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## Fall General Meeting

King's Students' Union 2013/2014

September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 7:00 pm

The KTS Lecture Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> floor New Academic Building)

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### Call to Order 7:13pm

Recognition of Mi'kmaq Territory

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

*Approved with unanimous consent*

2. **Reports from the Executive Committee** (*see Appendix A*)

2.1. Report from the President

2.2. Report from the Vice-President (Student Life)

2.3. Report from the Vice-President (Financial)

2.4. Report from the Vice-President (External)

2.5. Report from the Vice-President (Communications)

3. **Report from the Constitutional Review Committee** (*See Appendix B*)

3.1. (Special Resolution) BIRT the following be inserted into the Constitution at the end of section 34: "Notice for the purposes of this section shall be defined as email to the Union membership and physical advertisement on the King's College campus."

*Moved by Mr. Haydn Watters*

*Seconded by Ms. Karen Gross*

Mr. Haydn Watters explained that the committee chose not to specify TWAK as the form of email in case things change in the future. He explained that the registry of joint stocks requested a more specific definition of "notice" in the constitution.

Ms. Anna Dubinski asked him to explain what the constitution is, why we follow it.

Mr. Haydn Watters explained it's our guiding document that tells us what to do.

Ms. Anika Roberts-Stahlbrand pointed out that not everyone in the general membership will be on TWAK, not actually a way to reach out to the general membership.

Mr. Haydn Watters explained this is the most accessible way as not everyone goes on the website. He mentioned that there are currently 1200 people subscribed to TWAK.

Ms. Sophia asked if there's a way to coordinate with program leaders or teachers to get announcements to happen in classes.

Mr. Haydn Watters said the union already does a lot of announcements in FYP as well as other classes.

Ms. Sophia suggested sending emails to all students via department email lists (e.g. through Pat Dixon).

*Motion passes.*

3.2. (Special Resolution) BIRT in section 27 of the Constitution, the word “Special” be struck out and replaced with “extraordinary”.

*Moved by Mr. Haydn Watters*

*Seconded by Mr. John Cavan*

Mr. Haydn Watters explained that the term “special” can only be used for general members meetings, according to the registry of joint stocks.

He said extraordinary meetings will probably be easier to advertise.

*Motion passes.*

3.3. (Special Resolution) BIRT the following be inserted as the final section in the Constitution:

“After each General Meeting at which these bylaws are amended, the Vice-President (Communications), subject to the approval of Council, is hereby empowered to:

a) Renumber the provisions of these bylaws to accommodate the changes that have been made;

b) Correct cross-references between provisions which are no longer accurate;

c) Correct errors of spelling; and

d) Replace gender biased language with gender neutral language.”

*Moved by Mr. Haydn Watters*

*Seconded by Mr. Eyo Ewara*

Mr. Haydn Watters explained that this change would make his job much easier by allowing him to deal with numbering changes and spelling mistakes, rather than needing to go to the general membership each time.

Mr. Taylor Saracuse asked if there will be operational definitions of these terms, as it could be possible for this to give him a lot of leeway.

Mr. Alex Bryant pointed out that all changes would go through council.

Ms. Sophia asked if there is a way to outline that free reign in a written form so that those who read the constitution in the future and see what changes have been made.

Mr. Haydn Watters said council would be sure to check that changes made would be very clear.

Ms. Michaela Sam noted that any changes to be made would be made available publically before council via the agenda.

*Motion passes.*

3.4. (Special Resolution) BIRT subsection b) of section 60 of the Constitution be struck out and replaced with “b) Four (4) other non-executive Union members to be elected at the Fall General Meeting.”.

*Moved by Mr. Haydn Watters*

*Seconded by Mr. Alex Bryant.*

Mr. Haydn Watters pointed out that the Finance Committee is the only major committee that is not elected. He says it will make things more transparent. Allows more general members to be involved in the process.

Ms. Anna Dubinski asked the chair that since we have already appointed finance committee for this year, and if we need to add something to allow for the fact that we have already appointed a finance committee for this year.

Mr. Jakes Eidinger said yes.

*Ms. Anna Dubinski moved to amend the motion to read:*

3.4. (Special Resolution) BIRT subsection b) of section 60 of the Constitution be struck out and replaced with “b) Four (4) other non-executive Union members to be elected at the Fall General Meeting.” Provided, however, that this change will take effect after the close of this general meeting.

*Seconded by Ms. Colleen Earle*

Ms. Sophia asked what the previous method of election was.

Ms. Anna Dubinski explained that previously the FVP would ask for interested applicants and they would submit their application to him.

*Amendment passes.*

*Motion passes.*

(Special Resolution) BIRT “As of the Fall General Election, 2004,” be struck out of section 17 of the Constitution.

Mr. Haydn Watters explained that this is unnecessary.

*Motion passes.*

#### 4. **Action Items**

4.1. BIRT if quorum is lost, any items not disposed of at this General Meeting will be referred to Council for final decision.

*Moved by Ms. Anna Dubinski*

*Seconded by Mr. Jesse Laufer*

Ms. Anna Dubinski explained that this motion was invented by Mr. John Adams when he was member at large. Anything we don't get through will go to this Sunday's council meeting, otherwise if quorum was lost we would have to organize another GM.

Ms. Sophia asks if there is any consideration for the importance of the motion, and if there is any proviso to keep that for the next general meeting.

Mr. Jake Eidinger explains that the only item council cannot pass would be the budget.

Mr. Alex Bryant asks people to please not leave.

*Motion passes.*

4.2. BIRT the proposed budget be approved. (See Appendix C)

*Moved by Mr. Alex Bryant*

*Seconded by Ms. Karen Gross*

Mr. Alex Bryant reminded everyone they can ask questions if they are confused about the budget. He emphasized how important it is that everyone understand what's going on. He explained that these are not dollars we have in our bank account right now, but goals we hope to meet across the year. He used the example of "auditing".

He discussed the changes that have come up since the budget was approved in March.

He said the major change is the one to the Hospitality Manager budget line. We expected to pay Nick \$12,960, but found it to be a much too small number. When the previous executive decided to split the IC (Internal Coordinator) position into two positions, they thought they could hire two people for less than the price of the old IC. The original contract didn't expect the HM to start work until September. However, Nick did a lot of necessary work across the summer. Instead of the eight months of pay expected, there is now a 12 month pay period for the HM. The IC number remains unchanged. The change to the HM salary will affect the rest of the budget.

The first thing he changed was the savings line. When they thought they had a lot of money to play around with they added a savings line. That line has now been cut.

The handbook line has been changed from \$2550 to \$2050 to reflect the actual cost of the handbooks now that they have been purchased.

