



Spring General Meeting

King's Students' Union 2012-2013

March 28, 2013

The Red Room (2nd floor NAB)

Call to Order

At 7:54 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda and Documents

Approved

2. Approval of the Minutes from November 14, 2012

The minutes are approved.

3. Reports from the Executive Committee (attached)

President Report

Ms. Anna Dubinski said there were Board of Governors meetings ongoing all day. Things discussed are as follows:

- Student fees – not tuition or union fees. This is the student fee that the board of the university is proposing. Reasons are decreased government funding, how the government allocates funding, etc.
- Facility fee addition - \$100 for wireless on Campus and improving technology on campus.
- Graduate fee - \$50 to graduate.

Ms. Anna Dubinski said she has been meeting with many people to look into these and finding out if they are right for the student. She asked many questions as to whether we want the increased fee to improve our school. She said there are a number of issues that have been brought up with these fees. She said the MOU is challenging this university and its students. She said the board received the perspectives (questions) with little help. She said there were no comments on the affect these fees would have on students. She said shortly after these questions were asked a motion was passed. Ms. Dubinski said the university has stated that they will not vote on these fees.

Ms. Anna Dubinski said to come out to meetings, we need to discuss these changes, as it is regarding your future and your money. This will be discussed at council on Saturday at 10:30am in the Boardroom.

Ms. Ariel Weiner asked if it was articulated particularly that this is what the facility fee was going to be used for.

Ms. Anna Dubinski said that it is being put forward as long term improvements that will be verified later.

Mr. David Robertson asked if the fees go hand in hand or will one happen without the other.

Ms. Anna Dubinski said she thinks they will go hand in hand.

Mr. David Robertson asked if the board thinks it will help with recruitment.

Ms. Anna Dubinski said they do, because if our school didn't have wireless and that was found it, it may be a weird thing for a prospective student.

The rest of council discusses and reads their reports.

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

Duly seconded.

Ms. Anna Dubinski said that this action item is for if the meeting is to end, things that aren't finished are bumped to our meeting at council.

4.2. (Special Resolution) BIRT section 53 (d) of the Constitution be struck out and replaced with "(d) In the event of a vacancy, the Elections Committee may elect new members from the general membership to fill that vacancy.

Moved by Mr. Haydn Watters

Duly seconded.

Mr. Haydn Watters said that they are changing this to make the wording clearer than what is there currently.

Mr. Gabriel Hoogers asked if it is the CRO makes these decisions.

Mr. Oliver Burrows said this is for efficiency.

Ms. Anna Dubinski said we should have it in public record passed by council if something is to change.

Mrs. Anna Dubinski motions to amend the item to add 'election committees must notify council of any such elections.'

Duly seconded.

Amendment passes.

Motion passes.

4.3. (Special Resolution) BIRT section 35 of the Procedural Handbook be struck out and replaced with “35. Open and obvious campaigning must cease by midnight the night before the first day of elections. This extends to online materials.

36. Open and obvious campaigning includes, but is not limited to, the leaving of posters in public places and the existence of live websites and social media. Candidates are therefore required to number every poster put up during their campaign, and to compile a list of all locations of all campaign material, including online material. Upon the close of open and obvious campaigning, candidates are required to submit this list, along with a list of any missing material, to the Chief Returning Officer. The CRO will also hold any removed material candidates request him or her to. Any unaccounted for material found up after this deadline will be in material breach of this rule.

37. After the close of open and obvious campaigning, candidates may continue to promote voting in general but may not reference their campaign in any way.”

Moved by Mr. Haydn Watters

Duly seconded.

Mr. Haydn Watters said they are practicing these already in running for elections, so they are just accounting for technology by changing the above. He said they must close websites and social media.

Ms. Anika Roberts-Stahlbrand said a Facebook group can only be deleted if you remove every member, so don't make groups.

Motion passes.

