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**Minutes for KSU (Council of Students)**

King's Students' Union 2016-2017

October 16, 2016 10:00 am

Boardroom

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**Voting Members Present:**

Julia-Simone Rutgers – Communications VP  
Brennan McCracken – VP Student Life  
Cedric Blais – DSS Rep  
Pilar Guynot De Boismenu – DSS Rep  
Zoë Brimacombe – VP Finance  
Aidan McNally – KSU President  
Gina Grattan – VP External  
Curran McConnell – Board of Governors Rep  
Liam Compton – Board of Governors Rep  
Drew Guyan – Arts Student Rep  
Riel Tetreault – First Year Rep  
Lucia Helder – Residence Rep  
Frances Grace Fyfe – Science Rep  
Lianne Xiao – Journalism Rep  
Jacob Baker-Kretzmar – Member at Large

**Non-voting Members Present:**

Maggie Dingwell – Scribe  
Charlotte Sullivan – Chair  
Katy Weatherly – Sicily and EMSS Representative  
Hannah Daley – Watch Online Editor

**Call to order 10:06AM**

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

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

Curren asked to amend the report of the executive committee to add “4.6 Report of the Board of Governors Representative”.

*The agenda is adopted.*

**2. Approval of Minutes from September 25th, 2016**

*The minutes are adopted.*

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

Lianne Xiao introduced herself. She said has two things in the works, one is study snacks for journalism students and the other is getting in touch with first year journalism students.

Frances Grace Fyfe said she is excited to start office hours.

Lucia Helder said she has a meeting to talk to Nick Hatt about renovating the Alex Hall kitchen.

Riel Tetreault said his current goal is to inform first year students about the services offered by the KSU.

Pilar Guynot De Boismenu had nothing to report

Cedric Blais said the DSS received access to their bank account.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar said he was live blogging.

Drew Guyan said she has plans to get an email sent out to arts students.

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

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

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

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

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

Cedric Blais asked about where the regional planning meeting will be held. Gina Grattan said it will be in the Wilson Common Room.

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

##### **4.6: Report of the Board of Governors Representative**

Brennan McCracken asked about the work the Governance, Nomination and Human Resources Committee does to nominate new members of the Board. Aiden McNally explained the nomination process.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asked how many people were brought to the Board. Aiden answered that that there were four people brought to the Board during this meeting, not just the two she mentioned.

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

##### ***Society Ratification***

5.1 BIRT the King's Entrepreneurship Society (KES) be ratified as a Tier I society for the 2016/2017 academic year.

*Moved by Brennan McCracken*

Brennan McCracken said that this was submitted by a master of journalism student hoping to build entrepreneurial skills at King's.

Frances Grace Fyfe asked what Tier I and Tier II society means. Brennan McCracken answered that Tier I said access all the services the KSU offer. He said Tier II gives societies more responsibility, they have bank accounts and give financial statements.

Pilar Guynot De Boismenu asked about the workshops they would offer. Brennan McCracken said he could get her in touch with the society executives.

*The motion is adopted.*

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

*Moved by Brennan McCracken*

Brennan McCracken said that this society is being brought forward by first year students. He said the goal was to bring students together to watch films and eat snacks.

*The motion is adopted.*

5.3 BIRT Sicily: The King's Journal of Theology (Sicily) be ratified as a Tier I society for the 2016/2017 academic year.

*Moved by Brennan McCracken*

Brennan McCracken said that Sicily comes from students hoping to bring the study of theology through the discipline of theology back into academic discourse.

Gina Grattan asked if this was a new society. Brennan McCracken said yes.

Cedric Blais asked what year the executives were in. Kate Weatherly said mostly 4th year.

Aiden McNally asked if Sicily planned on doing more than just a journal this year. wanted to Katy answered that this year, as it is their first, they only have plans for a journal but hope to expand to hosting panels where they have invite speakers to have discourse from different theological backgrounds in an academic context.

Brennan McCracken said he would be working with them to make sure that Sicily is as open and accessible as possible.

Cedric Blais asked about what faiths would be involved in the journal. Katy answered that they have not had any submissions yet and would be open to all papers that consider themselves religious or theological in nature.

Aiden McNally asked about who the editors would be and how they will compile the journal. Katy answered that there are plans to have an open call for at least two new editors and to diversify the religious beliefs of the editors. They have plans for at least one public meeting open to anyone interested in the journal.

*The motion is adopted.*

5.4 BIRT the Early Modern Studies Society (EMSS) be ratified as a Tier II society for the 2016/2017 academic year.

*Moved by Brennan McCracken*

Brennan McCracken said the EMSS society exists to foster interest in the period. It is one of the departmental societies.

