



Agenda for KSU Council Meeting
King's Students' Union 2022-2023
Sunday March 5th 2023 at 10am ADT
The Boardroom

Voting members present:

President - Natalia Tola
Communications Vice President - Aidan Rawding
Student Life Vice President - Kaitlyn MacNeill
Member at Large - Sara MacCallum
Day Student Representative - Victor Grandy
Arts Representative - Cece Leckie
Residence Representative – Mckenzy Flowers

Non-voting members present:

Chair - Raesa Alibhai
Scribe - Ellie Anderson
UCVE Representative

Voting Members Absent:

Financial Vice President - Kerri Lawrence
Board of Governors Representative - Tessa Hill
Board of Governors Representative - Sam Sharp
Science Representative – *Vacant*
Journalism Representative - *Vacant*
External Vice President - *Vacant*

Called to order at 10:04 AM ADT.

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

1. Adoption of Agenda

Natalia commented that her oral report will encompass the reports of the President and EVP. Both reports will be very brief.

Agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1. Approval of Minutes from Council February 12th, 2023

Minutes were approved.

3. Oral reports of the councillors

Mckenzy Flowers reported that there have been issues with water temperature and heating in the Bay they live in. During their next office hour, they will contact someone to sort out the problem.

Natalia asked if Mckenzy could specify if the water was cold or overly hot.

Mckenzy said that the water has been barely warm and the heat has been weird.

Natalia said that the facilities department should look it over.

Cece reported that they have their office hours in their email, but students are not reaching out yet. They are going to brainstorm on ways to encourage engagement so that their role can be more useful.

Natalia said that there is a disconnect between first and second-year students. One way they could engage with students is by asking them about their FYP experiences, if they were positive or negative, and if they have any feedback that can be brought to the administration.

Cece said that they are in their second year, so they are no longer in FYP, but they do have friends who are currently in it.

Sara MacCallum had nothing to report besides that she will not be Member At Large anymore at the next council meeting.

Victor Grandy said that the DSS will host bingo on Friday in the Wardy and he was at the Wardy Advisory and Dining Services committees.

4. Reports of the Executive Committee (attached)

4.1 Report of the Interim President

Natalia reported that she has filled both the role of Interim President and EVP this month. As EVP, she has continued to work with racialized and international students. The care space with Rhema Ferguson finally happened. It was difficult to organize because of reading week, but it went well. She is helping the Canadian Federation of Students organize an international student forum. It will be a 3 day convention at Cape Breton University. It will be focused on housing and security, how to advocate, and networking. She is working on dates and times and making sure this is an accessible event. She has also been working with Spencer's House and their new initiatives. This organization makes meals for the elderly. They applied for a grant for more money for a bigger kitchen, but they did not get it. They are hoping to connect with local farms and with university students. As President, Natalia attended alumni meetings and updated committees on the KSU, how the students are doing, and what the union is working on. She attended the Budget Advisory Committee meeting. A survey went out to international students about the tuition model. She is working to make sure that if we cannot eliminate tuition differential, we can give international students services and safe experiences at King's. King's does not provide services, currently international students have to ask Dal. She has been providing notes for committees, including what we need help with at King's. She has been working with the Graduation Committee, which the KSU Campaign Coordinator is heavily involved in. In the King's graduation ceremony, there is a Latin prayer on the agenda. This is not significantly addressed or questioned. This means students are walking into a non-secular university but have no warning that there will be a prayer from a very specific religion. Graduation should be accessible for students who are not religious or of that particular religion. She has been working with the Accessibility Officer to support students. She has also informed students on what's happening with the student body and why student government involvement is important. If anyone has any questions or wants to participate or collaborate with her on these things, please let her know.

4.2 Report of the Student Life Vice-President

Kaitlyn reported that she met with the HOST society and trained them so that they can re-ratify. They were inactive last year and maybe the year before. It is exciting to see them revamp. She was at the Dining Services Committee meeting and they talked about issues and new ideas to engage students. FYP Sunday is happening later today in Alex Hall and everyone is welcome. She is working with Katie the Health Coordinator to organize physical activities for students to do, like a big capture the flag game. She is also going to go giveaways with stationery items like pens and papers since students love them.

Natalia asked if she knew how many upper-year students are helping out at FYP Sunday.

