

# Minutes for KSU (Council of Students)

King's Students' Union 2016-2017 March 5, 2017, 10:00am 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 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 Marie Dolcetti Koros – Student

## Call to order at 10:06AM

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 February 12th, 2017

The minutes are approved.

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

Lianne Xiao said she is hosting a panel on March 20th on Reporting on Sexual Assault. She said she has planned two speakers from the Journalism field and someone from Avalon.

Curran McConnell said he is focusing on the Board of Governors changeover. He said he did not believe the Town Hall style BOG meeting is what students wanted. He said he plans on finding what is positive about this style of meeting. Jacob Baker-Kretzmar said BRC met, they are ready with amendments for AGM. Open consultations with students in the next few weeks. He went to BOG Town Hall, it was terrible and useless.

Frances Grace Fyfe said she has nothing to report.

Drew Guyan said the consent coalition met for the first time. She said most of her energy for this semester will be on that project. Currently the coalition plans on having a letter writing campaign and doing class talks.

Cedric Blais said the DSS is having it's winter General Meeting on Friday. He said that the Sugarmoon farm trip was moved to the 18th.

Pilar Guynot De Boismenu said she has nothing to report.

Lucia Helder said she signed a cheque for funds to go to the Symposium dinner. She has had conversations with Nick Hatt about putting more money towards the talent show.

## 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

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

#### 5. Action Items

Brennan McCracken motions to recess for 5 minutes at 10:37AM

Return at 10:43AM

#### **Funding Requests**

5.1 BIRT The Contemporary Studies Society receive 20 colour photocopies and \$156.00 in noncontingent funding to purchase wine and snacks for a Thesis Speed Dating event on March 16th. Moved by Zoë Brimacombe *Finance Committee recommends approval* 

Zoë Brimacombe said there are no issues with this request.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar said that the event will be in the SCR and that Elizabeth Edwards is their staff supervisor. The idea for this event is that thesis students can practice for their thesis defence. He said that all students who are writing a thesis are welcome, not just CSP students.

## The motion is passed. Jacob Baker-Kretzmar abstains.

5.2 BIRT The Contemporary Studies Society receive 40 colour photocopies and \$1071.05 in noncontingent funding to pay for the printing of the journal Hinge and to purchase wine and snacks for its launch party on March 31st. Moved by Zoë Brimacombe *Finance Committee recommends approval* 

Zoë Brimacombe said this funding request is both for the printing of Hinge and for the launch party.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar said this is the 23rd edition of Hinge. He said they are publishing ten King's students and are currently working on editing papers. The journal is free for King's students and they are printing 100 copies. He said their funding request is similar to the request in previous years.

# The motion passes. Jacob Baker-Kretzmar abstained.

5.3 BIRT The Early Modern Studies Society receive \$2256.18 in non-contingent funding to put on the Conference of the Early Modern on March 10th and 11th, including the costs of a Saturday morning reception, Sodexo lunch, conference dinner, evening receptions, and a chapel concert. Moved by Zoë Brimacombe *Finance Committee recommends amendment* 

Zoë Brimacombe said this is an extensive conference. She said there are 30 student panelist. The funding request is larger than past panels because they are providing food for participants.

Zoë Brimacombe said she would like to amend the motion by striking out \$2256.18 and replacing it with \$1856.18. She would also like to strike out chapel concert.

The motion now reads <u>5.3 BIRT The Early Modern Studies Society receive \$1856.18 in non-contingent</u> funding to put on the Conference of the Early Modern on March 10th and 11th, including the costs of a Saturday morning reception, Sodexo lunch, conference dinner, and evening receptions.

## The amendment passes.

Zoë Brimacombe noted that this request is a larger request than other conferences. She said that traditionally this conference is larger than others and this request is smaller than what was approved last year.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asked how much food EMSS is paying for and for how many people. He asked about amending the request to provide food only for those presenting at the conference.

Zoë Brimacombe replied that they had this conversation at finance committee, but that she followed up with the EMSS and feels comfortable with this amount.

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

The motion passes.

5.4 BIRT Students Advocating for Representative Curricula receive \$831.43 to pay for the printing of the journal CANON and to purchase snacks for its launch party on April 7th. Moved by Zoë Brimacombe *Finance Committee recommends approval* 

Zoë Brimacombe said this is the second year of this journal being published. She said SNARC is involved in all programs. They are printing 75 copies of CANON and that the rest of the money is going towards paying a student to create original artwork and the launch party.