The special projects line was added last year when there was extra room in the budget and the executive wanted to be able to buy cool stuff on campus. It was used to buy speakers for the wardroom. Now that there is less room in the budget, the line has been reduced to \$750.

The capital line was meant to cover purchases including new computers, however the Journalism Department donated computers to the KSU, so that line was reduced.

Mr. Alex Bryant forgot to increase the executive honoraria according to inflation at the last GM. He has now made the change to reflect that, increasing each honourarium by \$40.

He explained that everything he's talked about so far is what we're currently voting on, but that there is a new budget based on new changes.

Mr. Taylor Saracuse asked if the budget changes have found the necessary \$8000.

Mr. Alex Bryant said he'll address that as he talks about the new changes.

(8:11pm – Ms. Karen Gross is replaced by Ms. Gwendolyn Moncrieff-Gould as scribe)

Mr. Alex Bryant explained the differences in payments paid by full time and part time students; the budget contains the revised enrollment numbers received from the University.

Mr. Chris Parsons clarified that the MFA programme has been planned for a long time, but was just recently launched this summer. They MFA students pay fewer fees as they are essentially distance students, but this will be revisited in the fall.

Mr. Alex Bryant said that we do not charge fees on a per credit basis; we have flat rates. Other universities pro rate the fees per class credit taken. The fees received this year will be as listed in the budget.

Mr. Alex Bryant went over the amount collected per student, as listed in the budget – 199.44\$. Once the levies have been distributed, the Union gets 97.40\$ per student. The estimated income was 114,932\$. The Union also collects fees from the ATM; the projected revenue is low compared to the amount taken in last year. We are still 4,000\$ under our projected revenue.

Mr. Taylor Saracuse asked whether or not there is an explanation for the amount taken in by the ATM.

Mr. Alex Bryant stated that there isn't one; the projected amount holds true with what we take in every year, but we do not know why.

The Hospitality Manager line has been revised to 22,000 instead of 20,000. Calculated based on how much we have already paid the HM as well as what we expect to do for the next 8 months. We will be speaking to the HM tomorrow to go over our expectations regarding amount of work hours per week. This is the number we believe will come out of it.

The estimated insurance (as well as other) payments have also been adjusted based on last year's payments.

Telephone/internet payments have been bumped up, based on a bill of close to 4,000\$ last year. The Union does not want to spend this money, but realistically it will be.

The "handbook" has been changed to read as "dayplanner" for clarity.

"Internet expense" has been changed to "website expense" for clarity.

Photocopying and printing expenses were double the estimate last year. The estimate has been kept the same last year, as the amount spent last year is too damn high. The KSU will no longer be a print shop for societies, which is unfortunate – it was a great service. Prints are now tracked.

Mr. Chris Parsons stated that the old photocopy codes had not changed in the past several years. We are now trying to rotate these codes. In three years, the print counter rose to over a million prints. People have been overturning the budgeted number as well without looking at actual expenses for the previous year. The amount budgeted could not have paid for the cost of the photocopying, because of a misunderstanding in how the payments were made. An entire categories of costs was left out, possibly actual paper purchase costs. Code use has been tightened, and the new printer will have lower charges and should cost us less to run in the future. If the Union wants to let everyone make all the copies we need to figure out how we will pay for it.

Mr. Alex Byrant said that he would like to stay at the projected spending for the printer, which we are figuring out.

Because of all the changes, the totals will also have to be changed.

The contingency funding is for anything that may get broken and will need to be fixed. The fund that is used when we are in dire straits, in case of sudden emergencies, loans, ect. This number is pretty tight, but this is the padding we have.

Ms. Anna Dubinski pointed out that if a computer were to break we would just overspend on office supplies; two years ago we were tricked into spending 2000\$ on toner, which came from the contingency fund. We have a lifetime supply of toner.

Mr. Alex Bryant stated that if we have major problems 3000\$ will not cut it. But that's what we have.

We are running a deficit of around 10,000\$ after the changes. This does not mean that we will owe 10,000\$ at the end of the year. We have stewed on this for four months, but we cannot run things as we would like to with this amount.

There aren't too many places that we can cut a thousand dollars; we can't cut ten thousand dollars. We need to deal with this. This has not just come out this year, there has not been effort to investigate what we have been spending in previous years.

We need to figure out where we're going to get the money to run things properly. We have two businesses now, the Wardroom and the Galley. The Galley is on its two feet, but we are putting out a whole bunch of services that we had not been able to give out before thanks to our two employees. I want to head off that we did not budget properly for the employees; we need them. We have grown to a point where we need them, but we have overgrown our revenue. The services we are offering are more than we can really handle.

He has been working on increasing fees.

First – one big expenditure is our executive. In reality, the executive gets paid nothing compared to all other executives. That is another conversation to have, but this is not a place we can cut funds and have people still working properly.

Mr. Taylor Saracuse asked how much other executives make.

Mr. Alex Bryant said that Mt. St. Vincent – six times our salary. Dal president makes more than 50,000\$ (fifteen times). NSCAD gets 10,000\$/year.

Ms. Anna Dubinski stated that we work about 30hrs/week

Mr. Chris Parsons said other universities pay my equivalent twice as much as me, and they have four of me. We're asking the union to work with a small amount of money and few resources.

Mr. Alex Bryant said as much as that's a personal issue, we need to know that that is not something that we can cut.

An increase in fees is the only solution he can think of.

Ms. Haritha Popuri asked what would be the maximum of the students to pay to cover this, and what the executives are worth.

Mr. Alex Bryant stated that council can't vote that through.

Ms. Michaela Sam said that levy increases (eg. South House) go to a referendum, similar to the voting process for councillors. Two days for voting, we put forward a question, and everyone goes to the polls. There is a certain quorum to meet.

Mr. Alex Bryant said that this is the first time that we're having this conversation outside of an executive meeting. I would love to share this information with all of the student body. People were already talking about this last year.

Mr. Sam Gleave asked when the last time the KSU fees increased was.

Mr. Alex Bryant said that we have only increased with inflation, but no one remembers a time when fees were increased. It has been at least nine years.

Ms. Haritha Popuri asked about the staff changeover fee.

Mr. Alex Bryant said that we were paying John as we were paying our new staff, but that is two separate budgets.

Ms. Haritha Popuri asked where the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary funding is.

Ms. Michaela Sam said that it is in my budget, as well as fundraisers.

Mr. Taylor Saracuse said that he takes issue with every dollar that goes up on fees, as it makes school less accessible for students. Have we looked at bringing money from the outside in? Corporate sponsoring in the Wardroom? We could be getting beer for a lot cheaper.

