



Minutes for KSU (Council of Students)

King's Students' Union 2016-2017

January 29, 2017, 10:00am

Boardroom

Voting Members Present:

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

Non-voting Members Present:

Maggie Dingwell – Scribe
Charlotte Sullivan – Chair
Hannah Daley – Watch Online Editor
Matthew Apostolides
Regina Tiu

Call to order at 10:25AM

The Chair recognizes that this meeting is being held on unceded traditional Mi'kmaq territory

1. Adoption of Agenda

Aidan McNally motions to add action item 6.12 to the agenda.

The motion reads: BIRT the third party tasked with receiving nominations for the committee to create sexual assault policy recommend three names to the committee.

The agenda is adopted.

2. Approval of Minutes from January 15th, 2017

Pilar Guynot De Boismenu amended the spelling of her last name.

Riel Tetreault amended the spelling of his last name.

The minutes are adopted.

3. Approval of Minutes from January 22nd, 2017

The minutes are adopted.

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

Lianne Xiao said the rally for the Chronicle Herald went well. She said Radio-Canada interviewed her in the wardroom after the event.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar reported on the referendum and what he has heard from other students. He said overall students support the referendum, but that members have felt alienated by how the KSU advertised the referendum and by the lack of materials before the town hall. Jacob said that students felt patronized. Jacob said he supports the referendum but that it is important to speak to students individually.

Frances Grace Fyfe said she is hosting a social hour this Thursday so first years and upper years can mingle.

Cedric Blais said that he has spoken to Nick Hatt about creating a Day Student Hostel with open residence rooms. This would allow day students to stay on campus overnight for a pre-determined fee. He said that on Thursday the DSS is taking students to a Mooseheads hockey game. Gina Grattan asked where the sign-up sheet for the game was. Cedric replied that it is in the Wardroom by the compost.

Pilar Guynot De Boismenu said she plans to create some way for students not from Nova Scotia to learn about Nova Scotia. She said she is unsure of how to execute this.

Riel Tetreault said he is working on ensuring first year students understand what the referendum is.

Drew Guyan said she attended the first DASS meeting of the year, where they tentatively voted on the DSU boycott of Halifax Pride. Drew said she did not vote because she felt unsure about what the KSU would want to do. Drew is unable to attend future DASS meetings because of a conflict with a class.

Aidan McNally clarified the boycott of Halifax Pride.

Curran McConnell said the Vice-Presidential search committee held a meeting that Aidan McNally and himself attended. Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asked if the committee had made a decision. Curran said they had, but a public announcement would be made later this week.

Liam Compton said he has been catching up what has happened in the Board of Governors meetings and on council.

5. Reports of the Executive Committee (attached)

5.1: Report of the President

5.2: Report of the Student Life Vice President

Pilar Guynot De Boismenu asked what the technology fee was. Zoë Brimacombe replied that this \$100 per student fee was created to help the university install wifi on campus. She said students lobbied to have this fee removed a few years back and the university suspended the fee for two years. During the 2017/2018 school year the two-year suspension will be expiring. Zoë Brimacombe said this fee no longer makes sense and should be removed.

Baker-Kretzmar asked what year we got the financial statements for. Zoë Brimacombe said 2015.

5.3: Report of the Financial Vice President

5.4: Report of the External Vice President

5.5: Report of the Communications Vice President

6. Action Items

Referenda

6.1 BIRT the following referendum question appear on the ballot during the spring 2017 King's Students' Union elections:

Whereas the Dalhousie Bike Centre Currently provides education, maintenance, and bike loans to students at Dalhousie; and

Whereas a levy of \$1.00 from full-time students and \$0.50 from part-time students at King's would allow them access to the bike loan system;

Do you support a levy for the Dalhousie Bike Centre of \$1.00 per semester for full-time students and \$0.50 per semester for part-time students?

Moved by Matthew Apostolides

Drew Guyan asked how much Dalhousie students are paying for the service. Matthew Apostolides said they pay \$0.50 as full-time students and \$0.25 for part-time students, but they are issuing a referendum question to raise the fees.

Cedric Blais asked what happens to the King's fees if the referendum question does not pass at Dalhousie. Matthew Apostolides said he does not believe the King's question can be contingent on the Dalhousie question. He said that if King's students end up paying more for the service they have used for free since 2009 then that is fair.

Aidan McNally asked how many King's students have been turned away from the bike centre. Matthew Apostolides said last semester he had to turn away 10-15 students, but is unsure about an exact number.

Brennan McCracken would like to speak in favour of the motion. He said that King's students do access the bike centre and the union encourages active transportation and sustainability.

Aidan McNally asked if there would be King's representation on the Dalhousie Bike Centre board. Matthew Apostolides said he is already on the board.