## The motion is approved.

5.5 BIRT The Contemporary Studies society receive \$145.00 in non-contingent funding to purchase wine for the launch of the CANON journal on April 7th. Moved by Zoë Brimacombe *Finance Committee recommends approval* 

Zoë Brimacombe said that this request is for the same event. She said since SNARC is a tier one society with no special designation, they cannot request funding for alcohol. CSS can request alcohol funding and is co-hosting the launch. Zoë said this happened last year as well when EMSS co-hosted the launch.

Zoë Brimacombe would like to amend the motion. She asked to strike out \$145 and replace it with \$156.76. She said this change is because they overlooked non-alcoholic beverages in the initial request.

The amendment passes.

Aidan McNally is in favour of this motion.

Zoë Brimacombe said that SNARC does not have special designation because they are too young as a society.

The motion passes. Jacob Baker-Kretzmar abstained.

**Committee Hiring** 

5.6 BIRT , and be elected to the 2017 Chair Search Committee. Moved by Aidan McNally Aidan McNally said that the union hires students every year and needs committees to do the hiring. She said the committees go over resumes and conduct interviews.

Frances Grace Fyfe nominated Robert Dryer and Ghislaine SinClair. She said these are two FYP students who want to get involved with the KSU in the next year. Frances Grace said Robert helped create the King's Jewish Bookclub and wants to understand more about how the Union operates.

Zoë Brimacombe nominated Keegan Gardner-Elmer. She said he is a second year student on the elections committee and that he would like to see how the hiring process works.

Pilar Guynot De Boismenu said Ghislaine is a great person.

Brennan McCracken said the committee is chaired by the president, so both Brennan and Aidan will sit on that committee. There are only 4 voting members.

The blanks are filled by unanimous consent.

The motion now reads. <u>5.6 BIRT Keegan Gardner-Elmer, Robert Dryer, and Ghislaine SinClair, be elected to the 2017 Chair Search Committee.</u>

The motion passes.

5.7 BIRT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_ be elected to the 2017 Orientation Week Coordinator Search Committee. Moved by Aidan McNally

Aidan McNally said this committee reviews applications for those interested in being O-Week Coordinators.

Brennan McCracken said this committee is chaired by the president and that the Student Life Vice President sits on the committee.

Zoë Brimacombe nominated Sadie Cunningham.

Aidan McNally nominated Nika Lennox.

Frances Grace Fyfe nominated Caleb Sher.

Zoë said Sadie is in her third year and has not been actively involved in the KSU, but wants to be more involved.

Aidan McNally said Nika is in her second year at King's and sat on this committee last year. She enjoyed her time on that committee and was also a leader this year.

Frances Grace Fyfe said Caleb is a FYP student who took part in O-Week this year. He has consistently shown up to KSU events.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asked if the first year representative sat on this committee. Aidan McNally said the committee has both the incoming and outgoing president, as well as three union members, but does not include the first year representative.

The blanks are filled by unanimous consent.

Motion now reads: <u>5.7 BIRT Caleb Sher, Nika Lennox and Sadie Cunningham be elected to the 2017</u> Orientation Week Coordinator Search Committee.

The motion passes.

5.8 BIRT \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be elected to the 2017 CUBE Coordinator Search Committee. *Moved by Brennan McCracken* 

Brennan McCracken said that CUBE is the intramural athletics program. He said CUBE hosts intramural events every Tuesday and Thursday. The committee consists of the incoming SLVP and outgoing SLVP, and three union members.

Brennan McCracken nominated Jessica Simm, Rachel Colquhoun, Katie MacLean, and Peter Janson.

Brennan said Jessica would like to be part of the process because CUBE is a great way to get King's students more into athletics. He said she is on the female basketball team and believes this is a good way to promote student health.

Brennan said Rachel sat on the committee last year and has an interest in the student health. She is interested in the connection between physical and mental health as well.

Brennan said Katie plays on women's soccer team. He said she loves being part of the athletics community at King's and is interested in getting involved in the Union.

Brennan said Peter sat on the committee last year and is a student athlete.

Jessica – 12 votes yes

Rachael – 6 votes yes

Katie – 12 votes yes

Peter - 8 votes yes

Jessica, Katie and Peter fill in the blanks.

The motion now reads: <u>5.8 BIRT Jessica Simm, Katie MacLean, and Peter Janson be elected to the 2017</u> <u>CUBE Coordinator Search Committee.</u>

The motion passes.

5.9 BIRT \_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_ be elected to the 2017 Sustainability Officer Search Committee. Moved by Gina Grattan

Gina Grattan said that the next two positions were not hired this year. The sustainability officer takes charge on sustainability initiatives.

