



Minutes for KSU Emergency Council Meeting

King's Students' Union 2019-2020

Thursday, June 3 2021, 6:00 pm ADT,

Online via Zoom

Voting members present:

President - Nick Harris

Student Life Vice President - Katelyn MacNeil

External Vice President - Aideen Reynolds

Communications Vice President - Sam Sharp

Financial Vice President - Victoria Gibbs

Board of Governors Representatives - Tessa Hill and Miriam MacQuarrie

Journalism Representative - Stephen Wentzell

Non-voting members present:

Chair - Emma Oliver

Scribe - Raesa Alibhai

The Watch - David Shuman

General Members - .

Regrets:

Voting members absent:

Residence Representative - Kailen Crosson

Science Representative - Ridge Sieb

Arts Representative - Nathan Ferguson

Day's Student Society Representative -

Member at Large -

Meeting was called to order at 6:11 PM ADT

The Chair recognized that the meeting took place on unceded and unsundered traditional Mi'kma'ki territory.

Emma Oliver: For future reference - if a person is not residing on Mi'kma'ki territory, you can tell me if you are on another Indigenous territory and I can acknowledge that, or a person can do so themselves.

David Shuamn: Are POI'S for questions or for questions about structure and such?

Emma Oliver: In general

David Shuamn: Language amendment - the first BIFRT should be modified to "Be a further result", not "Be a result" - for the sake of consistency.

This amendment was moved by David Shuman and seconded by Nick Harris

1. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted with unanimous consent

2. Action Items

2.1 C/W: Indigenous Genocide, Violence against Indigenous People

Whereas, the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation confirmed last week that 215 children who attended Kamloops Indian Residential School had been buried there;

Whereas, for more than 100 years, thousands of Indigenous children were sent to residential schools across Turtle Island;

Where, these children were taken from their parents in an attempt to assimilate them;
Whereas, these schools, many run by religious institutions, operated as recently as 1996 and were rife with physical, mental and sexual abuse;

Whereas, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, which was formed to examine the legacy of these institutions, has identified at least 4,100 children who died within these institutions;

Whereas, the Canadian Government and the Catholic Church have collaborated in cultural assimilation and Indigenous genocide;

Whereas, we hear the calls for action from Indigenous leaders and residential school survivors alike and are committed to supporting Indigenous community leaders;

Whereas, we recognize that the University of King's College is located on the unceded and unsurrendered territory of the Mi'kmaq people;

BIFRT the King's Students' Union write an open letter to our member of Parliament, Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Prime Minister, expressing solidarity with Indigenous peoples across Turtle Island and urging them to implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 calls to action.

BIFRT the King's Students' Union donate \$100.00 from the Campaigns line within the 2021/2022 Budget to the Indian Residential School Survivor Society.

BIFRT the King's Students Union commits itself to advocating for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 calls to action, with the ultimate goal that all recommendations be implemented at the University and Governmental levels.

BIFRT this be made the official position of the King's Students Union.

This motion was moved by Nick Harris and seconded by Sam Sharp

Motivation (Nick Harris): This is not surprising. Indigenous Peoples have been telling the truth about what has been happening in residential schools for so long. Tying action to this motion is what brings it power. The 94 calls to action have a dedicated section on education - we are hoping to have these education calls implemented in the faculty's education plan. I want to emphasize that this is the official position on our website (solidarity with the Indigenous Peoples of Canada). We hold this position and we commit ourselves to be allies to the Indigenous Peoples of Canada.

David Shuman: I am wondering about the process that was followed in order to decide that the Union would be donating \$100

Nick Harris: This is the most we could give without impeding some of our services. This is what we see as a start, a tangible commitment from the Union.

David Shuman: Being tangible from here on out, what can we commit to doing on campus to continue the advocacy?

Nick Harris: I spoke with President Lahey last night - June 2nd. These calls to action fall under both mandates (the board of governors mandate and a faculty mandate). I would like a motion on treaty rights for university educators. I am also pushing for every single faculty member to have training on the treaties. In the future, I'd like to make it available for students to register in Mi'kma'ki history classes.

Motion passed with unanimous consent

3. New Business

David Shuman: A topic, not a motion. I see all of this and it is fantastic. I am wondering if it would be possible somehow for the Union to make a plan to take more consistent tangible steps to help indigenous students on campus. Maybe working with the Racialized Student Collective or the Indigenous Student Centre to understand how we can support Indigenous students on campus more. There's really a lack of resources, as we all know, but I was wondering if there is anything new we would be capable of doing.

Nick Harris: I want to do as much as possible and consult a couple of people first. I would be comfortable putting forward a statement indicating what more we can do in September.

David: Can you follow-up with me on this. We need to take steps to support students and figure out how to really implement policies that will help both indigenous students and help King's be better for Indigenous students. As long as you are taking steps and you have that in your mind, I think September would be good to have a plan.

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by David and seconded by Victoria Gibbs

Meeting adjourned at 6:34PM ADT