



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
Board of Governors Representative – Rylan Pembroke
Day Student Representative – Emma Oliver
Member at Large – Victoria Gibbs
Science Representative – Ridge Sieb
Residence Representative – Kailen Crosson

Non-voting members present:

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

Regrets:

Arts Representative – Nathan Ferguson
First Year Representative – *Vacant*

Voting members absent:

Journalism Representative – Stephen Wentzell

Meeting was called to order at 17:06 ADT

The Chair recognized that the meeting took place on unceded, traditional Mi'kmaq territory. The Chair said that this reality has become even more crucial to recognize over the past month as white settler fishermen and Nova Scotia terrorize and harass the Indigenous peoples of Mi'kmaq and destroyed both their caught lobsters and their means to a moderate livelihood. We can all do our part as treaty people on stolen land to advocate, make space for, and donate to the Mi'kmaq fishing communities if we can. But we also must consider our role as representatives of the KSU membership within a colonial institution and how we might use the powers and privileges of our given positions to continue to fight these injustices on and off campus. The Chair said that links to resources and information on where and how to donate can be found in the KSU Instagram Highlights.

Each member at the meeting introduced themselves as new members were recently just elected.

The Chair briefed councillors on a typical meeting schedule and a reminded them about Robert's Rules.

Isabella Mackay updated everyone on how voting works on an online forum. Take a look at the KSU Instagram and/or Facebook page for more information on Zoom decorum.

1. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted with unanimous consent.



2. Approval of Minutes from September 27th

The minutes were approved with unanimous consent.

3. Oral reports of the councillors

Kailen Crosson had nothing to report.

Ridge Sieb had nothing to report.

Emma Oliver said that the Day Student Society elections wrapped up a couple of weeks ago and the society currently has two executive vacancies: First Year Representative and Financial Vice-President. This means the DSS must hold a byelection. Emma had an executive meeting with the execs that had been elected to figure out a timeline for how byelections will work. Nominations will open on October 19th and close November 2nd for the remaining two positions. Voting will take place on November 9th and 10th. The DSS Fall General Meeting will be held on October 29th. Emma asked all Day Students to attend to obtain quorum.

Victoria Gibbs had nothing to report.

Rylan Pembroke said that he is the Kings representative for the South House board so Rylan is also attending council meetings in that capacity too. South House is putting out the bursary run for the semester which range from \$50-\$250. Anyone can apply in the upcoming week. Rylan explain that South House is a Dal and Kings levied organisation that focus on gender and sexual health resources. South House has two full-time staff people, Frank and Francesca, who are awesome and can talk to them about anything; peer support is great! They have a bunch of resources and they are awesome. Check them out on Facebook and Instagram: <https://southhousehalifax.ca/> , <https://www.facebook.com/southhousehalifax>

Aideen Reynolds had worked for 13 ½ hours for the polls, she feels loopy and weird.

4. Reports of the Executive Committee (Attached)

4.1 Report of the President

Levi Clarkson added to email cro@ksu.ca to help with ideas to get first years to vote for First Year Representative as they have not yet reached quorum. Every day at 7:00pm ADT, if the quorum has not been met, voting will continue on for the next day. Levi said we need this position filled urgently.

David Shuman asked about the ad-hoc committee timeline.

The Chair responded that they were going to work on it. The Chair had been planning to get information out to committee members, but his computer was out of commission for 12 days. The Chair said it's his 1st priority for this week.



Aideen Reynolds asked about the missed nomination. She asked if it would be possible to talk to the committee members and have them consider stepping down to allow more members.

The Chair said that there are rules in place for councillor byelections, if someone were to step down, but he does not recall any rules for any sort of byelection for committee members. What would happen, and what has happened in the past, is if someone steps down from a committee, there would be another nomination period at the following council meeting—which could be an emergency meeting—to nominate people. Usually this is for standing committees of the union, like the bylaw review committee and the academic committee, but since this is an ad-hoc committee, it would not fall under the same regulations of a standing committee but rather a special committee of the union. Because it's a committee of the union, council would not be able to vote on that. The only reason we were able to do that a council previously, because it was deferred at a general meeting. So, to refill the committee in the meantime, The Chair would have to consult the bylaws. They would be interim members until the next General Meeting.

David Shuman asked if this was something to bring up at the committee meeting.

The Chair responded that it should be brought up at a committee meeting. The Chair felt like he wanted to answer the question that was asked by Aideen.

Isabella MacKay said that they would most likely have to hold another General Meeting to re-elect someone to the ad-hoc committee.

4.2 Report of the Student Life Vice President

Rylan Pembroke asked what the OH&S Committee was.

Mason Responded that it is the Occupation Health and Safety Committee for the university. A representative from each distinct faculty or working group (the advancement's office, the registrar's office, the KSU's office) gets together in this committee and discusses general health and safety concerns that apply to the university. This year has been very Covid-heavy in that they are organizing and approving the safety plans for operations at the university.

4.3 Report of the Financial Vice President

4.4 Report of the External Vice President

Levi Clarkson asked for clarification on the food workshop.

Hope Moon said it is going to happen on October 30th. There will be two panels, one in the morning from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm, and one in the afternoon from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm. Here is a link to the event: <https://fb.me/e/6PERswjfp>. One panel will be focusing on food justice and food security from a lens, and the afternoon panel will widen that lens to the larger community. There will be various members from organisations who are working around food issues in the city. From the student perspective, The Gally, the Loaded Ladle, the DSU



Market, and the DSU Foodbank will all have representatives attending. They have not yet announced the community organizations yet. It will happen on Zoom and it will be recorded.

Michael Greenlaw said that a good friend, Cassy Hayward, had written her honours thesis on food security for university students and recommended that she would be a great person to contact regarding the topic.

4.5 Report of the Communications Vice President

5. Action Items

5.1 BIRT King's Dance Collective be ratified as a Tier II society for the 2020/2021 academic year.

Moved by Mason Carter

Seconded by Isabella MacKay

Mason Carter said that the King's Dance Collective (KDC) aims to provide a non-competitive outlet for students interested in all aspects of dance and choreography. Professional and student-run workshops are held periodically, introducing students to various styles of dance. An end of year show is put on in conjunction with the King's Theatrical Society (KTS), allowing students to experiment with choreography as well as providing them with the opportunity to organize and run a performance. Things will look a little different this year, but they still aim still to end it showcasing everything we've done together, even if it was far apart. The KDC welcomes dancers of all skill levels and backgrounds.

The Chair asked if someone could explain the difference between a tier I and a tier II society.

Mason Carter said tier II can do more because they have a bank account, tier I societies don't have access to money in the same way.

Nick Harris said tier II societies can apply for non-contingent which means they can put a funding request together and from that funding request the Finance Committee can recommend approval for a check in that amount. For a tier I society, once council approves their funding, they must submit a receipt and then be refunded afterwards. Tier II societies with distinction are allowed to have alcohol at their events. Those are societies that have a longevity on campus and have been around for many years.

Motion passed.

6. New business

The Chair responded to Aideen Reynold's question regarding the ad-hoc committee; no matter what the committee is, whether it's a committee of the Union or a committee of council, if any one person, or more than one person, were to resign from the committee then it would be filled at the next council meeting or emergency council meeting on an interim basis. The position would be filled with permanent members at the next General Meeting or Emergency General Meeting.



Minutes for KSU Council Meeting
King's Students' Union 2020-2021
Sunday October 18, 2020, 17:00 ADT,
Online via Zoom

*Levi Clarkson motioned to adjourn
Seconded by David Shuman*

Meeting adjourned at 18:03 ADT.