



**Voting members present:**

President – Nick Harris  
Student Life Vice President – Kaitlyn MacNeil  
Financial Vice President – Victoria Gibbs  
External Vice President – Aideen Reynolds  
Communications Vice President – Sam Sharp  
Board of Governors Representative – Miriam MacQuarrie  
Board of Governors Representative – Tessa Hill  
Day Student Representative – Emma Oliver  
Journalism Representative – Stephen Wentzell  
Arts Representative – Nathan Ferguson

**Non-voting members present:**

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

**Voting members absent:**

Residence Representative – Kailen Crosson  
Science Representative – Ridge Sieb  
First Year Representative – Vacant  
Member at Large – Vacant

*Meeting was called to order at 17:03 ADT*

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

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

*Aideen Reynolds motioned to add Action Item 5.12 “Whereas a video was circulated widely of a Halifax Regional Police officer abusing their power against a Black man; and*

*“Whereas Halifax regional police department has a history of violence towards Radicalized individuals; and*

*“Whereas the King Student’s Union must condemn police brutality and violence towards racialized people wherever it exists; and*

*“BIRT The KSU write a statement condemning the violence exhibited by the officer in the video and all white supremacist police violence; and*

*“BIFRT the KSU pay attention to the demands of the Radicalized community in K’jipuktuk and strive to support their efforts for justice.”*

*Seconded by Nick Harris*

*Amendment passed.*

*The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.*



**2. Approval of Minutes from March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

*Victoria Gibbs motioned to change "Victoria Gibbs reported that she attended a Bylaw Review Committee meeting" to "attended a meeting for the Special Committee on Openness and Transparency of the Union."*  
*Seconded by Aideen Reynolds*

*Amendment passed.*

*The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.*

**3. Oral reports of the councillors**

Tessa Hill reported that this has been their first two weeks as BOG representative. She has attended the fee consultation between students and the University and a Fight the Fees meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Tessa said that they met again with Aideen Reynolds to plan for the next two upcoming BOG meetings. Tessa is preparing for the upcoming BOG meeting with Nick Harris and Miriam MacQuarrie. Tessa said that she is gathering student testimony to bring to the meeting.

Miriam MacQuarrie reported that they have been reading through a BOG preparation package. They have a meeting on Monday to talk about BOG strategy and planning for the next few months.

Nick Harris said that Miriam MacQuarrie and Tessa Hill have been amazing to work these past couple of weeks.

David Shuman asked Tessa Hill where students can access the student consultation form when it comes out.

Tessa Responded that it will be posted on the KSU social media accounts hopefully later this week.

Nathan Ferguson reported that he had a quick meeting with the Chair Hiring Committee to talk about a conflict of interest with one of the applicants. Nathan said that he attended a meeting for the Academic Committee, but it did not reach quorum, nevertheless they had a good discussion about what the University could do better. Nathan said that he spoke with presidents of the academic societies and everyone seems to be experiencing burnout. EMSP and the CSP societies are publishing their journals. Nathan said he also had correspondence with Nick Harris to talk about things that he could not get done this year and recommendations for next year if the campus opens.

Stephen Wentzell reported that he brought more concerns about the fourth year workshop to School of Journalism and received satisfactory feedback. Stephen is hoping to attend the School of Journalism feedback meeting on Wednesday afternoon if his CBC schedule allows.



David Shuman asked if the feedback session open for all students.

Stephen Wentzell responded yes, and everyone (at least J-school students) should have received an email in their Dal email account.

Emma Oliver reported that she had been running DSS elections. They have elected three new executive members and Emma has been in regular contact with them. They are still missing a Communications Vice President so Emma will be facilitating a byelection for the position. Emma said that she served on Scribe Search Committee and their recommendation is awesome.

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

##### 4.1 Report of the President

*Presented by Nick Harris*

##### 4.2 Report of the Student Life Vice President

*Presented by Kaitlyn MacNeil*

David Shuman asked relating to report item 1.8, what plans did Kaitlyn MacNeil discuss about HALP.

Kaitlyn MacNeil responded they were discussing an online component and different options for events such as sharing recipes, fun lecture, healthy living and exercising.

David Shuman asked if there is specific care being taken to avoid feeding into diet culture.

Aideen Reynolds responded yes, they looked at lots of things including this. The Hiring Committee also spoke about these concerns.

##### 4.3 Report of the Financial Vice President

*Presented by Victoria Gibbs*

David Shuman asked why we couldn't increase students' fees increased by 50 cents per student and have around \$400 dollars to increase UHP honoraria.

Nick Harris responded that it is about recognising that we are in a global financial crisis, mental health crisis, and it's about the principle of trying not to increase student fees at all. Nick said that if we were to run a referendum and ask students for more money, it would send a clear message that the KSU is not acknowledging the financial crisis that people are in. Nick said that asking for more money is not a principle they want to stand by.

##### 4.4 Report of the External Vice President

*Presented by Aideen Reynolds*

David Shuman asked why the email campaign was cancelled.



