



**Agenda for KSU Monthly Meeting**  
King's Students' Union 2022-2023  
Sunday, September 11th, 2022, 10am ADT  
In Alumni Hall

**Voting members present:**

President - Victoria Gibbs  
Communications Vice President - Aidan Rawding  
External Vice President - Natalia Tola  
Student Life Vice President - Kaitlyn MacNeill  
Board of Governors Representative - Tessa Hill  
Board of Governors Representative - Sam Sharp  
Member at Large - Sara MacCallum  
Day Student Representative - Victor Grandy  
Financial Vice President - Kerri Lawrence

**Non-voting members present:**

Chair - Raesa Alibhai  
Scribe - Ellie Anderson

**Voting Members Absent:**

Arts Representative - Emy Dunleavy-Lachmann  
Science Representative – Elli  
Residence Representative – *Vacant*  
Journalism Representative - *Vacant*

**Meeting was called to order at 10:09 AM ADT.**

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

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

*Victoria Gibbs moved to amend the agenda to add action item "BIRT Daniel Konopelski resigns as First Year Representative." and move it to be 5.1, at the top of the action items.*

*Amendment was approved with unanimous consent.*

Aidan Rawding says Kerri Lawrence sent his proposals late and therefore it was not included in the agenda. She asked those in the meeting if she should speak them outloud now or add them later.

Victoria Gibbs said that it should be made into an action item and the information should be passed to herself and Raesa Alibhai. She asked who will move the motion.

Aidan Rawding responded that she could or Kerri Lawrence probably would if he was here, as she was running late.

*Aidan Rawding moved to amend the agenda to add action items 5.3: "BIRT the Union issue a statement on the HRM's eviction of residents of Peoples Park over the summer, culminating with the park being fenced off on 12th August 2022," 5.4: "BIRT the Union make a donation of \$100 from the 2021-22 Outreach budget line to a shelter and/or housing organization in the HRM," and 5.5: "BIRT the Union make a donation of \$100 from the 2021-22 Outreach budget line to [Abortion Support Services Atlantic] to support sexual and reproductive healthcare in the Atlantic provinces."*

*Victoria Gibbs seconded.*

*The amendment was approved with unanimous consent.*

*Agenda was adopted with unanimous consent.*

## **2. Approval of Minutes from Emergency Council on May 6, 2022.**

*Minutes were approved with unanimous consent.*

## **3. Oral Reports of the councillors**

Sara MacCallum reported that she had nothing to report, but it was great to see everyone again.

Victor Grandy reported that the pool table in the Wardroom had been re-covered.

Sam Sharp reported that at the Board of Governors meeting on June 23, 2022, tuition was voted on and will be increased, and Tessa Hill, Victoria Gibbs, and herself spoke. Sam spoke about how the board advocates for diversity, equity, and inclusion, yet it raises tuition, which is directly against that. They said that an increase will disproportionately affect people of color, people of low income backgrounds, and people supporting themselves and funding their own education.

Victoria Gibbs reported that they spoke about mental health and how tuition increases will impact it.

Tessa Hill reported that she tied it together. She told the union about how the board voted to fund a Mi'kmaq journalism cohort. They said that something had changed in the air about how the three of them were received, as everyone was feeling the loss of the two first year students from the 2021-2022 year.

## **4. Reports of the Executive Committee**

### **4.1 Report of the President**

*Presented by Victoria Gibbs.*

Victoria Gibbs added that during their reports, the Executive Committee would only be reporting their top three items during the meeting, as that is what

the previous Executive Committee did. Victoria also expanded on their role at the Board of Governors meeting on June 23rd. They spoke about mental health and how the increase of tuition only added to the increased cost of utilities and living, and inflation, which has significantly impacted the current mental health crisis. This crisis got extreme during COVID-19 lockdowns. In the air of the BOG meeting was the loss of the two first year students, which was a wake up call for the board members who did not understand the gravity of the situation. The slight shift in how they were received was appreciated on behalf of the students there. Victoria thanked all of the O-Week coordinators and spoke about how grateful she was to be a part of this week.