Julia-Simone Rutgers asked what the structure of the board is. Matthew Apostolides said there is a minimum of seven members – one president, one vice-president, two members at large, two community non-student members, and a treasurer – but there are more people than that.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asked if there would be spots reserved for King's students on the board. Matthew said he is on the board.

Aidan McNally said that other levied societies have spots specifically reserved for King's students and asked if Dalhousie Bike Services would do the same. Matthew said he did not know.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar motioned for a point of order – he asked if council should amend the referendum question to say “Be It Resolved That” and phrased as a motion.

Aidan McNally does not believe the motion needs to change. She said this language was created in consultation with the chair, the CRO Michiela, and based on language seen on Dalhousie referendums.

The point of order is resolved.

The motion is passed.

6.2 BIRT the following referendum question appear on the ballot during the spring 2017 King's Students' Union elections:

Whereas the Loaded Ladle is a non-profit cooperative dedicated to providing affordable, diverse, fresh, and nutritious food to as many people as possible; and

Whereas a levy of \$4.50 per full time student per semester and \$2.25 per part time student per semester would allow the Loaded Ladle to expand their weekly serving days from three days to five days;

Do you support the creation of a levy at King's for the Loaded Ladle consisting of \$4.50 per full time student per semester and \$2.25 per part time student per semester?

Moved by Ally Lord

Brennan McCracken said the Currant King's representative for the Loaded Ladle is out of town, but he will speak to the motion. Brennan explained what the Loaded Ladle does.

Cedric Blais would like to speak in favour.

Aidan McNally asked if they are running an increased levy at Dalhousie as well, and if the King's levy would be enough to increase the serving days from 3 to 5. Brennan said he heard on Dalhousie campus that their increased levy would increase serving days from 3 to four.

Cedric Blais asked if we should table the motion until we get more information.

Brennan McCracken motioned to recess for five minute so he could get more information.

Recess for 5 minutes. 11:19AM

Returned from recess at 11:25AM

Brennan McCracken spoke to Ally Lord, a board member of the Loaded Ladle. If the Dalhousie levy did not increase, and the King's levy started the Loaded Ladle would aim for five days but could not guarantee it.

Brennan would like to amend motion by striking out "would allow the Loaded Ladle to expand their weekly serving days from three days to five days;"

Instead it would read:

6.2 Whereas the Loaded Ladle is a non-profit cooperative dedicated to providing affordable, diverse, fresh, and nutritious food to as many people as possible; and

Whereas a levy of \$4.50 per full time student per semester and \$2.25 per part time student per semester would allow the Loaded Ladle to increase their serving capacity and offer more workshops and solidarity servings on King's campus.

Do you support the creation of a levy at King's for the Loaded Ladle consisting of \$4.50 per full time student per semester and \$2.25 per part time student per semester?

The amendment is adopted.

Aidan McNally asked Brennan to confirm that Ally is a King's student. Brennan said she is.

Aidan McNally would like to amend the motion to read:

Do you support the introduction of a levy at King's for the Loaded Ladle consisting of \$4.50 per full time student per semester and \$2.25 per part time student per semester?

The amendment is adopted.

The motion is passed.

6.3 BIRT the following referendum question appear on the ballot during the spring 2017 King's Students' Union elections:

Do you support increasing King's Students' Union dues by \$22.38 per semester for full-time students to a total of \$166.52 per year and \$11.19 per semester for part-time students to a total of \$83.26 per year and adjust annually by the Consumer Price Index (CPI)?

Moved by Aidan McNally

Cedric Blais would like to amend the motion to represent the full impact of the hike by including all numbers per year.

Do you support increasing King's Students' Union dues by \$44.76 per year for full-time students to a total of \$166.52 per year and \$22.38 per year for part-time students to a total of \$83.26 per year and adjust annually by the Consumer Price Index (CPI)?

Gina Grattan asked if this change would make it more transparent. Cedric Blais said he thinks it would be more consistent.

Zoë Brimacombe said she thinks this phrasing makes sense.

Aidan McNally is in favour of having it listed per semester and is speaking against the amendment.

Riel Tetreault would like to speak against the amendment.

The amendment fails.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar has a Point of Motion. He asked how strict the two amendment rules are. The Chair said we can suspend the rules by a vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ majority.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar would like to move to suspend the rules to allow more than two amendments to this motion.

The motion is passed. The rules have been suspended to allow more than two amendments.

Curran McConnell said he is unfamiliar with the rules of referendum questions. He would like to add a sentence stating this would amount to X a year for full-time students and Y a year for part-time students.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar said for context that the last referendum question had no context and it was just the per semester amount before.

