



Voting members present:

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

Non-voting members present:

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

Regrets:

Student Life Vice President - Mason Carter

Voting members absent:

First Year Representative – Kaitlyn MacNeil

Meeting was called to order at 17:07 AST

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

Isabella MacKay recognised that she was on the territories of the Coast Salish peoples, specifically the Musqueam Nation, Tsleil-Watuth Nation, and the Squamish Nation

1. Adoption of Agenda

Isabella MacKay moved to have action item 5.1 include "UHP Hiring Committee recommends approval"

Seconded by Levi Clarkson

Amendment Passed.

Nick Harris moved to have action item 5.3 include "Finance Committee recommends approval"

Seconded by Kailen Crosson

Amendment Passed.

The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

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



Minutes for KSU Council Meeting

King's Students' Union 2020-2021

Sunday, February 7th, 2021, 17:00 AST.

Online via Zoom

David Shuman moved to have that the date at the top of the minutes be corrected to reflect the actual meeting date

Seconded by Kailen Crosson

Amendment Passed.

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

3. Oral reports of the councillors

Victoria Gibbs reported that she attended the KSU executive candidate speeches. She and Mason Carter are working on the final details regarding the escape room.

Nathan Ferguson reported that he has been in touch with Mason Carter and Emma Oliver regarding the railing on the stairs. Nathan has gotten in contact with King's Theatrical Society President Antoinette O'Keefe about how the railing could be difficult for Classics in the Quad however next year, Classics in the Quad will not be on the stairs in front of the library. Nathan is looking at getting in contact with the director of the Facilities Department Ian Wagschal. Nathan also spoke with Nick Harris about some Greenshield stuff.

Nick Harris added that one thing the KSU will be looking at soon is \$9,000 in extra funds to be consulted on what should be done with the money with the new KSU executive. They are starting the process about what those funds could be put towards: mental health support in the KSU health plan, and so on. Nick said that the process will be going through consultation before making a decision.

Aideen Reynolds reported that they had spent some time in Wardroom space and that it is a relief to have it open again.

Rylan Pembroke reported that the next South House bursary will be coming up later this semester.

Kailen Crosson reported that they have continued their biweekly meetings with Assistant Dean of Students Tim Lade. Kailen said that they have plans for a residence council which they gave to Levi Clarkson to look over. Kailen has also received plans for updates for common rooms in Alex Hall which they are to look over and give feedback for.

David Shuman asked to give specifics about what's going on with common rooms.

Kailen Crosson responded that it looks like they are replacing furniture, repainting and, making the common rooms in Alex Hall look nice.

Emma Oliver reported that she sat on the UHP Hiring Committee which was a wonderful experience despite some technical difficulties. Emma said that she has been in contact with Hospitality Coordinator JM Nsengiyumva and Dean of Students Katy Merwin (who is the Day Student Society's signing authority) as the DSS is financing the wages for the monitor of the Wardroom space.



David Shuman asked what the monitor does.

Emma Oliver responded that the monitor keeps an eye on the area and ensures that everyone is being safe by following COVID-19 procedures.

Ridge Sieb reported that they have been swamped with work and has nothing to report.

Stephen Wentzell reported that he spoke with Editor-in-Chief at the Watch Kheira and they are meeting later this week to talk about further supports. Stephen has created a Google Doc shared with 4th year BJH students where they can collect feedback about the program. He is planning to submit a report or to meet with Tim Currie in early April to discuss findings. Stephen is planning to reach out to first year instructors to drop in virtually to their classes to get some feedback from first years

Levi Clarkson said that that was a great idea for virtual drop-ins.

David Shuman asked if the report is going to be public.

Stephen Wentzell responded that he is not sure. He said that it's less of a report and more of generalized feedback. The main audience is the admin, not the public.

4. Reports of the Executive Committee (Attached)

4.1 Report of the President

Presented by Levi Clarkson

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Nick Harris thanked Levi Clarkson for their leadership in tackling the tough issue that came up this past week regarding historical sexualized violence at King's and criminal sexual assault charges against Dr. Wayne Hankey.

Nathan Ferguson said that as a student of the classics department he has seen no communication about what's going on. He said that it is a continuation of this silence. Nathan said that he is grateful for the KSU and the University's responses. He is disappointed in his department for the lack of communication.

David Shuman said that at the last meeting he asked if the town hall was open, Levi Clarkson responded that they would update him and later send an email. David Shuman asked if this meeting will be open.

Levi Clarkson responded that they have addressed that Hope Moon and Nick Harris may be addressing this in their report as they have taken on the organizing of the residence town hall. Levi also thanked Nathan Ferguson.



4.2 Report of the Student Life Vice President
Not presented. Please refer to submitted executive reports.

4.3 Report of the Financial Vice President
Presented by Nick Harris

David Shuman asked if this meeting will be open.

Nick Harris responded that they are waiting to hear from Dean of Students Katy Merwin. He thinks that it will be closed to students in residence but will push for a student journalist being present. Nick said that Hope Moon and him will make sure that things are transparent.