Zoë Brimacombe wondered about the lack of special designation in the motion. She moved to amend the wording of item to include special designation.

The amendment is adopted.

The motion now reads "5.4 BIRT the Early Modern Studies Society (EMSS) be ratified as a Tier II society with special designation for the 2016/2017 academic year."

The motion is adopted.

5.5 BIRT the King's Day Students' Society (DSS) be ratified as a Tier II society with special designation for the 2016/2017 academic year.

*Moved by Brennan McCracken*

Cedric Blais explained what the DSS does and that they are a levied society. He explained that they want to get ratified just in case they need special designation.

Zoë Brimacombe asked about how much their levy was. Cedric answered approximately \$7000 each semester or \$10 from each student.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asked if the levy was paid by all students asked about if this was just paid by day students. Cedric answered that it was only paid by day students.

Cedric Blais and Pilar Guynot De Boismenu abstained.

*The motion is adopted.*

5.6 BIRT the Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group (NSPIRG) be ratified as a Tier II society with special designation for the 2016/2017 academic year.

*Moved by Brennan McCracken*

Brennan McCracken explained this is a levy society and it will not change the levy even if they are ratified. It allows them to book rooms on campus. He explained what NSPRIG does.

Gina Grattan would like to speak in favour of this motion.

*The motion is adopted.*

5.7 BIRT the South House be ratified as a Tier II society with special designation for the 2016/2017 academic year.

*Moved by Brennan McCracken*

Brennan McCracken explained this is a levy society and it will not change the levy even if they are ratified. It allows them to book rooms on campus. He explained what South House is.

Zoë Brimacombe said they started as a working group from NSPIRG.

Aiden McNally would like to speak in favour of this motion.

*The motion is adopted.*

*Aiden McNally motioned to recess for seven minutes at 11:09AM*

*Session recommenced at 11:17AM*

### ***Funding Requests***

5.8 BIRT the King's Dance Collective receive \$50 in contingent funding for an honorarium for Sara Coffin from Mocean Dance to lead a workshop on contact improv on October 27th.

*Finance Committee recommends approval*

*Moved by Zoë Brimacombe*

Zoë Brimacombe explained the funding request.

*The motion is adopted.*

5.9 BIRT the King's Dance Collective receive \$175 in contingent funding to pay for a pole dance workshop at Studio in Essence on October 22nd.

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

Zoë Brimacombe explained that this workshop has been run in previous years and up to 18 students can participate. This funding would mean all the students could attend the workshop for free.

Aiden McNally asked how they would be choosing these 18 students. Zoë Brimacombe answered that she thinks it will be first come first serve.

*The motion is adopted.*

5.10 BIRT the King's PRIDE Society receive \$23.30 in contingent funding to purchase snacks for a halloween screening of Carmilla on October 24th.

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

Zoë Brimacombe said they are planning to provide candies, cider, and chips.

Julia-Simone Rutgers would like to speak in favour of this.

*The motion is adopted.*

5.11 BIRT the King's PRIDE Society receive \$15.84 in contingent funding to purchase snacks for their Annual General Meeting on October 20th.

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

Zoë Brimacombe said that this is the most darling funding request they are purchasing Oreos and chips for their General Meeting.

Brennan McCracken asked about the location. Zoë Brimacombe answered the Fraise Room.

Brennan asked Zoë to explain difference between contingent and noncontingent. Zoë answered that contingent funding is when societies buy things and then the KSU reimburses them. Noncontingent funding is when after council the KSU would write a check and the money would be send to the society.

*The motion is adopted.*

5.12 BIRT the Dal/King's Fashion Show Design Society receive \$1000 in non-contingent funding to help cover the costs of putting on their Vaudeville Fashion Show Fundraiser on March 5th.

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

Zoë Brimacombe said this society has applied for funding for the past two years. She explained the fashion show. The rest of their funding is being applied for through Dalhousie. Zoë has not heard back about how many King's students are involved.

Zoë would like to move to table this motion until she can get more information about how many King's students are involved.

Aiden McNally would like to speak in favour of tabling this conversation.

Pilar Guynot De Boismenu asked about Dress for Success. Zoë answered that it was a charity that provides business clothing for people who cannot afford business attire for interviews.

Curren McConnell said that because it's a lot of money we should table it. Zoë answered that it wasn't as much as he estimated.

