



**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  
Board of Governors Representative – Rylan Pembroke  
Arts Representative – Tessa Hill  
Science Representative – Lindsey Mace  
First Year Representative – Sam Sharp

**Non-voting members present:**

Chair – Chris Pearse  
Scribe – Michael Greenlaw  
Service and Campaigns Coordinator - Rebecca Stuckey  
Hospitality Coordinator - JM Nsengiyumva  
Orientation Week Coordinator - Sophia Tonks  
Orientation Week Coordinator - Hannah Perry  
The Watch – David Shuman

**Regrets:**

Member at Large – Madeleine Merskey  
Residence Representative – *Vacant*  
Journalism Representative – *Vacant*

***Meeting was called to order at 17:02 ADT***

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

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

Isabella MacKay checked that all councillors received the updated agenda in their emails which included action item 8.10.

*Levi Clarkson moved to amend the agenda to add action item 8.11: BIRT the Orientation Week Coordinators and SLVP be paid the final installment of their honorarium for their work organizing Orientation Week 2020.*

*Seconded by Hope Moon*

*Amendment was approved with unanimous consent.*

*Agenda was adopted with unanimous consent.*

**2. Approval of Minutes from September 13, 2020**

*Minute were approved with unanimous consent.*



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

Aideen Reynolds reported they had the September Board Meeting and it went well. There were interesting things said that she is unsure if she can talk about yet. Aideen said that they are working well together as a team. Aideen said that when Bill Lahey went over his final report for the Equity and Diversity Committee for Inclusion, they came up with an interesting game plan to move forward with.

Emma Oliver reported that DSS elections are happening and that they have extended their original timeline by a week so that voting will be taking place the coming Sunday and Monday. The DSS has not seen a lot of interest for these positions and are anticipating a byelection since they have already needed to extend once.

David Shuman asked Emma Oliver when the DSS election votes will be held.

Emma Oliver responded that they will open October 4<sup>th</sup> on Google Forms which will go live in the morning and close on the evening of October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Lindsey Mace reported that the Science Society has announced that their AGM will be taking place on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Lindsey said that she will have more to report on after she attends the upcoming AGM.

Sam Sharp reported that they sent a message to Rebecca Stuckey about the distribution of FYP t-shirts and it looks like it will be too difficult to manage with students not being able to pick up the shirts in person. Sam said that each option she looked up regarding shipping the shirts would be too difficult because: (1) they would be too expensive, and; (2) the KSU would be profiting off the t-shirts which is not what we want. Sam said she will still do more research, but it looks like distribution won't happen until university campuses reopen.

David Shuman asked if the profits could be refunded to students.

Sam Sharp responded that it would be logistically too complicated because Nick Harris would have to write individual checks to each student which seems like a lot of work for him.

Tessa Hill reported that they went to the Halifax in Solidarity with Mi'kmaw Fishers event on Saturday, September 27, 2020.

Rylan Pembroke reported that their highlights for the September Board Meeting includes the Equity and Diversity and Inclusion report.

Levi Clarkson thanked all councillors as this is their last council meeting (excluding Rylan and Aideen) for their term. Levi said they did great work this year and hopes that they stay involved with the Union in the future.

### **4. Report of the Services and Campaigns Coordinator (Attached)**

*Reported by Rebecca Stuckey*



Rebecca Stuckey added that this report includes the previous Fall and Winter owing to the closure of the university in the Winter term where some of these items would have been reported.

Rebecca Stuckey encouraged counselors to let their constituents know that ALL King's students are covered under Greenshield and that Dal students are not, and to encourage their constituents to create a Greenshield account online where they can make claims, submit pictures of receipts, and set up for direct-deposit which means they can get refunded within two weeks instead of waiting a month for a check in the mail.

Levi Clarkson thanked Rebecca Stuckey for everything that she does, everyone on exec appreciates everything that Rebecca does.

**5. Report of the Hospitality Coordinator (Attached)**

*Reported by JM Nsengiyumva*

Levi Clarkson thanked JM Nsengiyumva for his incredible work over the past year and his incredible work ethic.

**6. Report of the Orientation Week Coordinators (Attached)**

*Reported by Sophia Tonks and Hannah Perry*

Hannah Perry said that they are proud of completely re-writing o-week to accommodate social distancing in the era of Covid-19.

Sophia Tonks said that she can't believe that they pulled it off.

