



Voting members present:

Financial Vice President – Nick Harris
External Vice President – Hope Moon
Student Life Vice President - Mason Carter
Communications Vice President – Isabella MacKay
Board of Governors Representative – Aideen Reynolds
Board of Governors Representative – Rylan Pembroke
Member at Large – Victoria Gibbs
Journalism Representative – Stephen Wentzell
Arts Representative – Nathan Ferguson
Science Representative – Ridge Sieb
Residence Representative – Kailen Crosson
Day Student Representative – Emma Oliver
First Year Representative – Kaitlyn MacNeil

Non-voting members present:

Interim Chair – Levi Clarkson
Scribe – Michael Greenlaw
The Watch – David Shuman

Meeting was called to order at 17:09 AST

Levi Clarkson recognised that the meeting was taking place on unceded Mi'kmaq territory.

Nick Harrison moved to appoint Levi Clarkson as Interim Chair for the duration of the November 22nd 2020 council meeting.

Seconded by Isabella MacKay

Levi Clarkson specified that as Interim Chair, they will not have a vote for the juration of the meeting.

Motion passed.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Isabella MacKay moved to combine action items 5.1 and 5.2 to become one motion as action item 5.1. Action item 5.1 will read:

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Seconded by Mason Carter

Isabella MacKay said that there is no reason to separate the motions as they are same motion. Action item 5.2 is just a continuation of action item 5.1, they showed up in today's agenda as a typo.



Amendment passed.

*Isabella MacKay moved amend that subsequent motions following action item 5.1 be re-numbered to fit accordingly in numerical order.
Seconded by Mason Carter.*

Amendment passed by unanimous consent.

*Isabella MacKay moved to amend that new action item 5.3 to be moved by Isabella Mackay rather than Levi Clarkson.
Seconded by Stephen Wentzell.*

Amendment passed by unanimous consent.

Agenda was adopted with unanimous consent.

2. Approval of Minutes from November 2nd, 2020.

The minutes were approved with unanimous consent.

3. Oral reports of the councillors

Emma Oliver reported that she and the DSS Internal Vice-President had a meeting at the bank to complete the financial change-over. The new Internal Vice-President for the DSS now has been granted emergency signing rights for their bank account because they are without a Financial Vice-President. Now, the DSS can draft a budget so they can have their Fall Annual General Meeting which will take place the week of December 6th. Emma will keep council updated.

Victoria Gibbs reported that she attended her first Finance Committee meeting and enjoyed it. Victoria said that she messaged Mason Carter to work on a project over the winter break to connect first year students with upper year students.

Nathan Ferguson reported that he set up administrative stuff regarding KSU emails and office hours. Nathan said that a couple of weeks ago, he met with Dr. Roberta Barker, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Science, along with Nick Harris and Hope Moon and is happy to hear Dr. Barker's position with regards to the DASS Student Forum and the next steps following the concerns raised there and how to move forward. Nathan met with the presidents of the student societies to hear what's going on with them. The societies are planning conferences for next year and have no concerns to bring up. The presidents of the societies are saying that Kings' courses are going well, in contrast, but not to negate, what was brought up at the FASS student forum. The president of the History of Science and Technology Society was one of the students hired by the university to work on mandate from the Board of Governors over the summer to diversify the curriculum. Nathan is looking to get access to the documents made by those students who were hired. Nathan said that he spoke with some FYP students a week ago, the main thing they were wondering about was about making the decision about Kings department to transition into after FYP. Nathan said that he is looking forward to attending the first Academic Committee meeting.



Ridge Sieb reported that he and Kailen Crosson met with Tim Lade, the Assistant Dean, and took notes during the meeting. Ridge said that he has received his KSU email and is included in Academic Committee meeting coming up.

Kailen Crosson reported that she and Ridge Sieb met with Tim Lade about life on residence in the time of Covid-19 and how to move forward and present the information regarding rules a bit better and more easily accessible for students, especially a lot of them are going to be returning from Christmas Break with a likely tightening of Covid-19 rules. They also discussed the mental health crises on campus, particularly the level of substance abuse on campus. Kailen said that they are likely to have more follow-up meetings moving forward. Kailen also attended a meeting with Tim Lade, Katie Merwin, and J.C. about how to present new Covid regulations to students and what should change to make students understand the rules a bit better because the email format didn't seem to be working.

David Shuman asked Kailen Crosson to elaborate on the substance abuse.

Kailen Crosson responded that some residence students are using alcohol and/or smoking in excess to an unhealthy amount especially this year. Kailen said that there are more people who maybe wouldn't regularly go to the point of abusing alcohol to the point of getting drunk every night or getting black-out drunk frequently. The increased stress of the pandemic has alleviated that, there have been a lot of students going to Tim or a residence don with substance problem in an increase this year compared with other years.

Ridge Sieb added that it is very significantly heavy owing to the pandemic and the isolation which is one of the biggest issues on campus that him and Kailen Crosson are working on.

Aideen Reynolds asked if they had reached out to South House as they do harm reduction workshops and are an exceptional resource. They could be very useful as they have institutional knowledge with regards to student affairs.

