



Voting members present:

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

Non-voting members present:

Chair – Chris Pearse
Scribe – Michael Greenlaw
The Watch – David Shuman
Incoming Communications Vice President – Sam Sharp
Incoming Board of Governors Representative – Miriam MacQuarrie
Incoming Board of Governors Representative – Tessa Hill

Voting members absent:

Residence Representative – Kailen Crosson

Meeting was called to order at 17:03 ADT

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

The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

2. Approval of Minutes from February 28th, 2021.

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

3. Oral reports of the councillors

Victoria Gibbs reported that she attended a Bylaw Review Committee meeting. She has also been learning about the KSU budget in preparation to take on the Financial Vice President role.

Victoria said that she attended an information session about the University budget. On March 4th, the virtual escape room event had low attendance mostly because it was accidentally scheduled during midterms. Victoria continued with executive training with the outgoing and incoming



KSU executive committees, attended the university fees consultation, and will be preparing for the Spring General Meeting in her new position.

Aideen Reynolds reported that they have attended a lot of Fight the Fees organising meetings. The campaign has recurring meetings on Tuesdays. Aideen said that they recently received the key for the KSU office and is looking forward to change-over and thanked Hope Moon for doing a great job in the position of External Vice President. Aideen said that she is excited to continue the legacy.

Rylan Pembroke reported that they attended a Fight the Fees meeting, echoed the praises from other councillors and that it had been great to be apart of this KSU team.

Kaitlyn MacNeil reported that she has been preparing for change-over. She has attended a couple meetings with Mason Carter including an Occupational Health and Safety meeting, an EDI meeting and the University fees consultation meeting.

Nathan Ferguson reported that he had been preparing for the University budget consultation meeting by getting in touch with students to hear their feedback about the change of quality of education and raised those concerns during the consultation meeting. Nathan said that the consultation went well, but it was upsetting. He said that he has not been able to set up a meeting with society presidents for a March meeting yet.

Ridge Sieb reported that he went to the University budget consultation meeting. Ridge said that Kailen Crosson has been attending and organising the residence council meetings and Ridge has been attending that as well.

Emma Oliver reported that she had attended a couple of committee meetings. She attended a meeting for the Standing Committee on Residence Life as a Day Student representative. This was the first of their meetings in a while. Emma also acted as a Day Student representative for the Dinning Services Committee. Emma has also been working on Day Student elections and they have only had a couple of people express interest so they extended the deadlines to apply by a week. Emma encouraged councillors to reach out to anyone they think would be interested in an executive position on the Day Student Society.

David Shuman asked if Emma Oliver was going to run for president again.

Emma Oliver responded no, not for a fourth year in a row. She said it is the end of an era.

David Shuman asked why there is a day student representative on the Standing Committee on Residence Life.

Emma Oliver responded that the committee is in charge of hiring dons and dons ideally act as dons for day students as well. The committee works on collaborative programing and unifying the Kings community. Emma said that the committee was looking for a day student representative, so she volunteered.



Stephen Wentzell reported that he had correspondence with the Director and Associate Director of the J-School with concerns from himself and another student regarding a workshop that 4th year student are enrolled in; without a proper syllabus, class recordings on Youtube, no clear guidelines for a final project, and concerns around a 10% grade for "professionalism". Stephen had good conversations with them and saw immediate action taken.

4. Reports of the Executive Committee (Attached)

4.1 Report of the President

Presented by Levi Clarkson

4.2 Report of the Student Life Vice President

Presented by Mason Carter

4.3 Report of the Financial Vice President

Presented by Nick Harris

Nathan Ferguson asked Nick Harris if he had been in touch with University President Bill Lahey and/or Bonnie Sands from the Bursar's Office following the University budget consultation meeting.

Nick Harris responded that he will be meeting with just University President Bill Lahey on Friday. Nick said he would like to follow up with Bill about a statement that he said during the consultation that he said that he was upset with perception of Kings being tied with Dalhousie University when it comes to the exploitation of international students. Nick wants to talk to Bill about making a tangible commitment to make an action about this perception.

Nathan Ferguson asked Nick Harris for more detail about renaming the Haliburton Room.

Nick Harris responded that University President Bill Lahey put together a report that outlined many questions of equity, diversity, and inclusion. In this report and following the renaming of the Haliburton Literary Society (now the Kings Literary Society), there needs to be a continued conversation about the legacies this person has on campus. There has been no decision made by the Board of Governors yet, but Bill put this report forward to put it on people's radar.

