



Minutes for KSU (Council of Students)

King's Students' Union 2016-2017

December 4, 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
Zoë Brimacombe – VP Finance

Non-voting Members Present:

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

Call to order at 10:05AM

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

1. Adoption of Agenda

Zoë Brimacombe would like to amend the agenda to add motion

5.4 BIRT Simon Gillies receive an honorarium of \$125 for his work to date as a CUBE coordinator.

5.5 BIRT Itai Kuwodza receive an honorarium of \$125 for her work to date as a CUBE coordinator.

5.6 BIRT Margaret Dingwell receive an honorarium of \$250 for her work to date as scribe.

The agenda is adopted.

2. Approval of Minutes from November 20th, 2016

The minutes are adopted.

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

Lianne Xiao said she is hosting a study snacks tomorrow in the Wilson Common Room. She said she sat on the Watch Board of Publishers, but the meeting will be talked about by Zoë Brimacombe as she is the official KSU representative.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar said he was going to go to the watch board of publishers meeting, but

that he will wait to add something after Zoë reports.

Frances Grace Fyfe said she sat on the academic committee and that she is also sitting on the amnesty committee on the Dalhousie Science Society.

Curran McConnell said that on December 1st the BOG had a meeting. He said that the university is in a period of transition with them running a deficit budget and there being a new president. He said the meeting focused on the general place of the university, and did not have a lot of decisions. Curran said that the library committee will be talking about the worth of the rare books in our collection. President Lahey is working on a draft mandate. This would be his governance document to compare his performance to. President Lahey had the language of student experience in his mandate and he was asked to be more specific. There has been talk of some restructuring our HOST program. Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asked the appraisal value of the rare books. Curran McConnell said he does not know off the top of his head, but he can get the information to him.

Cedric Blais said the DSS bought a tree for the Wardy. He said their last event will be tomorrow where there is a study snacks with first years and it will be a large general tutorial for first year day students. Gina Grattan said she enjoyed the bake sale the DSS put on the other day.

Pilar Guynot De Boismenu had nothing to report.

Lucia Helder said her Kitch Sitch went well. Brennan McCracken asked about specific feedback she received. Lucia said it focused on getting more equipment such as pots and pans.

Riel Tetreault said he has been planning another Cue Cards and Cocoa event which will take place on Tuesday during the loud hour in the Manning Room.

Drew Guyan said she has sat on the academic committee and has been sitting on DASS. She told DASS and the academic committee and DASS had fairly similar goals. She said she will be trying to connect DASS with SNARC. Drew said she has also set a date for her emails.

4. Reports of the Executive Committee (attached)

4.1: Report of the President

Jacob asked about the university looking for external funding options and if Aiden could elaborate. Aiden said she brought it up because a lot of the conversation was about serious decisions. Something she would not be surprised to see would be an increased focus on fundraising.

4.2: Report of the Student Life Vice President

Lianne Xiao asked what movie won for movie night. Brennan McCracken said it was *Home Alone*.

4.3: Report of the Financial Vice President

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asked Zoë Brimacombe if the Canadian Federation of Students voted to reduce quorum to leave. Zoë said that they voted on one motion, but the other was tabled because of time. They did reduce quorum to 20-15% to leave.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asked if Charlotte Kiddell would now be holding both the national chair position and the provincial chair position. Zoë said that the changeover

for national positions is in June and the provincial elections are in February so there will be a new chairperson by then.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar added that the relationship between the KSU and the Watch is a limited one. They are independent organizations and the KSU has control over the Watch.

Curran McConnell asked what an anti-harassment officer is. Zoë said it is generally a person who has equity/active listening training to make sure the conversation stays professional.

4.4: Report of the External Vice President

4.5: Report of the Communications Vice President

5. Action Items

5.1 BIRT The King's Wordsmiths receive \$34.72 in contingent funding to purchase snacks and hot chocolate for their final meeting of the year on December 7th.

Moved by Zoë Brimacombe

Finance committee has no recommendation

Zoë Brimacombe said the reason finance committee has no recommendation is because it came in late. They want to talk provide snacks for their final meeting.

The motion is passed.

5.2 Whereas Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his cabinet recently approved the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain and Line 3 tar sands pipelines;

and Whereas the Kinder Morgan pipeline project received opposition from 81 of 120 Indigenous communities consulted; and

Whereas the pipeline will be built on unceded land of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation who actively oppose the project,

Whereas the existing Kinder Morgan pipeline has had 82 spills since 1961 and spills pose as a threat to ecologically sensitive areas and the economy; and

Whereas the creation of these pipelines and continued investment into fossil fuels will make it impossible for Canada to reach its global climate change commitments as outlined in the Paris agreement; and

Whereas Indigenous issues and climate change issues are student issues; therefore

BIRT that the King's Students' Union opposes the Kinder Morgan pipeline and joins the efforts of coalition partners to oppose the pipeline; and

BIFRT that members of the King's Students' Union write a letter to Member of Parliament Andy Filmore condemning the government's decision; and

BIFRT the KSU organize opportunities for members to write similar letter.

Moved by Gina Grattan

Gina Grattan said that she would like to focus on joining efforts of coalition partners.

Cedric Blais asked about King's relation to DivestDal and if we have any monetary stake in it. Gina Grattan said that as for administration at King's taking an official stance on divestment, she is unsure of if they have ever said anything. Aidan McNally said that the divestment committee does not have a student representative and we have not seen a lot of divestment organizing at King's, but there is an active chapter at Dalhousie that a number of

King's students are involved in.