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

*Presented by Kaitlyn MacNeill.*

#### 4.3 Report of the Financial Vice President

*Presented by Kerri Lawrence.*

Kerri Lawrence spoke about being on the hiring committee for the new Services and Campaigns Coordinator. The new hire will bring lots of experience with prior campaign organizing, which is very exciting. Kerri also spoke about how money from a KSU chequing account was transferred to a savings account that will accumulate interest. It will not be a permanent means of income for the union; this money will be given back to the student. There is precedent for this, as in 2014 this action was taken and the funds went to the creation of the Galley. Other updates included informing the union that she will be pulling together information about the history of the union and that the health and dental plan will have improvements such as 10% copay for prescription refills, deliveries of medications to homes, increase in copay for mental health services, and better access to therapy services.

#### 4.4 Report of the External Vice President

*Presented by Natalia Tola*

#### 4.5 Report of the Communications Vice President

*Presented by Aidan Rawding.*

### 5. Action Items

#### 5.1 "BIRT Daniel Konopelski resigns as First Year Representative."

Daniel Konopelski offered his motivation through email. He said "I will not be there tomorrow to motivate, but given that there have been recent troubling events involving the Union and the impact on my mental health it is beneficial that I step down from my position in council."

*Moved by Victoria Gibbs*

*Motion passed.*

- 5.2 BIRT the union write a statement in regards to the impact of the ruling of Roe v. Wade in the U.S.A on June 24, 2022.

*Moved by Victoria Gibbs.*

*Seconded by Aidan Rawding.*

Victoria Gibbs offered motivation. Cassandra Burbine, a fourth year student, reached out to them over the summer and asked if the KSU would release a statement about the impact of the ruling of Roe v. Wade in the U.S. as a good show of solidarity. The KSU was going to convene an emergency council meeting to send money to emergency services, but the meeting did not happen. She agreed that it would be a good statement to make on behalf of the union, as many American students are affected and have families that are affected. This will also have an impact on the Canadian health care system. There is a long way to go in terms of access to the service in Canada. The use of this Supreme Court decision can be used as a catalyst for the statement, and the KSU can speak to how the lack of access to abortion has an impact on young students, including in our own community.

*Motion passed.*

- 5.3 BIRT the Union issue a statement on the HRM's eviction of residents of Peoples Park over the summer, culminating with the park being fenced off on 12th August 2022.

*Moved by Kerri Lawrence.*

*Seconded by Natalia Tola.*

Kerri Lawrence offered motivation. This is in response to the forcible eviction of the residents of People's Park. While our neighbors were not removed through overtly violent means or police brutality, they were forcibly moved and the HRM has taken no action on immediate affordable housing. As King's students, some of whom were involved, we should stand with our neighbors.

*Motion passes*

- 5.4 BIRT the Union make a donation of \$100 from the 2021-22 Outreach budget line to a shelter and/or housing organization in the HRM.

*Moved by Kerri Lawrence.*

*Seconded by Natalia Tola.*

Kerri Lawrence offered motivation. He was going to bring this up at the emergency council meeting in May. Peoples Park no longer exists, so she is unsure of who to donate to yet, and therefore speaking with people directly involved to get a good perspective.

*Motion passes*

- 5.5 BIRT the Union make a donation of \$100 from the 2021-22 Outreach budget line to [Abortion Support Services Atlantic] to support sexual and reproductive

healthcare in the Atlantic provinces.

*Moved by Kerri Lawrence.*

*Seconded by Victoria Gibby.*

Kerri Lawrence offered motivation. After doing research, ASSA seems like a reputable organization and while they do not provide abortion services or medical treatment directly, it is hands on in helping people to access abortion services and in supporting them mentally, emotionally, and financially. Kerri is open to suggestions and criticisms if anyone has any issues with this specific organization.

No one offered any suggestions or criticisms.

*Motion passes.*

## 6. New Business

Victoria Gibbs offered a few reminders to the union. First, that the election nominations open on September 19. Second, that the fall general meeting will be advertised earlier than usual so that more people join. It will be held in October and there will be pizza. Lastly, that there will be an emergency council meeting before or on September 18 to hire the new Chief Returning Officer. In order to choose a date, Aidan Rawding will send out a Doodle Poll soon.

Kerri Lawrence reminded the union that the Dalhousie Chapter of CUPE 3912 will have a barbeque on Monday September 12th on the Dalhousie quad. The event will include free food and pocket sign marking in order to show that TAs and Part Time Instructors deserve just wages. They need people to volunteer or support.

*Victoria Gibbs motioned to adjourn*

*Seconded by Sam Sharp.*

***Meeting Adjourned at 10:38 ADT.***