Isabella MacKay said that she worked with the Kings Literary society over the summer. The issue with using the name "Haliburton" is that the historic figure after which the society and the room were named, Thomas Chandler Haliburton, work contains explicit and significant racism. Isabella said that it was decided that he is not a good figure that we want to be upholding in the university structures.

Hope Moon said that on the Equity Committee, they talked about this naming with work done over the summer where a student did research about protocols of renaming. In their last meeting, they were discussing the overdue of this renaming which most likely translated to University President Bill Lahey bringing this forward to the next Board of Governors Meeting. Hope said that this has been spoken about on a University committee level.



4.4 Report of the External Vice President

Presented by Hope Moon

David Shuman asked about the harm reduction workshop, he recalls that at the residence town hall about a month ago, one student brought up that there were concerns about harm reduction training for resident staff in conjunction with harm reduction for students. David asked if there was any advocacy being done by the Union for having harm reduction training for the residence staff.

Hope Moon responded yes. They have talked about it with Dean of Students Katie Merwin and Assistant Dean of Students Tim Lade.

David Shuman asked what is happening with that.

Nick Harris responded that Dean of Students Katie Merwin and Assistant Dean of Students Tim Lade gave commitment for harm reduction training and anti-oppression workshops.

4.5 Report of the Communications Vice President

Presented by Isabella MacKay

5. Action Items

5.1 BIRT the CRO be paid \$425 for their work in the fall term.

Moved by Isabella MacKay

Seconded by Aideen Reynolds

Isabella MacKay said that \$425 is the amount specified per term for the CRO and the KSU likes to pay people what has been promised to them. Isabella said that it has been a challenging year in regard to elections with students being online, so it would be good to pay the CRO.

Nick Harris said that he wants to recognise the amazing work given the tumultuous elections climate. Nick wants to recognise the hours put in behind the scenes during elections.

Isabella MacKay amended that "the fall term" be changed to "the winter term"

Seconded by Levi Clarkson

Amendment passed.

Motion passed.

5.2 BIRT _____, _____, and _____, be elected to the Orientation Week Coordinator Hiring Committee.

Moved by Isabella MacKay

Seconded by Nick Harris



Isabella MacKay said that there are a lot of hiring committees at this council. The union hires UHPs by committees to make for a fair hiring process. In this motion, they are looking for people to search for and hire Orientation Week Coordinators.

Floor opened for nominations.

Levi Clarkson nominated Hannah Perry.

Levi Clarkson nominated Neyve Egger.

Levi Clarkson nominated Chase Fitzgerald.

Michael Greenlaw self-nominated.

Isabella MacKay nominated Willa Gertler.

Nominations closed.

Levi Clarkson said that Hannah Perry submitted a blurb which reads as follows: "I was an o-week coordinator last year, so I know what the job entails, and as a part of the planning team for the first ever online o-week at kings, I have a good idea of what worked really well last year and what could have been better. Because of that experience I feel that I would be able to bring questions to the table that are relevant specifically to running an online o-week, and I would know what to look for when assessing the responses, as I believe that this year the coordinators should be prepared for the potential of leading another online o-week."

Levi Clarkson said that Neyve Egger submitted a blurb which reads as follows: "I would love to take part in the search committee for the O Week coordinators as I think orientation is a special part of the student experience. I was a leader last year during the pandemic and I am hopeful that this year students will be on campus to enjoy the events, however we have proven we can plan a great week regardless of where we are. I think I can contribute because I have a good sense of the skills that the coordinator would have to have including strong leadership and team building; time-management; a focus on equity and diversity; and a good sense of humour and fun. I would be happy to be involved in finding the people who will make this week so special for all the incoming first year King's students."

Isabella MacKay said that she worked with Neyve Egger on the Bylaw Review Committee. Isabella said that Neyve is a very thoughtful presence and is a good person to have in any discussion.

Victoria Gibbs said that Neyve Egger was her partner as an O-week leader and had a great time working with her and could tell that she was really cared about O-week and thinks that she would be a great fit for the hiring committee.

Levi Clarkson said that Chase Fitzgerald submitted a blurb which reads as follows: "Hi, I'm Chase and I'm a second-year journalism student! I would love to sit on the hiring committee for the o-week coordinators this year because I think I could bring a helpful perspective to the



team. As a previous O-Week leader, I really enjoyed my experience and I have a lot of experience with how everything ran during the pandemic and what could be beneficial for next year. I've held many leadership positions in the past and therefore I know what to look for in a leader. I'd love to contribute to next year's O-Week in any way I can!"