Aiden McNally would like to speak in favour of this motion. She thinks there is an increased appetite for environmental action on our campus. She said that voting this through would mandate the KSU to continue doing their environmental work. This motion would set up the KSU to continue doing environmental work.

Zoë Brimacombe said she is strongly in favour with this motion. She feels this goes along with our national movement. Nationally we are opposing other environmental movements. Cedric Blais said he is in favour, but would like to define what spill means. Aidan McNally said that the number was taken from a spill history website. She said that if they reported it, the spill had to be in the hundreds of thousands of barrels of crude oil and water mixture.

Riel Tetreault said that in BC there are a lot of people who oppose the pipelines. Even with spill responses there is still a major environmental impact.

The motion is passed.

5.3 Whereas Nova Scotia teachers have reported that working conditions in Nova Scotia schools have deteriorated, negatively impacting students' learning conditions; and Whereas the Nova Scotia Teachers Union (NSTU) has rejected two tentative agreements from the Government; and

Whereas the NSTU is seeking fair working conditions including class caps for all grade levels, compensation for planning time and prep time, fair wages, and other measures to improve learning conditions; and

Whereas the NSTU announced on November 28 2016, that teachers and all other educational support people would strike in the form of work-to-rule; and

Whereas Education and Early Childhood Development Minister Karen Casey announced on 3 December 2016 that on December 5 2016, schools would be closed province-wide and that an emergency sitting of the legislature would begin in order to impose a contract on the teachers; and

Whereas the King's Students' Union affirms its solidarity with all students, and supports high school students in their actions to support their teachers and express their views. therefore

BIRT the King's Students' Union support the efforts of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union to fight for and reach a fair collective agreement; and

BIFRT the King's Students' Union Executive write a letter to the Nova Scotia Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development Karen Casey in support of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union.

BIFRT the KSU condemns the Nova Scotia government's lockout, which is a clear attack on collective bargaining and democracy; and

BIFRT the King's Students' Union stand with Nova Scotia high school students as they participate in political discussions and direct actions to support their teachers.

Moved by Gina Grattan

Gina Grattan said that it is important to stand with the teachers because they stood with us during the Day of Action. The teachers have been working without a contract for a long time and she thinks it's necessary to take a stance on this even if it will be a political stance.

Brennan McCracken would like to speak in favour of this motion. He said that as someone who went to high school in Nova Scotia, he knows that the teachers are incredible and that

they are frustrated with the situation.

Pilar Guynot De Boismenu said she would like to agree with Brennan. There is a clear frustration with all the administration and students not getting the services they needed. She thinks the actions of the Nova Scotia government is deplorable and it is negatively affecting everyone in Nova Scotia. The students are just as frustrated as the teachers.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar would like to speak strongly in favour of this motion. He thinks high school teachers are important and that what his government is doing is disgusting. He does not think the government's actions make any sense. He would like to amend the motion to add support for the student's direct actions.

Gina Grattan seconds the amendment.

Aidan McNally said she thinks this is a great idea, but support is a broad word. She said she would like the word defined. She suggested recognizing and acknowledging the work done by Nova Scotia students.

Zoë Brimacombe suggests using language such as stand along side instead to support in the BIFR clause.

The amendment is adopted.

The motion now includes "and Whereas the King's Students' Union affirms its solidarity with all students, and supports high school students in their actions to support their teachers and express their views.

BIFRT the King's Students' Union stand with Nova Scotia high school students as they participate in political discussions and direct actions to support their teachers."

Gina Grattan would like to amend the second BTFR to say that the King's Student Union Executive will send a letter.

Aidan McNally seconds the motion.

The amendment is adopted.

The motion now includes "BIFRT the King's Students' Union Executive write a letter to the Nova Scotia Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development Karen Casey in support of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union."

The motion is passed.

5.4 BIRT Simon Gillies receive an honorarium of \$125 for his work to date as a CUBE coordinator.

Moved by Zoë Brimacombe

Zoë Brimacombe said the honorarium for CUBE coordinators are \$250 so this is the first half.

Brennan McCracken said that Simon's work is tireless. Both Simon and Itai try to make sure students can be involved in intramurals on campus.

The motion is passed.

5.5 BIRT Itai Kuwodza receive an honorarium of \$125 for her work to date as a CUBE coordinator.

Moved by Zoë Brimacombe

Brennan said that Itai and Simon have both been doing incredible work. Itai's concussion has limited her ability to participate in the events, but she has been working and the honorarium is still warranted.

The motion is passed.

5.6 BIRT Margaret Dingwell receive an honorarium of \$250 for her work to date as scribe.

Moved by Zoë Brimacombe

Zoë Brimacombe said that the minutes have been excellent this year and in previous years. This is the first half of the honorarium. The reason we don't have any motions about the chair is because it is inappropriate to vote on their honoraria.

The motion is passed.

6. Mystery Moose

Julia-Simone Rutgers moved to take a ten minute recess.

The motion is adopted.

Recess 11:32AM

Reconvene at 11:42AM.

Council exchanged gifts.

Brennan McCracken re-explained that Mystery Moose is a non-denominational Secret Santa for the council. We are going to guess who gave someone the gift but we will not reveal who did it until the end.

7. New Business

Aidan McNally said this is the last week of office hour and the KSU office closes on Friday. Julia-Simone said next meeting January 15th.

8. Adjournment

Brennan McCracken moved to adjourn.

Adjournment 11:16AM.