4.4. (Special Resolution) BIRT section 61 (h) of the Constitution be struck out and replaced with: “(h) Scrutinize the proposed budget during a period not exceeding two (2) weeks, and the report to the General Meeting when the Executive presents the budget for approval.”

Moved by Mr. Haydn Watters

Duly seconded.

Mr. Haydn Watters said it was unclear in the original, but they want to be clear that the Financial VP is the leader of financial committee.

Mr. Alex Bryant said this will affect the next year's budget.

Motion passes.

4.5. (Special Resolution) BIRT section 40 of the Procedural Handbook be struck out and replaced with “40. If a candidate breaks any of the above rules (articles 33 through 37), the Elections Committee will hold an immediate vote on whether to disqualify him or her.”

Moved by Mr. Haydn Watters

Duly seconded.

Mr. Haydn Watters said they are updating the numbers to account for the added content.

Motion passes.

4.6. (Special Resolution) BIRT section 65 of the Constitution be struck out and replaced with “65. The Union budget shall be drawn up by the Financial Vice President, and presented to the FC before its presentation to a General Meeting.”

Moved by Mr. Haydn Watters

Duly seconded.

Mr. Haydn Watters said they are clarifying the FVP is the leader and that every exec member helped to craft the budget.

Motion passes.

4.7. (Special Resolution) BIRT section 66 of the Constitution be struck out and replaced with “66. The FC shall be charged with reviewing all society funding, which may designated as either”

Moved by Mr. Haydn Watters

Duly seconded.

Mr. Haydn Watters said this is just bringing to practice up to date (societies are already doing their own funding).

Motion passes.

4.8. (Special Resolution) BIRT the following be inserted into section 24 of the Procedural Handbook: “f) A Patrol Representative g) Any union member who wishes to serve on this committee.”

Moved by Mr. Haydn Watters

Duly seconded.

Mr. Haydn Watters said that any union member can sit on the committee.

Ms. Stefanie Bliss asked if Patrol would be responsible for this or the committee?

Mr. Jake Eiding said that it would probably be the committee or council.

Motion passes.

4.9. (Special Resolution) BIRT the following be inserted into section 28 of the Procedural Handbook “b) the Sustainability Officer”

Moved by Mr. Haydn Watters

Duly seconded.

Mr. Haydn Watters said the Sustainability Officer is not on the environmental affairs committee so they are changing this.

Motion passes.

4.10. BIRT the proposed budget (2013/2014) be approved.

Moved by Mr. Alex Bryant

Mr. Alex Bryant reviewed the budget.

Ms. Stefanie Bliss asked when increasing the executive salaries due to inflation stopped.

Mr. Alex Bryant said 2009-2010

Mr. Gabe Hoogers said this may be problematic.

Ms. Anna Dubinski said that this should be a conversation for the fall GM.

Ms. Anna Dubinski replied to a question saying the Galley’s organizing principle is that the union agreed to pay to get it going.

Discussion of the budget

Ms. Anne White asked if special projects were for more than one thing.

Mr. Alex Bryant said people will come and apply for whatever is left, it will go to finance committee, then if it’s approved it will go to council.

Ms. Anne White specified that there was no specific deadline.

Mr. Alex Bryant said no.

Mr. Quinn Harrington said it is April 30th.

Mr. Alex Bryant said he wants a better application project.

Mr. Alex asked if the number remains constant.

Mr. Alex Bryant asked Quinn to verify this.

Mr. Quinn Harrington said there were two lines introduced last year.

Ms. Michaela Sam said that council looks for what tangible information you will bring to King's, along with an application.

Ms. Elizabeth Oreinstein said the agenda is ugly as sin.

Mr. John Adams said it is utilitarian principles.

Mr. Gabe Hoogers said in terms of the agenda handbook it is a broader handbook purchasing principle. He said that unions across the country get it at a much cheaper price in bulk. He said that is important because it would be much higher and we simply cannot afford that. He said it is printed on recycled paper with organic ink. He said that every student has the option to customize this.

