



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

Saturday, October 1 2022 at 10am ADT
via Zoom

Voting members present:

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:

Scribe - Ellie Anderson
President and acting Chair - Victoria Gibbs

Voting Members Absent:

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

In Raeesa Alibhai's absence, Victoria Gibbs acted as Chair and therefore was a non-voting member at this meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM ADT.

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

Victoria Gibbs spoke about how Friday, September 30th, the day before this meeting, was Truth and Reconciliation Day. She recognized that members of the meeting likely attended different events and asked if anyone would like to share what they did or learned.

Tessa Hill shared that she learned about the White Paper on Indian Policy. This paper was written and released in 1969, under Pierre Trudeau's government. After a Commissioner report about why

Indigenous people are the most marginalized group in Canada, the White Paper was released. It tried to dismantle the Indian Act under the guise of equality. There was pushback in Canada, and Justin Trudeau ran for office on abolishing the Indian Act. They said that it was interesting to learn about abolishing the Indian Act and the nuances and difficulties about when the government sides with equality.

Aidan Rawding shared that much of what she has learned about social justice as it applies to Indigenous people in Canada comes from a book called Indigenous Writes by Chelsea Vowel. She recommended it for people who want to be allies and learn more about the history and complexities of these issues.

Natalia Tola shared that she follows many BIPOC journalists. She noticed that there are very few prominent Indigenous journalists. There is strong allyship among journalists though. Part of allyship is knowing that Truth and Reconciliation Day is only one day and that we have to do work continually. We have to build an environment better for Indigenous communities. She suggested sharing resources and information all week, although it is not just a one week solution.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Victoria Gibbs moved to adopt the agenda.

*Kaitlyn MacNeill moved to amend the agenda to include the following in Action Item 3.6.
“Whereas the King’s Theatrical Society has completed the society ratification form and attended society training; and Whereas the King’s Dance Collective has completed the society ratification form and attended society training;.”*

Amendment was approved with unanimous consent.

As Victoria Gibbs was acting Chair during the meeting, she asked Aidan Rawding to move Action Item 3.4, as they were originally going to move it.

Aidan moved to amend Action Item 3.4 “BIRT that _____ and _____ be elected to the Galley Board of Directors.”

Amendment was approved with unanimous consent.

Agenda was adopted with unanimous consent.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1. Approval of Minutes from Council Sept 11th, 2022

Minutes were approved with unanimous consent.

3. Action Items

3.1. BIRT that Sophie Harriman be elected as Chief Returning Officer for the 2022/2023

year.

Moved by Aidan Rawding.

Seconded by Sam Sharp.

Aidan Rawding offered a motivation. She said that Sophie Harriman is great. She and Terra Carter interviewed her, and while Sara McCallum, the other CRO Hiring Committee member could not make it, they approved of hiring her after the interview. Aidan said that she thinks Sophie Harriman is organized, good at conflict resolution, knew what she was talking about, and Aidan is excited to have her on board.

Motion passed.

3.2. BIRT that Sam Sharp and Caroline Belbin be elected to the Bylaw Review Committee.

Moved by Aidan Rawding.

Seconded by Natalia Tola.

Aidan Rawding offered motivation. She explained that the Bylaw Review Committee meets and reviews bylaws of the KSU with the Communications Vice President. This is done to ensure that everything that happens within the KSU is fair and follows the rules properly. While she did not have the post in front of her, that is essentially what it was.

No one else had anything to add.

Victoria Gibbs opened the floor for nominations. They said that anyone in the meeting can nominate themselves.

No one nominated themselves.

Aidan Rawding brought forward three names for nominations.

The first name put forward was Emily Reid. The motivation she submitted reads “I like to be involved. I was on Elections and Academic Committee last year and really enjoyed that. Would love to be involved again.”

The second name put forward was Sam Sharp. They were present in the meeting and typed their motivation into the Zoom chat. The motivation she submitted reads “Hi Sorry, I said I would motivate for myself but I am in the Killam LOL but I would love 2 be on bylaw review committee — I was the former CVP so I am VERY familiar with the bylaws and I’m happy to help with the process again this year. We saw some cool stuff in the bylaws over the last couple years, including adding the RSC and DSC as “resource centres”, and I’d be happy to keep working on expanding the capacities of the resource centres :) + I wanna help with operations policy!! Needs some help rn lol.”

