



**Voting members present:**

President – Levi Clarkson  
Financial Vice President – Nick Harris  
Student Life Vice President - Mason Carter  
External Vice President – Hope Moon  
Communications Vice President – Isabella MacKay  
Board of Governors Representative – Aideen Reynolds  
Day Student Representative – Emma Oliver  
Arts Representative – Tessa Hill  
Science Representative – Lindsey Mace  
First Year Representative – Sam Sharp

**Non-voting members present:**

Chair – Chris Pearse  
Scribe – Michael Greenlaw  
The Watch – David Shuman

**Regrets:**

Board of Governors Representative – Rylan Pembroke  
Residence Representative – *Vacant*  
Journalism Representative – *Vacant*

**Voting members absent:**

Member at Large – Madeleine Merskey

***Meeting was called to order at 17:04 ADT***

***The Chair recognized that the meeting took place on unceded, traditional Mi'kmaq territory.***

The Chair asked for people attending outside of Halifax to let him and the Communications Vice-President know the name of the Indigenous group or groups on whose land they reside at least 24 hours prior to the first council meeting, so that the land acknowledgement may more accurately reflect the Indigenous lands from which councillors will be meeting remotely.

Isabella MacKay informed council members of the new Zoom protocols.

Isabella MacKay read: “Before or as soon as you join the Zoom session, you are encouraged to put your pronouns (she/her, they/them, he/him, etc.) next to your display name in brackets. Please respect everyone by using their indicated pronouns. During the event, please feel free to use the chat function to participate or turn your sound on to speak (making sure to keep yourself muted when you are not speaking). You can have your camera turned on or off, whichever makes you feel most comfortable.

“Council meetings on Zoom will be recorded for scribe purposes and automatically deleted after 7 days, and only the KSU Executive and the Scribe will have access to these recordings through the KSU Zoom account. If you would like to ask a question either out loud or in the chat, or otherwise participate, but do not wish to be recorded, please let the Chair know and the recording will be paused while you participate, and then resumed. Your comfort and ease in participating in council meetings is important to us.”



Levi Clarkson said that they have not started recording yet so that everyone present knew that they were being recorded and that the recording will commence during the adoption of the agenda.

Isabella MacKay added that in the chat settings, when votes are called for members can type “aye,” “nay,” or “opposed” when prompted and the Chair will give reasonable time for people to type. In addition, members can type “2” to signify that they are seconding a motion. The Chair will announce who seconded. Isabella said that there is also a procedure for going in-camera which will be addressed when the time comes.

### **1. Adoption of Agenda**

*Levi Clarkson moved to amend that action item 5.9 have a total of four blanks to represent the four students to be nominated to the Finance Committee.*

*Seconded by Nick Harris*

*Motion was adopted with unanimous consent*

*Agenda was adopted with unanimous consent*

### **2. Approval of Minutes from March 29, 2020, June 10, 2020 (emergency council), July 22, 2020 (emergency council), and September 3, 2020 (emergency council)**

*Levi Clarkson moved to amend that the minutes from March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 include Levi Clarkson as present as a 'Voting Member' and to move Patsy Ginou from 'Voting Members' to 'Non-Voting Members'.*

*Motion passed with unanimous consent.*

*Minutes were approved with unanimous consent.*

### **3. Oral reports of the councillors**

Sam Sharp reported that she is going to talk with Rebecca Stuckey about safely distributing FYP tee-shirts. By next council meeting, Sam will have a more to update regarding the FYP shirts.

Tessa Hill reported that she was an O-Week leader and that it was great. Tessa said that they had a great summer!

Lindsey Mace reported that she had a great summer and was also an O-Week leader. Lindsey reported that the Science Society has nothing coming up.

Emma Oliver reported that the DSS has been keeping in regular contact with first year class and has sent out a collective day student email a while ago outlining that this term is super abnormal but the DSS will still be around. The DSS is also in an interim executive period and are in the final stages of figuring out how to do their election online. The DSS is speaking with their tentative CRO regarding figuring out logistics that will maintain confidentiality as all three current exec members are planning on re-running in the new election which would be sketchy to



run through their own DSS email addresses. They are hoping to have the new executives elected by the end of the month.

