



Minutes for General Meeting

King's Students' Union 2016-2017

Thursday, March 30, 2017, 7:00pm

Alumni Hall, New Academic Building

Call to order at 7:34 p.m.

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

1. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda is adopted.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes are approved.

3. Reports of the Executive Committee

3.1: Report of the President

The KSU executive announced their collective and personal goals. Brennan McCracken reported on the Board of Governors meeting. He said Orientation Week leader applications are open for September. Brennan discussed the food service contract with Chartwells and the KSU's concerns. He said the students have four demands and will boycott if these demands are not met.

3.2: Report of the Student Life Vice President

Lianne Xiao said she held a successful reporting on sexual assault panel and recommends it for next year. She mentioned other panels and events happening that week. She said she wanted to increase diversity with KSU events and get in touch with the racialized students coalition to make events more accessible.

3.3: Report of the Financial Vice President

Zoë Brimacombe discussed the KSU budget and University Budget. She said a preliminary draft budget was posted and she has made herself available to receive feedback. With university budget she has met with the budget advisory committee. She is advocating to moving the budgeting process to the fall so students can be more engaged. She said they are pushing to decrease tuition fees.

3.4: Report of the External Vice President

Marie Dolcetti Koros announced the positions of Sustainability Commissioner and Equity and Advocacy Commissioner. She said hiring will happen in the fall after they further outline their duties to focus on tangible effects. She said she wanted to make international students feel more supported and represented on campus. Marie said she is interested in working with DivestDal to ensure the KSU and Dalhousie have a strong and united voice.

3.5: Report of the Communications Vice President

Cassie Hayward said she was working on changing the way information is accessed in the Wardroom. She said she was working with the university to make sure information can get to students and wanted to focus on the athletics department.

4. Action Items

4.1 BIRT if quorum is lost, any action items not disposed of at this general meeting be referred to



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Moved by Cassie Hayward

Cassie Hayward explained the purpose of the motion.

The motion is passed.

4.2 BIRT the proposed 2017-2018 budget be adopted.

Moved by Zoë Brimacombe

Finance Committee recommends approval

Zoë Brimacombe went through the Spring Draft Budget. She explained what a budget is and explained specific language used within the budget. She said this budget is based on projected enrollment and will be adjusted in the fall based on actual enrollment. Zoë went through the specifics of the budget and explained the levies within the budget.

Zoë explained the honoraria and staff salaries. She went through the budget. She said we have a surplus this year of \$0.88.

Charlie Hook asked about the potential Chartwell boycott and if the KSU would use contingency funding to feed residence students who depend on meal hall. Zoë replied that the KSU would look into partnering with the Galley and the Loaded Ladle to provide accessible food for those students.

Brennan McCracken motioned to move the surplus into the contingency line so that it reads \$2750.88. Kayleigh MacDonald asked why he wanted to move the funds. Brennan said that he thinks having the money go to contingency is best.

Cedric Blais asked if this is the best place to put the money. Brennan said yes, but the floor is open to debate.

The amendment is passed.

James Wise asked what happens with the deficit money from last year. Zoë Brimacombe explained what a deficit budget means.

Carlo Maggaard-Romano asked how much the Union has in savings. Zoë Brimacombe replied that the Union does not have savings, but funds that remain in the bank account from years underspent. She is working on bringing financial statements to general meetings.

The motion passed.

4.3 BIRT the revised Bylaws and Operations Policy be adopted.

Moved by Cassie Hayward

Bylaw Review Committee recommends approval



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Cassie Hayward went over the bylaw amendments. Amending the Day Student Representative. Amending 4.2 the chief returning officers duties. Amending 3.1 the Union hired positions.

Cedric Blais moved to amend item 4.2 so that it reads “either president or communications vice president or the internal vice president” to reflect a new executive position.

The amendment is passed.

Gina Grattan asked about 3.1. The Chair said it just clarifies the positions within the bylaws. Gina asked if the new EVP positions should be included. The Chair said they are waiting for the fall when the positions are redefined.

Gina Grattan moved an amendment. She wants to add section e) the external commissioner advocacy and f) external commissioner sustainability.

Gina Grattan asked if these positions should be outlined in bylaws before they are hired. Marie Dolcetti Koros said she is comfortable with their exclusion until the positions are revamped.