David Shuman asked if given that there was a relatively low turnout, what are some strategies that could be used to improve this in the future?

Hannah Perry responded that in the future, there will be more knowledge on how to do online engagement. Zoom calls became more and more difficult to maintain engagement. Leaders reported that more specific Zoom events would help.

Nick Harris thanked the O-Week coordinators. He said that they had to accommodate and use methods that were unprecedented. He congratulated the O-week team.

Sophia Tonks added to Hannah Perry's response and said that if they had to run O-week in a similar fashion next year, students will be more accustomed to online schooling. She would offer structuring around class time and making the day more fitted to online learning.

Levi Clarkson added that engagement and outreach from this year was relatively the same compared to previous years. When everyone is physically on campus, it feels like the engagement is much more present, but a similar petering of engagement happened this year. The O-week coordinators put a large emphasis on un-plug time so that students could take a break from online learning and online-engagement. Engagement looked a lot different than any other year. They



thanked the O-week coordinators for their amazing work this year. Levi said that they loved that this was an incredible O-week for their final O-week to work with such an amazing team.

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

### **7.1 Report of the President**

*Presented by Levi Clarkson*

Levi Clarkson added that there is an extension for counsellor nominations and encouraged those interested to contact CRO Lara Van de Venter for a nomination form. Levi noted that nominees don't need as many signatures on their forms as in previous years.

David Shuman asked what time the candidate speeches were.

Levi Clarkson responded that they would take place from 5-6pm ADT on Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup>. Levi said that they are unsure if it's been advertised yet, but it will be advertised soon.

David Shuman asked how many signatures are needed for nomination forms.

Levi Clarkson responded they will need 5 to 7 votes and that more information is posted on the KSU Instagram page.

David Shuman asked if the minimum is 5, can they can get more signatures.

Levi Clarkson responded that they presume so; it would be okay to get 5, 6, or 7 signatures. Levi suggested reaching out to Lara for further questions at [cro@ksu.ca](mailto:cro@ksu.ca) as the council doesn't do the elections nor is involved with the election committee's decisions.

### **7.2 Report of the Student Life Vice President**

*Presented by Mason Carter*

Mason added that they were at the Halifax in Solidarity with Mi'kmaw Fishers event on Saturday, September 27, 2020.

David Shuman asked if Mason could send him the information for society training?

Mason Carter responded yes; they will send it in an email.

### **7.3 Report of the Financial Vice President**

*Presented by Nick Harris*

### **7.4 Report of the External Vice President**

*Presented by Hope Moon*

### **7.5 Report of the Communications Vice President**

*Presented by Isabella MacKay*



Isabella MacKay added that she was at the Halifax in Solidarity with Mi'kmaw Fishers event on Saturday, September 27, 2020.

David Shuman said that he loves the "Ask-An-Exec" Instagram sessions

## **8. Action Items**

### **8.1 BIRT CKDU be ratified as a Tier I society for the 2020/2021 academic year.**

*Moved by Mason Carter*

*Seconded by Levi Clarkson*

Mason Carter said that CKDU-FM is Halifax's only FM campus-community radio station. They are a volunteer-run, 3200-watt station broadcasting 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, from the Dalhousie campus to the metro Halifax area. CKDU-FM has been broadcasting as an FM station since 1985. CKDU's mandate is to provide an alternative to private and public broadcasters, and to be a forum for diverse and under-represented voices, music, and news. CKDU is committed to public access to the airwaves and supporting marginalized individuals and communities through our projects and programming.

*Motion passed.*

### **8.2 BIRT Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group 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 NSPIRG (Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group) provides support and resources to community members and students at Dalhousie University and King's College who are working to engage and inspire action around social and environmental issues.

*Motion passed.*

### **8.3 BIRT \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ be elected to the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Openness of Union Committees.**

*Moved by Levi Clarkson*

*Seconded by Nick Harris*

Levi Clarkson said that this committee's nomination was referred to council from the AGM. The committee will be meeting over the course of this and next semester to review bylaws and come up with recommendations/bylaw amendments pertaining to committees with the goal of making committees as open and inclusive as possible while also protecting the people involved and any information that comes up in those spaces.