Ms. Rachel Vickerson asked if there was a better product the CFS could provide instead of the agenda.

Mr. Gabe Hoogers said the handbooks are most valuable for students and they contain a lot of helpful information.

Ms. Anna Dubinski said that this lays out the services you have access to.

Ms. Ariel Weiner said that this could be made available or just spend less money on them.

Ms. Anna Dubinski said that it is getting late and we could

Mr. John Adams said that our agenda needs to come with instructions to open them.

Mr. Ezra Manson said that the agenda was very useful this year. He said it is something physical and awesome.

Mr. Quinn Harrington said that there should be a proper speaking order.

Mr. Jake Eiding asked for unanimous consent to change it to agenda/dayplanner.

Amendment passes.

Motion passes.

4.11. BIRT _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____ be elected to the Elections Committee, with _____ and _____ serving as alternates.

Moved by Ms. Michaela Sam

Duly seconded.

Ms. Michaela Sam described elections committee and said the people should have time to commit and should be responsible.

Mr. Oliver Burrows nominated Kayla Fells

Ms. Rose Gotheil self-nominated.

Mr. Haydn Watters nominated Erica Guy, Emma Morris, and Haritha Popouri.

Ms. Brenna Sabanski self-nominated.

Oliver Burrows self-nominated.

Mr. Oliver Burrows said Kayla is committed, on the elections committee, and a great person.

Ms. Michaela Sam said that Rose Gotheil is a deputy CRO, dedicated, ludicrously responsibly, and one of Michaela's favourite people.

Mr. Oliver Burrows said he is current CRO, and is reapplying but wants this as a fall back. He said he spends nine hours sitting at the booth.

Mr. Haydn Watters said he has worked with Erica through the KTS, she is committed, contributed to many societies, and has a lot of community outreach.

Ms. Brenna Sabanski said she knows people, has coordinated things with the Spanish Society and runs a tutoring thing in the North End.

Mr. Haydn Watters said Emma Morris has been very prompt and has good skills.

Ms. Haritha Popouri was the treasurer of the KTS, she is on top of her shit, and she doesn't have that many classes.

The blanks will be filled as follows; Haritha Popouri, Oliver Burrows, Erica Huy, Rose Gotheil, Brenna Sebanski, and Emma Morris with Kayla Fells as an alternate.

Mr. Oliver Burrows nominated Margaret Hazen.

Mr. Thomas Guchard self-nominated.

Mr. Oliver Burrows said she is on the committee, active with the day-student community, and is very organized.

Mr. Thomas Guchard said he has a lot of cool hats and is very interested in this position.

The last alternate blank will be filled with Margaret Hazen.

Motion passes.

Ms. Anna Dubinski motions to postpone 4.12 to 4.17 until after the other action items.

Motion passes.

4.12. BIRT _____, _____, and _____ be elected to the Constitutional Review Committee.

Moved by Mr. Haydn Watters

4.13. BIRT _____, _____, _____, and _____ be elected to the Equity Affairs Committee.

Moved by Mr. Jesse Laufer

4.14. BIRT _____ and _____ be elected to the Environmental Affairs Committee.

Moved by Mr. Jesse Laufer

4.15. BIRT _____, _____, and _____ represent the Union at the Canadian Federation of Students' semi-annual general meeting.

Moved by Ms. Anna Dubinski

4.16. BIRT _____, _____, and _____ be elected as members-at-large to the Watch Board of Publishers.

Moved by Ms. Anna Dubinski

4.17. BIRT _____, _____, and _____ be elected as members-at-large to the Galley Board of Directors.

Moved by Ms. Anna Dubinski

4.18. BIRT _____, _____, and _____ be elected to the Chair Search Committee.

Moved by Ms. Anna Dubinski

Duly seconded.

Ms. Anna Dubinski explained the Chair Search Committee.

Ms. Stefanie Bliss self-nominated.

Ms. Michaela Sam self-nominated.