Kailen Crosson responded that they have not used a lot of resource yet because a lot of them are virtual and unfortunately virtual events result in a low resident student turn-out. Kailen will reach out to South House and see what they are willing to do.

Aideen Reynolds added that they could help to provide knowledge to people like Kailen, Katie and other people involved.

Stephen Wentzell reported that he has not been able to access his KSU email. Before the Winter Break, Stephen has a few things he would like to finish up: In the Summer, Bill Lahey had put out a release to make detailed changes to the administration and specifically towards the journalism program related to anti-black and anti-indigenous racism in reporting in those communities issues in response to an increase in advocacy surrounding these topics. But Stephen has not heard anything since the initial release and would like to reach out to King's President to find out what he was talking about then, what he has been doing, and if that is going to continue to be a thing. Stephen is also looking to create a stream-line bursary process to start next Fall for journalism students which requires reaching out to Julie Green from the Registrars Office, to figure out how to make the bursary process easier and how to increase the amount of bursaries for



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journalism students. Stephen also wants to reach out the folks at The Watch to see what kind of needs they have as an organisation moving forward to talk about how Stephen, in his role, can help advocate for their needs. Lastly, Stephen wants to talk to Tim Curry, the director of the journalism school, regarding the remarkable rise of violence against journalists across North America. It is becoming more important to have a discussion about whether we should have courses or curriculum around safety and security for journalists while reporting.

Kaitlyn MacNeil reported that she watched the video tutorials of how council meetings operate. A few weeks ago, Kaitlyn met with ad-hoc committee.

Rylan Pembroke reported there was a last-minute meeting from the Board of Governors about the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee conversations which took place during reading week, neither Rylan nor Aideen Reynolds attended because it was beyond their capacity and the meeting was last-minute. Rylan and Aideen plan on getting together to review the material from that meeting and continue to have the conversation about how the KSU should respond to the presidential report on equity, diversity, and inclusion and how that report can address calls from journalism students as well as students they have met with formally and informally. Rylan updated council that South House has completed their review of bursary applications for the fall and emails should be coming out shortly.

David Shuman asked what timeline we are on for the KSU response to the President's report.

Rylan Pembroke responded that ideally it would be as soon as possible, however they have two full time jobs and is a full-time student. They want to address this by releasing something before the end of the semester which will include action items moving forward into the winter term. Since the meeting, they have had conversations about releasing a report; there a few instances of things they want to add. Specifically, the way in which we're starting to recognise the on-going mental health crisis amongst students, staff, and faculty. They want to hold off for now to see what comes of the last few weeks of the semester.

Aideen Reynolds added that both of them want to give it proper amount of energy which is difficult right now. They want to their do due diligence. They both spend a lot of their days caring about what goes on and that means it is going to take a little while. She hopes they will do a good job. The longer they think about it, the more that they realise what they have to cover.

Michael Greenlaw asked about the last minute call to have a meeting by the BOG pointing out the irony that they were discussing equity, diversity, and inclusion but neither elected student representatives could make it owing to the sudden meeting and if there was space to talk about that at the following BOG meeting.

Rylan Pembroke responded that the meeting took place on the Monday of the start of reading week which they had to work full-time during. Rylan said that there was no poll asking the BOG what the best time would be to meet. He does not feel the most updated from what was decided during the last-minute meeting but is hoping that the conversation continues and that there is space for him and Aideen to have those conversations at the BOG level.



Aideen Reynolds added that the student representation at the board level is not the priority of the members which will continue to be a problem. Aideen said that it is difficult now to advocate for how they exist in that space since this is a problem that is institutional.

Levi Clarkson added that they did attend this meeting as president of the KSU and will give an update during their report. They said that they have not yet been able to go over their notes to send them to Ryan and Aideen because everyone is not doing great. Their goal this week is to get those minutes to the two BOG representatives. Levi will also send an email to the Chair of the BOG that it was not okay to issue a last minute meeting without asking members of their availability which is not just an issue at the BOG level, but also at the committee level where the KSU executive will not be consulted on their schedule before meetings are called putting them in positions to skip classes or cancel other commitments.

David Shuman asked for a recap that students can expect this response by the end of the semester.

Rylan Pembroke responded that they are looking to have a response loosely by the end of the semester. As much as they want to fully be in their positions on the KSU, they have to hold space for their existence as students and as people in the world. Hopefully by next reporting period, they will have had time to meet and get the conversation going.

Levi Clarkson added that there are other constituencies of the university who have responded or are continuing to respond to this report so it's not just like the board had a meeting and there are no more conversations being had around it. Levi let the board know that the KSU will be giving a response as soon as they could. There is an upcoming BOG meeting before the end of the semester, so even if the formal response from the KSU is not ready, there will be an opportunity to bring those things up at the board meeting.

4. Reports of the Executive Committee (Attached)

4.1 Report of the President

Presented by Levi Clarkson

Nathan Ferguson asked if anyone from the KSU is involved with the Kings hiring committee process currently going on.