Michael Greenlaw said that he is currently the KSU Scribe. He said that in the past, he was the Student Life Vice President, and, in that position, he helped plan O-Week throughout the Summer. As it turned out, Michael ended up being an O-Week leader as well as supporting the coordinators. He said that this wide range of experience with the behind-the-scenes aspect of O-Week would be useful to have on the committee. Outside of his experience with the KSU, Michael works for a recreation center which hires program coordinators, and he has a lot of experience in many aspects of that hiring process. Michael said that he is passionate about seeing a great O-Week and wants to help find the right people for the job.

Isabella MacKay said that Willa Gertler submitted a blurb which reads as follows: "I'd like to nominate myself for the hiring committee of o-week organizers. I'm a second year CSP student and I really want to make sure O-Week is as awesome as it can be no matter where we all are physically."

Aideen Reynolds said that she knows Willa Gertler personally and they are very kind. Aideen said that Willa cares so much about the student experience and about what happens to students and how they are supported.

Hannah Perry received 11 votes.

Neyve Egger received 7 votes.

Chase Fitzgerald received 2 votes.

Michael Greenlaw received 12 votes.

Willa Gertler received 6 votes.

The blanks were filled with Michael Greenlaw, Hannah Perry, and Neyve Egger.

Motion Passed.

5.3 BIRT _____, _____, and _____, be elected to the Chair Hiring Committee.

Moved by Isabella MacKay

Seconded by Stephen Wentzell

Isabella MacKay said that the role of Chair is essential to the functioning of the Union. They want to find people who would search for someone possessing all the great qualities that a Chair needs to have.

Floor opened for nominations.



Emma Oliver self-nominated.

Levi Clarkson nominated Adrianna Vanos.

Nathan Ferguson self-nominated.

Nominations closed.

Emma Oliver said that they have been a councillor for the past two years and would like to make sure that next year's council is facilitated by the loveliest person possible.

Levi Clarkson said that Adrianna Vanos was the Arts Representative for the KSU and Member at Large and has also sat on this committee before. Levi said that Adrianna is a stellar human and would be great on this committee.

Nathan Ferguson said that he has an appreciation for how important the Chair is for the functioning of the Union and would be very happy to help with the search and hiring to ensure that the next year goes as well as this year did.

The blanks were filled with Emma Oliver, Adrianna Vanos, and Nathan Ferguson.

Motion passed.

5.4 BIRT _____, _____, and _____, be elected to the Chief Returning Officer Hiring Committee.

Moved by Isabella MacKay

Seconded by Stephen Wentzell

Isabella MacKay said that the CRO is very essential to the functioning of the Union and has done stellar work this year. The KSU wants to find someone who can do stellar with online elections.

Floor opened for nominations.

Levi Clarkson nominated Lara Van de Venter.

Levi Clarkson self-nominated.

Victoria Gibbs nominated Emily Reid.

Nominations closed.

Levi Clarkson said that Lara Van de Venter was the CRO this year and managed the organising of the first online elections. Levi said that it would be valuable to have and experienced perspective when hiring for the next CRO.



Levi Clarkson said that they sat on several hiring committees in previous years, has chaired many hiring committees. Levi said that they have not worked too closely with the CRO in their capacity of President, but they have taken part in elections and thinks they know what good qualities in the person who would be taking on this role.

Victoria Gibbs said that Emily Reid says she is a second-year student here at King's studying EMSP. She was a first-year representative for the Dance Collective and was choreographing before the pandemic put things on hold. Emily also says that although she has not sat on a hiring committee before, she has the time and is ready and willing to be involved with the hiring process.

The blanks were filled with Lara Van de Venter, Levi Clarkson, and Emily Reid.

Motion passed.

5.5 BIRT _____, _____, and _____, be elected to the Scribe Hiring Committee.

Moved by Isabella MacKay

Seconded by Rylan Pembroke

Isabella MacKay said that we love the Scribe, and we love the work that Michael Greenlaw has done. Isabella said that they would like to find someone to continue the legacy of orderly, tidy, and lovely minutes.

Floor opened for nominations.

Emma Oliver self-nominated.