Ms. Karen Gross self-nominated.

The blanks will be filled by Stefanie Bliss, Michaela Sam, and Karen Gross.

Motion passes.

4.19. BIRT _____, _____, and _____ be elected to the Campus Safety Coordinator Search Committee.

Moved by Mr. Jesse Laufer

Duly seconded.

Mr. Jesse Laufer explained with this committee does.

Mr. Eyo Ewara nominated Caitlin Meiklejohn.

Ms. Karen Gross nominated Caitlin Sible

Ms. Anne White self-nominated.

Ms. Anika Roberts-Stahlbrand nominated Elizabeth Milton.

Mr. Eyo Ewara said Kaitlin Meikeljohn is an active member in feminist collective and other things.

Ms. Caitlin Sible is a patrol supervisor, has extinguished fire, runs the tea party society.

Ms. Anne White has sat on the CRO hiring committee, sits on the feminist collective, and this topic comes up, and has participated on various events regarding campus safety.

Ms. Anika said Elizabeth has an interest around sexual harassment and is impartial and unbiased.

Blanks will be filled by Caitlin Meikeljohn, Caitlin Sible and Anne White with Elizabeth Milton serving as an alternate.

Motion passes.

4.20. BIRT _____, _____, and _____ be elected to the Orientation Week Coordinator Search Committee.

Moved by Ms. Anna Dubinski

Duly seconded.

Ms. Anna Dubinski explained this committee.

Ms. Anika Roberts-Stahlbrand nominated Juliana Lufkin.

Mr. Patrick Wappler self-nominated

Ms. Haritha Porpouri nominated Mr. Eyo Ewara.

Ms. Kayla Fells self-nominated.

Ms. Michaela Sam nominated Sara Yeomans.

Mr. Haydn Watters nominated Emily Watson.

Ms. Amelia Wilding self-nominated.

Mr. Aaron Shankman self-nominated.

Mr. Kevin Brown self-nominated.

Ms. Anika Roberts-Stahlbrand said Juliana Lufkin is an awesome person and makes many things for people.

Mr. Patrick Wappler said he was a frosh leader in his second year, he was an uber last year, he would apply for the position if he wasn't so busy, and he knows many people and understands the job.

Mr. Eyo Ewara said he has been on many search committees, he has been a frosh leader, and would be a good person for it.

Ms. Kayla Fells said it is a very important time of the year and wants to make sure it is a great experience.

Ms. Michaela Sam said Sara is the most vibrant in the year, was a frosh leader and knows the community very well.

Mr. Haydn Watters said Emily is very involved and knows what she is talking about.

Ms. Amelia Wilding said she was an über, a leader the year before, and a frosh the year before that. She understands what needs to happen during frosh week and what does not work.

Mr. Aaron Shankman said he was finance coordinator for frosh week this year and saw how important the chemistry of the coordinators is.

Mr. Kevin Brown said he has spent most of his time doing frosh things and knows what it is like.

The blanks will be filled as follows Eyo Ewara, Amelia Wilding and Aaron Shankman.

Motion passes.

Ms. Anna Dubinski abstains.

4.21. BIRT _____, _____, _____, and _____ be elected to the Chief Returning Officer Search Committee.

Moved by Mr. Haydn Watters

4.22. BIRT _____ and _____ be elected to the CUBE Coordinator Search Committee.

Moved by Ms. Michaela Sam

4.23. BIRT _____, _____, and _____ be elected to the Sustainability Officer Search Committee.

Moved by Mr. Jesse Laufer

4.24. BIRT _____, _____, and _____ be elected to the Scribe Search Committee.

Moved by Mr. Haydn Watters

5. Discussion Items

6. New Business

7. Announcements

8. Adjournment

Adjournment at 10:10pm.