Mr. Alex Bryant said that if we're going to be campaigning against increased tuition, it is hard to ask students for more money. Corporate sponsorships (having done no research) would be to wonder about it affecting our independence. I would not shy away from investigating, but I would have concerns.

Ms. Sophia asked about event sponsorship, without impeding the day to day running of the KSU.

Mr. Alex Bryant said that donations or gifts would be one time, but we couldn't count on them. It would likely not be recurring, but we can look into this.

Ms. Ariel Wiener asked if the 9000\$ in deficit is after we increase the HM salary.

Mr. Alex Bryant said that we are not increasing, but we did not realize the cost of his contract. But yes, the deficit includes the HM's increased payments.

Ms. Ariel Wiener asked what the campaign's line is for.

Mr. Jesse Laufer said that any campaign that we run, where we need supplies, comes from there. Action King's participated in Take Back the Night – there was food provided, posters, supplies, tshirts, ect. Previously things like the Days of Action with food and hot meals would come from there, as well as anything related to VP External events – like talks from Acorn Canada, for example.

Mr. Chris Parsons said we can't change the fee tonight. When we look at this number we need to keep in mind that budgeting can be difficult (due to fluctuating enrollment numbers). There are small issues that can come to the surface. This is a short small term problem at the moment, as well as the long term issue of the underfunding of the union. We need to look at this separately from tuition fees – this meeting didn't happen because of the increase in tuition. That we can come together and talk about it makes it a fundamentally different conversation. Also, the Union as a whole needs to make a decision about minor efficiencies. I lost 150 pens in the space of a month. Do we want to spend on this? It's a choice, but we need to be able to balance that choice on the ledger. It has been an unconscious choice so far to let it creep up.

Mr. Alex Bryant asked if everyone is still awake.

Ms. Anna Dubinski proposed that this conversation continue in the halls of King's and that we come back to it later.

Mr. Alex Bryant asked the chair how to do this.

Mr. Jake Eidinger said we need to switch the old budget to the new budget, which includes the mistakes and the actual changes. This budget (projected on the screen) will be considered a substitution.

*Mr. Alex Bryant moves to substitute this budget (2013/2014).*

*Mr. Taylor Saracuse seconds.*

BIRT that the tentative budget 2013/2014 proposed by Alex Bryant with a total enrolment of 1096 be substituted for the tentative budget posted on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

*Motion passes as amended.*

Mr. Taylor Saracuse asked if we are just openly recognizing that paying the HM with money that we don't have right now-

Mr. Alex Bryant said that we do. We have money in the bank. We will be fine. This is not fiscally irresponsible.

Mr. Jesse Laufer asked if in 2014/2015 we have the same budge, will we still be ok.

Mr. Alex Bryant said that would not happen due to the chaotic nature of our spending. We can't plan with a specificity that we would need to for me to answer that question properly.

Ms. Harisa Popuri asked for examples of what might happen to the next exec dealing with this.

Ms. Anna Dubinski said that the structural deficit – we're going to have to pinch this year. The Galley Agreement – the amount has been forgiven, but we would have owed 40,000\$ this year. If we were sued – what would happen? It's the sense that we can squeeze through this year, but it is a scary thought that we could be put over the edge. We have to get through this year, we don't have a choice.

Mr. Alex Bryant said that this doesn't meant that we're going to spend all we have in the bank. When we look at how we have been spending, we see the need to change how we operate to keep us out of a negative place.

Ms. Sophia asked if there is a system in place to track what we are spending and how we are spending it.

Mr. Alex Bryant said that there is! We now have records in the KSU office of what our spending has been like. I know the numbers now! I have a book and can add things up, that's were some of the numbers come from, I have things tracked. These tracking systems didn't exist for previous years, which is where the issues come in. We do know how we are spending on the printer now. Every print is tracked and costed out.

Mr. Chris Parsons said it has been two weeks since we got the printer and I know exactly how and who has been printing. That's the goal going forward. There is a solid attempt to track everything.

Mr. Alex Bryant said that you can also come to council and ask for exact numbers on this stuff, or stop by the office. We'll tell you.

Mr. Taylor Saracuse asked what safeguards we have in place to make sure we're going to deal with this.



Mr. Alex Bryant said all the stuff we just talked about. This is my job, you should expect this.

Mr. Taylor Saracuse asked if there are any official next steps?

Mr. Alex Bryant said that we'll do a report to council about this GM. The conversations will happen at the council level then. If you want to double check, look at the minutes, come to council. On Sunday that's the earliest you'll see action on it.

Mr. Jake Clancey-Edwards asked if there is any reason grad week went overbudget last year, and why this isn't this reflected in this year's budget.

Mr. Alex Bryant said that they spent from the wrong line. It would still have been overbudget, but I can't change the line they spent from. You can move to bump the current line up, but I don't want to spend that much so I didn't.

Mr. Jake Clancey-Edwards asked how we know they won't overspend this year.

Mr. Alex Bryant said that I don't want to sound as though I'm speaking about previous execs, but we're tracking spending and keeping it up to date this year, which should prevent this.

Ms. Anna Dubinski said that she will supervise and make sure that they don't.

Mr. Alex Bryant said that we had a long conversation about what the dayplanner was at the previous GM, and it was voted on, we decided to keep it.

Ms. Anna Dubinski said that people ask for them all the time.

Mr. Chris Parsons said that we do look at things to get rid of.

Mr. Alex Bryant said that we don't look at how many people take more than one handbook. Same as condoms, some people take 45, some take none. It's not our place to tell students to tell students what they do and don't need.

Ms. Anna Dubinski said that if a student loses a planner and gets another one, I think that's beautiful.

Mr. Chris Parsons said that we've never had to order more planners, and ordering too many has never really been a problem.

Mr. Alex Bryant said that the Galley contingency fund is kept around, though the Galley is on its own two feet. It's a just in case, because it is a business under our umbrella.

Mr. Sam Gleave asked if the Wardroom makes money.

Mr. Alex Bryant said that he couldn't answer that.

Mr. Nick Wright said that we are in a good place, but I don't have an exact number.

Mr. Sam Gleave asked if we can use that money as revenue.

Mr. Alex Bryant said that that is an interesting question. That's a bit of a longer question to have, maybe in council. I would not want to invade the independence of the wardroom. We're liable to bail them out if we take their money in.

Ms. Anna Dubinski said that the Wardroom is not for profit, so any profit is reinvested in the space. Doesn't go to us.

*BIRT that the proposed budget be approved.*

*The budget is adopted.*

4.3. BIRT \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ be elected to the Academic Committee for the 2013/14 academic year.

