

Minutes for the 2nd Regular Meeting of the
2016-2017 ASU Students' Representative Council

October 11th, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Beveridge Forum

Chairperson's Office

Soleil Chahine, Chairperson

Fallis Thompson, Deputy Chairperson

Susan Mesheau, Administration

Executive Board

Samantha Sproule, President

Brianna Jarvin, VP Academic

Samantha Nielsen, VP Communications

Andrew Grant, VP Finance

Ted Higa, VP Programming

Councillors

Julie Bernier, Councillor

Sean Porter, Councillor

Jessica Elliot, Councillor

Calum McCracken, Councillor

Carter Bobbie, Councillor

Josie Cross, Councillor

Brandon Giacchetta, Councillor

Equity Officer

Ryan Myers, Equity Officer

Senators

Lucas Coxhead, Science Senator

Colin Mitchell, Arts Senator

Senewa Sena, Professional Studies Senator

Eileen Haskett, Graduate Studies Senator

Board of Governors Representative

Molly Murphy, BoG Representative

Non-Voting Members

Anna Kiefte, Faculty Representative

Vacant, Board of Governors

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Brianna Jarvin, VP Academic
Seconded by: Ted Higa, VP Programming

*The motion is called to question.
The motion carries.*

II. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Sam S. moves to table the motion to adopt the minutes, because the minutes were not completed until last night.

Sam N. seconds the motion to table the motion to adopt the minutes.

*The motion to table adoption of the minutes is called into question.
The motion to table adoption of the minutes carries.*

III. ROUND TABLE CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION

Closed.

IV. QUESTION PERIOD

- *Sam N. sponsors Christine to speak.*
- *Christine brings forward a concern about the referendum that was passed last year. Part of the money for the referendum went to accessibility for Safety and Security. The SUB is owned by the school, and they rent it to the ASU. Her concern is that students are being passed the responsibility to make Safety and Security accessible; however, by law, it is the university's responsibility to make its service accessible. Christine would like SRC to look at the referendum.*
- *Sam N. says that this is something they will bring up to the general manager at the next Executive Board meeting and then bring it back to the next meeting.*
- *Sam S. plans to bring it up to the presidential affairs committee. As well, the Board of Governors have a sub-committee that deals with student affairs, so it would be applicable to bring up this concern to that committee.*
- *Anna asks if the language of the referendum is posted anywhere.*
- *Brianna responds that it should be posted in the minutes from last year around December.*
- *Sam N. says that it may not be on the website, because some things were missing. She will look for the wording and distribute it to SRC.*
- *Ted states that the school rents the union out for the building for \$1 and pays 30% of the operating costs.*

V. DISCUSSION PERIOD

a) Nova Scotia Sexual Violence Prevention Committee

- a. **Moved by:** Sam Sproule, President
 - *The ASU received a \$27,000 grant from the province for the prevention of sexual violence on campus.*
 - *There is a greater area from where this grant came from, and it is the Nova Scotia Breaking the Silence response to sexual violence.*

- *There is a committee of students across the province who are involved in sexual violence prevention on their campus.*
- *Currently, Acadia is represented by Collette Robert, the Chair of our provincial advocacy organization Students NS.*
- *The committee is asking for representatives from different campuses that are elected members at their schools.*
- *Sam is also asking if sexual health representatives on house councils would be interested, although she is unsure, as of yet, if these students are considered elected members.*

Questions/Comments

- *Ryan asks if this is an internal or external committee to the university.*
- *Sam responds that it is completely external and the committee meets four times a year.*
- *Jessica asks where the committee meets.*
- *Sam responds that they meet in Halifax.*

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Be it resolved** that Jessica, Ryan and Calum sit on the Presidential Affairs Committee.
- a. **Moved by:** Sam Sproule, President
- *This committee will be dealing with issues pertaining to the President's office.*
 - *Right now, the Board of Governors has a committee for us, the Student Life Committee, but it has not been used in two years. A focus of the Presidential Affairs Committee will be to write the terms of reference for this committee.*
 - *This committee will also be talking about the prevention grant on sexual violence, because there is still money left over but no co-op students next semester.*
- b. **Seconded by:** Julie Bernier, Councillor

Questions/Comments

- *Jessica nominates herself for the position of an ordinary member of the ASU on the committee.*
- *Ryan nominates himself for the position of an ordinary member of the ASU on the committee.*
- *Calum nominates himself for the position of an ordinary member of the ASU on the committee.*

The motion to form the presidential affairs committee is called into question.