Cedric Blais asked about how much money they will be asking for from Dalhousie. Zoë answered that they will be asking for roughly \$2000 from them.

Brennan McCracken said that this is a great conversation, but the focus right now should be on if we're going to table the motion.

Aidan McNally said that being said now is a good time to ask questions.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asked which other organizations they were going to be asking for funding from as he knows of organizations at Dalhousie where they can seek funding. Zoë answered that they specified Dal after Dark, DSU, and personal fundraising events.

*The motion is tabled.*

5.13 BIRT Students Advocating for Representative Curricula receive \$105.90 in non-contingent funding to purchase cakes and decorations for the Wall of Women anniversary on either November 14th or 18th.

*Finance Committee recommends approval*

*Moved by Zoë Brimacombe*

Zoë Brimacombe explained the history of the wall of women. She noted that SNARc is an active society, so even though the request isn't too large that it is important to think about it in terms of what other funding they will be requesting.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asked about non-contingent funding. Zoë said it was a typo in the original wording of request.

Gina Grattan speaks in favour to get gluten free cake.

*The motion is adopted.*

5.14 BIRT the KFFS receive \$33 in contingent funding to purchase cheese and bread for a film screening on October 18th.

*Finance Committee has no recommendation*

*Moved by Zoë Brimacombe*

Zoë Brimacombe said it's not recommended because there was an error in the date on their funding request.

Curren McConnell asked about why it wasn't recommend. Zoë re-explained.

The motion is adopted.

5.15 BIRT the King's Foreign Film Society (KFFS) receive \$50 in contingent funding to

purchase snacks and pop for a Halloween screening of Let The Right One In on October 25th.

*Finance Committee recommends amendment*

*Moved by Zoë Brimacombe*

Zoë Brimacombe explained what they were asking for funding for. Zoë would like to move to amend this motion by striking out \$50 and making it \$33 instead.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar said he doesn't know about the other movie, but that he thinks they are asking for more funds as a Halloween event might have a higher turnout.

Cedric Blais would like to second what Jacob said.

Gina Grattan said that because they have not priced out what the snacks they want to purchase are, she does not feel confident with this motion.

Zoë said that the funding request just specifies that they would be purchasing pop and snacks and so would maybe get more food for their money than if they were to be purchasing cheese and bread.

Aiden McNally would like to speak in favour of this amendment.

*The amendment is adopted.*

*The motion now reads "5.15 BIRT the King's Foreign Film Society (KFFS) receive \$33 in contingent funding to purchase snacks and pop for a Halloween screening of Let The Right One In on October 25th."*

*Cedric Blais said that the KFFS had probably been hoping to buy snacks on top of the cheese and bread, but recognizes that their funding request was vague.*

*The motion is adopted.*

5.16 BIRT the King's Horror Film Society receive \$60 in contingent funding to purchase miscellaneous snacks for a Classic Horror Movie Night on October 20th.

*Finance Committee recommends amendment*

*Moved by Zoë Brimacombe*

Zoë Brimacombe explained that this society had just been ratified. She followed up with this society to learn more about the event and had just received a response during council. The response indicated that they were expecting 10-15 people and were hoping to spend \$30 on chips and \$30 on popcorn. Zoë recommend an amendment because snacks weren't priced out and it's the first event.

Frances Grace Fyfe said that the Pride Society had done the best job of requesting funds and moves to change the requested amount from \$60 to \$25 for this event.

Gina Grattan asked how the KSU would justify the amendment.

Pilar Guynot De Boismenu said we see similar events in the \$25 dollar range and this is the first event for the society.

Aiden McNally said Gina Grattan made a good point and that \$25 seemed like an arbitrary amount. She said she would like to be lenient because it is a society put forward by first years, but the society needed to clarify.

Lucia Helder said that \$60 is a lot of money for snacks for 10-15 students.

Julia-Simone Rutgers said that with her experience of purchasing snacks for large events, \$60 is too large of a sum for an event with roughly 20 students. She recommends the \$25 amendment. She asked how we would communicate the amendment to the society and explain how we picked the number.

Curren McConnell recommended we mention how specific the Pride Society was and asked how many people Pride was expecting at their meeting. Julia-Simone said the Pride Society is expecting around 10-20 people.

Drew Guyan said the high number of screening events around Halloween is something to consider for the funding request.

Liam Compton asked how many students the KFFS typically sees at meetings. Zoë answered that she didn't know and that comparing all of the motions to each other is not helpful.

*The amendment is adopted.*

The motion now reads: "5.16 BIRT the King's Horror Film Society receive \$25 in contingent funding to purchase miscellaneous snacks for a Classic Horror Movie Night on October 20th."