Kailen Crosson said that if they need to be put in contact with student journalists, they know of some people who may be interested.

4.4 Report of the External Vice President
Presented by Hope Moon

David Shuman asked if Hope Moon could elaborate on the conversations with the advancement office.

Hope Moon responded that the conversations were about issues about how the Viewbook is done: either a lack of representation or tokenisation. This was something that the office wanted to figure out procedurally and if there were ways to mitigate harm when dealing with it.

4.5 Report of the Communications Vice President
Presented by Isabella MacKay

David Shuman asked what would ideally happen when Isabella MacKay said that the situation with Westin should be fixed.

Isabella MacKay responded that they were asking about students being able to order food in so that they have control over their food. Isabella said that in a follow-up email from the Dalhousie International Centre, they said that now the Westin is now allowing students to order in food. More broadly, hopefully the portion sizes would be larger, as well as better food quality as a baseline. As the KSU is not in meetings with the Westin, they have to this work through the Dalhousie International Centre

David Shuman asked if there would be anything done to compensate students who have previously stayed.

Isabella MacKay responded that this is something that they could bring up with University Vice President Peter O'Brien and Dean of Students Katie Merwin. Isabella is not sure about where that funding would be coming from; the university or (probably not) the Weston. They can talk to Peter and Katy about that.



5. Action Items

- 5.1 Whereas last council we voted to have our UHP investigate how to implement the FYP specific recommendations contained within the KSU Accessibility Report; therefore

BIRT _____ be hired as our UHP this year.

UHP Hiring Committee recommends approval.

Moved by Hope Moon

Seconded by David Shuman

Hope Moon recommended Taylor MacLeod. Hope said that Taylor is a first-year student in FYP arts. Taylor answered their questions really well. The UHP Hiring Committee modeled their questions around FYP accessibility procedures and Taylor used personal experiences in their answers about the direction they want to take in this roll. Hope said that a first-year student who did the program online this year would have a great scope for accommodation needs.

Ridge Sieb said that he seconds this nomination. Taylor MacLeod is in his tutorial and appears to be a great student.

Victoria Gibbs said that she has known Taylor MacLeod since high school and would be great for this position.

Blank was filled with Taylor MacLeod by unanimous consent

Motion passed

- 5.2 Whereas on January 17, 2021 prison abolition activists from across the country released a statement called Choosing Real Safety: A Historic Declaration to Divest from Policing and Prisons and Build Safer Communities for All; and

Whereas the KSU is committed to challenging colonial, racial, gender, sexual and economic oppression; and

Whereas the KSU stands in solidarity with the Black Liberation Movement and Indigenous peoples across Turtle Island as they call for the abolition of prisons and the police; and

Whereas the KSU denounces any and all forms of state violence, which we know disproportionately is wielded against Black and Indigenous peoples; therefore

BIRT the KSU signs on to the statement Choosing Real Safety: A Historic Declaration to Divest from Policing and Prisons and Build Safer Communities for All;

BIFRT the KSU shares the statement with our members on social media and encourages them to individually sign and share the statement with their networks;

BIFRT the KSU participates in the online press conference being organized by the authors of



this statement, in order to support their work to the fullest extent possible:

BIFRT the KSU reaches out to other student organizations and groups in the city to see if there is interest in putting together an online workshop or panel for students on prison and police abolition.

Moved by Levi Clarkson

Seconded by Kailen Crosson

Levi Clarkson said that they put the link to the statement in the Zoom chat for people to read and sign. They said that the KSU is consistently bringing forward solidarity motions for the Black and Indigenous communities and it is important to continue that. One of the major things that those communities are currently calling for is divesting from prisons and policing. It is important to sign on to this to show solidarity and support in the ways that have been outlined to support.

David Shuman asked if Levi Clarkson could give some more background on this statement. Specifically, about where it comes from.

Levi Clarkson responded that some of the folks who authored are Anti-Carceral Group, Abolition Coalition, Anti-Poverty NL, Black Lives Matter- Toronto, Criminalization and Punishment Education Project, East Coast Prison Justice Society, Free Lands Free Peoples, Indigenous Joint/Joy Action Committee, Justice Exchange, Prisoner Correspondence Project, Saskatchewan-Manitoba-Alberta Abolition Coalition, Toronto Prisoners' Rights Project, Wellness Within. Levi said that this statement is about wanting to choose to build safe communities, and that police don't make it safer.

Nick Harris said that this motion is being brought to council as it is procedure for council to vote on solidarity motions on behalf of the union.

David Shuman asked what a timeline would look like for the workshop

Levi Clarkson responded that there is currently no timeline because of an executive changeover soon. There have been a lot of surprising things that have happened over the past two weeks and priorities change quickly so they do not want to commit to a timeline immediately. Levi said that this would be a collaborative process with the incoming executive in April or May.