The motion to form the presidential affairs committee carries.

- b) **Be it resolved** that Brandon, Sean and Sam N. sit on the Programming Committee.
- a. **Moved by:** Ted Higa, VP Programming
- *The committee will meet weekly for an hour.*
 - *The main focuses will be house councils, Frost Week and Cheaton Cup.*
- b. **Seconded by:** Molly Murphy, BoG Representative

Questions/Comments

- *Sam N. nominates herself for the position of an ordinary member of the ASU on the committee.*
- *Julie nominates herself for the position of SRC member on the committee.*
- *Brandon nominates himself for the position of SRC member on the committee.*
- *Calum nominates himself for the position of SRC member on the committee.*
- *Sean nominates himself for the position of SRC member on the committee.*

- Carter nominates himself for the position of SRC member on the committee.
- Nominees explain why they want to be on the committee.

Sam S. makes a motion to vote by ballot.

Sam N. seconds the motion to vote by ballot.

The motion to vote by ballot is called to question.

The motion to vote by ballot carries.

The votes are tallied, and Sean received the most votes. Julie and Brandon received the same number of votes, so a run-off vote is done between Julie and Brandon to fill the last spot on the committee. The run-off votes are tallied, and Brandon received the most votes.

The motion to form the programming committee is called to question.

The motion to form the programming committee carries.

- c) **Be it resolved** that Sean, Brandon, Molly and Ted sit on the Financial Affairs Committee.
 - a. **Moved by:** Andrew Grant, VP Finance
 - *The committee will be dealing with changes in the convenience store, Axe renovations and preparing the budget for the upcoming year.*
 - b. **Seconded by:** Julie Bernier, Councillor

Questions/Comments

- *Andrew nominates Sean for the position of SRC member on the committee.*
- *Sean accepts his nomination.*
- *Senewa asks if committee members need prior finance experience to sit on the committee.*
- *Andrew responds that it is not necessary to have finance experience, but an interest in finance would be good.*
- *Molly nominates herself for the position of SRC member on the committee.*
- *Ted nominates himself for the position of an ordinary member of the ASU on the committee.*
- *Brandon nominates himself for the position of SRC member on the committee.*

The motion to form the financial affairs committee is called to question.

The motion to form the financial affairs committee carries.

- d) **Be it resolved** that Julie, Calum, Josie and Ryan sit on the Communications and Promotions Committee.
 - a. **Moved by:** Sam Nielsen, VP Communications
 - *The committee will deal with promotions of all events of the ASU, like Cheaton Cup.*
 - *The committee will meet weekly.*
 - b. **Seconded by:** Senewa Sena, Professional Studies Senator

Questions/Comments

- *Ryan nominates himself for the position of an ordinary member of the ASU on the committee.*
- *Calum nominates himself for the position of SRC member on the committee.*
- *Josie nominates herself for the position of SRC member on the committee.*
- *Julie nominates herself for the position of SRC member on the committee.*

The motion to form the communications and promotions committee is called to question.

The motion to form the communications and promotions committee carries.

- e) **Be it resolved** that Julie, Jessica, Eileen and Carter sit on the Off-Campus Affairs Committee.
 - a. **Moved by:** Sam Nielsen, VP Communications
 - *This committee will meet once a month.*
 - *The committee will deal with off-campus affairs and programming for off-campus.*
 - b. **Seconded by:** Brandon Giacchetta, Councillor

Questions/Comments

- *Eileen nominates herself for the position of SRC member on the committee.*
- *Jessica nominates herself for the position of SRC member on the committee.*
- *Carter nominates himself for the position of SRC member on the committee.*
- *Josie nominates herself for the position of SRC member on the committee.*
- *Julie nominates herself for the position of SRC member on the committee.*
- *Sam N. nominates Christine to speak.*
- *Christine states that if SRC members are nominating themselves for positions of ordinary members of the ASU on committees, that they should be representing the whole student body on the committee.*

- *Nominees explain why they want to be on the committee.*

Ted makes a motion to vote by ballot.

Luke seconds the motion to vote by ballot.

The motion to vote by ballot is called to question.