*Moved by Ms. Michaela Sam*

Ms. Michaela Sam said that any King's student can submit their names for this. Just put up your hand. You'll have 30 seconds to explain a bit about yourself.

You can nominate people who aren't in this room – if they want to be nominated.

Academic committee – deals with any academic issues, like plagiarism, accessibility, resources.

Rawb Leon-Carlyle, Michelle Johnstone, Megan Lishka, Amelia Wilding, Haritha Popuri nominated.

Mr. Rawb Leon-Carlyle clarified that he is co-president of the CSP society, so I'm already on the committee. I'll withdraw my name.

Ms. Hariatha Popuri also withdraws as she is on the HOST executive.

Mr. Kevin Brown asked how many times the committee met last year.

Ms. Michaela Sam said it didn't. I hope to sit 2-3 times per semester this year. Mr. Noah White was the chair last year.

*Mr. Jake Eidinger amends Michelle Johnstone, Megan Lishka, and Amelia Wilding to fill the blanks with unanimous consent.*

Ms. Amelia Wilding said that she was Arts Rep this year, I wanted to sit on the committee last year but it didn't meet. I look forward to discussing the Dal-King's relationship. If I run for and win arts rep again there will be another blank on the committee.

*Motion is adopted as amended.*

4.4. BIRT \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ be elected to the Graduation Committee Selection Committee for the 2013/14 academic year.

*Moved by Ms. Michaela Sam*

Ms. Michaela Sam said that it makes sure that the grad week coordinators are hired ethically.

*Ms. Anna Dubinski nominated Adrienne Bernstein.*

Mr. Jake Eidinger asked if these have to be graduating students.

Ms. Anna Dubinski said no.

*Ms. Karen Gross nominated Patrick Wappler.*

*Ms. Kayla Fells self nominated.*

*Mr. Jake Eidinger amended the motion to read Adrienne Bernstein, Patrick Wappler, and Kayla Fells with unanimous consent*

*Motion is adopted as amended*

4.5. BIRT \_\_\_\_\_ be elected to the Watch Board of Publishers for the 2013/14 academic year.

*Moved by Ms. Michaela Sam*

Ms. Michaela Sam said that we usually nominate for this at the end of the year, which we did, but one of the people elected stepped down. This committee sits to look at the levy that the Watch receives. Also has disciplinary power over the Watch. Meets twice per semester.

Ms. Anna Dubinski said that we're circulating minutes from the last GM.

*Mr. Nick Stark self nominated*

*Mr. Evan nominated Kelsey Power*

Mr. Nick Stark said that I was KSU president last year, I have experience dealing with financial issues, levies, and the Watch. I have contributed to it before. I think it's important to have a student publication that is accessible to everyone.

Mr. Evan spoke for Kelsey. She's a fourth year honours journalism student. Pretty smart, knows her stuff about journalism. She hasn't been on any execs, so she'd represent the student body as a whole. Oh yeah – one time she got an in person interview with Peter Kelley.

*Votes for Nick Stark - 24*

*Votes for Kelsey Power – 39*

*The motion is amended to read Kelsey Power*

*The motion is adopted as amended.*

4.6. BIRT \_\_\_\_\_ be elected to the WUSC Levy Board.

*Moved by Ms. Michaela Sam*

Ms. Michaela Sam said that it releases the WUSC levy. WUSC is the World University Services of Canada. They allow two students to come here and learn at King's from elsewhere in the world.

*Karen Gross self nominates.*

*Motion is amended to read Karen Gross.*

*The motion is adopted as amended.*

## 5. **Approval of the Minutes**

## 5.1 Approval of Minutes from March 28, 2013

Mr. Haydn Watters said that they were sent out to councillors and are online as well.

Mr. Jake Eiding asked if pending the changes that anyone writes down here, are there any other corrections? None, the minutes will be approved as amended here.

*Minutes approved as amended*

## 6. **New Business**

Mr. Dave Etherington said that I'd like to introduce myself, I'm Dave Etherington. I'm going to be sticking around, I'm the rep for the Canadian Federation of Students.

Ms. Amelia Wiliding said that I'm the current Arts Rep. I also sit on the Dal Arts and Social Sciences board. They are having their GM on Wednesday. Please talk to me later if you have any questions about the Arts Rep position.

Ms. Meg Shields said that the Bacchae is on October 5<sup>th</sup> on the Quad. Audition sheets are outside the Wardroom.

## 7. **Adjournment 9:44pm.**

## **Appendix A: Reports from the Executive Committee**

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### **REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dearest friends,

It is with a great many feelings circling my stomach that I stand before you today. This is the last time I will participate in a General Meeting as a voting member of Council (if I can get my act together and graduate on time). It has already, in the 5 short (LONG) months of my position, been both a pleasure and privilege to be able to work with such inspiring peers, and dedicated friends. The members of this campus never ever cease to surprise me, and for that I am so grateful (otherwise, how boring). As any of you who know me already know, I have a habit of reducing myself to cheesy anecdotes and empty sayings (YOLO) and so I will leave the emotions to that, and leave you, instead, with my report. In it, I briefly outline the projects that I've been working since we last met as a General Body, but most important, outline what I look forward to in this upcoming year.

#### **UNION STAFF**

Since we last met as a general body, the Union has not only completed the hiring process and training protocols of our two new staff people, Christopher Parsons and Nicholas Wright have been getting comfortable in the KSU office, almost having completed 4 months on the job.

While the division of Internal Coordinator position into 2 positions (which now includes the Hospitalities Manager position) presents itself with its own challenges, the divide is proving beneficial for both parties. The Internal Coordinator's time can now be focused entirely upon the management of the office and union services, which has resulted in much better (if not yet perfect) office practices, communication, and (occasionally) cleanliness. With another person's focus entirely upon the Union businesses, the Wardroom and the Galley are receiving the tender loving care they deserve. While the Galley is still growing from infant to toddler, the Wardroom is currently the most successful it's ever been. While there are many details to be coaxed out of the two positions and decided upon later this year, I am looking forward to working with the executive, Chris and Nick to making the union staff positions run as smoothly as possible.

#### **FROSH WEEK**

Our headliner project of the summer, Frosh Week was a whole butt load of work and a whole whack load of fun. Nothing, of course, would have been possible without the incredible dedication and work of Adrienne Bernstein, Caroline Mercer and Cameron Mitchell. They worked tirelessly all summer so that our new students could be given the best King's welcome they possibly could, and we are all extremely indebted to them.