5.1. Report from the President

Dear General Membership, and Friends,

Firstly, I would like to articulate how lucky I feel to be addressing you today. I am humbled by this opportunity to serve you and I look forward to addressing your needs and concerns to the very best of my ability. Please approach me at any time with questions or ideas. I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

The following is a brief overview of my experience in this position so far, and some hope and dreams for the upcoming year. Questions are more than welcome. Enjoy!

Changeover Experience

So far, my experience as President has been nothing other than a roller coaster ride...and I plan to do nothing else but throw my arms in the air and enjoy it! Most of my time has been spent orienting myself with my new responsibilities, reestablishing myself within the office, and making contacts throughout the union, the community and throughout the university. I have,, however, embarks on a couple specific projects...

Office Tours

I have gone through the university and set up meetings with all major administrator's and staff at the university to establish myself in my new position, open up channels of communication, and brainstorm for the upcoming year. We've discussed student fees to Frosh Week, Birthday parties to lecture series, and the list goes on and on. I have gathered some very exciting information, and I am very excited to being working with members of the university community.

IC/HM Search Committee

You've probably heard though you may not believe it – John Adams, our incredibly dedicated and talented Internal Coordinator is leaving us at the end of April to pursue an academic career in business school. Next time you see him, make sure to say thanks, as the contributions he's made to our union are countless, lasting, and deeply appreciated. I would personally like to thank a formal and public thank you to John for all of his hard work. Our union would not be the same without him, and I wish the very, very best.

In the meantime, we have been engaging in a search process for TWO new staff positions – the IC, or Internal Coordinator, responsible for reception duties, office management, and executive support, and the HM, or the Hospitalities Manager, responsible for the business management of the Wardroom and the Galley. The committee has been overwhelmed by the long list of impressive candidates, and is excited to make a recommendation to council very soon. Stay tuned with council minutes and TWAKs for further information!

Goals and Aspirations

I could write a novel. Maybe I will one day. But for now, I will briefly outline what I foresee will be big union news next year, and some projects I hope and am excited to undertake myself.

Office Organization

With an IC who's time is entirely dedicated to in-office support, we have extensive opportunities for reorganization and orientation. Over the summer I would love reexamine the physical office setup, our system of paper and electronic archives, our approach to storage, and our office aesthetic. Can't wait!

Councilor Engagement

Our talented and wonderful councilors, as talented and as wonderful as they are, don't receive much support past their initial Councilor Orientation. By reexamining our approach to Councilor training, and instituting check-in points throughout the year, I hope to ensure councilors feel they can achieve all they want to throughout the year, and well as provide for a healthy, active, useful council.

Services campaign

While certain services are used widely and celebrated by King's students (the Wardroom, the Galley, the Health Plan, the condoms, the planners), there remains a PLETHORA of services provided by the KSU and the CFS that students' are not aware of, or do not access. I would love to lead an examination of our available services, and launch a publicity campaign promoting the accessibility of our variety of services.

Galley Success

As Board Member and future Chair of the King's Galley, promoting the Galley within the King's community and the wider Halifax community will become a huge priority. While the Galley's first year has been a huge success, it still has a long way to go. I cannot wait to get started with our new Board Members, and our new Hospitalities Manager to discuss next years approach to growth at the Galley.

Strong Student Voice

It has been a huge year for the university – we've launched a Strategic Plan, we are undergoing a Governance Review, we've welcomed a new President, a new Bursar, we've undertaken a Capital Campaign – the list goes on and on. More than ever, this is the time we need a strong voice within the King's Administration, Board of Governors, administration, and wider community. I look forward to encouraging a perspective which incorporates the students voice as a crucial role within the decision making processes of this university. Such a vision may manifest itself as proposed changes to the make-up of the Board of Governor's, advocating for policies surrounding the signing of university contracts, and developing an agreement in

which the process to adopting new student fees is stipulated. It's a big job, and it cannot be done alone – I look forward to extensive consultations and conversations surrounding the student voice in our community.