Levi Clarkson said that the DSS has been doing great work and expressed their thanks to Emma as well as the exec for being stunning all the time. They love the DSS. Levi said that they have been doing preliminary research into how to do their online elections and recommended that if Emma had any questions to reach out to Rebecca Stuckey as she is a great support.

Isabella MacKay said that she appreciates the DSS initiative to bring people their groceries while they were self-isolating. She made use of that and had groceries delivered to her which was very nice. She extended her thanks towards the DSS.

Emma Oliver said that she has been personally facilitating this home-delivery process. The DSS don't have any plans to stop the process. Emma said to let them know if they have friends who need help and the DSS will help with groceries as well as other things.

Aideen Reynolds reported that she volunteered for O-Week and is very excited about the first years she met and the ones she has not met yet. She has been doing her own independent research about board governess and how she can operate in that space in a way that's going to serve people the best. Good clean fun of board governess.

Levi Clarkson said that Aideen Reynolds (as well as Rylan Pembroke) was great at the BOG meetings during the summer. Levi extended their thanks as they did a great job.

#### **4. Reports of the Executive Committee (Attached)**

##### **4.1. Report of the President**

Levi Clarkson began by thanking Isabella MacKay and Hope Moon for their work of communicating with student's about the KSU's response to the pandemic, Nick Harris for his work over the summer even though he was not supposed to be doing union work, Mason Carter for being a super star on the Occupational Health and Safety Committee, as well as the staff, UHP's, and everyone else who has been doing so much great work.

During item 2.9 of their report, Levi Clarkson added that during the Alumni Association General Meeting, there were discussions around their investment policy. Levi realised that they have a separate investment policy than the university and that something that's happening at the university level, regarding responsible investing policies- and they have been having new discussions with the pandemic in mind- about divestment and making a clear commitment to do so, where those conversations have gone back to the investment committee which will continue. Levi said that there is a motion coming to board in September to have a formal student representative on the investment committee which is great so that they can be there while those conversations are happening. Levi is hoping divestment will come to the board in November and brought up the conversation around divestment to the Alumni Association in regard to their investment policies- because they are currently invested in an oil and gas industry- and received positive responses. The Chair of the Alumni Association was excited that Levi brought that up and some board members



specifically messaged Levi to say that they were in favour of that. At the last meeting Levi attended, the Chair said that he's been in conversation with Bill Lahey and the Chair of the investment committee.

#### 4.2. Report of the Student Life Vice President

Mason Carter added that the times for Society Training will be confirmed at the next council meeting.

#### 4.3. Report of the Financial Vice President

Nick Harris began by explaining that he was the only executive who was not working full-time during the summer.

David Shuman asked how societies will access the funding requests.

Nick Harris answered that every two weeks, proceeding the adjournment of council meetings, he will post a new link/survey for the following two weeks on the KSU's Facebook page which will close the Wednesday before the next council meeting. Nick added that if there are any accessibility concerns, they are able to mail out physical funding request forms if students request such, or they can pick them up in the KSU office granted that they are following Covid-19 protocols.

#### 4.4. Report of the External Vice President

Levi Clarkson said they wanted to emphasize that Hope Moon and Isabella MacKay had not anticipated to work this summer and that they really supported the exec by doing work outside of their typical roles.

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

David Shuman asked how many people the minimum is required for the AGM.

Isabella MacKay responded that it depends on enrolment for each year, however quorum is 5% of the students enrolled at King's. She said that this year it looks to be around 50 students.

Levi Clarkson clarified that Zoom records chat so if students don't want to be recorded, please ask.