Kaitlyn said that she has a sign-up sheet that has 5 slots and 3 are filled for tonight.

Anyone can show up, the slots are just to make sure that they have people. She was happy to send the sheet to Natalia and said that everyone is welcome to come to FYP Sunday.

4.3 Report of the Financial Vice-President

Natalia offered some information about Kerri Lawrence's report since he was absent. They have been working together on the KSU budget and they finally carried out the donation to earthquake relief. They are working on a report on that. They were super happy to do that, especially because \$1 in Canadian dollars is \$14 in Turkish lira, and they donated \$200 Canadian.

4.4 Report of the External Vice-President

4.5 Report of the Communications Vice-President

Aidan Rawding said that she has been to executive meetings. There were 7-person meetings instead of 5-person, as the changeover will be happening soon. She has been prepping changeover documents for Sara, who will take over as CVP. She has been doing TWAK and reposting student initiatives on social media. She has been working on the student mail petition and is helping to reassess how mail is delivered. The KSU should be in support of this petition because it affects students and workers, as the junior don patrol is asked to transfer the mail. The petition is to raise awareness and get back to order so the process becomes easier for everyone. She redid the chalkboard. As for upcoming dates, there will be the next council meeting, the spring General Meeting, and the meeting with the Vice President and Dean of Students is being rescheduled.

Cece gave some context about the mail petition. They work at the Alex Hall front desk. They are curious to hear what students are thinking because the current system is very inconvenient. The President and administration wanted to change the system that had been in place, so now students can get their mail until 2am every night of the week. But they have to wait for the patrol to bring it over to the front desk.

Natalia asked Cece to come to next week's meeting about this issue. It would be great to have the perspective of someone who worked in Alex Hall. Students are ordering things that they need and are trying to break into the office to get the things that they delivered. She talked to Terra Carter, the upcoming EVP about this. The patrol are not trained about how to handle this, and now have to do mail deliveries on their shifts. This slows down patrol. Forms have to be filled out when students pick up their stuff, but they will pick it up without patrol, so there are empty forms. The system was changed to this in good faith, but it doesn't make logistical sense for students to wait for the patrol to bring it over. We need to brainstorm about how to bring in the mail.

Cece said that this is also a weird transition because Stephanie, who worked at the A&A desk for 30 years, just retired.

5. Action Items

5.1 BIRT the UCVE receive \$795.15 in contingent funding for new music folders.

Moved by Kerri Lawrence

Seconded by Aidan Rawding

Raeesa Alibhai said that Kerri emailed to say that there will likely be a UCVE rep in attendance at the meeting.

The UCVE representative said that this was their first council meeting. Is motivating just speaking to the motion?

Raeesa said yes, it is giving context for the motion.

The representative said that they are the UCVE's Member At Large and Grad Transition team members. Choir folders are hard backed binders that choristers use to hold music during performances and practices. Over the last several years, 9 folders have disappeared. When they came back to rehearsing after Covid, there was an incredible show of interest. Memberwise, they were in the low 20s and now they have about 30 members. They are hoping to request the money to buy 15 folders, which would cover 13 choristers who don't have folders and 2 folders in reserve.

Motion passed.

5.2 Whereas the Halifax Rotaract Club filled out their society ratification form and attended society training;

BIRT the Halifax Rotaract Club be fully ratified and recognized as a Tier I Society of the King's Students' Union

Moved by Kaitlyn MacNeill

Seconded by Aidan Rawding

Kaitlyn said that the Rotaract Club focuses on student leadership in the city. They connected with the KSU to expand this student leadership to King's. She is happy to have them affiliated with the KSU.

Motion passed.

5.3 Whereas the HOST Society filled out their society ratification form and attended society training;

BIRT the HOST Society be fully ratified and recognized as a Tier I Society of the King's

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Moved by Kaitlyn MacNeill
Seconded by Natalia Tola

Kaitlyn said that they did their society training over reading week. She is excited for them to be starting back up on campus. There are lots of people interested and they have great events coming up.

Motion passed.

6. New Business

6.1 Exec Changeover

- Happening on March 15th

Aidan wanted this included in the minutes so that everyone is aware. Terra will take over as EVP and Sara as CVP. The rest of the executive will remain the same and Natalia will remain President.

Aidan Rawding motioned to adjourn.
Seconded by Natalia Tola.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:29 AM ADT.