Isabella MacKay nominated Brooklin Craig.

Nick Harris nominated Patsy Ginou.

Nominations closed.

Emma Oliver said that she would like for next year's council to have neat and orderly minutes.

Isabella MacKay said that she was with Brooklin Craig on this committee last year and has experience and an understanding of this process and would be a great fit for this committee.

Nick Harris said that Patsy Ginou is very involved and is no stranger to Council. Nick said that Patsy would be an excellent fit for finding a Scribe.

The blanks were filled with Emma Oliver, Brooklin Craig, and Patsy Ginou.

Motion passed.



BIRT _____, _____, and _____, be elected to the Healthy Active Living Program Coordinator Hiring Committee.

Moved by Mason Carter

Seconded by Stephen Wentzell

Mason Carter said that they are looking to hire some folks to sit on this committee to pick a specific person to run the Healthy Active Living Program. Mason said that if anyone is interested in that and interested in finding the right person for the job, this is the committee for you!

Floor opened for nominations.

Levi Clarkson nominated Emalyn Armstrong.

Hope Moon self-nominated.

Michael Greenlaw self-nominated.

Nominations closed.

Levi Clarkson said that Emalyn Armstrong submitted a blurb which reads as follows: "My name is Emalyn, I am very passionate about disability, women's, and BIPOC rights around campus and everyone's day to day lives. I have a lot of experience with debate as I was Leader of Model United Nations club as well as student council president."

Hope Moon said that she feels like she has a good sense of what this position could do and is excited about the potential of this position.

Michael Greenlaw said that when he was Student Life Vice President, there was a program called CUBE which was the Union's program which focused on healthy active living. There were some problems with the CUBE program, and it was decided that the program would come to an end with the intention to review and rewrite a healthy active living program. Michael said that he has a lot of notes about the problems that CUBE endured as well as recommendations for the new program. Michael wants to see excited and motivated people be hired in the coordinator position.

The blanks were filled with Emalyn Armstrong, Hope Moon, and Michael Greenlaw.

Motion passed.

5.6 BIRT _____, _____, and _____, be elected to the Equity Officer Hiring Committee.

Moved by Isabella MacKay

Seconded by Stephen Wentzell

Isabella MacKay said that Kings is going to be hiring an equity officer. Isabella said that at



the KSU, we have pushed for student representation on a university-level hiring committee. It is important that students have a voice in hiring the equity officer.

Floor opened for nominations.

Hope Moon nominated Marlee Sansom.

Hope Moon nominated Kiera Doyle.

Hope Moon self-nominated.

Hope Moon said that Marlee Sansom has been on the equity committee for the past couple of years and they sat together on the previous equity hiring committee. Hope said that Marlee has experience being in that space and has an understanding of what needs to be expected in the role.

Hope Moon said that Kiera Doyle is also on the equity committee and has made some great contributions. Hope said that Kiera already knows a lot of the people who will be working on this.

Hope Moon said that she has been on the equity committee for the past couple of years and has helped with the hiring of the previous equity officer. Hope said that she knows the ins and outs of what it would be like to be on this committee.

The blanks were filled with Marlee Sansom, Kiera Doyle, and Hope Moon.

Motion passed.

6. New business

Levi Clarkson gave their final thoughts and farewells as this is their last council meeting as a voting member and in their capacity as President. Levi said that they have grown and learned a lot from their role in President and is thankful for the team they got to work with. Levi is excited to see the new team to take on organising under the fearless leadership of Nick Harris.

Nick Harris said there is an inspirational quote he likes which is as follows: "at the base of a mountain, you look up and see the clouds." Nick said that the student movement in its totality addresses a lot of big problems and may appear to be a mountain and you anticipate a journey to come. Nick said that it's all about taking one step, another, and another until you reach the top to see a beautiful sunset. Nick thanked the four executives for accompanying him on this great journey over the past year.

Mason Carter thanked the universe for the chaos. Mason thanked the other executives for helping them get through the first month of their position. Mason said that their Wi-Fi is down right now, which in a way symbolises the challenging year. Mason said that it has all been wonderful, and is very sad they won't be Student Life Vice President under Nick Harris.



Minutes for KSU Council Meeting
King's Students' Union 2020-2021
Sunday, March 14th, 2021, 17:00 ADT.
Online via Zoom

David Shuman motioned to adjourn
Seconded by Levi Clarkson

Meeting adjourned at 18:47 ADT