*Nominations opened.*

*Levi Clarkson nominated Kaitlyn MacNeill.*



*Hope Moon nominated Jacob Burchell.*

*David Shuman self-nominated.*

*Nominations closed.*

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

*Motion passed.*

8.4 BIRT \_\_\_\_\_ be elected to the Finance Committee for the 2020-2021 academic year.

*Moved by Levi Clarkson*

*Seconded by Nick Harris*

Levi Clarkson said that they used to sit on Finance Committee and that the committee is awesome. They said that the Finance committee is the reason that we can fund societies.

*Nominations opened.*

*Nick Harris nominated Antoinette O'Keefe.*

*Nominations closed.*

*The blank was filled with Antoinette O'Keefe with unanimous consent.*

*Motion passed.*

8.5 BIRT \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ be elected to the Presidential Advisory Committee on the Implementation of the Sexualized Violence Policy for the 2020-2021 academic year.

*Moved by Levi Clarkson*

*Seconded by Isabella MacKay*

Levi Clarkson said that they sit on this committee with the three representatives to be elected. They said that it is important to have student representation on and historically, the students on this committee have been able to shape what goes on in relation to policy changes and implementation, getting reports from the SVPRO, making the policy accessible to students, staff, and faculty. The students that sit on this committee can be called to sit on an outcomes panel in the event that a report goes through the Sexualized Violence Policy and a decision needs to be made– if an investigation needs to happen- they can act within a judicial board context. Levi has been fighting for adequate and appropriate training (Anti-Oppression training, Trauma-Informed training, etc.) for everyone on the committee and so whoever is elected from this motion will receive a lot of training.

David Shuman asked if there is trauma support for individuals on the committee



Levi Clarkson responded that in their role with sitting with students on the committee, they offer support for engaging in meetings, providing preparation for what's going to be brought up and debriefing afterward meetings. Levi said that Jordan, as SVPRO can support for more in-depth support as well. Providing these resources for the students sitting on the committee is a strong priority.

Rylan Pembroke said that a lot of the work that happens on this committee within the past year and a half has had constant hard topics interwoven into everything else that they are working on. He said that there has been heavy emphasis on debriefing/prep spaces, and that Jordan is always available as well as resources which are already accessible.

*Nominations opened.*

*Levi Clarkson nominated Kerri Lawrence.*

*Levi Clarkson nominated Rylan Pembroke.*

Michael Greenlaw asked if a council member or an executive member could be nominated to sit on this committee.

Levi Clarkson responded that an executive member already sits on the committee, but counselors can definitely self-nominate. They said they want to prioritise general members, then counselors, and finally, if need-be, fill the space with an executive member.

The Chair said that it is a general rule that, unless specified within the makeup of a committee initially, executive members cannot be nominated or sit on committees. For example, the Finance Committee is Chaired by the Financial Vice President and other executive members would not be able to sit on said committee.

*Rylan Pembroke nominated Tessa Hill.*

*Nominations closed.*

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

*Motion passed.*

8.6 BIRT \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be elected to the Equity Committee for the 2020-2021 academic year.

*Moved by Levi Clarkson*

*Seconded by Mason Carter*

Levi Clarkson said that the Equity Committee is super important. They do things like recommend things to the university, the students on this committee are super important- Levi can't over emphasise the importance to have student representation on this committee and equity initiatives across the college.



*Nominations opened.*

*Hope Moon nominated Marlee Sansom.*

*Hope Moon nominated Kiera Doyle.*

*Nominations closed.*

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

*Motion passed.*

8.7 BIRT \_\_\_\_\_ be elected to the Board of Appeals and Discipline for the 2020-2021 academic year.

*Moved by Levi Clarkson*

*Seconded by Aideen Reynolds*

Levi Clarkson said that the Board meets only if there is an appeal/investigation/disciplinary matter which seldom happens. This position is low commitment but highly important. Levi said that this is a judicial board and will also be looking to get adequate training for anyone sitting on the board. Levi can't over emphasise the importance to have student representation on this Board.

*Nominations opened.*

*Levi Clarkson nominated Brenna Bagnell.*

*Nominations closed.*

*The blank was filled with the name with unanimous consent.*

*Motion passed.*

8.8 BIRT \_\_\_\_\_ be elected to the Enrolment Management Committee for the 2020-2021 academic year.

*Moved by Levi Clarkson*

*Seconded by Isabella MacKay*

Levi Clarkson said that they sit on this committee with the elected student. This committee talks about how the university manages enrollment, enrollment numbers, how to improve enrollment- which is the Union's chance to be critical of how the university tries to do enrollment- and all those things. Levi said that if you're passionate about what the university does and does not do to improve or not improve enrollment, this is the committee for you!