Riel Tetreault said that even though this request seems unprepared, it is because the society is being spearheaded by first years who are still trying to figure things out.

Zoë said that she does talk to societies after their funding requests are voted on and is open to chatting with them about how to improve their requests for next time.

*The motion is adopted.*

5.17 BIRT the Early Modern Studies Society (EMSS) receive \$135 in non-contingent funding to purchase pizza and snacks for a Halloween Horror Screening, tentatively scheduled for October 27th.

*Finance Committee has no recommendation*

*Moved by Zoë Brimacombe*

Katy Weatherly said EMSS plans on having a lecture with Katherine Morris first to talk about Witches in the Early Modern era. They will then be showing "The Witch" which is an early modern horror movie. Katy said she did the budget based on the budget last year and she is willing to cut the budget.

Zoë Brimacombe noted that this request was based off of a similar event last year. She said that this is a non-contingent funding request and would like to know why they are not using the funds currently in their bank account. Katy said their bank account is currently the pillow costs for Babel in case anything unexpected comes up.

Zoë asked about the funding requests for Babel later in the semester. Katy said she couldn't speak to them currently.

Zoë said there is no recommendation because she had questions for EMSS that were not answered before the finance committee met. Finance committee did seem to speak in favour but found the number a little bit high.

Aiden McNally asked where it was being held. Zoë said in Alumni Hall.

Frances Grace Fyfe asked if you had to be an EMSP student to attend. Katy said no.



Curren McConnell asked about how it had been priced out. Zoë said the snacks have been priced out more in depth than she had mentioned originally and that it all made sense.

Aiden McNally would like to speak in favour because of the location alumni hall and the nature of the event being larger than the other funding requests due to it being an EMSS event.

*The motion is adopted.*

5.18 BIRT EMSS receive \$160 in non-contingent funding to purchase wine and cheese for the launch of their journal Babel, date to be determined.

*Finance Committee has no recommendation*

*Moved by Zoë Brimacombe*

Zoë Brimacombe would like to amend the motion to strike out the comma after Babel and the remainder of the motion and add November 2nd.

The motion now reads “5.18 BIRT EMSS receive \$160 in non-contingent funding to purchase wine and cheese for the launch of their journal Babel on November 2nd.”

Zoë said the date had not been set when they initially got the request, and she would like to table this motion until next council when she can get more information from EMSS.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar said that the event is taking place on the day of action. Katy Weatherly said that was not realized when they set the date and so that would be discussed.

*The motion has been tabled.*

5.19 BIRT the King's Outdoor and Sustainability Society (K-OSS) receive \$200 in contingent funding for an honorarium for Caribou Legs for a talk on October 20th.

*Finance Committee recommends approval*

*Moved by Zoë Brimacombe*

Zoë Brimacombe said Caribou Legs is a man running across Canada to raise awareness for missing indigenous women and girls. She said the event would be potentially being co-hosted with a group at Dal. Zoë said that this is an important conversation.

Pilar Guynot De Boismenu asked where the event would be held. Zoë answered the Manning Room.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar said that this is a fantastic event. He asked if the date was set. Zoë answered that the date was a tentative date.

Curren McConnell asked about the contingent nature of the funding request. Zoë answered that if they don't end up holding the event, the KSU would not pay them money.

Gina Grattan asked if this event was in partnership with Divest Dal. Zoë answered that she was sure who they would be partnering with.

Aiden McNally said in light of collaboration with Dalhousie, the place of the event does matter and it should happen on King's Campus.

*The motion is adopted.*

5.20 BIRT K-OSS receive \$68.94 in contingent funding to purchase snacks for three regular meetings throughout the fall semester.

*Finance Committee recommends approval*

*Moved by Zoë Brimacombe*

Zoë Brimacombe said that they are requesting funding in lump sum. They normally have 12-15 people so the money is about approximately \$23 a meeting. She said they wanted to get a mini DSU food box and hummus.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asked what a food box was. Julia-Simone Rutgers answered that the food box is full of local veggies. She spoke in favour.

Aiden McNally said that the DSU food box is a service of the DSU explained what the DSU market was. She spoke in favour of the motion as the funding will go back into a student run service.

