



KSU Council Meeting
The King's Students' Union 2022-2023

Dunday, October 30, 2022 at 10am ADT
In the King's Boardroom

Voting members present:

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

Non-voting members present:

Chair - Raeesa Alibhai
Scribe - Ellie Anderson

Voting Members Absent:

Day Student Representative - Victor Grandy
Arts Representative - Emy Dunleavy-Lachmann
Science Representative – Elli
Residence Representative – *Vacant*
Journalism Representative - *Vacant*

Called to order at 10:15 AM ADT.

The Chair recognised that the meeting took place on unceded, traditional Mi'kmaq territory.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Victoria Gibbs moved to amend Action Item 5.1 BIRT that the King's Pride Society receive \$150 in contingent funding for a showing of Rocky Horror Picture Show on Monday, October 31st, 2022 to say that it was moved by Victoria Gibbs, changing this from Kerri Lawrence, who was not yet present at the meeting.

Motion passed.

Victoria Gibbs moved to change 4. New Business to 6. New Business.

Motion passed.

Agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of Minutes from Council Oct 16, 2022

Minutes were approved.

3. Oral reports of the councillors

Tessa Hill had nothing to report beyond that the recent KSU General Meeting happened on Thursday, October 27.

Sam Sharp had nothing else to add.

Sara MacCallum only had the KSU GM to report.

4. Reports of the Executive Committee (attached)

4.1 Report of the President

Presented by Victoria Gibbs

Victoria Gibbs said that the KSU has been tabling frequently, which is part of the reason many people became engaged and came to the GM. People also took nomination packages from the table. She spoke about the upcoming Mental Health Forum on November 2nd, which will take place in the Wilson Common Room. This will serve as a brainstorming session for King's. They will find out what students want for programming going forward. They also met with Sarah Clift, the King's Vice President, and Editor of The Watch about The Watch moving locations. The Watch will be receiving magazine boxes and the door on that level of the Wardroom, which is inaccessible because it is heavy to open, will be getting a button that when pressed, opens it. As she mentioned in the GM, she and Natalia attended the Canadian Federation of Students conference in Ottawa and worked together to plan the upcoming CUPE Solidarity Rally.

4.2 Report of the Student Life Vice-President

Presented by Kaitlyn MacNeill

Kaitlyn MacNeill said that she met with Isa Wright to plan a Puppy Hour, which will take place in the Manning Room on November 2nd from 1-2pm. She also met with the Occupational Health and Safety Committee to discuss mask mandates and how people are not following them. They ultimately decided to keep the mask mandates for the time being. The GM happened. As for upcoming events, the Puppy Hour, Mental Health Forum, and CUPE Solidarity Rally will happen in the coming week.

4.3 Report of the Financial Vice-President

Presented by Kerri Lawrence

Kerri Lawrence said that they were prepping to support CUPE and writing cheques. There was one funding request that did not have a chance to get to the Finance Committee, as it was submitted on Saturday for Monday. They asked Victoria Gibbs for insight.

Victoria asked which society requested the funds.

Kerri said that it was the King's Pride Society.

Victoria said that it was on the agenda.

Kerri said that it was okay then and that they are excited to see the event.

4.4 Report of the External Vice-President

Presented by Natalia Tola

Natalia Tola said that the CFS conference was a good experience. She and Victoria Gibbs met with other student unions, and it was good to understand what each was focusing on. She was elected International Student Representative. CFS is discussing organizing an international student forum in order to create a community building space. Immigration can feel isolating, so it was good to introduce international students to each other and create safe spaces. She also met with South House and Jordan Roberts to organize new events. Natalia then spoke about CUPE 3912. Because King's students want to support the strike without speaking over members of CUPE, she has been working with the Galley to bring snacks and meals to those on the picket line. The student rally was being planned for 2 to 3 weeks in advance, but they were waiting to do it because the strike had just started and they wanted to save student energy for a little while down the line, when people on strike were reaching burnout. They chose to do the student rally on Monday, October 31 because Dalhousie agreed to negotiate with CUPE on Wednesday, November 2. They hope to get a big turnout and put as much pressure on Dal as possible, since it is not just a TA issue. Politicians, especially from the NDP, and local media are coming.