Ryan Kavanagh said the union should wait until the positions are hired to add their duties into the bylaws so they can work with the people hired to outline exact duties.

Zoë Brimacombe spoke against the amendment. She does not see a benefit in adding the titles to the bylaws without also adding their duties.

The amendment failed.

The motion is passed.

4.4 BIRT the Galley Levy be renewed for the 2017/2018 academic year, to be re-evaluated at the next Spring General Meeting.

Moved by Brennan McCracken

Brennan McCracken said this vote ensures that King's Students pay the levy.

Charlie Hook asked if there is something the KSU can do to make sure the Galley space is owned by the KSU. Brennan said as it stands we do not have a space agreement but there will be talks this summer about that.

The motion is passed.

4.5 BIRT _____, _____, and _____, be elected to the Bylaw Review Committee for the 2017/2018 academic year.

Moved by Cassie Hayward



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Jacob Baker-Kretzmar nominated Julia-Simone Rutgers.

Hannah McDougall self nominated.

Keegan Gardner-Elmer self nominated.

Ryan Kavanagh self nominated.

Zoë Brimacombe nominated Peter Howe.

Michael Greenlaw self nominated.

Brennan McCracken nominated Verity Thompson.

The nominations closed.

Jacob said Julia-Simone just finished her term as CVP and has experience on the Bylaw Review Committee. He said she was an asset on the committee. The creation of the Racialized Student Collective was her idea and she is level headed, as well as good with working with policy.

Ryan Kavanagh motivated for Julia-Simone Rutgers.

Hannah McDougal said this year she was the Chief Returning Officer and worked with the election procedure. She thinks there are a lot of gaps in the bylaws in terms of referenda. She would like to keep working on these changes.

Ryan Kavanagh asked what skills Hannah believed she could take from CRO to the Bylaw Review Committee. Hannah replied that she knows where some gaps are already in the bylaws and knows about policy in general.

Gina Grattan and Keegan Gardner-Elmer motivated for Hannah.

Keegan Gardner-Elmer worked on elections committee and has some knowledge of the KSU policy.

Ryan Kavanagh sat on Elections Committee and Bylaw Review Committee this year and was First Year Representative two years ago. He enjoyed his time on Bylaw Review Committee, but wants to push for more change next year.

Kayleigh MacDonald asked what kind of work Ryan has already put into changes for next year. Ryan said there are positions he believes need reviewing.

Zoë Brimacombe motivated for Peter Howe. He has not been on a committee but is a dedicated member of the KSU. He is meticulous and she thinks it is important to have people with little



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Katy Weatherly moved for Peter Howe. She said he will push for change that supports the interest of Union members.

Brennan McCracken said Verity Thompson has worked with the chapel, as an O-Week coordinator, and on patrol. He said she believes in the work of the bylaw review committee.

Michael Green said he just finished his gap year. He said in high school he was co-president of his school, where he became passionate about student life.

Ryan Kavanagh, Cassie Hayward, and Kayleigh MacDonald motivated for Michael.

Voting:

Julia-Simone Rutgers : 28 yes

Hannah McDougal 23 yes

Keegan Gardner-Elmer 2 yes

Ryan Kavangah 11 yes

Peter Howe 18 yes

Verity Thompson 9 yes

Michael Greenlaw 8 yes

Julia-Simone Rutger, Hannah McDougall, and Peter Howe received majority votes.

Kayleigh MacDonald called for quorum.

Jacob Baker-Kretzmar motioned for a recess until we reached quorum. Charlie Hook seconded the motion.

Recessed at 8:58 p.m.

Returned from recess at 9:10 a.m.

The motion now reads: 4.5 BIRT Julia-Simone Rutgers, Hannah McDougall, and Peter Howe, be elected to the Bylaw Review Committee for the 2017/2018 academic year.

The motion is passed.



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4.6 BIRT _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____ be elected to the Elections Committee, with _____ and _____ serving as alternates for the 2017/2018 academic year.

Moved by Cassie Hayward

Cassie Hayward explained elections committee. She explained that this means you cannot run for a councillor position in the fall.

Zoë Brimacombe nominated Charlotte Sullivan.