David Shuman asked the time commitment for this committee.



Levi Clarkson responded that they meet monthly. They might meet more this year as they called 6 emergency meeting over the summer. Typically, they meet a couple times a semester.

*Nominations opened.*

*Aideen Reynolds self-nominated.*

*Nominations closed.*

*The blank was filled with the name with unanimous consent.*

*Motion passed.*

8.9 BIRT \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be elected to the Dining Services Committee for the 2020-2021 academic year.

*Moved by Levi Clarkson*

*Seconded by Aideen Reynolds*

Levi Clarkson said that if your passionate about dining services, this is the committee for you!

*Nominations opened.*

*Levi Clarkson nominated Kerri Lawrence.*

*Levi Clarkson nominated Julia Clarke.*

*Nominations closed.*

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

*Motion passed.*

8.10 Whereas on September 17th, Mi'kmaw fishers launched a fishing operation in accordance with their "right to a moderate livelihood," as recognized in the 1999 Marshall Decision, a Supreme Court decision that interpreted the Peace and Friendship Treaty to affirm the rights of Mi'kmaw people to hunting and fishing on their lands; and

Whereas following this launch, non-indigenous fishers have organized to sabotage the lobster traps of Mi'kmaw fishers and otherwise intimidate and harass Mi'kmaw people, leading to high levels of racial tensions in the Digby area; and

Whereas while living in Mi'kma'ki we are all treaty people underneath the Peace and Friendship Treaty and therefore have a responsibility to speak out against those who violate the treaty; therefore



BIRT the King's Students' Union (KSU) write a statement of solidarity with the Mi'kmaw fishers to assert our support for Indigenous rights and to remind our members of the Treaties they must follow; and

BIFRT the KSU donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from our Campaigns line in our budget to the Sipekne'katik First Nation to aid with any purchasing of new fishing material, resources, and potential legal funds needed to help assert their rights; and

BIFRT the KSU hold a session where members call upon their elected officials (by letter or phone) to defend Indigenous rights.

*Moved by Hope Moon*

*Seconded by Mason Carter*

Hope Moon said that the KSU had been sharing some of the things that had been happening in Digby regarding the rights of Indigenous fishers. She said that the Union has made many solidarity statements when moments of injustice have come about and that we are clearly in another one. Hope said that this is important especially because this one is in the territory on which we do land recognitions for, live on, and we are all treaty people under the treaty of Peace and Friendship. Hope said that the statement is important as are funds (which they have a budget for this year). The blank is such so that council can decide a numerical amount— from the campaigns advocacy line which has \$800— to support Indigenous fishers. She said that she is happy this motion includes a statement, a financial amount, and an action.

*Levi Clarkson motioned to amend that the motion includes: "BIRT this statement also calls on the University to write a statement in solidarity with the Mi'kmaw fishers and their right to a moderate livelihood, which acknowledges that as treaty people it is the responsibility of all members of the King's community to speak out against violations of the Treaties of Peace and Friendship; and"*

*Seconded by Rylan Pembroke*

Rylan Pembroke recommended that the statement include asking students to donate.

Levi Clarkson asked how much should be asked for students to donate.

Rylan Pembroke recommended that it should be vague. They said that it would be a good idea to separate the actual solidarity from monetary donation.

Hope Moon said that if the KSU does provide a donation, that we should call upon the University to at least match the KSU's donation.

David Shuman asked if it was grammatically "Mi'kmaq" in this context, rather than "Mi'kmaw".

Levi Clarkson said yes, David is right.

*Rylan Pembroke motioned to amend that the amendment includes: "...and which also calls on the University to make a monetary donation to the Mi'kmaw fishers; and"*



*Seconded by Aideen Reynolds*

Hope Moon said that “Mi’kmaw” is singular and “Mi’kmaq” is plural and because “fishers” is plural, it makes sense—for example “Canadians fishers” vs “Canadian fishers” —so that it would be “Mi’kmaw” in this case.

David Shuman said that it is the difference of how plural and singular nouns work, and how plural and singular adjectives work. He said where ‘Mi’kmaw’ is not as simple as an adjective as ‘Canadian’ or ‘Canadians’, it doesn’t work quite the same in the translation between Mi’kmaw and English. He believes that it should be spelt with a ‘q’.