*The motion is adopted.*

5.21 BIRT K-OSS receive \$550 in contingent funding for a car rental and gas money to travel to Ottawa for Climate 101 and Climacon taking place over the course of October 23rd, 24th, and 25th

*Finance Committee recommends amendment*

*Moved by Zoë Brimacombe*

Zoë Brimacombe said the funding request was made to send students to two important climate events in Ottawa. She explained what Climate 101 and Climacon are. She said that accommodation is covered so these costs are only for transportation. There are students from Dalhousie attending the events as well and the transport would be split between them. There would be three students from Dalhousie attending and two from King's. K-OSS would be sending students to the conference to be better equipped to hold workshops throughout the year and for the students to gain networking opportunities.

Zoë Brimacombe explained that before this year the KSU offered travel bursaries but they had been cut from the budget. They had found that the money was not helping the students who needed it.

Zoë proposed an amendment to the motion. She would like to strike out \$500 and replace it with \$200 which would amount to \$100 per student. This amendment is inline with what the KSU had done in the past with travel bursaries.

Curren McConnell asked if the \$100 was an arbitrary number. Zoë answered that their original funding request had been \$550 for 5 King's students to attend so it followed the ratio of their initial request.

Cedric Blais asked about the involvement of Divest Dal and if they would be sharing the cost of transport. Zoë answered that she had asked for information from the society as to how the travel arrangement was going to work and Divest Dal's budget but that she had not received any information from K-OSS.

Liam Compton asked about the funds should more students chose to attend. Zoë answered that the event was in a matter of days so she assumed the attendees were finalized.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar said the funding request was small for how much transportation would cost.

Pilar Guynot De Boismenu said renting a car seemed a strange choice for a sustainable society. Drew Guyan agreed.

Zoë Brimacombe said that initially she had received a funding request from Divest Dal for \$2,000-\$4,000 to rent a bus for King's/Dalhousie students to attend the conference. She explained the limitations of the KSU budget to Divest Dal and that they only give money to King's ratified societies. That was when the request changed to the current motion.

Aiden McNally spoke in favour to the \$200 amendment. She said it was consistent with the KSU's history of travel bursaries. She said least we can give is \$200 for travel per student. Aiden said she did not think it was productive to talk about their choice of travel.

Julia-Simone Rutgers agreed with Aiden McNally. She said that \$200 follows precedent but asked if the finance committee would feel comfortable giving K-OSS more than \$100 per student. Zoë Brimacombe answered that she felt comfortable at \$100 per student.

*Zoë Brimacombe would like to call to question the amendment.*

*The motion is adopted.*

*The amendment passes.*

*The motion now reads "5.21 BIRT K-OSS receive \$200 in contingent funding for a car rental and gas money to travel to Ottawa for Climate 101 and Climacon taking place over the course of October 23rd, 24th, and 25th"*

Cedric Blais asked if the funding could extend beyond \$200 if more students want to attend the conference. Zoë answered no.

Gina Grattan said that she was conflicted. She said that the conference was important to attend but that she was not comfortable with setting a new precedent of travel requests through society funding.

Zoë Brimacombe said she was in favour of this motion as there have been cuts to sustainability on campus this year and she is happy to see K-OSS taking initiative to plan events.

Zoë motions to amend the motion by striking out "a car rental and gas money to".

*The amendment is adopted.*

*The motion now reads "5.21 BIRT K-OSS receive \$200 in contingent funding for travel to Ottawa for Climate 101 and Climacon taking place over the course of October 23rd, 24th, and 25th."*

Julia-Simone Rutgers said that this was not an unreasonable amount and that support societies travel is what society funding is in part for.

Gina Grattan noted that the KSU had previously funding journalism students going to CTV and that the only difference was that Ottawa was further away.

Curren McConnell said that he is in favour, but would like to note that this makes society executives the gate-keepers to travel funding. There had been discussion of a privacy in terms of needing to know the financial situation of students to provide funding in the past.

Cedric Blais is in favour of the motion.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar is in favour of the motion and would like there to be a discussion on what else King's can do to support the students attending this event. Gina Grattan answered that she would be meeting with K-OSS on Tuesday to talk about getting the student body involved.

*The motion is adopted.*

#### **6. New Business**

Julia-Simone Rutgers noted that the next council meeting would be Sunday October 30th, 2016 in the King's Boardroom at 10am. She noted that the new councillors would be receiving their emails during their office hours this week.

Aiden McNally asked new councillors to send their availability for October 21st, 22nd, and 23rd to her email by end of day on October 17th for part two of councillor training.

Gina Grattan noted that she had three sign-up sheets for everyone to sign up for class talks and volunteering.

#### **7. Adjournment**

*Brennan McCracken moved to adjourn.*

*The motion is adopted.*

*Adjournment 12:28PM.*