



Agenda for KSU Emergency Council Meeting

King's Students' Union 2020-2021

Thursday August 24th, 2021 4:00pm ADT

Online, via Zoom

Voting Members Present

President - Nick Harris

External Vice President - Aideen Reynolds

Communications Vice President - Sam Sharp

Financial Vice President - Victoria Gibbs

Arts Representative - Nathan Ferguson

Board of Governors Representative - Tessa Hill

Residence Representative - Kailen Crosson

Non-voting Members Present

Chair - Emma Oliver

The Watch - David J. Schuman

General Members - Luke Baumgart

Voting Members Absent

Board of Governors Representative - Miriam MacQuarrie

Student Life Vice President - Kaitlyn Macneill

Member at Large - Vacant

First Year Representative - Vacant

Day Students' Society Member - Vacant

Science Representative - Ridge Sieb

Meeting called to order 4:24pm

Recognition of unceded Mi'kmaq territory and Anishnaabe* territory**1. Adoption of Agenda**

Agenda is adopted by unanimous consent.

2. Agenda Items

Action Item 2.1.

Whereas on August 18, 2021 the City of Halifax began a systematic attack of crisis shelters and tents being used by unhoused populations in public spaces; and

Whereas the KSU recognizes housing as a human right; and

Whereas community members came together to defend crisis shelters and tents and were met with police violence including, but not limited to the pepper spraying of demonstrators and bystanders; and

Whereas roughly 24 people were arrested and given court dates, many of them were students; and

Whereas the majority of those arrested were Racialized, 2SLGBTQ+, and/or disabled; and

Whereas the KSU is committed to supporting the needs of unhoused populations in Kijipuktuk, as well as our Racialized, 2SLGBTQ+, and disabled community members; therefore



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BIRT the KSU write a statement condemning the actions of the City of Halifax and the Halifax Regional Police; and

BIFRT the KSU donate 100 dollars to Halifax Mutual Aid, an organization dedicated to providing resources to those who were forcibly removed from their homes, and providing legal fees to those who were arrested and charged.

Motivated by Aideen.

Secoded by Nick.

Aideen: Spoke about how they were there that day and witnessed the violence of the HRP themselves and recognizes that the donation and statement are not enough, but this is what our executive and council can do and that it would be irresponsible to not take this small action for those affected. They say actions taken by the HRP were despicable and did not demonstrate any respect or desire to protect dignity.

Nick: Everyone deserves a place to live and many students went out to support those that were being targeted, many got arrested. Our donation and statement can help speak out against the actions of the government and HRP and help support the bail funds of those arrested for their actions

The motion passes with unanimous consent.

3. New Business:

Nick: You can also use this time to generate ideas, steps we want to take

Kailen: Lives very close to the blockade on Vancouver Island where police violence has been escalating including endangering people's lives and notes it would be appreciated if we could direct attention there

Tessa: It is important when we are back on campus to connect all these situations of police violence that are currently disconnected and it would be good to help people connect /wrap their mind around how their connected and teach people about what they can do to help

Aideen: We could do a lecture series, they have also thought about the need for a space for those who were there. Jordan may be a good person for this space.

Nick: We can get the new equity officer to do some work on this as well, she has expressed some interest in Indigenous issues. These incidents are connected and it is important to help people understand the structural problem.

Luke: We need to look within our own community to help with issues that also occur in a greater context. Dons have had their pay cut and their was a huge turnover last year, they don't have many decisions of where to go if they have to leave. We should turn some attention to this.



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Nick: Appreciate Luke bringing this up, we are on it and conversations.

Luke: Make more demands

Aideen: (in reference to comment in chat about a cop on the BOG) we can look into this and make a call for their removal

David: When will the donation be sent to Halifax mutual aid?

Aideen: Today or tomorrow

David: Motion to adjourn

Seconded by Kailen

Meeting is adjourned at 4:46.