



Voting members present:

President – Levi Clarkson
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
Day Student Representative – Emma Oliver
First Year Representative – Kaitlyn MacNeil

Non-voting members present:

Chair – Chris Pearse
Scribe – Michael Greenlaw
The Watch – David Shuman
General Member – Patsy Ginou
General Member – Hannah Perry
General Member – Tessa Hill
Canadian Federation of Students Nova Scotia – Marie Dolcetti Koros

Regrets:

Residence Representative – Kailen Crosson
Science Representative – Ridge Sieb

Meeting was called to order at 17:01 AST

The Chair recognised that the meeting was taking place on unceded Mi'kmaq territory.

1. Adoption of Agenda

*Hope Moon moved to have action item 5.1 and 5.2 be moved by Hope Moon
Seconded by Isabella MacKay*

Amendment passed.

The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

2. Approval of Minutes from January 10th, 2021.

*Nathan Ferguson moved to remove the word “Bill” before the word “University” on page 2; and
to amend that on page 3 and 4, Junior Don be spelt correctly, rather than Junior “Dawn”
Seconded by Rylan Pembroke*

Amendment passed by unanimous consent.



David Shuman moved that on page 2, the phrase "Can I share the link" should be spelt correctly
Second by Rylan Pembroke

Amendment passed by unanimous consent.

Rylan Pembroke moved that on page 2 and 5, "Galley" be spelt correctly; instead of "Gally"
Moved by Rylan Pembroke
Seconded by Levi Clarkson

Amendment passed by unanimous consent.

Isabella MacKay moved that on page 3 and 5, David Shuman's be spelt correctly; instead of
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Seconded by David Shuman

Amendment passed by unanimous consent.

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

3. Oral reports of the councillors

Victoria Gibbs reported that she is working with Mason Carter to organize a virtual escape room event and they are figuring out the logistics on how it's going to work. Victoria attended the first-year meeting before fees were cut in half. Victoria is also running for an exec position in the winter election.

David Shuman asked which position.

Victoria Gibbs responded Financial Vice President

Aideen Reynolds reported that they released the KSU's response to University President Bill Lahey's EDI report which they are happy about. Aideen said that they submitted their nomination package to run for External Vice President and are very excited about that. Aideen said that they have watched a bunch of wonderful solidarity happening and is proud of everybody.

Rylan Pembroke added that they attended those meetings as well. On the Monday after the previous council meeting, Ry attended a South House Board meeting, if anyone has any questions Ry would be happy to chat. Ry and Aideen Reynolds attended a Zoom session with University Vice Presidential Candidate Sarah Clift and six other board members. They had some good discussions, Aideen and Ry got to ask some good questions about students' roles in both administrative and faculty organisation.

Aideen Reynolds added that she is very excited about Sarah Clift as University Vice President. Aideen said that Sarah is a professor in CSP and is an understanding person.

Emma Oliver reported that she sent an update email to the first half of day students (gmail only allows 500 emails per day for a regular, free account) to touch base about what she reported last



Minutes for KSU Council Meeting

King's Students' Union 2020-2021

Sunday, January 24th, 2021, 17:00 AST.

Online via Zoom

meeting with a link to their suggestion form for donation recommendations. The Day Student Society is in the planning stages for a Pen Pal Program, with some information in the email. Emma has begun writing her change-over report for the DSS and got the DSS executives their honoraria checks for last term.

Stephen Wentzel reported that he is still planning a meeting with the Watch executives.

Nathan Ferguson reported that he had a meeting with the presidents of the King's academic societies. Not a great deal came to light at this meeting, but it was good to be in touch. All society presidents who were present reported a generally higher level of student satisfaction with the winter term delivery of courses, but there is a high level of burnout that has carried over from last semester. The EMSP conference was this weekend, the CSP conference is scheduled for late February, and there is an ongoing speaker series at CSP that is going really well, though attendance could be higher. Nathan is remaining in touch with the department directors about their ongoing conversation about curriculum diversification / reform. Nathan is wary of the directors being overburdened and of an accessibility issue of a new railing in the center of the steps before the library as this will really interfere with Classics in the Quad.

Kaitlyn MacNeil reported that she has applied to run for Student Life Vice President. Kaitlyn said that she is interested in the new hiring committee for accessibility issues regarding FYP. Kaitlyn has been taking suggestions from FYP students throughout this past year regarding accessibility issues. Kaitlyn has been working on an online event for winter break, perhaps involving trivia over Kahoot.

Isabella MacKay said that trivia sounds cool. Isabella recommended reaching out to the DSS because they do trivia nights a lot.

4. Reports of the Executive Committee (Attached)

4.1 Report of the President

Presented by Levi Clarkson

David Shuman asked if the town hall will be public.

Levi Clarkson responded that all residents students are invited. Levi and Nick Harris will co-chair to facilitate the conversation. The meeting will also include Assistant Dean of Students Tim Lade, Dining Services Director Daniel Orovec and, Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response Officer Jordan Roberts. Levi is not sure about it being public as it is mostly for residence students to address their concerns. This question can be brought up later during their organising meeting to see what residence students think about the idea.

David Shuman said to please get back him on it.

4.2 Report of the Student Life Vice President

Presented by Mason Carter

Mason Carter added that they are working with Victoria Gibbs to organise the escape room as a social event for first years and upper years.



Mason Carter disclosed that they have been hired as a Junior Don. In their upcoming executive meeting, they will be examining Mason's roles which may come into conflict in their position as Student Life Vice President and Junior Don which may undermine their ability to care about the students and do the work that needs to be done for them.