### 5. Action Items

#### 5.1. BIRT The Early Modern Studies Society be ratified as a Tier II society for the 2020/2021 academic year.

*Moved by Mason Carter*

*Seconded by Hope Moon*



Mason Carter said that The Early Modern Studies Society (EMSS) is the organization for the students of the Early Modern Studies Program. The EMSS runs a variety of events focused on the Early Modern Period. They work closely with the faculty to foster and maintain the close community of EMSP. Their two biggest projects in the academic year are their conference and their journal. The conference is a chance for students to present papers they have written on the Early Modern Period, interact with alumni of the program and hear from scholars of the period. Their journal, Babel, is a chance for students to publish their work and get experience with what goes into making an academic journal. They welcome any students taking EMSP classes, whether or not they are in the program.

*Motion passed.*

5.2. BIRT The King's Wordsmiths be ratified as a Tier I society for the 2020/2021 academic year.

*Moved by Mason Carter*

*Seconded by Isabella MacKay*

Mason Carter said that The King's Wordsmiths' Society is a place for student writers to support each other and give and receive feedback on their creative writing. They hold twice-weekly meetings over video-chat, and they produce a yearly anthology, The Octopus. They are always ready to welcome new members, whether in the fall or later in the year. For more information, please contact them via email or Facebook!

*Motion passed.*

5.3. BIRT South House Sexual and Gender Resource Centre Society be ratified as a Tier II society for the 2020/2021 academic year.

*Moved by Mason Carter*

*Seconded by Levi Clarkson*

Mason Carter said that South House is a student-funded, volunteer-driven resource center that seeks to address and advocate for anti-oppression issues within a feminist framework. The South House consciously recognizes that struggles against all forms of oppression are feminist issues. They are first and foremost a resource center which provides resources and support for students, faculty, staff, and community members on such issues. South House aims to provide resources and referrals to the University and broader Halifax community, as well as a safe space for people to organize. It also offers free meeting space to anti-oppression groups at the discretion of the Board. We also offer a wide range of workshops and educational programs, available upon request.

*Motion passed.*

5.4. BIRT Sodales be ratified as a Tier I society for the 2020/2021 academic year.

*Moved by Mason Carter*

*Seconded by Hope Moon*



Mason Carter said that Sodales was established in 1843, Sodales is one of the oldest societies at Dalhousie and Kings, focusing on debate on campus, as well as competing on the national and international level.

*Motion passed.*

- 5.5. BIRT Le Salon be ratified as a Tier I society for the 2020/2021 academic year.

*Moved by Mason Carter*

*Seconded by Emma Oliver*

Mason Carter said that Le Salon is a safe place for anyone who wants to practice their French through casual conversation with others who want to do the same.

*Motion passed.*

- 5.6. BIRT The World University Service of Canada (WUSC) King's Chapter be ratified as a Tier I society for the 2020/2021 academic year.

*Moved by Mason Carter*

*Seconded by Hope Moon*

Mason Carter said that the WUSC King's Chapter works to raise awareness of refugee issues at King's. Its major function is the Student Refugee Program, through which a refugee is sponsored every two years to study at King's. This program aims to make post-secondary education accessible to individuals who may not have otherwise had access, while providing an innovative pathway to integration and resettlement for young refugees.

*Motion passed.*

- 5.7. BIRT The King's History of Science and Technology Society be ratified as a Tier II society for the 2020/2021 academic year.

*Moved by Mason Carter*

*Seconded by Levi Clarkson*

Mason Carter said that The King's History of Science and Technology Society (HOSTSoc) is the departmental society of HOST which seeks to build and foster a community of students through HOST-themed events that are accessible to all regardless of background.

*Motion passed.*

*Levi Clarkson moved to amend that the following action item be numbered 5.8 and all subsequent action items be numbered to accurately reflect their numerical order*

*Seconded by Isabella MacKay*

*Amendment passed.*

- 5.8. BIRT The UKing's Literary Society (formerly known as the Haliburton Society) be ratified as a Tier II society for the 2020/2021 academic year.