People are posterizing around the city today to maximize student attendance. Next week, if Dal is unwilling to negotiate, CUPE will move on to different strategies. These include trying to reach administrators more directly, which would involve asking people to go up to admins' cars to talk to them about CUPE. There is a response from students, but not from admin. Even professors have canceled their classes in solidarity. Natalia and Aileen Reynolds sent out emails around King's regarding CUPE and about posting information regarding supporting the strike on Brightspace. She also highlighted how the media is manipulating CUPE's words. CTV interviewed a member of the union and while the interview was long, it just showed 3 minutes of her crying.

4.5 Report of the Communications Vice-President

Presented by Aidan Rawding

Aidan Rawding said that she has been creating and promoting TWAK and posting about society and school run events on social media. She put together the agenda and all the documents for the fall GM. Upcoming events include Trick or Treating with the KSU. She put together goodie bags that will be in the KSU office. This was suggested by Cam, so people could get a goodie bag and learn more about the union.

5. Action Items

5.1 BIRT that the King's Pride Society receive \$150 in contingent funding for a showing of Rocky Horror Picture Show on Monday, October 31st, 2022

Moved by Victoria Gibbs

Seconded by Natalia Tola

Victoria Gibbs offered motivation, saying that we should give societies money for fun events.

Kerri Lawrence returned to the meeting to offer more motivation. Watching Rocky Horror Picture Show is a longstanding King's tradition that has not happened during COVID. It is also a longstanding queer tradition. They are trying to get alumni to come along and it will be shown in the Wardy so more people will come and the Wardy can get money.

Tessa Hill asked for a budget breakdown of what the society would like the money for.

Kerri said that it was for goodie bags for participating in watching the movie. One example is rice to throw, as rice, but not glitter is allowed to be thrown in the Wardy. \$50 is also allocated for renting a popcorn machine for the event.

Motion passed.

5.2 Whereas the King's Bike Society filled out their Society Ratification Form and completed the Society Training; and

Whereas the King's Wellness Society filled out their Society Ratification Form and completed Society Training;

BIRT the King's Bike Society and King's Wellness Society be fully ratified and recognized as societies of the University of King's College.

Moved by Kaitlyn MacNeill

Seconded by Natalia Tola

Kaitlyn MacNeill offered motivation, saying that the Bike Society was a longstanding society that was not active last year, but now it has been revamped. The Wellness Society is relatively new as it was started last year. Both are looking to be re-ratified. The Wellness Society has had some events so far, but did not receive KSU funding as it has not been ratified this year. Now they will be able to access this funding.

Motion passed.

6. New Business

6.1 CUPE Student Solidarity Rally on Oct. 31st

Victoria Gibbs said that while people touched on the strike already, everyone should go and encourage others to go too.

6.2 Mental Health Forum with KSU and Isa Wright on Nov. 2nd 4.3 KSU Puppy Hour on Nov. 4th

Tessa Hill asked if there will actually be puppies or if they will be dogs at the Puppy Hour.

Kaitlyn MacNeill said that they would be dogs.

Tessa also asked what happened to the grammar focused motions in the agenda for the GM.

Victoria Gibbs said that they were struck completely.

Tessa asked if all of the motions that were not addressed at the GM would be deferred to council.

Victoria said that the motions that were postponed to council would be addressed at the council meeting after reading week.

Tessa asked if the smaller motions will be addressed then.

Victoria said that some, like the grammar based motions, can be done without a bylaw and were so small that the KSU does not necessarily need to do anything for them to be fixed.

Natalia Tola encouraged the council to come to the solidarity rally, even for a little while, since there was a lot of work put into it and CUPE needs student support.

Tessa asked for confirmation on the timing, pointing out that the poster said picketing will start at 8am but it says the rally will start at noon.

Natalia said that no one will come for the rally until noon.

Tessa asked where it would be taking place.

Natalia said that it will be in the Studly quad.

Tessa asked if that is where the clock tower is.

Natalia said yes and asked members of the council to please post about it online.

Victoria Gibbs motioned to adjourn.

Seconded by Tessa Hill.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:41 AM ADT.