The last name put forward was Caroline Belbin. The motivation she submitted reads “I’m a

fourth-year student in EMSP. I've previously been a member on both the Bylaw Review Committee and Elections Committee. I found both of these committees to be a great way to contribute to the King's community and I'd love to continue to show my support!"

There were no more nominations or motivations.

Victoria Gibbs informed everyone that they each had two votes, as there were three people nominated and only two spots, and that the voting would take place in the order Aidan nominated them. Voting members must type "Aye" in the Zoom chat to vote.

Tessa Hill asked why there were only two spaces on the committee.

One spot had been filled following the KSU's spring General Meeting.

Sam Sharp abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

Emily Reid received two votes, from Kaitlyn MacNeill and Victor Grandy.

Sam Sharp received seven votes, from Tessa Hill, Natalia Tola, Victor Grandy, Kaitlyn MacNeill, Sara McCallum, Kerri Lawrence, and Aidan Rawding.

Caroline Belbin received five votes, from Tessa Hill, Kerri Lawrence, Sara McCallum, Aidan Rawding, and Natalia Tola.

Sam Sharp and Caroline Belbin received the most votes.

The vote to fill the blank spaces in Action Item 3.2 with the names "Sam Sharp" and "Caroline Belbin," as to read "BIRT that Sam Sharp and Caroline Belbin be elected to the Bylaw Review Committee" passed unanimously.

The vote to move forward with the motion as is passed unanimously.

Motion passed.

3.3. BIRT that Emily Reid, Aideen Reynolds, Caroline Belbin, and Ben Robinson be elected to the Elections Committee.

Moved by Aidan Rawding.

Seconded by Sam Sharp.

Aidan Rawding offered motivation. She explained that the Elections Committee usually meets in September and October, however this year it will meet in October and January or February. The committee elects the Deputy CRO and hosts the winter and spring elections. There are ten seats total, however there were not enough nominations to fill the spots.

Victoria Gibbs opened the floors to nominations and reminded elected members of the union that they cannot sit on the committee due to conflict of interest.

Aidan Rawding brought three names for nominations forward.

The first name put forward was Emily Reid. The motivation she submitted reads “I like to be involved. I was on Elections and Academic Committee last year and really enjoyed that. Would love to be involved again.”

The second name put forward was Aideen Reynolds. The motivation they submitted reads “I have been involved with the Union since my first year and this is my 4th year at the Galley as an employee. I love students and I love having an opportunity to help and serve them.”

The third name put forward was Caroline Belbin. The motivation she submitted reads “I’m a fourth-year student in EMSP. I’ve previously been a member on both the Bylaw Review Committee and Elections Committee. I found both of these committees to be a great way to contribute to the King’s community and I’d love to continue to show my support!”

Victoria Gibbs said that she sent in her nomination, although they cannot say it on the floor as Chair.

The nominee was Ben Robinson, who expressed interest when the committee first opened for nominations. As for their motivation, they sat on the committee in the past and were interested in doing so again.

There were no more nominations or motivations.

Victoria Gibbs said that since there are less nominees than seats, the only vote needs to be to fill the blank spaces in the Action Item with the names of the nominees.

The vote to fill the blank spaces in Action Item 3.3 with the names “Emily Reid,” “Aideen Reynolds,” “Caroline Belbin,” and Ben Robinson as to read “BIRT that Emily Reid, Aideen Reynolds, Caroline Belbin, and Ben Robinson be elected to the Elections Committee” passed unanimously.

The vote to move forward with the motion as is passed unanimously.

Motion passed.

3.4. BIRT that Aideen Reynolds and Tessa Hill be elected to the Galley Board of Directors.

Moved by Aidan Rawding.

Seconded by Natalia Tola.

Aidan Rawding offered motivation. She explained that the Galley Board of Directors is a board of three people who love the Galley and want to know more about how it operates behind the scenes. This includes reviewing the Galley’s finances and reviewing plans for the

future. It is a great way to be involved with beloved student businesses. Two seats need to be filled.

Victoria Gibbs said that there are four seats on the board, although Sam Sharp and Mason Carter were elected in a previous council meeting in the spring.

Sam Sharp asked if they could vote since they were on the board.

Victoria Gibbs said that they cannot vote due to a conflict of interest.

Aidan Rawding brought forward two names for nominations.

The first nominee was Aideen Reynolds. The motivation they submitted reads "I have been involved with the Union since my first year and this is my 4th year at the Galley as an employee. I love students and I love having an opportunity to help and serve them."