*Moved by Mason Carter*  
*Seconded by Nick Harris*

Mason Carter said that UKing's Literary Society, founded by the University of King's College in 1884, is the oldest extant English campus literary society in the British Commonwealth. Since its inception, the group has welcomed literary enthusiasts to celebrate great works of poetry and prose through readings and discussions led by students, faculty members, and Canadian authors and poets. The Society has become an integral part of the King's culture and community and is a forum for thoughtful and inquiring minds to come together in appreciation of great literature of all kinds. A new initiative—the Live Poets! reading series—was introduced in 2019 and aims to bring a diverse range of voices to campus while underscoring the vitality of our literary culture today.

Isabella Mackay said that she had been in communication with Lucy from the UKing's Literary Society regarding the name change. Isabella said that the name change was in response to some research that some people in the society had done about the egregiousness through racism and sexism specifically against Black and Indigenous People in Thomas Haliburton's writings. With Haliburton being the namesake as the society, the members of the society that they no longer wanted to be upholding that as a legacy. They voted to change their name and have a full academic paper about their findings on their website.

*Motion passed.*

- 5.9. BIRT The King's P.R.I.D.E Society be ratified as a Tier I society for the 2020/2021 academic year.

*Moved by Mason Carter*  
*Seconded by Isabella MacKay*

Mason Carter said that The King's P.R.I.D.E society is dedicated to creating a safe space for the LGBTQIA+ students at King's through various forms of programming. They host a number of events, workshops and festivities throughout the year, where people of all orientations and gender identities are welcome to come together to celebrate and advocate for their community.

*Motion passed.*

- 5.10 BIRT \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ be elected to the Finance Committee for the 2020/2021 academic year.

*Moved by Mason Carter*  
*Seconded by Nick Harris*

Mason Carter said that the Finance Committee discusses KSU finances and will go over society funding requests and ensure that those requests are accurate so that they receive the adequate amount thus not receive extra money which could cause intentional/unintentional repercussions.

Nick Harris said that Finance Committee is his personal favourite committee, made up of four general members elected by council, the Member at Large (as a non-voting member) to report proceedings to the wider council, and himself. Mason and Nick work in tandem with societies. A



society will bring a funding request forward to the committee and they will include a budget, screen shots, etc. to provide an accurate representation to what their expenditures will be for their event. Nick is anticipating a number of Zoom requests this year. Today they are looking for four members to elect from council.

The Chair said that any general member can be nominated, people can self-nominate whether they are at the meeting or not, with the exceptions of executive members.

David Shuman asked if the Member-at-Large can nominate themselves?

The Chair confirmed that no, they cannot because they already sit on the committee. Even though they are a non-voting member, they still sit on the committee and cannot nominate themselves.

*The Chair opened the floor for nominations.*

Nick Harris nominated Avery Kelterborn, Malcolm Sepulchre and Sef Everest

*Nominations closed.*

*Levi Clarkson moved to amend that the current motion includes subsection:*

*"5.10.1. Whereas there were an insufficient number of nominees put forward during the nominating period for elections to Finance Committee and,*

*"Whereas quorum on Finance Committee can be filled by the potential election of the 3 names currently nominated;*

*"BIRT one of the four blanks be struck from this motion, on the condition that the final opening on Finance Committee be filled by election at the next meeting of Council on Sept 27th."*  
*Seconded by Nick Harris*

*Amendment Passed.*

*The three names filled the three blanks with unanimous consent.*

*Motion passed.*

*David Shuman used Point of Information.*

David Shuman asked why these positions are filled in council and not a General Meeting.

Nick Harris responded that because the General Meeting is typically later in the year, societies can get their funding without having to wait until the council meeting proceeding the Fall General Meeting.

The Chair added that as outlined in the bylaws and the KSU operations policy, the Finance Committee is a standing committee of council, not a standing committee of the union.





Committees to the Union are elected by the general membership at AGMs and the committees of council, which report to council and not at an AGM, are elected at council meetings. An example of other committees which are council committees are search committees for various hired positions.

**6. New business**

*Hope Moon motioned to adjourn*  
*Seconded by Nick Harris*

***Meeting adjourned at 18:26 ADT***