



Minutes for KSU (Council of Students)

King's Students' Union 2016-2017

November 20, 2016 10:00 am

Boardroom

Voting Members Present:

Julia-Simone Rutgers – Communications VP
Brennan McCracken – VP Student Life
Aidan McNally – KSU President
Gina Grattan – VP External
Curran McConnell – 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
Cedric Blais – DSS Rep
Pilar Guynot De Boismenu – DSS Rep

Non-voting Members Present:

Maggie Dingwell – Scribe
Charlotte Sullivan – Chair
Hannah Daley – Watch Online Editor

Call to order at 10:10AM

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

1. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda is adopted.

2. Approval of Minutes from October 30th, 2016

Julia-Simone Rutgers said that a wording mistake and name mistakes were submitted and corrected.

The minutes are adopted.

3. Oral Reports and Goals of Councillors (15 minutes)

Lianne Xiao said that she does not feel like she needs to do a newsletter with the amount of other newsletters that are going out and that she will rely on TWAK. She has plans to host a study snacks soon. Brennan McCracken asked when she would be hosting the study snacks. She said Thursdays, but that she wanted to talk to a first year journalism student to find out if there are any conflicts.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar said he met with Aidan McNally where they talked about if continuing meeting would be useful. He said he attended the Day of Action and live tweeted the event for the KSU which got the KSU twitter account trending.

Frances Grace Fyfe said she will be sending out a newsletter soon.

Curren McConnell said students have been advocating for transparency with the Board of Governors. The June Board of Governors minutes are now on the website. He said there will now be town hall meetings held where members of the Board will speak to students.

Cedric Blais said the DSS had their general meeting on Friday and that they managed to meet quorum. He said that Nick Hatt is on leave and he has signing authority on their cheques so he has plans to meet with his replacement to figure out if they will be unable to write cheques until he returns. Aidan McNally noted that Nick Hatt is on medical leave until January. Pilar Guynot De Boismenu has nothing to report.

Riel Tetreault said the Cue Cards and Cocoa event turned out well. He said he was happy about the amount of first year students who came out to the Day of Action. He said he has plans to continue the Cue Cards and Cocoa event to encourage studying and receive feedback.

Lucia Helder said she has a meeting planned with Kristian Rafuse to talk about funding. She said she has a small 'Kitch Sitch,' because students have come to her with ideas on how to improve the Alex Hall kitchen.

Drew Guyan said she sent out her first newsletter. It was mainly information from DASS meetings. Drew said she joined an outreach committee on DASS to get more involved on Dalhousie campus.

4. Reports of the Executive Committee (attached)

4.1: Report of the President

4.2: Report of the Student Life Vice President

Cedric Blais asked about who the other 10% of people who responded to the survey were. Brennan McCracken said faculty and staff.

Pilar Guynot De Boismenu asked if the results of the survey would be open to the public. Brennan McCracken said that it would not because it might negatively affect the bid for new food service at King's because services submitting a bid would have a leg up.

4.3: Report of the Financial Vice President

Brennan McCracken gives the report as Zoë Brimacombe is out of town.

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 Feminist Collective be ratified as a Tier I society for the 2016/17 academic year.

Moved by Brennan McCracken

Brennan McCracken said that he is happy to see a society ratification this late in the term. He explained the society and that they have already been meeting regularly. The motion is passed.

Funding Requests

5.2 BIRT Students Advocating for Representative Curricula (SNARC) receive \$411.80 in

contingent funding to cover the costs of putting on Re:Presentations, A SNARC Conference, being held on January 20th and 21st.

Moved by Brennan McCracken

Finance Committee recommends approval

Brennan McCracken said that Re:Presentations is planning to highlight voices normally ignored in academia. He explained that the money would go to fund speakers and snacks. Jacob Baker-Kretzmar said that the Financial Committee appreciates the honoraria for the Mi'kmaq Elder and faculty members speaking at the event.

The motion is passed.

5.3 BIRT Best Buddies King's receive \$43 in contingent funding to book a room and to purchase cookies and juice for a Meet and Greet on November 26th at the Halifax Central Library.

Moved by Brennan McCracken

Finance Committee recommends approval

Brennan McCracken said that this is the first event for Best Buddies King's. This event is being held off campus to allow accessibility for the Buddies.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar said that the Finance Committee talked about why Best Buddies King's was hosting the event at the Central Library instead of on King's campus. He said Zoë Brimacombe wanted to ask them if King's could do anything to have them host an event on campus.

Pilar Guynot De Boismenu said that in her high school there had been issues surrounding accessibility to buildings and that it might be the same on King's campus.

The motion is passed.

5.4 BIRT King's Outdoor and Sustainability Society (K-OSS) receive \$175 in contingent funding to pay Gayle Shatz to deliver a workshop on res gardening in early January.

Moved by Brennan McCracken

Finance Committee recommends approval

Brennan McCracken said that this funding request for for an honorarium for Shatz, as well as for seeds and soil. He said Zoë Brimacombe would like to note that we've allocated close to \$700 to K-OSS, but they they have not spent that amount.

Aidan McNally asked if it may be because the KSU gave them funds for a Caribou Legs event and is unsure of if that happened.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar said that Zoë Brimacombe had mentioned during Finance Committee that several of their events had come under budget.

The motion is passed.

5.5 BIRT the King's P.R.I.D.E. Society receive \$50.15 in contingent funding to purchase pizza, garlic fingers, and donair sauce for Queeraoke: Early 2000s Edition, being held in the Wardroom on November 24th.

Moved by Brennan McCracken

Finance Committee recommends approval

Brennan McCracken broke down the budget they submitted. He voiced his support for the event.

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

The motion is passed.

5.6 BIRT The King's Foreign Film Society receive \$35 in contingent funding to purchase bread and cheese for a film screening on November 22nd.

Moved by Brennan McCracken

Finance Committee has no recommendation

Brennan McCracken said this funding request is similar to others that the King's Foreign Film Society has submitted. He said there is no recommendation because the request was submitted after Zoë Brimacombe left, but that she was okay with this coming to council because it was similar to other requests.

The motion is passed.

6. Mystery Moose

Aidan McNally moved to take a ten minute recess.

The motion is adopted.

Recess 10:55AM

Reconvene at 11:05AM.

Brennan McCracken explained that Mystery Moose is a non-denominational Secret Santa for the council. He encouraged DIY gifts and said the big reveal will be at the next council meeting.

Frances Grace Fyfe said she was excited.

7. New Business

Aidan McNally said that to show appreciation for the KSU councillors the KSU has purchased tickets for them to attend the Christmas brunch.

Aidan McNally would like councillors to stay after council for a short meeting.

Julia-Simone Rutgers said the December 4th council would be happening.

8. Adjournment

Brennan McCracken moved to adjourn.

Adjournment 11:14AM.