4.3 Report of the Financial Vice President

Presented by Nick Harris

Nick Harris added that he has a Budget Advisory Committee meeting coming up this Tuesday.

4.4 Report of the External Vice President

Presented by Hope Moon

Levi Clarkson said a big thank you to Hope Moon as she has been working hard for the residence students' demands.

4.5 Report of the Communications Vice President

Presented by Isabella MacKay

David Shuman said that he saw that Isabella MacKay was more active on Twitter which he likes seeing.

5. Action Items

5.1 Whereas during the previous council meeting, a motion was struck to plan a boycott of paying student fees should the University not cut the Winter Meal Plan fees; and

Whereas in response to campaigning by students, the University announced that the fee would be cut in half on Wednesday evening -- two days before the fee due date; and

Whereas in order to avoid putting students in further precarious financial situations, it was decided amongst students not to go forth with the planned boycott; therefore

BIRT the KSU not take part in a boycott against paying student fees, as we have moved on from that particular situation upon receiving a partial solution from the university; and

BIFRT the KSU continues to commit to advocating for residence students, by relating residence issues to the wider community through planning organizing meetings to discuss issues and plan strategies of communication, as well as working towards holding a residence town hall in which students can voice their experiences and concerns.

Moved by Hope Moon

Seconded by Levi Clarkson

Hope Moon said that councillors should know the context of this motion by now. Hope said that it is important for the integrity of the Union to recognise the actions that have taken place over the past two weeks in an action item as last meeting a boycott motion was passed. Hope



said that it is important to confirm, for the record, what is being done already in the form of a motion.

Levi Clarkson added that it is important to reaffirm the Union's commitment to the other elements of the motion passed at the last meeting make sure that they are continuing their commitment in a formal capacity.

David Shuman asked as the Union has already taken action to drop the boycott, what happens if this doesn't pass.

The Chair responded that the Union is not bound to force anyone to follow through on the boycott; while this is not a binding action in that sense. As Hope Moon and Levi Clarkson have already noted, this is more of a show of solidarity than an actionable motion. The reason it is an "action item" is because it needs to be voted upon.

Motion passed.

5.2 Whereas there have been ongoing issues with the Foundation Year Programme in terms of accessibility and content; and

Whereas our previous UHP completed a report on Accessibility on campus that included specific FYP related recommendations;

BIRT the UHP is dedicated to investigating how to implement the FYP specific recommendations contained within the KSU Accessibility Report;

BIFRT _____, _____, and _____ be on the UHP hiring committee.

Moved by Hope Moon

Seconded by Aideen Reynolds

Hope Moon said that each year the KSU sets aside money in the budget to hire a Union Hired Position (UHP) dedicated to work on a project decided upon in the winter semester. Last year, the UHP completed a project about accessibility on campus which was incredibly robust and addressed the physical accessibility on campus, the accommodation policy, and much more. The KSU executives thought it would be great to follow up on the FYP area in the UHP's report and tangibly implement those recommendations and realistic expectations. They wanted this UHP position to focus on something that is grounded and has already been worked on; this would be a step two from the last UHP's findings.

Nathan Ferguson asked if Hope could describe some of the main accessibility issues in question that the UHP would address.

Hope Moon responded that some of the accessibility issues are the inability to take an 'ILL' grade in FYP— one of the recommendations was to deal with that to allow an 'ILL' grade for FYP; to create and implement a detailed exception policy as the current one can put a lot of weight onto a single person; a general FYP exam and exemption policy; research into whether or not an accessibility officer would be work and what they would do; being able to



obtain luxury recordings for qualified students for recorded lectures; note takers, and much more.

Levi Clarkson added that they can circulate the UHP's report to councillors. There was a post on the KSU social media a while ago with a high-level summary of the UHP report.

Floor opened for nominations

Hope Moon nominated Patsy Ginou.

Michael Greenlaw self-nominated.

Emma Oliver self-nominated.

Kaitlyn MacNeil self-nominated.

Nominations closed

Hope Moon read Patsy Ginou's self-written bio which read: "my name is Patsy and I am interested in sitting on the hiring committee for the UHP this year. As former SLVP, I not only have a very strong understanding of the operations of the union and what is expected of our UHPs, but also have past experience with the union's hiring process, including sitting on the hiring committees for O Week coordinators and hospitalities coordinator. I am excited to help out!"

Michael Greenlaw said that he would love to sit on this committee. He is also a former SLVP and has a large amount of experience on hiring committees. He is also a UHP himself. He said that he wants to see the right person be appointed to this position. Michael has great institutional knowledge of the Union because he has been involved for over 5 years now. He is looking forward to hopefully bringing his skillset forward for this hiring committee.

Emma Oliver said that she has seen many FYP classes come and go. As DSS president and someone who was a day student during FYP, that she represents a sub-section FYP and FYP-related accessibility needs that might be overlooked. Emma wants the kids to do the best they can.

Kaitlyn MacNeil said that as the current First Year Representative, and as a current FYP student, she knows what the accessibility issues in FYP are as she has personal experience as well as classmates who have spoken with her. Kaitlyn said that she has a good idea about who would need to be hired for this position.

Moved to voting,

Patsy Ginou received 8 votes.

Michael Greenlaw received 7 votes.



Emma Oliver received 8 votes.

Kaitlyn MacNeil received 10 votes.

Blanks were filled with Patsy Ginou, Emma Oliver and, Kaitlyn MacNeil

Motion passed.

6. New business

Levi Clarkson motioned to adjourn
Seconded by Victoria Gibbs

Meeting adjourned at 18:12 AST