConnell asked about the make up of the Food Services Contract Committee. Brennan McCracken replied that the committee was chaired by the University's Bursar, Bonnie Sands and had other members including Director of Facilities, Alex Doyle; Dean of Students, Nicholas Hatt; Brennan as the student representative; Jennifer Barnhill from the Bursar's Office; Director of Finance, Darryl Murphy; and Don Sedgewick, Director of Special Projects.

- 4.3: Report of the Financial Vice President
- **4.4: Report of the External Vice President**
- 4.5: Report of the Communications Vice President

5. Action Items

Society Ratification

5.1 BIRT the King's Foreign Film Society be ratified as a Tier I Society for the 2016/2017 academic year.

Moved by Brennan McCracken

Brennan McCracken that the King's Foreign Film society had ratified in previous years and recommended that councillors vote in favour of the motion as their documents were in order.

The motion is adopted.

5.2 BIRT the Dalhousie Dance Society be ratified as a Tier I Society for the 2016/2017 academic year. *Moved by Brennan McCracken*

Brennan McCracken said that the Dalhousie Dance Society had ratified in previous years and recommended that councillors vote in favour of the motion as their documents are in order.

The motion is adopted.

5.3 BIRT the King's P.R.I.D.E. Society be ratified as a Tier I Society for the 2016/2017 academic year. *Moved by Brennan McCracken*

Brennan McCracken said that the King's PRIDE society was a society that worked to create equity for the LGBTQIA community. He also said that the society had been ratified previously and that all of their documents were in order. He recommended their ratification for approval.

The motion is adopted.

5.4 BIRT the King's Wordsmiths Society be ratified as a Tier I Society for the 2016/2017 academic year. *Moved by Brennan McCracken*

Brennan McCracken said that the King's Wordsmiths are a society that aims to provide a space for creative writers to craft and share their works. He said that their ratification package was in good standing and recommended their ratification for approval.

The motion is adopted.

5.5 BIRT Le Salon be ratified as a Tier I society for the 2016/2017 academic year. *Moved by Brennan McCracken*

Brennan McCracken said that Le Salon was a society that provides a drop-in space for students to attend and work on their French. He said that the society had been ratified in the past and recommended their ratification for approval.

The motion is adopted.

5.6 BIRT the Contemporary Studies Society be ratified as a Tier II Society with special designation for the 2016/2017 academic year.

Moved by Brennan McCracken

Brennan McCracken said that the CSP society was applying for Tier II society status and their ratification would also mean the society would attain special designation and have the ability to apply for alcohol funding. He said that both their ratification package and bank statements were in good standing.

The motion is adopted.

5.7 BIRT the DalKing's Swing Dance Society be ratified as a Tier II society with special designation for the 2016/2017 academic year.

Moved by Brennan McCracken

Catherine Frawley of the Dal/King's Swing Dance society talked about the society and said that they host a number of events on the Dalhousie campus and in off-campus spaces. Catherine said that the society is

open to everyone and that no experience was required, that no partner was required, and said that they were a very welcoming community.

Aidan McNally asked if this was the second year that the society would be applying for Tier II status. Catherine Frawley said she was unsure.

Brennan replied

The motion is adopted.

5.8 BIRT the Haliburton Society be ratified as a Tier II Society with special designation for the 2016/2017 academic year.

Moved by Brennan McCracken

Clare Sully-Stendahl said that the Halliburton Society was an important part of the King's Community, as a literary society that convenes. They applied for Tier II status and had done so in the past.

The motion is adopted.

Funding Requests

5.9 BIRT Le Salon receive \$23.98 in contingent funding to purchase snacks for their first meeting of the year on Thursday, September 15th.

Moved by Zoë Brimacombe

Finance Committee has no recommendation

Zoë outlined that finance committee had not been convened for the 2016/2017 year and therefore all funding requests did not have recommendations. She also explained the difference between contingent and non-contingent funding.

Zoe said that she was in favour of providing funding for snacks for Le Salon's first meeting.

The motion is adopted.

5.10 BIRT The Haliburton Society receive \$1730.07 in non-contingent funding to run events throughout the year including bi-weekly meetings, a fellow's dinner and reception, acquisitions, and banking fees.

Moved by Zoë Brimacombe

Finance Committee has no recommendation

Zoë said that the Haliburton Society was requesting all their funding for the year, which a few societies do on campus. She said that the society's request included alcohol funding and that the society went through the proper procedures including having the request approved by Dean of Students, Nicholas Hatt, and that they had filled out the additional alcohol approval form. Zoë recommended voting in favour.

The motion is adopted.

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5.11 BIRT , , and be elected as members of KSU Finance Committee for the 2016/17 academic year.

Moved by Zoë Brimacombe

Zoë nominated Katie Buckley, Angela Capo Bianco, Leila Salem, and Marie Dolcetti Koros.

Zoë said that Katie Buckley is a third year student and wanted to be nominated so that she could contribute to the great events that are held on campus. Zoë said that Angela Capo Bianco is a first year student that would like to get involved and has experience with finances in various capacities. Zoë said that Leila Salem is a third year student, taking classes in math, philosophy. Leila has experience with money and would like to become more apart of the King's Community. Zoë said that Marie Dolcetti Koros is a second year student and would like to be more involved in the Union.

The blanks will be filled with Katie Buckley, Angela Capo Bianco, Leila Salem, and Marie Dolcetti Koros.

The motion is adopted.

6. New Business

Julia-Simone noted that the next council meeting would be Sunday September 25th, 2016 in the King's Boardroom at 10am.

7. Adjournment

Aidan McNally moved to adjourn.

The motion is adopted.

Adjournment 11:29am.