Nick Harris responded that he made an assurance that he could get BOG emails however there is an issue of confidentiality that the KSU has signed on to maintain because many of the BOGs use their personal emails. Nick said that they are going to find ways in the future to make sure student testimony is heard.

David Shuman asked why the CFSNS and Liberal coccus meeting was cancelled.

Aideen Reynolds responded that the Liberal coccus cancelled the meeting for unknown reasons. The CFSNS were given the info that "this meeting can't happen" and they are looking forward to rescheduling.

#### 4.5 Report of the Communications Vice President

*Presented by Sam Sharp*

Nick Harris responded to all executives that they have all done amazing work and are all superstars!

### 5. Action Items

#### 5.1 BIRT Taylor Macleod be paid \$300 for their work as UHP for FYP accessibility upon the receipt of their final report.

*Moved by Aideen Reynolds*

*Seconded by Nick Harris*

Aideen Reynolds said that she has only been working with Taylor Macleod for two weeks and has shown some incredible leadership is a great communicator and should be paid for their valuable and important work.

*Motion passed.*

*Chris Pearse ceded the duties of Chair to Aideen Reynolds.*

#### 5.2 BIRT Chris Pearse be paid \$425 for his work as Chair.

*Moved by Nick Harris*

*Seconded by Kaitlyn MacNeil*

Nick Harris said that Chris Pearse is a superstar. Nick said that this motion represents one of the brightest stars among us as over the past year, Chris has been invaluable to council by going above and beyond the position of Chair.

*Motion passed.*

*Aideen Reynolds ceded the duties of Chair to Chris Pearse.*

#### 5.3 BIRT Michael Greenlaw be paid \$300 for his work as Scribe.

*Moved by Sam Sharp*

*Seconded by Victoria Gibbs*



Sam Harp said that she has only been on the executive committee for two weeks but thinks that Michael Greenlaw has done a great job. The last council minutes were sent in super early and Michael deserves to be paid.

Nick Harris said that no further motivation is needed than by looking at the excellent minutes from last meeting.

*Motion passed.*

5.4 Whereas a Chair Hiring Committee member applied for the position of Chair, and;

Whereas this would be a conflict of interest;

BIRT \_\_\_\_\_ be hired to the Chair Hiring Committee.

*Moved by Nick Harris*

*Seconded by Aideen Reynolds*

Nick Harris said that they need another person for the committee because they need to hire a Chair. Nick said that they are looking for someone from this meeting to fill this position on the committee.

David Shuman asked if this position was publicised before the meeting.

Sam Sharp responded that it was not publicised.

David Shuman asked if it should it have been publicised.

The Chair responded that this is a grey area in the Bylaws because this search committee is a standing committee of Council, not of the Union. The bylaws state that if there is a conflict of interest the committee member be replaced by a member at large without specification to the need to advertise for that position.

Nick Harris said that it would have been best practice to advertise about this before the meeting, but it slipped his mind. Nick said that he will make sure it gets advertised in advance next time.

David Shuman asked if this motion should it be tabled.

Nick Harris responded that he doesn't think so because they need to hire a Chair as soon as possible.

The Chair responded that it is up to the members of council if they want to table this motion or not.

*Floor opened for nominations*

*Tessa Hill self-nominated.*



*Nominations closed.*

*The blank was filled with the name Tessa Hill.*

*Motion passed.*

5.5 BIRT \_\_\_\_\_ be hired as Scribe for the 2021/2022 council year.

*Recommended by the Scribe Search Committee*

*Moved by Sam Sharp*

*Seconded by Aideen Reynolds*

Sam Sharp said that they are happy to nominate the candidate Raeesa Alibhai. Raeesa is a first-year student doing FYP Journalism and is interested in being more involved with the Union. Raeesa is familiar with the structure of meetings and taking minutes. The committee is happily and enthusiastically recommending Raeesa Alibhai as Scribe.

*The blank was filled with Raeesa Alibhai*

*Motion passed.*

5.6 BIRT \_\_\_\_\_ be hired as CRO for the 2021/2022 council year.

*Recommended by the CRO Hiring Committee*

*Moved by Sam Sharp*

*Seconded by Kaitlyn MacNeil*

Sam Sharp said that they are happy to nominate the candidate Mason Carter. Mason has previous experience on the executive and is passionate about the role. Mason has experience on campus as a current Junior Don and is familiar with elections process. The committee is happily and enthusiastically recommending Mason Carter as CRO.

*The blank was filled with the name Mason Carter*

*Motion passed.*

5.7 BIRT \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be hired as Orientation Week Coordinators for the 2021/22 orientation week.

*Recommended by Orientation Week Hiring Committee*

*Moved by Nick Harris*

*Seconded by Tessa Hill*

Nick Harris said that they are happy to nominate the candidates Patsy Ginou and Emma Oliver. Nick said that he is looking forward to work with these folks over the summer.

