

Minutes for the 1st Regular Meeting of the
2016-2017 ASU Students' Representative Council

Monday, September 19, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Beveridge Forum

ATTENDANCE

<i>PRESENT</i>	<i>ABSENT</i>
<p><i>Chairperson's Office</i> Soleil Chahine, Chairperson</p> <p><i>Executive Board</i> Samantha Sproule, President Brianna Jarvin, VP Academic Samantha Nielsen, VP Communications Andrew Grant, VP Finance Ted Higa, VP Programming</p> <p><i>Councillors</i> Julie Bernier, Councillor Sean Porter, Councillor Jessica Elliot, Councillor Vacant, Councillor Vacant, Councillor Vacant, Councillor Vacant, Councillor</p> <p><i>Equity Officer</i> Vacant, Equity Officer</p> <p><i>Senators</i> Lucas Coxhead, Science Senator Vacant, Arts Senator Senewa Sena, Professional Studies Senator Vacant, Graduate Studies Senator</p> <p><i>Board of Governors Representative</i> Molly Murphy, BoG Representative</p> <p><i>Non-Voting Members</i> Susan Mesheau, Administration Vacant, Board of Governors</p>	<p>Fallis Thompson, Deputy Chairperson</p> <p>Anna Kiefte, Faculty Representative</p>

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Samantha Sproule, President
Seconded by: Brianna Jarvin, VP Academic

Call to question.

Motion carries.

II. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by: Ted Higa, VP Programming
Seconded by: Samantha Sproule, President

Sam S. asks that spelling errors be corrected to her mid-summer report and that she was working with Amanda MacDonald (not Katie Bunker) on the coercion study.

Call to question.

Motion carries.

III. ROUND TABLE CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION

- a) **Summer Financial Update**
 - a. **Moved by:** Andrew Grant, VP Finance

The ASU has been operating at a deficit of around \$400,000 but this does not account for our students' fees (\$300,000) and contract revenue from Pepsi (\$33,000) as well as revenues from Welcome Week and custom order clothing. There is a lot of revenue that has not been accounted for.

IV. QUESTION PERIOD

Open.

There is a group looking to start a table tennis club and they have questions about the ratification form in terms of the list of members.

Sam N. replies that she can talk about that with the interested members after the meeting.

V. DISCUSSION PERIOD

- a) **Municipal Election**
 - a. **Moved by:** Brianna Jarvin, VP Academic

The ASU is running a Get out the Vote campaign for the Municipal Election. The election is on the 15th of October but there will be an advance poll in the SUB on October 6th. There is a Facebook page that Brianna would like people to "Like" and she is encouraging people to volunteer. There will be an all-candidates forum on September 28th at 6 pm in Fountain Commons. This will be open to the town and students. She is encouraging all members of SRC to be there. Questions can be submitted before the forum.

Ted asks for clarification on the date of the all-candidates forum.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Be it resolved** that Luke Coxhead and Molly Murphy sit on the Interim Review Board.
 - a. **Moved by:** Sam Sproule, President
 - b. **Seconded by:** Andrew Grant, VP Finance

This review board was formed at the beginning of the summer but there are two vacancies on the board. It will approve the honorarium of the Chair and executive members for the summer months.

Luke Coxhead and Molly Murphy are nominated.

Call to question.

Motion carries.

- b) **Be it resolved** that Sam Sproule, Senewa Sena, Carter Bobbie, Oliver Jacob, and Christine Moreau sit on the Governance Committee.
 - a. **Moved by:** Sam Sproule, President
 - b. **Seconded by:** Sam Nielsen, VP Communications

The formation of the governance committee is an idea between Sam S. and Soleil to make changes to positions as well as separating the constitution and the by-laws. They want to ensure transparency with the student body so they are asking that non-SRC members sit on the committee.

Carter Bobbie (non-SRC member), Sam Sproule (executive member), Senewa Sena (non-executive member), Christine Moreau (non-SRC member), Oliver Jacob (non-SRC member), Haley Clarke (non-SRC member)

Carter, Christine, Oliver, and Haley are each given a chance to speak about why they want to be a part of this committee.

Call to question.

Motion carries.

- c) **Be it resolved** that the Students' Representative Council accept the Acadia Students' Union audit statements for the year ending on March 31, 2016.
 - a. **Moved by:** Andrew Grant, VP Finance
 - b. **Seconded by:** Samantha Nielsen, VP Communications

This summer Grant Thornton came in to perform an audit of the ASU. It was determined that the ASU made a \$43,000 profit at the end of April 2016.

Ted asks a question between the previous deficit of \$400,000 that Andrew discussed and this profit of \$43,000. Andrew states that this profit is from the last fiscal year whereas the \$400,000 deficit is from the current fiscal year.

Sam S. states that since we are a not for profit organization our goal is to get our profit/deficit at the end of the year as close to \$0 as possible and this is acceptable for the size of our budget.

Sam S. sponsors Christine to speak. She is interested to know where the \$43,000 profit will be spent. Andrew is unsure of exactly where the money will go.

Ted asks why there is such a difference in the profits from the 2015 fiscal year (\$200,000) to the 2016 profit of only \$43,000.

Sam S. reiterates that this is normal for an organization of our size and that in the end, surpluses and deficits will even out.

Andrew reminds council that their vote is whether or not they agree with this \$43,000 profit.

Sam S. sponsors Christine to speak. She asks if Andrew has any reservations about this number. Andrew says that he went through the statements with Grant Thornton and he agrees with this amount.

Call to question.

Motion carries.

- d) **Be it resolved** that the Students' Representative Council accept Brianna Jarvin's Fall Semester course overload request.
 - a. **Moved by:** Brianna Jarvin, VP Academic
 - b. **Seconded by:** Ted Higa, VP Programming

Brianna says that she is only allowed to take 4 classes per semester as per ASU by-laws so she is requesting that she takes 5 this semester. She will only be taking 4 courses next semester and needs this course to graduate. She is confident in her time management abilities to take this extra course.

Call to question.

Motion carries.

VII. NOTICE OF MOTION

Closed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Samantha Nielsen, VP Communications