I'm very proud of the Frosh Week that the King's Students' Union presented to our students and to the community. In my humble opinion, it was the ideal demonstration of Kingsian spirit, dedication, and value for communal safety and respect. I was particularly proud of Frosh Week and KSU's response to the SMUSA Rape Chant. I am proud that, as a community and as a union, were able to unite over an issue that we know to affect our campus and our city in an effective, productive way. Most importantly, we must remember that a statement and a short video do not and cannot encapsulate the fight against sexualized violence in which we must all participate. I look forward to see what we can achieve next in order to make positive change.

#### **UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE**

The highlight of this summer's governance was, of course, the summer meeting of the Board of Governors. Two issues were of particular significance to students - the proposed student fees and the recommendation of the Presidential Search Committee. In respect to fees, the results of discussion were mixed - a huge victory for the students was the dismissal of the Graduation Fee, which was dropped from

the table as a result of consultation with students. The other two fees - the Technology fee and the Facilities Renewal Fee - were passed by the Board, with an amendment added which stated that the fees undergo a review process in conjunction with the annual budgeting process. The decision regarding the Presidential Search revealed the future of George Cooper, which included an extra 2 years to be added to his Presidential contract. Dr. George Cooper will now complete 4 years as President of the University.

### **INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

While the summer months prove to be extremely quiet, peaceful, boring, and static, they also prove to be extremely fruitful. Many decisions regarding office management we agreed upon, including the acquisition of new computers (thank you journalism school!), signing a new contract with our photocopying company, and reevaluating our printing and photocopying policy. A KSU Navigation Guide was developed for Frosh packs, in order to better facilitate an understanding of the KSU, as well as a partnership with a new bulk condom company (they're super fun, you should check them out).

### **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

One of the most significant ways the union engages with the external community is through the Canadian Federation of Students. The main project this summer was to develop and begin to facilitate the Vote Education Campaign, which advocates for a higher priority to be placed on PSE during the election and particularly within the new government. We also collaborated with the CFS in the distribution of our new Union Cards (or the ISIC Card) a wonderful new service of the union. Members were also given the chance to march in the Pride Parade and rally support for the End the Ban Campaign, which was given new legs given the recent change announced by CBS. Finally, collaboration between particular locals also flourished over the course of the summer term - after discussing the Galley with students from SUNSCAD, NSCAD might have a student run canteen in their future. The KSU is looking forward to bringing the Love is Love campaign to King's (which originated from the Mount). King's also recently participated in the Take Back the Campus event hosted by the DSU, in order to fight sexualized violence and reclaim our streets.

### **LOOKING FORWARD**

Where to begin? I have been given the privilege to participate in this community for 3 years, and am so indebted to those around me I don't know where I could possibly begin. Some projects I would like to work on are structural - how can we design our two staff positions in relation to each other and the community so that they can be the best that they can be? I hope to make some clear recommendations to the incoming executive about this in the spring. Other structural concerns include finances - I believe that the union is grown to incredible heights in past years, and yet our revenue has not increased.

Other projects I have in mind are more particular. I would like to working on making the benefits of the union more accessible to our members, particular when it comes to the provision of services. How many of us don't know what an ISIC Card is or where to use it? Are we paying for the prescription to our glasses when most of the cost can be covered by our health plan? If we are going to come together to benefit one another, we all need to be educated about to accumulate those benefits!

In terms of external relations, I am particularly interested in the relationship we hold to the Dalhousie Students' Union. While I have already begun to meet regularly with the President at the DSU, I wish the collaboration between our campuses to grow - and that begins with the observer position on the DSU Council. Our relationship to Dal does not extend beyond the union, however - every day, the Dalhousie administration makes decisions which affect King's students, and yet King's students have no representation upon the decision making bodies of Dalhousie governance. I hope to gain student representation upon the Dalhousie Board and maybe even Senate, if I have the support from the students.

This brings me to my last, most dear, and most vulnerable goal. I wish to bring the troubles that face women - no matter how they manifest themselves - to be engaged with, publically and honestly on the King's campus. As a campus interested in intellectual pursuits, language often allows us to theorize the troubles facing women today. We do not wish to believe, and why would we, that women are marginalized on our campus, and are treated different based solely on their gender. This is a conversation

that needs to be had. It will at times be hard, and uncomfortable, and at other times it will be gratifying, and even hopeful. But it has to start somewhere, and I propose that it starts today.

All my love,

Anna Dubinski

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## **REPORT FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT (STUDENT LIFE)**

Dear Union,

I feel as though I should premise this report by saying that it's going to be a little all over the place. In fact, if you haven't been to a General Meeting before then all of these reports probably seem a little overwhelming. Who knew that we actually did work in the KSU Office? My job in particular is a lot less clean cut than the others and that's just because I'm tasked with a lot of random things that fall under the broad category of student life. Essentially, my job is to support all of you with whatever initiatives you hope to take on this year. Whether that means helping you start a society or making sure that you have sufficient space on campus to meet, I'm here to help you out. So if you're interested in any of the projects that I have on the go this year or if you'd like to start one of your own, please come drop by my office hours or send me an email because I'd love to chat. With that in mind, let me tell you about what's been going on for the last few months.

### **Summer Updates**

Over the summer we worked on a lot of projects that you might be interested in. We cleaned the KSU Office, we helped organize a little something called Frosh Week, and I also went to a ton of meetings. KSU Fun Fact: Your Student Life Vice President is the student rep on the University's Property Grounds and Safety Committee. One of the more notable decisions made at the last meeting was deciding to sell Dean Hatt's house and move him back into the University. We're all very excited to see Nick move back onto campus. Another fun committee that I sit on as your student representative is the Planning Development Committee for the Dalplex and Fitness Project. Some of you may not know, but last year the Board of Governors voted to add a \$180 Athletics Fee to support the project. Students at King's and Dalhousie will pay this fee once the facility is built approximately around 2016. The committee is currently reviewing site options and cost estimates. I'll have more updates on that project as they come. And finally, as you may have heard, we also lost the Dark Room this summer. We're working on a solution and hope to have updates for you soon. If you know anyone that's interested in the issue of student space on campus feel free to come chat after the meeting.

### **Societies**

You know all of those great societies that you heard about when you applied to King's? The King's Theatrical Society, the Quintilian Debate Society, or the Dr. Who Society, perhaps? Well, they all come to the KSU to ratify and apply for funding and that's what I've been spending a large chunk of my time working on so far this year. We ratified 15 societies at the first council meeting of the year and have another 8 at Council this coming Sunday. By the end of the year, I'd bet that we have somewhere between 40-50 societies ratified. There are some great societies this year that you may not have heard of yet including the King's Nerdfighteria Society, the King's Table Top Gaming Society or the King's Jesters. If you are looking to start a society please feel free to drop by my office hours and we'll get ya started.