DSU/KSU Collaboration

The distance maintained between the Dalhousie Students' Union and the King's Students' Union has always remained a mystery to me. While our differences and our autonomy are crucial, and must be both maintained and respected, there are countless opportunities for collaboration between our unions. Having already met with the incoming President of the DSU, I look forward to continuing that dialogue and explore the possibilities available through this partnership.

Student Movement

Having taken a break from our 2 year Day of Action stint, I think its time to revisit our campaign for more accessible education in a meaningful way. What exactly does this mean? Anything you want it to. I think there are endless opportunities to revitalize, reimagine, and strengthen this campaign, and I look forward to consulting with the union on the directions we take.

Women in the KSU

This is a project that is very, very close to my heart. King's has some of the most incredible, dedicated, talented women I have ever met. Not only that, but our school is 65% female. They are consistently, however, underrepresented within the King's Students' Union. Why is this? How do we approach this phenomenon? These are critically important question, that I look forward to engaging with in this upcoming year.

I will leave it at that for now. I encourage all members to keep themselves informed about Union politics, actions, and initiatives, and to approach myself, or any member of the executive with questions, concerns, comment, or compliments. Thank you very much for your time, and thank you for attending this General Meeting,

Anna Dubinski

President

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

My dearest King's,
I hope you're all doing well. It's super strange not sending you an email every week. Obviously, things are changing in the union but it's a beautiful thing. I hope that you welcome this new executive with open arms. I can assure you that each one of them is a gem and I am lucky to be working with them.

Planning Development Committee For the New Athletics Facility

I am currently sitting as the King's student representative on this committee which oversees the creation of the new athletics facility. While the process hasn't always been easy, I was ecstatic to be able to host a King's consultation session in the Wardroom on Thursday March 7th. The design team was overwhelmed by the number of King's students that offered their opinions at that consultation and were glad to see that it wasn't only athletes offering their opinions.

Currently, the architects are in the process of reviewing what was heard in those consultations. They're beginning to frame the number of square metres they might be able to allot to each squash court and zumba space. In order to gauge whether or not they were correct, we're all invited to a community consultation session on April 3rd in the McInnes Room in the Dal Sub at 7:30pm. Neither designs or finances will be available at this meeting, just the space that they might be able to allocate.

The next steps of the facility will be choosing a location based on the size of the facility and determining what we are able to afford. I am determined to keep all of you informed and have been in contact with some members of the South House board to keep them informed about location possibilities.

Relationship with Dalhousie

As an executive, we've determined that one of our priorities in the upcoming year is to foster a stronger relationship with the Dalhousie Students' Union. Last week, I attended a student leader's roundtable and met with some of the members of the outgoing executive. In the new year, we might invite a member of the DSU to sit as an observer in our council meetings and vice versa. Soon, we're also hoping to see a DSU representative join me in the planning development committee meetings which we hope to see with their new executive.

K-Points and Awards Night

For those of you that don't know, K-Points are the union's means of celebrating all of the aspects of our community and all of the work that you do to support student life. If you've done tech for the KTS, if you've been a contributor to the Watch, if you've worked Front Desk, if you are an athlete, or if you were a frosh leader you should send me your points. You need to send your points to slvp@ksu.ca by this Monday April 1st.

Awards night will take place next Friday April 5th during Happy Hour. We're still accepting nominations for the Outstanding First Year, the Outstanding Male and Female Graduating student, Outstanding Contribution to Residence Life (Male + Female), Day Student of the Year (Male + Female), the Danielle Derks Award of Excellence, and the King's/ Dalhousie Student Engagement award. Make sure to show up awards happy hour so that I am not lonely and so that I can give you all your beautiful K-Pins.

Ways For You Guys to Get Involved In the Union

This year, my aim is to get more students involved with our students' union. One way to specifically do that is to invite you all to events committee. This committee, similar to finance committee, is responsible for discussing funding for events that any student can propose. Over the summer, I hope to formalize the process and by September I'll have a better means for each you to contact me in order to pitch an event idea. This year, Robbie Burns Day, the Wardroom Birthday, and the Hunger Games Fundraiser were all supported by the events fund.

