



**Agenda for KSU Council Meeting**  
King's Students' Union 2022-2023  
Sunday April 2nd, 2023 at 10am ADT  
The Boardroom

**Voting members present:**

President - Natalia Tola  
Communications Vice President - Sara MacCallum  
Financial Vice President - Kerri Lawrence  
External Vice President - Terra Carter  
Day Student Representative - Victor Grandy  
Arts Representative - Cece Leckie  
Residence Representative – Mckenzy Flowers

**Non-voting members present:**

Chair - Raesa Alibhai  
Scribe - Ellie Anderson

**Voting Members Absent:**

Student Life Vice President - Kaitlyn MacNeill  
Board of Governors Representative - *Vacant*  
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Member at Large - *Vacant*  
Science 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**

*Agenda was adopted.*

**2. Approval of Minutes**

2.1. Approval of Minutes from Council March 19th, 2023

*Minutes were adopted.*

## 2.2 Approval of Minutes from Emergency Council March 23, 2023

*Minutes were adopted.*

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

Victor said the trip to Sugar Moon Farm went well and the DSS handed out many tickets for Big Night. Elections for the DSS went well and all the positions were filled. This Friday, there will be snacks and refreshments with Bill and anyone is welcome to come. This is his last meeting, as there will be another person in his position next year.

Mckenzy said that they met with Sam at the KFSI. In the fall, we will get stuff for the communal dorm kitchens.

Cece had nothing to report but did ask how late the term office hours go for councillors.

Kerri said that they go until the end of classes, not including the exam period. It should be the 11th.

Natalia agreed. She said that if anyone has exams or assignments and they are not going to have time to do KSU and schoolwork, we are very understanding. Let her know your unavailable dates and we'll work around them.

Cece said she shouldn't have an issue with any upcoming dates and hours.

### **4. Reports of the Executive Committee (attached)**

#### 4.1 Report of the President

A lot happened this week, so Natalia tried to be as brief as possible. In terms of miscellaneous responsibilities, she has been catching up on emails and with students, having conversations about health insurance, and helping students who have questions about dates and funding regarding starting new societies. We are campaigning more aggressively for hiring the 3 KSU positions - Chair, Scribe, and O-Week Coordinators.

We are doing our hardest to get community engagement and hire younger students. She forgot to put this in her report, but she has been part of the hiring process for the Hospitality Coordinator position. There are 4 candidates and she has helped to set up interviews. The expected timeline to have the Hospitality Coordinator is Wednesday or Thursday. She is trying to hire people for the positions left to fill and recruit more people to get involved in the union. She is beginning the planning for an actual sit down meeting with the administration and students about tuition increases and the international student tuition differential. We have missed some deadlines, but the school has let us still come and fit down. We are planning to get feedback on the new plan released. She has been meeting with Rhema Ferguson and Emily, the Auntie in Residence, about making sure the school is inclusive and accessible, especially with the renovations happening over the summer. Natalia has also attended DSU meetings and met with the DSU executive about setting up a forum to talk about the memorandum of understanding. They will talk about money allotted to higher education institutions, what we need, presentations, and the CFS. She is helping student societies organize and helped with the Mutual Aid rally downtown. She is also busy working with the Graduation Committee and the KFSI. She is helping to organize the grad gift, which is a food pantry.

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

#### 4.3 Report of the Financial Vice-President

Kerri said ze did not submit a written report due to health issues and it being a busy time. We are planning for the General Meeting, and the budget was released last Wednesday. There has not been any real outreach regarding the budget, which is not ideal, as we want to have student contributions. There has not been a lot of current tabling and campaigning because a lot of things haven't carried over through the years in regard to the budget's structure. This will be deeply reevaluated. The spring budget is a draft budget, more than usual. Most organizations only have one budget for the year, not a spring and fall one. Ze is planning to do work over the summer so that there will actually be financial stuff to report, which will be the first time we can do that in years. Ze is looking forward to actual consultation with students about what it looked like in the past and future. The budget is up for minor revisions at GM and in the fall. Anyone is encouraged to come forward with questions. Ze, Natalia, and Terra have been working on tuition reviews with the university. It's technically passed, so it is not a consultation but a review for the next year. We will be having student feedback soon. When?

Terra said on Monday, April 10th

Kerri said that in the week ahead, we will get student voices there. Ze is finally getting the books in order. We might have a year end report. The accountant can't get it in time for this GM, but there will be something for the fall. Kerri did not think ze would be so excited about spreadsheets.