### **CUBE**

Each executive member supervises something called a Union Hired Position or UHP. I have the honour of supervising our CUBE coordinator, Anders Jorgen, who puts on intramural sports each week. Anders has been trying out everything from dodgeball to soccer and there will even be some Zumba in October. CUBE is a super low key way to hang out and get some exercise and I highly encourage all of you to go.

### **My Hopes and Dreams for the Year**

Man, guys I'm super stoked on committees this year. The first being Academic Committee which promises to be a good time. My goal is to ensure that this committee is organized in such a way that it is made able to provide feedback on our programmes most effectively. KSU Fun Fact: If you're ever having problems in with anything to do with your academic life you're more than welcome to bring that to your respective councillor and we will do something about it at this committee. You also can, of course, come and speak with me at any time.

I'm also working with a student by the name of Allie Darwin to help bridge the gap between our varsity athletes and the rest of the King's Community. We think it's about time that we get the King's Army back up and running. We're working on the details still but I'd love it if you'd all help support us on this one.

Right about now you're probably thinking to yourself, "but what about K-Points and KSU Awards, Michaela??" Well, for those of you that don't know we like to recognize all of the amazing work that you do here at King's through a system called K-Points. All you need to keep in mind for now is that any time that you participate in a society, work at a campus job, or even perform in the Wardroom you are earning some of these illustrious K-Points. At the end of the year we throw a large ceremony to recognize everyone that has submitted their points. So stay tune, stay classy, and most importantly stay active, King's. More information to come.

Now, the real party will be the big 225th birthday. The KSU is devoting a large chunk of its events budget this year to throwing a rager early in 2014 to celebrate this beautiful place. Haydn and I are going to start planning this ASAP but we're going to need help. If you're interested, I'm going to make an open call for events committee in the next few weeks. You don't need to be elected to work on events committee, it's simply a place for us to chat and you guys can volunteer to help out with projects like this. If you're interested make sure that you keep up with TWAK.

That's all for now.

Lots of Love,  
Michaela Sam  
SLVP

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### **REPORT FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCIAL)**

Hello friends, here's what I've been up to and plan to be up to:

#### **Internal Co-ordinator/Hospitalities Manager/Budget:**

When originally drawing up the contracts for the Hospitalities Manager, the previous executive accounted for the position being twenty (20) hours a week, running September to April. This has been far from the case, as our Hospitalities Manager has been busy at work since his hiring in April, organizing events during the summer months and also preparing both businesses for their Fall re-openings. The executive has been nothing less than thrilled with the work of both employees and despite the cost, both positions continue to grow both our ability to deliver services like the Health Plan effectively to the membership, but also to run accountable and financially sustainable businesses. Anna, the HM, and myself have begun to work on structuring hours that will fit for the remainder of the school year. At this point, I propose we drop the "Savings" line of \$2000, adjust "Capital Expenditures" back down to \$1250 from \$2000. I



would also like to bring the “Special Projects” line down to \$750 from \$1500, along with the “Contingency” line from \$3500 to \$3000. These four adjustments are a way of “finding” \$4000 in our budget to redirect to the expense of the HM. We are not going to go bankrupt due to the HM cost, we just need to be careful going forward, and it is something on the executive radar.

### **The Photocopier**

We’ve got a new-fangled photocopier thanks to some great research by the Internal Co-ordinator. It photocopies faster, at higher resolution, staples, folds, it’s just a great piece of hardware team. It also has the ability to track usage based on user ID’s. In the past, the Union office has operated as an impromptu print shop for societies, students, sometimes faculty, and the cost of providing that service has taken a dramatic toll on Union finance. Last year we ran more than \$5000 over budget on photocopying and we simply can’t afford to do that anymore. Societies will now be applying for photocopying in the same way (on the same form) that they apply for other funding, and this will help us better track and maintain our photocopying costs. We have also decided to nix our oft used printing for individual Union members. We ain’t printing yo thesis.

Sorry to be the fun police on this one team, this was just the most obvious place that we can reel in our spending in order to send those dollars to places they were properly allotted.

### **Hopes and Dreams:**

A clean office would be nice. Our closet hangars broke and we should fix those. I would also like to work on a Union sponsored FYP Library, by donation. I’ve spoken to the executive about this, and there are concerns about impacting the Bookstore and even the King’s Library, but when there is time to carry on this conversation I will. I have also been trying extra, super, very hard to improve our accounting practices, so far by keeping our revenue and expense records through a ledger and a budget tracking spreadsheet. This will keep us from being too surprised by any bank statement, and will give us immediate access to our Year-to-Date numbers for the sake of Council and Financial Committee meetings. I just want to get us running in an efficient and transparent way, and until that gets easier, I won’t have much extra time for other projects.

That’s all really, see y’all in Budgetland.  
Alex Bryant

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## **REPORT FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT (EXTERNAL)**

### **Summer Stuff**

It was an enjoyable and productive summer Halifax on my end. Most of my work surrounded preparing things for the year in the office, with the CFS, and with some community groups. Frosh Week went great, and also as expected was a kick off point hectic-ness and I’ve hit the ground running from then on.

### **Campaigns**

#### **Nova Scotia Election (CFS Campaign)**

Well under way, the “Drop the Bass, Drop the Debt” kicked off the CFS’s campaign for post-secondary education awareness in conjunction with the election that’s happening in Nova Scotia on the 8th of October.

Voting will happen on campus on October 2nd and 3rd, you can register there if you haven’t already. Basically the minimum requirements are to have any government I.D and that you’ve lived in N.S for 6 months, non-consecutive. If your permanent residence is elsewhere in Nova Scotia, don’t worry you will be able to vote for any riding in the province. Other events will be announced soon.

### **No Means No**

There was a strong contingent from King's at the "Take Back the Campus" march on Tuesday, which was awesome. "No Means No" is a campaign that as of now we plan on pushing more all year than what has been in recent years. For more information feel free to stop by the next Action! King's meeting on (Friday?) for a debrief from TBTC and to plan future events and discuss election stuff.

### **CFS-NS**

For those of you who don't know, I am the King's rep on the Canadian Federation of Students- Nova Scotia executive. I worked over the summer with the Reduce Fees Drop Debt planning group to develop an election campaign strategy of the provincial election. We came up with our Vote Education campaign, which focuses on education students and the community on the issues facing higher education and students in this province. I also attended a CFS-NS exec retreat where we came up with priorities for the coming year. Wrapping up on CFS-NS, we also brought the cobranded ISIC to King's this year, which is very exciting. This combined discount, health plan ID is being called a Union Card. We are only the 4th university in Canada to roll out this exciting project.