King's is also going to turn 225 next year. We'll be contributing to the fun through events committee so make sure to check out ways to get involved this September.

Societies Next Year

Next year, I'm hoping to continue the tradition of the big society information meeting at the beginning of the year. That's not all though. I'm also hoping to hold a few socials for society execs to get together every so often to get to know each other in hopes that you all begin to hold events together. I plan to spend money to buy food for these socials. Sound good?

That's all for now. I'll probably think of many more exciting things once the school year has ended and I reclaim my sanity.

Lots of love,
Michaela Sam
SLVP

5.3. Report from the Vice-President (Financial)

Hello team,

The past two weeks have been super busy, here are some things that have been happening:

Change-over

I have spent a substantial amount of time writing cheques over the past two weeks.

As the changeover between KSU executives happens before the end of the financial, I have been carrying on the duties tied to this year's operations along with planning for upcoming year. By operations I mean that I've been writing cheques for things we needed to pay, like the Galley's insurance, photocopier bills, re-imburements for societies and other, older items. On this topic, there are a whole bunch of cheques waiting to be picked up in the KSU office if you've recently put in funding requests. If you are still waiting for re-imburement on something Union related during the year, please leave a note in my mailbox in the KSU office, or send an e-mail to financialvp@ksu.ca. Please note that you must submit receipts or invoices or something that indicates you have spent money where you are telling us you've spent money throw me a bone okay thank you.

IC/HM Search

We have been meeting as a committee for the past two weeks going over resumes, conducting interviews and generally trying to fill the void soon to be left by John Adams. This has been going well and has also been time consuming.

Finance Committee

I've met with Finance committee once since March 15th to approve funding requests for the Jewish Connection, The King's Wordsmiths (who are hosting a launch event on April 2nd), the newly ratified FYP Society, and a travel bursary application from Emilie Novaczek to present her thesis to a biodiversity conference in New York, all of which were recommended for approval to Council (they all passed). The proposed budget was

also reviewed at this meeting, to which the response was positive, if for recommendation by Stephanie Duchon that the Union revisit the amount paid to the Executive. She recommended adjusting the honoraria to reflect a percentage of the Union budget and enrollment.

The Budget

This I will talk to you about in a few minutes, stay tuned. By this I mean ... please, God, don't leave, we need quorum.

Plans for the future:

There are a bunch of things that the Financial Vice-President is supposed to do that I plan to do and have already begun to do: one of my major goals is improve students' experience with the Union when requesting funding. This includes potential large projects, travel bursaries, society funding, and whatever else someone may imagine requires funding from the KSU. The biggest issue I've faced in the short time I've been working in the office has been a confusion over how people can go about getting the money that is there for them to make use of, which is frustrating on both ends of the process. I'd like to get together with reps from all of the societies and have an info session or two on how to get through the process more efficiently to get Union funds out into the community more efficiently and with better documentation. Also, bring me receipts ... bring me receipts ... that is all.

I hope this has been an exhilarating snapshot of the past two weeks

Cheers,
Alex Bryant.

5.4. Report from the Vice-President (External)

Having only held the position of Vice-President External of the KSU for a couple weeks now, I am very excited for the upcoming year. That said, having only been E.V.P for a few weeks, I have little concrete to report on. The bulk of my work so far was organising the CFS-NS campus tour which took place on Tuesday. It was fairly successful, with some great conversation happening around tuition fees and campaigning strategy. It laid positive groundwork for next year, for which this is what I have planned:

In the upcoming year, one of my major goals is to continue advocating, organising, and campaigning around lowering tuition fees in Nova-Scotia and across the country. The outgoing E.V.P was successful at planning and implementing campaigns while incorporating members of the union through Action! King's these

last two years, and I plan to build upon that base. We will most likely have greater hardships come at us—and other schools in the province—this upcoming year, and Action! King's will be quite busy from the outset. In addition to Action! King's, I hope to have a closer on campus working relationship with the CFS. Last year the CFS's presence was lacking from many of our campaigns. I think that if we can become more active within the CFS, we have the opportunity to not only engage more schools in our cause, but as a union to become a leader in the student rights movement.