The second nominee was Tessa Hill. The motivation she submitted reads "I love committees! And I was on the Galley Board of Directors last year. I love the Galley!"

There were no more nominations or motivations.

Victoria Gibbs asked if anyone was opposed to the names Aidan Rawding brought forward.

No one opposed.

The vote to fill the blank spaces in Action Item 3.4 with the names "Aideen Reynolds" and "Tessa Hill" as to read "BIRT that Aideen Reynolds and Tessa Hill be elected to the Galley Board of Directors" passed unanimously.

The vote to move forward with the motion as is passed unanimously.

Motion passed.

3.5. BIRT that Lau Maude be elected to the World University Service of Canada Levy Board.

Moved by Aidan Rawding.

Seconded by Tessa Hill.

Aidan Rawding offered motivation. She explained that the board is low on commitment. One student meets with members of the King's chapter of World University Service of Canada once per term to look at finances. WUSC funds international and refugee students so that they can study at King's, and the Dalhousie Chapter does the same for students at Dal. The board member will give the go ahead to the KSU to give funds to WUSC so that they can fund students.

Victoria Gibby added clarifying information, informed by their work with the former president of this chapter of WUSC. Most if not all the chapters of WUSC have been dormant the last few years because of COVID-19. The King's and Dal chapters are working on becoming a joint chapter, so that they can work together and combine their funding. They are working on figuring out a governance structure and banking. Currently, the Dal WUSC chapter is sponsoring two refugee students.

There were no more motivations.

Victoria Gibbs opened up the floor for nominations.

Aidan Rawding brought forward two names for nominations.

The first nominee was Julia Clarke. The motivation she submitted reads "I am interested in getting WUSC up and running fully again while restructuring and evolving especially after COVID! I also have experience sitting on multiple committees at King's and have a pretty good idea of how things work. Just looking to help out."

The second nominee was Lau Maude. The motivation they submitted reads "My family has hosted many exchange students and have seen the benefits of these opportunities first hand."

There were no further motivations or nominations.

Victoria Gibby explained that because there were two nominees and one spot available, all voting members can only vote for one person. They must type "Aye" in the Zoom chat to vote.

Julia Clarke received four votes, from Aidan Rawding, Victor Grandy, Natalia Tola, and Kaitlyn MacNeill.

Lau Maude received six votes from Tessa Hill, Sara McCallum, Sam Sharp, Kerri Laurence, Natalia Tola, and Kaitlyn MacNeill.

Victoria Gibbs said that Natalia Tola and Kaitlyn MacNeill voted twice.

After clarity of votes, Lau Maude won.

The vote to fill the blank space in Action Item 3.5 with the name "Lau Maude" as to read "BIRT that Lau Maude be elected to the World University Service of Canada Levy Board" passed unanimously.

The vote to move forward with the motion as is passed unanimously.

Motion passed.

3.6. Whereas the Loaded Ladle has completed the society ratification form and attended society training; and

Whereas the King's Jewish Cultural Society has completed the society ratification form and attended society training; and

Whereas the CKDU-FM Society has completed the society ratification form and attended society training; and

Whereas the Day Students Society has completed the society ratification form and attended society training; and

Whereas the University of King's College Tabletop Roleplaying Games Society has completed the society ratification form and attended society training; and

Whereas NSPIRG has completed the society ratification form and attended society training; and

Whereas the King's Theatrical Society has completed the society ratification form and attended society training; and

Whereas the King's Dance Collective has completed the society ratification form and attended society training; and

BIRT the Loaded Ladle, the King's Jewish Cultural Society, the CKDU-FM Society, the Day Students Society, the University of King's College Tabletop Roleplaying Games Society, NSPIRG, the King's Theatrical Society, and the King's Dance Collective be fully ratified as societies of the University of King's College.

Moved by Kaitlyn MacNeill.

Seconded by Aidan Rawding.

Kaitlyn MacNeil offered motivation. She said that this is the first group of societies that were able to make it to the recent society training and fill out the necessary forms. She is excited for them to get started up this year.

Victoria Gibbs reminded everyone that it is a conflict of interest to be both a KSU Executive member and an executive in a society. If any present voting member is a member of a society, they must abstain.

Sam Sharp and Victor Grandy abstained due to this reason.

Motion passed.

4. New Business

Sam Sharp motioned to adjourn

Seconded by Tessa Hill.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:52 ADT.