### **Future Plans**

Future plans that I have as Vice-President External for the year center around creating education based campaigns, this includes CFS campaigns but I would also like to do some more general training based campaigns in the near future. What my goal is for the time being is to continue working on a campaign idea that I worked on last year with some folk that sadly fell to the wayside as the year ended. I would like to host some workshops on campus that will deal with educating you all on issues pertaining to:

Student Worker's Rights

Student Tenant Rights

Student Debt Rights

The exact ordering of the workshops and what form they will take is up in the air as of right now. I would like to ponder on them some more and discuss them with folks. More on the ground planning will take place beginning after the election. Tentative dates for workshops is to have the first one near then end of this semester or early in January. All union members are welcome to come see me/email me/Facebook me/tweet and or even Google+ me if you would like to help with planning or have any ideas.

You are all welcome to stop by the office and see me whenever, my official office hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays, 3:00-5:30PM.

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## **REPORT FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT (COMMUNICATIONS)**

Hi friends -

You made it. YOU REALLY MADE IT. SONGS OF THE GM. THE BOX SET IS FINALLY HERE! I am so happy and overjoyed, Stevie Wonder style. In the life of an exec member, this is literally one of the most exciting nights of the year. No, seriously. Call me a loser. But chances are, deep, deep, deep down inside of you, you like constitutional amendments, selection committees and finances too. Just like how Jim Carey had a heart deep, deep, deep down inside of him in The Grinch. That was a bad remake.

### **WEBSITE/CYBER PARTY**

I am pleased to report that the website is LIVE with Regis and Kelly minus Regis. I spent the later part of the summer rounding up the content from the old website and making some new graphics for the page. The website went live on September 2nd, in correspondence with our rad Cyber Party as part of Frosh Week in the Wardroom. The Cyber Party was really freakin' fun... I created a video for it and it went King's viral which made my Frosh Week. We've been getting good feedback on the site itself. As the year goes on, the site will continue to involve. Several pages, particularly those involving UHPs and current societies, still have to go online. We experimented last Sunday with a council live blog that turned out to be wildly successful, so we will keep that going. I am also working with the CFS to develop a mobile version of the site... fingers crossed we can make this work. If you haven't yet, DROP

‘ERRYTHANG YOU ARE DOING AND VISIT KSU.CA FOR SOME CYBER FUN. #loveyou  
[#ifyoueverwantsomethingonthewebsitesendanemailtocvp@ksu.ca](mailto:ifyoueverwantsomethingonthewebsitesendanemailtocvp@ksu.ca)

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

I am in charge of the KSU’s Social Media, which I believe has been going smashingly well since the start of the year. People seem to appreciate our fresh, new content. We just hit 500 followers on Twitter before this meeting, and thus I promised follower #500 @BrynShaffer a prize at this GM. Is she a real person? I hope so. For all I know, she could be a bot. But that’s the online world for you. At our end of summer exec meeting, we discussed our social media policy, which will see all of the content that executive members want to point sift through me. This came into effect at the middle of September. That said, if you ever want anything posted on Union social media, I’m your (big) boi. Get at me at [cvp@ksu.ca](mailto:cvp@ksu.ca). p.s. We have a super cool new chalkboard out in front of Prince Hall. I’m your man if you want any events on here as well.

## **GOALS & ASPIRATIONS**

At our end of summer executive meeting, we also discussed some of our goals and aspirations for the upcoming school year... what a thrill. I had several which I brought up that I will now take the time to share with you lovely people, or at least you lovely people who took the time to read back here. To be honest, half the time, I think no one reads this. I am always the lowest billed in the executive. I really think I should organize a coup d’etat and change that. LOL ROFL JK ROWLING I LOVE THE EXECUTIVE. No but seriously – some of my goals and aspirations for the year include the following:  
Further Councillor Involvement: I am looking at increasing the involvement of KSU councillors through getting this involved in planning that up until now has been executive’s responsibility. This can include event planning, tabling, helping coordinate training sessions, campaign assistance, 225 planning, etc. You get the idea of it.

Council Efficiency: One of my big goals is improving the efficiency of how council runs. What this basically means is making sure that we start on time. Now we’ve only had one meeting up to this point, but we started it at 10:06 (scheduled start time: 10:00). I am looking to maintain, though hopefully improve this record. We have to have the whole team on board in order for this to work though. So you know what this means... GO TEAM! We are also trying to make the agenda available online earlier... say by Friday evening for a Sunday morning meeting. This should help speed up the process come Sunday morning and improve our transparency. We here at the King’s Students’ Union are ALL ABOUT TRANSPARENCY.

More celebrations: We started off the year with a bang with our Cyber Party. This took very little effort to organize, so why don’t we have more crazily themed celebrations in the Wardroom. Plans are also underway for the biggest celebration of all...

## **225 PARTY**

So in case you didn’t know (and I mean, who could blame you), King’s is turning the big 2-2-5 in 2014 (I keep thinking it’s 2-0-5 and then I say we could have a Ruben Studdard party, but alas, we’ve already past that milestone). The KSU is planning a super big celebration for Winter 2014 and SLVP Michaela Sam and I are on it. I have had some wicked crazy day dreams in class about ideas for this event and I am very jazzed about the possibilities. We will be meeting with members of the school administration very soon to chat about their involvement in it. So right now, please pencil Winter 2014 in your handgendas (“But Haydn that’s a four month time period” “Don’t worry, be happy, there’s going to be a party”).

## **AGENDA (AKA HANDGENDAS)**

So, in typical Watters fashion, I got to work on the handgenda the day before it was due. But, with the exception of a minor typo or two, I believe it turned out pretty spiffy. At this point in the report, I’d like to give a shout-out to Janet down in the Archives of the library. She helped me pull up a whole bunch of funky old images that appear in the handgenda including the photo taken in Radical Bay on the cover. Those are some pretty right-wing, extremist radical-looking chaps on the cover.

## **TWAK**

I have now sent out four issues of TWAK to great fanfare. I am happy to report we are receiving our largest readership numbers since we switched over to MailChimp two years ago. The mailing list membership now exceeds the number of individuals who currently attend this fine institution. TWAK is also available on our webportal at [ksu.ca/twak](http://ksu.ca/twak). If you have not subscribed yet, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? (subliminal Gwen Stefani reference?). Send me an email at [cvp@ksu.ca](mailto:cvp@ksu.ca) and I'll pop you on the list asap. A TWAK message to report for any Gmail users... due to Gmail's new configuration, TWAK is going to your promotions mailbox. All you need to do to have it sent to your primary inbox is drag it from promotions to primary. After doing this, it should be sent to your primary inbox from now on. P.S.S. Events for TWAK are due at 11:59PM on Saturday evenings. There's still time yung chaps. P.S.S.S. I intentionally spelt young yung.

