



PRESENT	ABSENT
<p>Oliver Jacob, Chairperson Jonah van Driesum, Deputy Chairperson</p> <p>Grace Hamilton-Burge, President Liam Schreiter, VP Finance & Operations Malcolm Anderson, VP Events & Promotions Samantha Nixon, VP Academic & External</p> <p>Mackenzie Jarvin, Councillor Alyssa Hall, Councillor Emily Elliott, Councillor</p> <p>Katie Winters, Arts Senator Regan Haley, Professional Studies Senator George Philp, Sustainability Officer Christopher Saulnier, Community Relations</p> <p>Colin Mitchell, Board of Governors Rep</p>	<p>Emily Murray, VP Student Life</p> <p>Samantha Stegen, Councillor Dena Williams, Equity Officer</p> <p>Jackson Dunn, Theology Senator Jeremy Locke, Graduates Studies Senator</p> <p>Anna Kiefte, Faculty Representative</p> <p>Vacant, First Year Officer Vacant, Science Senator Vacant, Board of Governors Representative Vacant, Administration Representative</p>

ALSO PRESENT
<p>Harrison Paul, Chief Returning Officer</p>

1. **Call to Order**

The Chairperson called the Special Meeting of Council to order at 6:07 PM and welcomed those present. The Chairperson opened the meeting with the following declaration, "I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People."

2. **Roll Call**

The Chairperson called the roll, with all SRC Members being present, except Emily Murray, (VP Student Life), Jackson Dunn (Theology Senator), Dena Williams (Equity Officer), Samantha Stegen (Councillor), Jeremy Locke (Graduates Studies Senator), and Anna Kiefte (Faculty Representative).

3. **Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)**

Resolution No. 115-17

Moved by: Liam Schreiter, VP Finance and Operations

Seconded by: Colin Mitchell, Board of Governors Representative

Be It Resolved That the Agenda for the Special Meeting of the Students' Representative Council dated Monday, September 11th, 2017 be adopted.

Resolution CARRIED

4. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest(s)**

None

5. **Question Period**

Closed

6. **Approval of the Minutes**

None

7. **Presentations/Delegations**

None

8. **Matters Tabled/Deferred/Unfinished Business**

None

9. **Reports to Council**

None

10. Committee Reports and Minutes

None

11. Notice of Motions

None

12. Correspondence and Petitions

None

13. New Business

a) Welcome Week Update (VP Events and Promotions)

Malcolm Anderson, VP Events and Promotions, highlighted some of the major events from Welcome Week, including the International Student dinner, Canadian Student Move-In Day, Axe-Pack pickup, Meet the President, Acadia Talks Consent, the Keep It Social Talk, the Slip and Slide, the Signature Party (White T-Shirt Party), the Chill Axe Lounge, Axe Games (formerly Mock Olympics), Scratch and Bang Party, Cyrus the Hypnotist, the Sex Talk with Valley Vixen and Movie Night. He also shared that some Welcome Week events were not as successful as we desired. The excitement of Plaid Party did not last and it was identified that further discussion on how to solve this issue in the future would be helpful. He also thanked everyone for working so hard to make Welcome Week so successful and highlighted the contributions of Council in enhancing the primary experiences of First-Years this year.

Samantha Nixon, VP Academic and External, shared her participation in Keep It Social talk and the importance of informing students on consent. She also spoke about the events of Academic Orientation Day, which had one of its highest attendance in many years. She spoke about the event's ability to connect students with various important resources on campus including academic and mental health resources and programs. She also spoke about the Professor Meet and Greet that was held on Wednesday, September 6th, 2017.

Council, as a whole, expressed its appreciation for the hard work of Emily Murray, VP Student Life, in planning and executing a wildly successful training week for House Councils.

Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, spoke to sending out a welcome week survey and the steps being taken to better prepare for future welcome weeks.

b) Indspire Acadia: Indigenous Knowledge and Reconciliation Project (Chairperson)

Oliver Jacob, Chairperson, shared that Indspire Acadia was held on Sunday, September 10th, 2017. The event was composed of a wide variety of activities aimed at starting a conversation around reconciliation here at Acadia. Through an Introduction to Indigenous Art and Culture, students learned about the role and purpose of talking sticks with April Hiltz (and created their own talking stick) and heard about Indigenous crafts and art from Melissa Labrador. The afternoon included a discussion around the main

idea question – “What does reconciliation mean to Acadia?”, where Disa Kauk from Think Link Graphics created the graphic facilitation piece below, a blanket exercise led by Donna Hurlbert, a medicine walk led by Laurie Lacey, and a bonfire and storytelling session led by Shalan Jodrey. Overall, the event was a success and served its purpose in fostering a conversation that will hopefully continue, putting Acadia on a path towards reconciliation with Canada’s Indigenous peoples. He also spoke to future events that will continue to take place at Acadia to help continue the process of reconciliation including a January event that will focus on Mental Health from an Indigenous perspective.

Samantha Nixon, VP Academic and External spoke to the work of the Presidential Advisory Committee on Decolonization and shared that the Committee will be continuing its important work this fall as well.

Grace Hamilton Burge, President, shared that Julie Snair from the Wong International Centre said that her international students enjoyed the event and were very happy to learn more about the process towards reconciliation here in Canada.

c) Fall By-Election – Polling Stations

Harrison Paul, Chief Returning Officer, spoke to the organization and the preparation for the upcoming by-election on Monday, September 25th, 2017 and Tuesday, September 26th, 2017. He spoke to the responsibilities of those who are obliged to act as polling officers (which include all non-Executive Members of Council) as well as where the polling stations that will be placed around campus (Wheelock Dining Hall, the Student Union Building, Beveridge Art Centre, Huggins Science Building, Patterson Hall). He also spoke to the All-candidates debate taking place in the MacKeen Room on September 20th at 5:30pm.

Ellie Valle, Constituent, asked about the feasibility of having polling stations in residence and if Election Staff can consider this opportunity in consultation with Residence Life.

Jonah van Driesum, Deputy Returning Officer, Harrison Paul, Chief Returning Officer, and Oliver Jacob, Chairperson, shared that while there was credence to the idea of having polling stations in residence, potential logistical and ethical concerns made it a task that would pose specific issues that may not allow for its introduction in the By- Fall Election. However, Election Staff will investigate and re-evaluate their position on the idea in consultation with Residence Life.

d) Fall Council Retreat (Chairperson)

Council directed Oliver Jacob, Chairperson, to work with Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, and Liam Schreiter, VP Finance and Operations, to bring forward a report with potential options for the Council Retreat.

e) Axe Lounge Update (President)

Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, shared that opening day for the Axe Lounge will be announced during the coming week. She also said that programming events will be hosted in the MacKeen Room on Wednesday and Friday between now and the scheduled opening of the Axe Lounge.

14. Announcements

Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, shared that Charity Day will be taking place on Saturday September 16th, 2017 and that all students are welcome to participate.

Oliver Jacob, Chairperson, encouraged members of council to attend Club Extravaganza on Tuesday September 12th, 2017 between 4:00PM and 7:00PM on the main floor of the Student Union Building.

15. Resolutions

None

15. Closed Session

None

16. Confirmatory Resolution

Resolution No. 116-17

Moved by: Colin Mitchell, Board of Governors Representative

Seconded by: Liam Schreiter, VP Finance and Operations

Whereas Subsection 4(b) of the A.S.U. Constitution, as amended, provides that the powers of the Acadia Students' Union are to be exercised by the Students' Representative Council; and

Whereas it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Students' Representative Council at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by resolution;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Students' Representative Council of the Acadia Students' Union enacts as follows:

1. **That** the action of the Council at its meeting held on the 11th day of September, 2017 at 6:00 PM in respect to the recommendation contained in any reports and in respect to each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by the Council at its said meeting is hereby adopted and confirmed;
2. **That** the Chairperson and the proper officers of the Union are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required and to execute all documents as may be necessary in that behalf.

Resolution CARRIED

17. Adjournment

Resolution No. 117-17

Moved by: Samantha Nixon, VP Academic and External

Seconded by: Malcolm Anderson, VP Events and Promotions

That the Special Meeting of Council dated Monday, September 11th, 2017 be adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Resolution CARRIED