Motion passed

5.3 BIRT the Wordsmiths Society receive \$50.00 for their writing competition, The Octopus.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Moved by Nick Harris

Seconded by Isabella MacKay

Nick Harris said that the Finance Committee received this request later than usual. Usually, the Wordsmiths Society asks for \$25. Nick asked if they wanted \$50, and they said yes, as well as Finance Committee.



David Shuman asked if the Octopus is going to be online this year.

Nick Harris responded yes.

Motion passed

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5.4 Whereas on February 1st, 2021 the King's community was informed that Dr. Wayne Hankey has been charged with sexual assault after a police investigation regarding in incident which occurred in King's residence in 1988; and

Whereas Dr. Wayne Hankey is a prominent figure in the King's community who has been involved in many of the academic programs, the library, and residence life, as well as at Dalhousie, and now all of these areas must grapple with his involvement in these spaces and its extent and how this can be adequately addressed; and

Whereas it came to the current KSU executive's attention on February 1, 2021 that in Wayne Hankey's bio on the Dalhousie website, he cites himself as a founder of the King's Students' Union and one of its first presidents; and

Whereas the KSU strongly denounces Wayne Hankey's legacy on the King's campus and in the King's community, and stands unequivocally beside survivors of sexualized violence and remain committed to advocating for survivors at King's; and

Whereas the KSU executive believes it to be important that we look into this matter further in order to adequately address any lasting influence he may have had on the organization and how that can be appropriately addressed moving forward; therefore

BIRT the KSU executive along with the help of KSU staff people commission a report on the extent of Wayne Hankey's involvement in the King's Students' Union, including any policies or initiatives he may have implemented during his time as Founder and President;

BIFRT this report be presented to council no later than the first council meeting of September 2021.

Moved by Levi Clarkson

Seconded by Hope

Levi Clarkson said that it has been pretty jarring to be reading Wayne Hankey's bio and figuring out this information. All the information they have to go off of is what he wrote in his bio which is that he is a former KSU president as well as a KSU founder. The executive need to look into the KSU records to find any policies he might have written, etc. and think about how to grapple with potential impacts he might have had on the organization. Levi said



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that there is a question about how to look that far back in the records as it is a big undertaking, but important work, nonetheless. This process involves support from staff people. Levi said that this will fall on incoming executive's responsibilities and they'll need support from staff people. Levi said that because the entire KSU executive does not work over the summer, this timeline makes sense. Levi said that they have been asked a couple of questions from students: How will the KSU delegate work on the report and how will it be decided who will work on it? Levi responded that Services and Campaigns Coordinator Rebecca Stuckey would take the lead on this because she is the only one who consistently works in the KSU office full time and over the summer and has institutional memory. Rebecca would be the one going through the documents. As for the executive, it will be for them to decide how they will divide the tasks; because this will be happening over the summer, they will have to decide if it's reasonable if only the President and Student Life Vice President are the ones working on this as no one else would be paid over the summer. The second question that Levi received is that the student would advocate that this work be opened up to the King's population in order to highlight transparency, for example by striking a committee. Levi said that the motion put forward to today is for the KSU to do a report and to bring that information back to council. Levi said that anyone will be able to propose amendments to this motion if they wish. In regards to striking a committee, Levi said that it would not be feasible to have this report done for September because whoever would be on this committee would have to do the work over the summer and a lot of students work jobs over the summer, so the timeline would probably be longer.

Nick Harris said that this is 30 years of harm. He said that if this takes a year to get through, then it's worth it. There will be a lot to go through; phone calls, bank records, etc... and if they want to strike a committee, then it's great to do after the work has been done to find the information. Nick said that there is a process for this and if they want to jump to a solution there is potential for harm.

Nathan Ferguson said that the Chapel has hired student archivists over the past two summers. He said that if there is any material in the work that they have done that includes the foundation of the KSU, they can help others become oriented.

David Shuman asked if council has an interest in striking a committee.

Victoria Gibbs responded that she agrees with what Nick Harris said. If there needs to be a committee later on, then that makes more sense than striking one now.

Kailen Crosson said that Nick Harris has already addressed this question and that she agrees that it would not make sense to strike a committee at this time.

Aideen Reynolds responded that they think that the work of the council will be seeing how much of this information is going to be available and to put it in a format that would be accessible by students. Aideen said that she agrees with Nick Harris that the work of finding stuff makes sense to be done by someone being paid. After that info has been formatted in an accessible way, then students should have access to that kind of information.

Nick Harris responded that on the logistical side, it does not make sense to form a committee



as they would not be meeting frequently enough to have information ready by September.

Rylan Pembroke asked if there is going to be public communication about what will be happening and the KSU's involvement moving forward.

Levi Clarkson responded that their goal is to provide constant updates to members as this undertaking progresses. What the KSU can do is make a graphic outlining the decision made at council today regarding the commissioning of a report, so that students are informed as to what we are undertaking.

Motion passed

6. New business

Aideen Reynold motioned to adjourn

Seconded by Hope Moon

Meeting adjourned at 18:35 AST