Levi Clarkson responded that this has been an ongoing discussion that they have been bringing up at the board level. They said that the Kings faculty have a different governing system than other universities' faculty by identifying themselves as a self-governing body which means that often, the Kings faculty will come to board with decisions already made. This is where faculty have talked about the disconnect between the faculty and the BOG. The board passes things about EDI, then faculty are still talking about it and not necessarily agreeing on it even though it's been passed. Levi said that students are not involved with internal faculty decision making because students don't go to faculty meetings. Levi has been pushing for student representation at these decision making meetings as students should be consulted on these issues. Levi has not been involved in this process but has been asking questions about this process. Their understanding is that the process has student consultation built into it by the final candidates will give a lecture for students and give feedback but the KSU executives have not been contacted or consulted.



4.2 Report of the Student Life Vice President

Presented by Mason Carter

David Shuman asked when students should expect the care packages.

Mason Carter responded that they are doing the forms this week and are looking to send them out early to mid-December to allow time for students to submit the forms and allow time to mail them out.

Hope Moon added that there is going to be a deadline to submit the form to allow certainty for those who wish to receive a care package. Hope said that if students request one after the deadline, they should get them within two weeks.

4.3 Report of the Financial Vice President

Presented by Nick Harris

4.4 Report of the External Vice President

Presented by Hope Moon

Victoria Gibbs added that their friend in sustainability and the core classes have been difficult to access for students and for being forgiving and understanding. They are expected to spend 18 hours a week on courses because it is a double-credit course.

4.5 Report of the Communications Vice President

Presented by Isabella MacKay

David Shuman asked given that the KSU website has been updated in multiple places, why does it continue to list Patsy Ginou as SLVP.

Isabella MacKay responded by thanking David for bringing this to her attention and that their website is a maze. Both Rebecca and Isabella have editing powers and will get on to change that. She said that their website is the place least visited by students.

David Shuman asked what timeline that can be fixed on.

Isabella MacKay responded that she has an essay due tomorrow so it should be updated by the end of next week.

5. Action Items

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Finance Committee recommends approval

Moved by Nick Harris



Seconded by Aideen Reynolds

Nick Harris said that the KSU executive for the last couple weeks have been talking about getting a second Zoom Premium account that would be accessible by all KSU societies. It would be as if societies are making room bookings where they could utilize different time slots of the Zoom account. Currently, the executive have been giving out their Zoom for societies to use but have realised that meetings have conflicted and when there are two people on an account, it kicks the others off so from a practical standpoint it makes sense to have two Zoom accounts. Regarding the second part of this motion, Finance Committee had a very in-depth conversation about the Otter transcription service and if it was going to be utilized by societies. Nick recommended to make it contingent upon identified need, by reaching out to societies to determine if this is something they would use, and if so, funding would be put there.

David Shuman asked if non-society groups could use the Zoom account.

Nick Harris responded that they will be using society funding for KSU societies, so no. Only society funding can be accessed by KSU societies, similar to how only KSU societies can book a room on campus.

David Shuman asked for instance can The Watch use it.

Nick Harris responded that yes, The Watch is a levied society so they can use it.

The Interim Chair added that levied societies are included as KSU societies and therefore could use the account.

Nick Harris added that one of the reasons it was identified to see if there was an established need from KSU societies was because, typically, when societies meet, it is often casual conversations within those societies so what the Otter service is really good for is when there is an event or a workshop—and the Finance Committee was thinking was if we are already paying over \$200 for this service on the main account, that if a society was to have a larger event where this was identified—we could allow them to use the main KSU Zoom account.

David Shuman asked if the full funding for Otter transcription service is being taken out of the society line?

Nick Harris responded that yes. Another reason that it is contingent is because that amount is for all of December until the end of the semester. So, say there was a big society event where a society decided to hold it in January or February and want to access this service. If it is an identified need there, the KSU could pay for it for that month. But if it is not going to be utilized consistently, then it does not make sense to put up all money.

Motion passed.

5.2 BIRT the King's Theatrical Society receive \$300 to subsidize honoraria for their ongoing workshop series.



Finance Committee recommends approval
Moved by Nick Harris
Seconded by Victoria Gibbs

Nick Harris said that the KTS is doing an online workshop series inviting three different presenters from different backgrounds in theatre—one with a masters, one professor, and a professional—to show the trajectory for students in theatre. The KTS is putting upfront an additional \$600 for these honorariums. They thought it was important to make sure that they pay all three of these presenters the same amount of \$300. The KSU would therefore be subsidising \$100 per honorarium.

Motion passed.

5.3 BIRT the Chief Returning Officer be paid \$425 for their work running the fall councillor elections.

Moved by Isabella MacKay
Seconded by Rylan Pembroke

Isabella MacKay said that the CFO runs the election. This year was a bad year. It would be great to pay Lara for her hard work.

Levi Clarkson reminded council that this is only half of her honoraria as she will be paid an additional \$425 at the end of the Winter semester elections.

Nathan Ferguson asked if the winter election was for the executive for the following year.

Levi Clarkson responded that yes, the five executive positions and the two BOG representatives will be available.

Motion passed.

6. New business

David Shuman moved to adjourn.
Seconded by Mason Carter.

Meeting adjourned at 18:30 AST.