Hope Moon said that she believes Levi Clarkson was mirroring the language in Hope’s initial motion and Hope was mirroring the language and text being used in the news, as well as the Mi’kmaw fishers themselves.

Levi Clarkson said that they can correct the language in the approval of the minutes in the next council meeting and that they agree that the use of language is important. They said that Hope and they would reach out to someone in the Mi’kmaw community to get the appropriate language so that when they do the public statement, the KSU will use the correct language.

*Amendment to the amendment passed.*

*Amendment passed.*

*Recommendations to fill the monetary amount was opened.*

David Shuman asked if there was a minimum and maximum amount that could be donated.

The Chair responded that it could be between \$0 and \$800.

*David Shuman recommended \$100.*

*Levi Clarkson recommended \$150.*

*Isabella MacKay recommended \$200.*

*Recommendations closed.*

Levi Clarkson motivated for \$150 in that \$100 would be the typical amount to donate to another organisation in situations in which they had very little money, now they are in a more stable financial situation where the KSU can afford to give more.

Isabella MacKay motivated for \$200 and said that often, when the KSU is making donations, it would be for global issues, but this is a local issue which is justification for a larger donation. She said that this cause will not be receiving donations from a wider community. She said that this amount also allows the KSU to keep some money aside for other potential donations.



David Shuman asked if \$200 can be justified in the budget.

Hope Moon said that she does not have anything planned for the Winter semester. She said that with campaigns and events, there are two lines in the budget; Campaigns has the line of \$800, and Events has a line of \$500. Hope said she can use both these budget lines in that the budget is flexible so that they can get money from another relevant line. Yes, it's a quarter of the Campaigns budget line, but it won't be unjustified to donate a large amount.

Michael Greenlaw motivated for \$200 and said that if the KSU is calling for the university to match their donation, he expects that \$200 should be the minimum amount the university should donate anyhow.

*Moved to voting.*

*\$100 – 0 votes 'aye'*

*\$150 – 0 votes 'aye'*

*\$200 – 10 votes 'aye'*

*Blank was filled with \$200.*

David Shuman asked how Indigenous students are going to be consulted in the writing of the KSU statement.

Hope Moon said that she can share it with the Racialized Students Collective and make a public call on the student body to contribute their support.

David Shuman asked if the KSU could put out a call to Mi'kmaq and other indigenous students to have their say in this statement.

Hope Moon said that yes, and that student consultation is important.

Rylan Pembroke said that the monetary donation goes with the statement and highlighted the urgency to donate sooner rather than later.

Levi Clarkson said that the monetary donation doesn't have to wait for the statement. They are not contingent on each other.

*Motion passed.*

- 8.11 BIRT the Orientation Week Coordinators and SLVP be paid the final installment of their honorarium for their work organizing Orientation Week 2020.

*Moved by Levi Clarkson*

*Seconded by Hope Moon*



Mason Carter announced their conflict of interest and abstained from voting.

*Motion passed.*

**9. New business**

9.1 Whereas the President's review on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion was presented at the Board of Governors meeting on Thursday, September 24 and;

Whereas the KSU Board of Governors Reps. asked the President what the next steps were for his EDI review and he explicitly asked for a response to it, and;

Whereas various student groups and the King's Equity committee have continuously provided a set of recommendations in response to his review on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, therefore;

BIRT the KSU Board of Governor's Representatives write a statement responding to the EDI Review and the next steps, calling attention to the Equity committee's recommendations and other tangible recommendations presented by students, and;

BIFRT this statement will be reviewed by the KSU exec and then published to KSU social media accounts and sent directly to the President and all Board members.

*Moved by Rylan Pembroke*

*Seconded by Levi Clarkson*

Ryland Pembroke said that after the Board of Governors meeting, Aideen and him decided that it would be good to write a statement regarding what happened with the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee report where Levi Clarkson asked what the next steps would be and Bill Lahey said that he wanted other parts of King's to respond. Rylan wants the KSU to respond and highlight the work of students in creating tangible goals in renaming rooms and monuments.

*Motion passed.*

*Levi Clarkson motioned to adjourn*

*Seconded by Hope Moon*

***Meeting adjourned at 19:36 ADT***