Gina would nominated Katherine Thomas and Elina Blomley.

Frances Grace Fyfe nominated Ruth Ballard.

Gina said Katherine has been member of King's sustainability society for four years and is in the environmental action committee. She is up to date on sustainability projects and what projects the sustainability officer would be continuing next year. Gina said Katherine enjoyed being on the search committee a few years ago so is familiar with the process.

Gina said Elina is a second year student and a sustainability major. Gina said Elina thinks this is a good place to start getting involved with the Union.

Frances Grace said Ruth is a FYP student who is interested in social justice issues and has been involved in a number of KSU societies and events. She said Ruth is looking forward to getting more involved with the Union in anyway she can.

The blanks are filled by unanimous consent.

The motion now reads: <u>5.9 BIRT Ruth Ballard, Elina Blomley and Katherine Thomas be elected to the</u> <u>2017 Sustainability Officer Search Committee.</u>

The motion passes.

Gina Grattan said this position would deal with issues of equity and put forward initiatives in the King's community.

Gina nominated Levi Clarkson and Mallory Thomas. Drew Guyan self-nominated.

Gina said Levi is aware of the systems of oppression and wants to make sure someone is aware of their own privilege when dealing with these issues.

Gina said Mallory would love to get more involved in the Union and these issues are important for her.

Drew Guyan said she has been on council so she knows how this works and she is involved in the equity and advocacy campaigns the union does. She said she wants to ensure we are being inclusive.

The blanks are filled by unanimous consent.

The motion now reads: <u>5.10 BIRT Drew Guyan</u>, <u>Mallory Thomas</u>, and <u>Levi Clarkson be elected to the</u> 2017 External Commissioner (Equity & Advocacy) Search Committee.

The motion is passed. Drew Guyan abstained.

5.11 BIRT , and be elected to the 2017 Chief Returning Officer Search <u>Committee</u>. *Moved by Julia-Simone Rutgers* 

Julia-Simone Rutgers said this committee is chaired by the incoming CVP and the outgoing CVP sits on the committee. She said three union members also sit on the committee.

Julia-Simone Rutgers nominated Alexandra Sweny, Emma Sigsworth, and Dorsa Eslami.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar self-nominated.

Julia-Simone said Alexandra has been involved with a lot of Union related things in the past and was on elections committee this year. She said Alexandra has worked directly with the current CRO.

Julia-Simone said Emma is looking to get more involved with Union.

Julia-Simone said Dorsa is a second year student who is getting more involved with the Union this year.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar said he chaired the committee as CVP and also as outgoing CVP. He said he worked with Emma Morris in his second year to fix an inefficient election process/procedure in the bylaws so he is familiar with what the role of CRO includes and how important it is for elections.

Alexandra - 11 votes

Emma – 2 votes

Dorsa – 11 votes

Jacob – 12 votes

The motion now reads: <u>5.11 BIRT Alexandra Sweny</u>, Dorsa Eslami and Jacob Baker-Kretzmar be elected to the 2017 Chief Returning Officer Search Committee.

The motion passes. Jacob Baker-Kretzmar abstained.

5.12 BIRT \_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_ be elected to the 2017 Scribe Search Committee. Moved by Julia-Simone Rutgers

Julia-Simone Rutgers said the scribe search committee is chaired by incoming CVP, 3 union members and outgoing CVP.

Julia-Simone nominated Danna Deutsch.

Frances Grace Fyfe nominated Caleb Mendel.

Drew Guyan self-nominated.

Julia-Simone said Danna is the president of Pride society and worked on Team Yes for referendum.

Frances Grace said Caleb is the best. She said he is a FYP student looking forward to getting more involved and understanding the hiring process.

Drew said she is part of council and knows what a scribe needs to do. She said she had a good idea of what the Union is looking for.

The blanks are filled by unanimous consent.

The motion now reads: <u>5.12 BIRT Caleb Mendel</u>, <u>Drew Guyan and Danna Deutsch be elected to the</u> 2017 Scribe Search Committee.

The motion is passed. Drew Guyan abstained.

#### 6. New Business

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asked when the Spring General Meeting is.

Julia-Simone Rutgers said she needed to check with Stephanie, but it will be held on March 30th.

Zoë Brimacombe said thank you to everyone on council. She has had a great time working with this group of people.

Julia-Simone said the next council date is March 19th and April 2nd is the last council date. She said the official election results were supposed to be attached to the agenda.

# 7. Adjournment

Lianne Xiao moved to adjourn.

Adjournment 11:35 PM.