

## **General Meeting Spring 2024**

King's Students' Union 2023-2024

Wednesday March 27th, 2024 at 6:00pm ADT

In the Wardroom

### ***Call to Order***

***Meeting was called to order 7:35 ADT***

***The chair Recognition of unceded Mi'kmaq territory and mentioned how the mi'kmaq peoples always show up when others are in need.***

## **1. Adoption of Agenda**

*Moved by Thomas*

*Seconded by Aideen Reynolds*

*Action 3.1 added to agenda in case of time*

*Motion Passed by majority vote.*

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

**2.1 Approval of Minutes from the 2023 Annual General Meeting, October 23rd, 2023**

*Moved by Olivia Chaput*

*Seconded by Noah Poitras*

*Motion passed by majority vote.*

## **3. Action Items**

**3.1.** BIRT if quorum is lost for more than 30 minutes, any action items not disposed of at this general meeting be referred to council on April 7th for final decisions .

*Moved by Sara MacCallum*

*Seconded by Noah Poitras*

### **Motivation**

Sara explained due to length of meeting the smaller items like committee positions can be filled at council, and it's better to

*Motion passed by majority vote.*

**3.2.** BIRT the 2024-2025 Budget (attached) be adopted.

*Moved by Sara MacCallum*

*Seconded by Thomas*

### **Discussion**

Olivia Chaput, Sara MacCallum and Noah Poitras gave a presentation (attached) from the finance committee on next years budget.

Sara explained that the finance committee has no vp right now so her, Olivia, Noah and Bjorn worked on the presentation.

Olivia went through expenses, mentioned adding overtime as being reflected in the budget, explained the wardy galley operations grant line is gone because it has been paid.

Aideen commented how much more comprehensible that most others and thanked finance committee.

Thomas asked about a certain budget line change, and Sara explained it was just reorganised.

Aideen asked if they had ever had to reject a proposal, Noah said they haven't but they will refer large money requests to council to be approved.

*Motion passed by 2/3 majority with no opposition.*

**3.3** BIRT the King's Student Union review engagement (attached) for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2019 be ratified at the 2024 Spring General Meeting.

*Moved by Sara MacCallum*

*Seconded by Noah Poitras*

### **Discussion**

Sara explained that the union has not been able to keep up with their reports so this is a start.

*Motion passed by majority vote.*

**3.4** BIRT the proposed amendments to the King's Students' Union Bylaws (attached) be adopted, and;

BIFRT the proposed Glossary (attached) be approved as a reference to accompany the King's Students' Union Bylaws, and;

BIFRT amendment A.11.2 be reconsidered by a General Meeting every year for at least six (6) years, with the intention of removing it should it become unnecessary.

*Moved by Aniq Jalal*

*Seconded by Olivia Chaput*

Aniq explained that she chairs the bylaw review committee and went through a presentation explaining what the committee does as well as proposed changes, creation of glossary, appendix and grammar changes, combining the arts, science and journalism positions into academic representative position and adding advocacy representative position.

Ellie explained the biggest changes were rewording for clarity, especially for General Meetings, as well as going over what the new positions entail.

Aideen went through their proposed changes to the appendix and Olivia went through glossary.

Thomas questioned a change where it was originally a conflict of interest change where people on the student union can't be junior dons, said he agreed that it wasn't a conflict of interest but wondered if it should be amended so that someone must disclose if they hold both positions.

Aideen explained that if a person could have a conflict of interest while holding those positions it would mean they are not doing either of those jobs well, which would already be a violation of duties and would be impeachable.

At 8:30 PM Aideen Reynolds pointed out that we lost quorum, so we can continue to ask questions but no longer vote on anything.

The Chair and Council did a recount for Quorum.

Sara decided that the bylaw presentation and elections should be done by at this meeting with the larger student body and then the rest can be referred to council.

*Motion passed by 2/3 majority with no opposition.*

**3.5** BIRT nominations open for the two (2) Board of Governors positions, the Member at Large position, the Academic Representative position and the Advocacy Representative position, to be elected in a councillor by-election held during this General Meeting in accordance with newly adopted section A.11.2 of the King's Students' Union Bylaws (attached).

BIFRT nominations for these positions will close at 7:30pm, at which point a recess will be called to hold speeches. Voting will open immediately thereafter.

Friendly amendment to change time to 9:30 moved by Aideen seconded by Noah

*Moved by Ellie Anderson*

*Seconded by Olivia Chaput*

*Motion passed by majority vote.*

Ellie explained that everything except first year and residences reps can be elected at the General Meeting

Alice Twa nominated themselves for Board of Governors

Aideen Reynolds nominated themselves for Board of Governors

*Voting by Anonymous Ballots.*

*Aideen Reynolds and Alice Twa elected to Board of Governors positions.*

Due to loss of quorum, all remaining agenda was referred to council as per Action Item 3.1

*Referral passed with unanimous consent.*

**Motion to adjourn.**

*Moved by Sara MacCallum  
Seconded by Aideen Reynolds  
Motion passed by majority vote.*

***General Meeting adjourned at 10:01 PM ADT.***