## **CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

This will be discussed when we discuss special resolutions at this meeting. We've met, suggested some changes for this GM, and will meet in October to discuss larger revisions to our by-laws. CRC, I LOVE YOU ALL.

From the land of Watters, that pretty much all to report.

Stay fresh. Stay clean. And most of all, remember your values (actual advice from my Grandmother Claudette Watters while going off to university for my first year).

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**Appendix B: Report from the Constitutional Review Committee**

Underlined text represents proposed insertions; strikethrough represents proposed deletions.

Current Text	Proposed Change	If amended, will read
34. A minimum of seven (7) days written notice must be given for the General Meetings described in 32 and 32 a). For meetings called by virtue of 32 b) or 32 c) at least twenty-four (24) hours notice will be given.	To INSERT: “ <u>Notice for the purposes of this section shall be defined as email to the Union membership and physical advertisement on the King’s College campus.</u> ” following the last sentence of s. 34.	34. A minimum of seven (7) days written notice must be given for the General Meetings described in 32 and 32 a). For meetings called by virtue of 32 b) or 32 c) at least twenty-four (24) hours notice will be given. Notice for the purposes of this section shall be defined as email to the Union membership and physical advertisement on the King’s College campus.

**Proposed by:** Constitutional Review Committee

**Rationale:** The Registry of Joint Stock Companies, under which the KSU is registered, requested a clearer definition of notice for general meetings in order to comply with the *Societies Act*. The definition proposed is clear and achievable without being restrictive.

**Recommendation:** The Constitutional Review Committee **DOES** recommend approval.

Current Text	Proposed Change	If amended, will read
27. A Special meeting of Council shall be called within three (3) days of being requested by any member of Council.	27. A <del>Special</del> <u>extraordinary</u> meeting of Council shall be called within three (3) days of being requested by any member of Council.	27. An extraordinary meeting of Council shall be called within three (3) days of being requested by any member of Council.

**Proposed by:** Constitutional Review Committee

**Rationale:** The Registry of Joint Stock Companies, under which the KSU is

registered, requested that the word “special” only be used in reference to members' meetings, in order to comply with the *Societies Act*.

**Recommendation:** The Constitutional Review Committee **DOES** recommend approval.

<p>Current Text N/A</p>	<p>Proposed Change <u>97. After each General meeting at which these bylaws are amended, the Vice-President (Communications), subject to the approval of Council, is hereby empowered to:</u> <u>a) Renumber the provisions of these bylaws to accommodate the changes that have been made</u> <u>b) Correct cross-references between provisions which are no longer accurate</u> <u>c) Correct errors of spelling; and</u> <u>d) Replace gender biased language with gender neutral language</u></p>	<p>If amended, will read 97. After each General meeting at which these bylaws are amended, the Vice-President (Communications), subject to the approval of Council, is hereby empowered to: a) Renumber the provisions of these bylaws to accommodate the changes that have been made b) Correct cross-references between provisions which are no longer accurate c) Correct errors of spelling; and d) Replace gender biased language with gender neutral language</p>
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**Proposed by:** Constitutional Review Committee

**Rationale:** This proposed change will allow inconsequential errors to be corrected without needing to go through a General Meeting. Fixing spelling mistakes is an inefficient use of the General Meeting's time.

**Recommendation:** The Constitutional Review Committee **DOES** recommend approval.

Current Text	Proposed Change	If amended, will read
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<p>60. There is hereby constituted the Finance Committee, herein referred to as the FC, consisting of: a) The Vice President (Financial), who shall serve as chair; b) Four (4) other non-executive Union members, to be selected by the Vice President (Financial) during the month of September, with the input of the Executive and the approval of Council after applications have been received by the Executive for at least two (2) weeks.</p>	<p>60. There is hereby constituted the Finance Committee, herein referred to as the FC, consisting of: a) The Vice President (Financial), who shall serve as chair; <del>b) Four (4) other non-executive Union members, to be selected by the Vice President (Financial) during the month of September, with the input of the Executive and the approval of Council after applications have been received by the Executive for at least two (2) weeks.</del></p> <p>b) Four (4) other non-executive Union members to be elected at the Fall General Meeting.</p>	<p>60. There is hereby constituted the Finance Committee, herein referred to as the FC, consisting of: a) The Vice President (Financial), who shall serve as chair; b) Four (4) other non-executive Union members to be elected at the Fall General Meeting.</p>
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**Proposed by:** Anna Dubinski

**Rationale:** The Finance Committee is the only major committee (including Elections Committee, CRC, and most hiring committees) that is not elected at a General Meeting. The proposed change will make the committee more democratic, more accountable to the membership, and allow for a broader selection of members.

**Recommendation:** The Constitutional Review Committee **DOES** recommend approval.

Current Text	Proposed Change	If amended, will read
<p>17. The Executive Officers of the Union (see 9.) shall be members of Council. As of the Fall General Election, 2004, the following shall also be</p>	<p>17. The Executive Officers of the Union (see 9.) shall be members of Council. <del>As of the Fall General Election, 2004,</del> the following shall also be</p>	<p>17. The Executive Officers of the Union (see 9.) shall be members of Council. The following shall also be considered members of Council and</p>



<p>considered members of Council and thereby officers of the Union:</p> <p>a) a First Year Representative;  b) Two (2) Day Student Representatives;  c) a Residence Representative;  d) an Arts Representative;  e) a Science Representative;  f) a Journalism Representative;  g) Two (2) Board of Governors' Representatives;  h) a Member-at-Large.</p>	<p>considered members of Council and thereby officers of the Union:</p> <p>a) a First Year Representative;  b) Two (2) Day Student Representatives;  c) a Residence Representative;  d) an Arts Representative;  e) a Science Representative;  f) a Journalism Representative;  g) Two (2) Board of Governors' Representatives;  h) a Member-at-Large.</p>	<p>thereby officers of the Union:</p> <p>a) a First Year Representative;  b) Two (2) Day Student Representatives;  c) a Residence Representative;  d) an Arts Representative;  e) a Science Representative;  f) a Journalism Representative;  g) Two (2) Board of Governors' Representatives;  h) a Member-at-Large.</p>
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**Proposed by:** Constitutional Review Committee

**Rationale:** It is not necessary to include the date on which something was passed in the Bylaws – in fact, it is confusing.

**Recommendation:** The Constitutional Review Committee **DOES** recommend approval.