Gina Grattan said she finds the wording of the current motion to be pretty clear. She is speaking against a change.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar agreed with Gina Grattan. He does not agree with increasing the length of the question.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar would like to propose an amendment. He said dues go up with inflation regardless and asked if they needed to add that portion to the question. Aidan McNally would like to speak in favour of formally including the CPI into this motion.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar would like to move to amend the referendum question by striking out “do you support” to keep the phrasing neutral.

Cedric Blais asked for clarification on the amendment. He asked if the current phrasing makes the CPI seem like an option to be voted on.

Aidan McNally does not share Cedric’s concern. She said all Dalhousie’s referendum questions are phrased as “do you support.” This is within their referendum by-laws and our bylaws do not have language around referendum questions.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar supports this amendment as it should be worded as a motion and not a question. He said the DSU referendums run differently than KSU referendums.

Aidan McNally said she does not believe their referendums run with council having the last vote. The Chair is too unfamiliar with DSU policy to make a statement.

Curran McConnell would like to speak in favour of Jacob’s amendment.

Gina Grattan does not believe it should be phrased as a “Be It Resolved Statement.”

Curran McConnell would like to speak in favour of amending the question to say “should KSU dues be increased by etc.”

Aidan McNally does not think the language of “should” is more neutral.

Riel Tetreault asked if we should change the language for the final question after not changing the language for the previous questions.

Pilar Guynot De Boismenu asked if BIRT would be spelt out or acronym. It would be spelt out.

Aidan McNally expressed concern over this question looking different than the others.

Zoë Brimacombe does not see the wording as an issue. The current language is more accessible.

Curran McConnell said that the union is not asking the students, but the students are telling the union what to do.

Gina Grattan would like to speak in favour of rejecting this amendment. The other referendum questions were not changed.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar agreed that it is important that all three questions look the same. He would like to change the language to read:

6.3 BIRT the following referendum question appear on the ballot during the spring 2017 King's Students' Union elections:

Do you support increasing King's Students' Union dues by \$22.38 per semester for full-time students to a total of \$166.52 per year and \$11.19 per semester for part-time students to a total of \$83.26 per year and adjusting annually for inflation according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI)?

Cedric Blais said the current wording makes it seem as if increasing by inflation is option depending on the vote. He said the fact that dues will increase should be mentioned, but not in the question.

Zoë Brimacombe would like to support Cedric. She asked if the students voted no if the union would have to cease the practice of adjusting by CPI.

Aidan McNally spoke in favour of elimination the CPI clause and putting it into the bylaws.

Cedric Blais made an amendment.

Do you support increasing King's Students' Union dues by \$22.38 per semester for full-time students to a total of \$166.52 per year and \$11.19 per semester for part-time students to a total of \$83.26 per year.

The amendment passes.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar would like to confirm the options will be yes or no. The Chair said yes.

The motion is passed.

Julia-Simone would like to recess for two minutes at 12:05PM

Recess returns at 12:08AM

Funding Requests

6.4 BIRT The King's Wordsmiths receive \$50 in contingent funding to contribute towards prizes for a Fanfiction Contest being co-hosted with the Dalhousie English Society and the Dalhousie Classics Society that will be distributed at the Fanfiction Contest Closing Party on February 10th.

Moved by Zoe Brimacombe

Finance committee recommends approval

Zoë Brimacombe said this event is being co-hosted by classics and english society. Everyone is contributing funds for catering and prizes.

The motion is adopted.

6.5 BIRT The Contemporary Studies Society receive \$449.30 in non-contingent funding to purchase breakfast, lunch, and gifts for the Conference of the Contemporary on February 10th and 11th.

Moved by Zoe Brimacombe

Finance committee recommends approval

Zoë Brimacombe said this is the first time CSP has held a conference in a long time. This conference is like SnarcCon. They will be purchasing Sodexo breakfast and lunch.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar said they have 16 presenters, 4 faculty panelists, and they are providing food for the presenters and panelists and the CSP exec. Most of the cost is gifts for the faculty panelists and something small for the presenters because they cannot be paid.

The motion is adopted. Brennan and Jacob abstained.

6.6 BIRT Students Advocating Representative Curricula receive \$51.47 in contingent funding to purchase pizza and pop for a CANON Journal editorial meeting on February 6th.

Moved by Zoe Brimacombe

Finance committee recommends amendment

Snarc is working on their journal. This cost is to feed the editors while they edit the journal. Finance committee recognizes that student editors are typically not compensated for their work and that there are only six people at this particular event.

Curran McConnell asked how many people. Zoë Brimacombe said there are six editors.

Riel Tetreault does not support the idea of giving society funding for a closed event.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asked if there is precedent. Zoë Brimacombe said she believes they passed something similar for EMSP a few years ago.

Julia-Simone Rutgers said she thinks this is a lot of money for a closed event.

Curran McConnell asked if Zoë Brimacombe had the broken down cost. Zoë said she did not.