As well, I plan on working closely with next Sustainability Co-ordinator in order to implement more green initiatives on campus. Although there is currently no one chosen for the Sust Co-ordinator, the hiring process will begin soon and I encourage all those interested to apply.

Moreover, being the small tight nit community that we are, we are blessed not have as many campus safety problems as some larger schools. That said, there are still lots we should improve upon and work towards. As such, I am looking forward to working alongside the Campus Safety Officer and all of you to make that happen.

In summation, my goal for next year is to fight the government for our right to an education, whilst working to make our campus safer and greener. I'm looking forward to working with all of you,

Jesse Laufer
Vice-President External of the King's Student Union

5.5. Report from the Vice-President (Communications)

Hey there friends. Hope all is going well and you are enjoying the General Meeting. Gotta love Robby and his gosh-danged rules. For those who made it back here in the agenda, I commend you. Reports are usually boring and dry, but I always try to spice things up. Like that time Ben Stiller had really spicy Indian food in Along Came Polly. Was that too obscure a reference? Probably.

CHANGEOVER

Michaela Sam is great. She helped me so much with the changeover process. I am still learning things every single day and it is so nice that she is just a text message away. We have been collaborating a lot thus far and I hope to keep up this collaboration throughout the year. I think it is important that the CVP and the SLVP have a close working relationship. We are going to work on the union handbook together in the coming weeks. I have to dive into the archives and pick a photo for

the cover. I might need the general body's help with that (general body? That means you!). Basically I am going to look for a set of the most obscure photos the university archives has to offer and put one of them on the cover. I'll post the best options online and you can help choose the cover. We're doing it!

WHAT I HAVE BEEN DOING SO FAR

I've been busy plugging away several KSU events and opportunities within the union. This includes the General Meeting you are currently sitting in, the call-out for the Union Hired Positions and informing the general body about the various committees they can sit on! Throughout I have had an active presence online through Facebook, Twitter and now Youtube! What fun! I have been TWAKing away as well... my my, what fun TWAK names I have coming up. I have been calling council meetings (our second of the new council which is this Saturday at 10:30am... come on down!). I have also been learning the ins and outs of the union and oversaw my first Constitutional Review Committee meeting... great people. The committee's suggestions are going to be presented in the Special Resolutions section of the evening. I also picked up donuts from the Halifax Forum at 7:30 this morning. Getting up at 7:30 to go the Forum... now that's commitment people.

UNION WEBSITE

My big project in the foreseeable future is an overhaul of the union's current website. To put this in light terms, the current offering is a little sad. All of the information is up on the site, but it is hard to access and not very visually appealing. Nick Stark informed me the CFS is switching their websites over to a WordPress format in the next 2 months. I have created a couple of sites using WordPress so I am very familiar with its intricacies. I am hoping it can be my summer project, depending on the timeline of the CFS's switchover. So (fingers crossed) we should have a new site in the fall term! With this, I am hoping to also revamp the societies section of the site to create a more interactive "societies portal", where individuals can stay up to date on what is going on in each society and have updated contact information.

VIDEOS

I bet you all came here tonight thinking you were attending a used car sale... well WE GOTCHA! I created my first union video (and if I am not mistaken, one of the union's first videos) advertising this general meeting. And for those of you who liked it, there's good news folks. There is more video fun to come! I think these are a very resourceful tool. You can be entertained and informed at the same time! I am hoping to create videos throughout the year. There is a good chance you may see another one before the current academic term (well would you look at the scholarly language!) is out.

It has been a thrill sitting as your CVP thus far. The ride has barely begun. Strap in

friends, the whole year is ahead.

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