*The blanks were filled with Patsy Ginou and Emma Oliver.*

*Point of Order – Emma Oliver expressed their conflict of interest and obtained from voting.*



*Motion passed.*

- 5.8 BIRT \_\_\_\_\_ be hired as the UHP of Healthy Active Living Program Coordinator.  
*Recommended by HALP Coordinator Hiring Committee*  
*Moved by Aideen Reynolds*  
*Seconded by Nick Harris*

Aideen Reynolds said that they are happy to nominate the candidate Raeesa Alibhai. Raeesa is a first-year student and competitive dancer, who gave really insightful answers that encapsulated what we as a committee think of as healthy active living. Her answers accounted for access needs and class barriers and she brought ideas about online and outdoor programming to help make athletics more accessible. We think that her perspective from doing school remotely will help her programming as she will be doing it remotely. She is enthusiastic about collaborating with other groups on campus and bringing in new people to HALP. We enthusiastically recommend the hiring of Raeesa Alibhai to be the HALP Coordinator.

*The blank was filled with the name Raeesa Alibhai*

*Motion passed*

- 5.9 BIRT that the Contemporary Studies Program Society receive \$1000 to cover the printing and other associated costs with costs for their annual journal Hinge.  
*Moved by Victoria Gibbs*  
*Seconded by Aideen Reynolds*

Victoria Gibbs said that at the time when the agenda was made, the Finance Committee had not met, but they now recommend approval. This is a little more than they've asked for in the past but in their cost breakdown, current bank account, and that this is their only funding request of the year makes this a reasonable request.

David Shuman asked if this impacts the Wardroom Operations Grant.

Victoria Gibbs responded no, she had accounted for this in the budget that was publicized.

*Motion passed.*

- 5.10 BIRT that the Early Modern Studies Society receive \$576.15 to cover the printing and other associated costs for their annual journal Babel.  
*Moved by Victoria Gibbs*  
*Seconded by Kaitlyn MacNeil*

Victoria Gibbs said that at the time when the agenda was made, the Finance Committee had not met, but they now recommend approval. This amount covers the estimated printing fees that the printing company quoted.



*Motion passed.*

**CONTENT WARNING: The following motion addresses anti-Asian violence, racism, and bigotry. Please skip to Action Item 5.12 if you wish to skip this content.**

5.11 Whereas the recent murders in Atlanta, Georgia of 8 people, six of whom were Asian women, highlights the present and continued violence towards the Asian community; and

Whereas Anti-Asian racism is on the rise not only in the United States but also in Canada, and across Turtle Island; and

Whereas the KSU has a responsibility, now more than ever, to our community to reject racism and bigotry and to commit to anti-racist work; and

Whereas we must answer the calls of Asian community leaders to do our part in recognizing the lived realities of oppression that Asian people experience under legacies of colonialism and white supremacy;

BIRT the King's Students Union write a statement expressing solidarity with the Asian community; and

BIFT the King's Students Union reallocate \$200.00 of unspent funds (previously allocated to the Healthy Active Living Program) towards a donation to an organization dedicated to advocacy for the Asian community in Canada.

*Moved by Nick Harris*

*Seconded by Sam Sharp*

Nick Harris said that this motion speaks for itself and that it was important to bring this to Council for their decision on a public statement of this nature. Nick said that he speaks in favor of this motion.

*Motion passed.*

**CONTENT WARNING: The following motion addresses anti-Black racism, police violence, and police brutality. Please skip to Agenda Item 6 if you wish to skip this content.**

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Whereas Halifax regional police department has a history of violence towards Radicalized individuals; and

Whereas the King Student's Union must condemn police brutality and violence towards racialized people wherever it exists; and

BIRT The KSU write a statement condemning the violence exhibited by the officer in the





video and all white supremacist police violence; and

BIFRT the KSU pay attention to the demands of the Radicalized community in K'jipuktuk and strive to support their efforts for justice

*Moved by Aideen Reynolds*

*Seconded by Victoria Gibbs*

Aideen Reynolds said that it is vital to be vocal to condemn police brutality happening around the world and in our community. People in our community are hurt because of this violence, and we need to support them and tell them that they are supported.

David Shuman asked what the BIFRT would look like.

Nick Harris responded that as the last motion was formulated listening to community leaders addressing what they wanted as help. Moving forward, they will listen to what community leaders ask for and continue from there.

*Motion passed.*

## **6. New business**

David Shuman asked if this is the last council meeting of the year.

The Chair responded yes, it is the last scheduled meeting, but there seems to be an emergency meeting that will be called soon.

David Shuman asked how this executive will inform the general membership about council meetings in the future.

Nick Harris responded that they would follow a general practice of advertising on the KSU social media platforms.

David Shuman asked how short notice an emergency council meeting could be called.

Nick Harris responded that it would depend on the emergency but that it would be advertised to the best of their ability.

*David Shuman motioned to adjourn.*

*Seconded by Victoria Gibbs.*

***Meeting adjourned at 18:32 ADT***