Gina Grattan does not support ordering pizza to someone's house.

Zoë Brimacombe discussed amending the motion down to something like \$20-25.

Curran McConnell would like to amend the motion to say \$25.

Zoë Brimacombe would like to speak in favour of that amendment.

6.6 BIRT Students Advocating Representative Curricula receive \$25 in contingent funding to purchase snacks for a CANON Journal editorial meeting on February 6th.

The amendment is adopted.

Riel Tetreault would like to speak against the motion. He said the event was not happening on campus and was a closed meeting, therefore he does not believe it should receive society funding.

Julia-Simone Rutgers said she does not believe that the KSU should provide funding for an off-campus, private event.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar would like to recognize the work put into student conferences.

Aidan McNally said she thinks we should recognize the work put into the conference, but that this decision would set a precedent for every society to receive funding for the work put into running a society. She would like to speak against this motion.

Curran McConnell said he agrees with Aidan McNally on setting a precedent for all types of society work.

This motion fails.

6.7 BIRT Le Salon receive \$108 in contingent funding to purchase bread and cheese for nine weekly meetings over the course of the winter term.

Moved by Zoe Brimacombe

Finance committee recommends approval

Zoë Brimacombe said this funding is for the whole semester. It's \$9 a week for cheese, \$3 for bread.

Drew Guyan asked what Le Salon was. Zoë Brimacombe said it is a society to practice conversational french.

Cedric Blais would like to speak in favour.

The motion is passed.

6.8 BIRT The King's Foreign Film Society receive \$35 in contingent funding to purchase baguettes and cheese for a film screening on February 2nd.

Moved by Zoe Brimacombe

Finance committee recommends approval

Zoë Brimacombe said this is in line with other requests by the King's Foreign Film society.

The motion is passed.

6.9 BIRT The King's PRIDE Society \$10 in contingent funding to purchase two boxes of herbal tea for regular PRIDE meetings over the course of the winter term.

Moved by Zoe Brimacombe

Finance committee recommends approval

Julia-Simone Rutgers said that the tea is normally a real hit at these meetings.

Zoë Brimacombe would like to support this motion.

The motion is adopted.

Society Ratification

6.10 BIRT the King's Jewish Book Club be ratified as a Tier I society for the 2016/2017 academic year.

Moved by Brennan McCracken

Brennan McCracken said this society aims invite people of any faith to its meetings and is hoping to ratify to make booking rooms easier.

Zoë Brimacombe would like to speak in favour.

Lucia Helder would like to speak in favour.

The motion is passed.

Solidarity

6.11 Whereas greenhouse gas emissions contribute to pollution and climate change; and

Whereas cities across Canada should be working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to the levels required to end the climate crisis; and

Whereas the iMatter Now Youth Climate Report Card is a science-based tool used to measure the extent that a city is taking to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

Whereas the grades given by the report card are based upon real data, the city's concrete actions, and the presence of climate programs; and

Whereas climate change issues are student issues:

Be it resolved that the King's Students' Union endorse the iMatter Now Youth Climate Report Card.

Moved by Gina Grattan

Gina Grattan said this motion was brought to one of the sustainability committee meetings. She said that endorsing the climate report card means that we send a short endorsement form and that we share it on our facebook page.

Brennan McCracken asked if Gina Grattan could speak to other groups that have endorsed the climate report card. Gina said the CFS supported the campaign, and has DivestDal and the Ecology Action Centre are looking into it.

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

Gina Grattan would like to highlight that students put work into this report.

The motion is passed.

6.12 BIRT the third party tasked with receiving nominations for the committee to create sexual assault policy recommend three names to the executive committee.

Moved by Aidan McNally

Aidan McNally said her report covered any information she had on this motion.

Curran McConnell asked for clarification on who the 3rd party was. Zoë Brimacombe said the executive has enlisted Charlotte Kiddell to receive applications for people to be on this committee to recommend to council in the interest of not having another council meeting.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar said he is worried about the wording of this motion. He said usually motions like this look different and explicitly says that council is passing off the right of choosing people for these positions to the executive.

Zoë Brimacombe said she suggests an amendment that states the three people will be elected by executive vote and not council vote.

Zoë Brimacombe would like to strike the whole motion and amend it to say:

6.12 BIRT the executive committee appoint three students to the university committee to Develop Sexual Assault Awareness, Prevention and Response Policy based on the recommends of the third party tasked with receiving nominations.

The amendment is passed.

The motion is passed.

7. New Business

Lucia Helder said there are new pots and pans and dishes in the Alex Hall kitchen.

Julia-Simone Rutgers said next council meeting is February 12th.

8. Adjournment

Aidan McNally moved to adjourn.

Adjournment 12:41 PM.