Natalia has two things to add. Tuition consultation is important, even if students are graduating or it doesn't affect them. You have to let them know what you think. Students have to show up and show the university that we're concerned, we care, and are not conformant. The school has to see our organizing power. Also, it is so important to have the books in order so we can better budget and plan society funding. It is a long term project so thank you Kerri.

#### 4.4 Report of the External Vice-President

Terra said a lot of the things they have to talk about were touched on by other people. They coordinated a Thesis Night for tomorrow night, from 6pm to midnight on the 2nd floor of the A&A. They received CFS training with the other executive on March 27, it was lovely. Terra was a junior don, and recently had meetings to establish boundaries between that role and now being EVP. There was no way to do both, as it became no longer feasible to support and advocate for their students in the way they wanted to. They are sad about this and miss their students, but chose to step down as a junior don to avoid a conflict of interest. They were also going to sit on the Don Hiring Committee with Natalia, but this doesn't make sense with their recent leaving of the position. They were given the ability to give feedback about the process before they departed. They wanted to be transparent about this. Terra also attended the Board of Governors meeting, as there are no current BOG reps. They thought they could sit in for Natalia, but couldn't, so there was discussion and they turned into an observer halfway through. They were unable to vote. As expected, it was a terrible meeting. On the 10th, there will be a consultation about tuition. It will be from 2-2:30 in the Frazee room. There will be advertising of this to students. On March 31st, they were part of a government roundtable with Minister Wong. They talked about how they are no longer a don and therefore are technically homeless for 28 days. This is the reality being created.

Natalia said that the attendees didn't know how to react.

Terra agreed. They are working on advertising for the GM. To reach quorum, we need 47.5 people and we don't want to saw anyone in half. So we want at least 48 people. There will be food and maybe coffee.

Kerri said that ze will want coffee.

Terra said that there will be coffee then.

Natalia said that we got a document that outlines what tuition will look like for degrees. She will work with the CVP to advertise this so students know what is changing. On average, tuition is going up by 3%.

Kerri provided clarity about this. The question was if King's would follow the Dal model. Yes, they are. It provides the benefit of security to international students by telling them how much their tuition will increase in the next few years. But it doesn't cap their tuition. Only Nova Scotia students are protected regarding the cap. NS can't increase tuition by more than 3% each year. King's and Dal and most universities extend this to out of province students, and frame it as a courtesy. Her personal opinion is that when institutions provide the maximum or provide the minimum they can, it tells where you stand in relation to them. The increase for the Journalism school is 1-2%. This has not happened before because the university kept Journalism tuition low and accessible. The branding of King's programs and its high end journalism program tends to be categorized as sciences instead of arts in regards to funding. There is prestige and branding and marketing. They are showing how they are investing in their programs, which is not to say it is entirely unjustified. A large part of what we will be looking at in the consultation will be about adjusting certain fees regarding King's and Dal's relationship. We will provide more details in a memo and will work with Sara to make it accessible to students.

#### 4.5 Report of the Communications Vice-President

Sara has been working on promoting the GM and the 3 KSU positions, as well as upcoming events, on social media. She has had office hours and normal meetings like the Bylaw Committee this week. She collected drafted proposed amendments from conversations with the executive committee and others, and then discussed and edited them with the committee. She created TWAK for the past couple of weeks. That's most of what's going on. She called in on Zoom and will have to miss office hours this week because all of her final assignments are due in the next few days. She will be back and present again by Wednesday and the GM.

#### **5. Action Items**

#### **6. New Business**

Raessa wanted to confirm that Kerri was hoping to vote on all of the motions as an omnibus resolution.

Kerri said the document she sent had society funding requests all for the end of the year. It is easiest to go through all of them at once, and then we can edit them and vote. After this, there is one motion regarding the last approved community fund donation. This is a separate motion.

*Raessa read through the entire document and included the offered motivation for all of the points.* She said that we can stop and review this and then anyone can ask questions at the end.

“BIRT the King’s Unconscious Collective Vocal Ensemble receive \$225 in contingent funding to purchase pizza for their members at their benefit concert on 8th April.

‘This year we will be holding our benefit concerts back to back on Saturday April 8th raising money for earthquake relief efforts by the Red Cross in Turkey and Syria. Our performances will be at 2:30pm and 7pm. The UCVE’s performances are a great fundraising platform for whatever cause the members vote to support (last semester we raised \$606 for the Avalon Sexual Assault Centre) and also serve to continue King’s strong student choral tradition.’