Michael Greenlaw self-nominated.

Ryan Kavanagh self-nominated.

Hannah McDougall self-nominated and nominated Hillary Allister.

Chris Pearse nominated Isabelle Reynolds.

Keegan Gardner-Elmer self-nominated.

Drew Guyan self-nominated.

Peter Jansen self-nominated as an alternate.

Brennan McCracken asked if the Chair could sit on the elections committee. The Chair said yes.

Hannah McDougall explained what an alternate is.

Zoë Brimacombe motivated for Charlotte Sullivan. She said Charlotte is the current KSU Chair and has a good understanding of the elections procedure.

Kayleigh MacDonald motivated for Charlotte. She said Charlotte is knowledgeable about elections.

Jamie Whitley motivated for Charlotte.

Michael Greenlaw said he wants to get more involved with the KSU and thinks this is a good opportunity.

Ryan Kavanagh said he currently sits on elections committee and would like to continue next year.

Hannah McDougall said she just finished her term as CRO and wants to continue to be involved in elections. She said she wants to be on the committee to support the incoming CRO.

Lianne Xiao motivated for Hillary Alister. Hilary would like to continue to be on the elections committee. She knows the guidelines and processes with the KSU. She wants to advocate for the



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Chris Pearse motivated for Isabelle Reynolds. He said she is knowledgeable and is pursuing a degree in political science. He said she wants to be a fresh face on the committee.

Isabelle Reynolds said she is organized and dedicated. She would love to be more involved in the KSU.

Keegan Gardner-Elmer said he is currently on the elections committee. He would like to keep doing fun things with elections committee.

Drew Guyan said she is currently the arts representative and sits on a lot of committees. She said she was briefly on the elections committee last year, but then she ran for the arts rep position.

Voting:

Charlotte Sullivan 41 yes

Michael Greenlaw 27

Ryan Kavanagh 29

Hannah McDougall 35

Isabelle Reynolds 25

Hillary Alister 29

Keegan Gardner-Elmer 29

Drew Guyan 24

Charlotte Sullivan, Ryan Kavanagh, Hannah McDougall, Michael Greenlaw, Hillary Alister, and Keegan Gardner-Elmer received the majority vote

Isabelle Reynolds and Drew Guyan were put forward as alternates.

Voting:

Peter Jansen 12

Drew Guyan 31

Isabelle Reynolds 30

Drew Guyan and Isabelle Reynolds received majority vote.

Motion now reads: 4.6 BIRT Charlotte Sullivan, Ryan Kavanagh, Hannah McDougall, Michael Greenlaw, Hillary Alister, and Keegan Gardner-Elmer be elected to the Elections Committee, with Isabelle Reynolds and Drew Guyan serving as alternates for the 2017/2018 academic year.

The motion is passed.

4.7 BIRT _____, _____, and _____ be elected to the Galley Board of Directors for the 2017/2018 academic year.

Moved by Brennan McCracken



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Brennan McCracken explained the Galley Board of Directors.

Jacob Green asked what the responsibilities of this board are. Michaela Sam said the Galley Board of Directors works with the hospitalities coordinator and the KSU president to make sure the Galley stays in line with sustainable food practices and stays affordable.

Gina Grattan self-nominated.

Zoë Brimacombe nominated Michaela Gillis.

Lianne Xiao nominated Ryan Irwin.

Filling in blanks with unanimous consent.

The motion now reads: 4.7 BIRT Gina Grattan, Ryan Irwin, and Mikylah Gillis be elected to the Galley Board of Directors for the 2017/2018 academic year.

Gina Grattan said she just finished her term as vice-president external and worked with equity. She said she is passionate about food justice.

Zoë Brimacombe motivated for Mikylah Gillis. She said Mikylah is a 3rd year student who has been on the o-week hiring committee. She is looking to get more involved with the KSU and is passionate about student run food.

Lianne Xiao motivated for Ryan Irwin. She said Ryan works with the Loaded Ladle and is a good advocate for locally sourced food at both the Ladle and the Galley.

The motion is passed.

5. New Business

Brennan McCracken said that there are copies of the petition about food services on campus to sign up front.

6. Adjournment

Lianne Xiao moved to adjourn.

Adjournment at 9:34 p.m.