BIRT the King’s Unconscious Collective Vocal Ensemble receive \$225 in contingent funding to purchase pizza for their members at their AGM on 9th April.

‘The goal of the AGM is to debrief the semester with the choir membership and conduct executive elections and handover.’

BIRT the King’s Pride Society receive \$200 in contingent funding as event gratuity and to ensure that the Wardroom is able to break even for the Queer Prom event.

‘Kerri: This was submitted prior to Queer Prom. I had intended to bundle it with the funding request for the remainder of the event budget but forgot to do so last week.’

BIRT the UKing’s Literary Society receive \$91.44 in noncontingent funding for their event To Infinity and Beyond: The Sky and Space.

‘The usual sense of community and provision of food and discussion to King’s students.’

BIRT the UKing’s Literary Society receive \$102.43 in noncontingent funding for their AGM on 5th April.

‘To provide the usual community and food as well as to complete our Annual General Meeting and elect a new executive.’

BIRT the Disabled Students’ Collective receive \$600 in contingent funding in order to create a bookshelf in partnership with Venus Envy.

‘To create a bookshelf and promote learning and literacy among the DSC.’

BIRT the King’s Jewish Cultural Society receive \$200 in contingent funding to create care packages for Passover.

‘We will be handing out care packages for the Jewish holiday Passover next week. We have 22 people signed up who have requested a care package.’

BIRT the King’s Jewish Cultural Society receive \$25 in contingent funding for their AGM on 10th April.

‘We would like to request \$20 for the event, with \$5 for renting the movie (Prince of Egypt) and \$15 for snacks and drinks for the event.’

BIRT the King’s Tabletop RPG Society receive \$25 in contingent funding for their Valentine’s Day event in order to provide snacks.

*This funding request was submitted through an old version of the form, which is why it was not brought to council prior.*

BIRT the King’s Tabletop RPG society receive \$20 in contingent funding for their Cowboy One-Shots event on 2nd April, in order to provide snacks at the event.”

*Motioned by Kerri Lawrence.*

Raesa said that that was a lot. Does anyone have questions?

Kerri added three things for context. It is exciting to see the UCVE hosting a benefit concert again. The \$200 for the Wardy was intended to be bundled with other requests, but Kerri forgot to include it in the last meeting, due to sorting out referendum stuff. This is not uncommon. It is common practice for societies or people who book the event when Wardy is open to make up the difference if the bar doesn't break even. For the DSC, ze was hoping to sit down and chat about their request before it was brought to council, but this is the last council meeting, so we have to get it through. The RSC is also expanding its bookshelf/library.

Natalia agreed with all of the above.

Kerri said that solidarity and equity with societies on campus is important. And the RPG society used an old form, which is why it went unseen until today.

*Funding requests approved.*

Kerri said that we previously voted to donate \$75 or \$100 from the community fund.

Terra said \$100.

Kerri said that Gender Affirming Care NS just announced that it is taking a hiatus. It is a mutual aid organization. Its members have been working very hard lately to provide information and resources, so they are taking a step back to get their footing. Kerri wanted to propose a motion to reallocate those funds to a donation for the Youth Project, and forgot to attach the document on Gender Affirming Care NS again, which is unfortunate. But we are not donating to them at the moment. There is no document yet on the Youth Project, but anyone can ask questions. Terra worked with them before and can motivate this motion if anyone has questions. It's a trans-positive organization that does great work in Nova Scotia. Kerri offered wording for the motion.

Raessa repeated this wording and confirmed that it was okay.

Kerri said that it was fine.

Ellie asked for the wording of the motion to be sent to her after the meeting.

Raessa said that she would.

“BIRT whereas \$100 in funds initially intended to be donated to gender affirming care NS be redirected to an organization for the youth project, given that gender affirming care NS an operating hiatus.”

*Motioned by Kerri Lawrence.*

*Seconded by Natalia Tola.*

*Motion passed.*

Raessa said that for the purpose of minutes, we need a seconder for the funding request.

*Motioned by Kerri Lawrence.*

*Seconded by Natalia Tola.*



Raesa confirmed that she would send Ellie this.

*Kerri Lawrence motioned to adjourn.*

*Seconded by Terra Carter.*

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:51 AM ADT.**