The motion to vote by ballot carries.

The votes are tallied, and Eileen, Jessica and Julie received the most votes.

- *Carter nominates himself for the position of any ordinary member of the ASU on the committee.*

The motion to form the off-campus affairs committee is called to question.

The motion to form the off-campus affairs committee carries.

~~f) **Be it resolved** that ordinary member of the Union sit on the Academic Affairs Committee.~~

~~a. **Moved by:** Brianna Jarvin, VP Academic~~

~~b. **Seconded by:**~~

Since no nominations were brought forward, Brianna made the motion to table this agenda item.

Sam S. seconded the motion to table this agenda item.

The motion to table this agenda item is called into question.

The motion to table this agenda item carries.

- g) **Be it resolved** that Calum sit on the Campus Representation Committee.
 - a. **Moved by:** Ryan Myers, Equity Officer
 - *During the first few meetings, the committee will decide on their agenda for the semester after discussing among themselves.*
 - *The committee will meet by-weekly.*
 - b. **Seconded by:** Senewa Sena, Professional Studies Senator

Questions/Comments

- *Calum nominates himself for the position of SRC member on the committee.*
- *Carter nominates himself for the position of SRC member on the committee.*
- *Jessica nominates herself for the position of SRC member on the committee.*

- *Nominees explain why they want to be on the committee.*

Nominees are voted on by a roll-call vote, and Calum received the most votes.

***The motion to form the campus representation committee is called to question.
The motion to form the campus representation committee carries.***

- h) **Be it resolved** that Brianna, Molly and Josie sit on Review Board.
 - a. **Moved by:** Sam Sproule, President
 - *The Review Board views the end of semester reports and decides on honoraria, so it is important to be unbiased when looking at the reports.*
 - b. **Seconded by:** Sam Nielsen, VP Communications

Questions/Comments

- *Molly nominates herself for the position of non-executive SRC member on the committee.*
- *Sena nominates herself for the position of non-executive SRC member on the committee.*
- *Josie nominates herself for the position of non-executive SRC member on the committee.*
- *Brianna nominates herself for the position of executive SRC member on the committee.*

- *Nominees explains why they want to be on the committee.*

Molly, Sena and Josie are voted on by a roll-call vote, and Molly and Josie receive the most votes.

***The motion to form the Review Board is called to question.
The motion to form the Review Board carries.***

- i) **Be it resolved** that Josie act as Town Council Representative.
 - a. **Moved by:** Sam Sproule, President
 - *The town council deals with things like the excessive noise by-law, the money put towards the construction on Highland Avenue and the municipal election.*
 - *The town council representative must attend town council meetings, which are the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm, and the representative must bring back reports to SRC after each meeting.*
 - b. **Seconded by:** Ted Higa, VP Programming

Questions/Comments

- *Brianna comments that it is very important that the town council representative attend the town council meetings. For example, last October, the town council voted against electronic voting in the municipal election, but students' voices were not heard on this issue.*
- *Josie nominates herself for the position.*

***The motion for Josie to act as Town Council Representative is called to question.
The motion for Josie to act as Town Council Representative carries.***

- j) **Be it resolved** that Jessica act as Councillor Coordinator.

- a. **Moved by:** Sam Sproule, President
 - *The councillor coordinator will meet with other councillors and make sure that the group is cohesive.*
- b. **Seconded by:** Luke Coxhead, Science Senator

Questions/Comments

- *Brandon nominates himself for the position of Councillor Coordinator.*
- *Sam N. nominates Jessica for the position of Councillor Coordinator.*
- *Jessica accepts her nomination.*

- *Nominees explain why they want to be Councillor Coordinator.*

Molly makes a motion to vote by ballot.

Sam S. seconds the motion to vote by ballot.

The motion to vote by ballot is called to question.

The motion to vote by ballot carries.

The votes were tallied, and Jessica received the most votes.

The motion for Jessica to act as Councillor Coordinator is called to question.

The motion for Jessica to act as Councillor Coordinator carries.

- k) **Be it resolved** that Senewa and Brandon sit on the Wellness Fund Committee.
 - a. **Moved by:** Sam Sproule, President
 - *There are around \$70,000 left to spend on wellness related initiatives this year.*
 - *This year, the interim wellness fund committee approved the purchase of Laybags for relaxation in the Michener Lounge, creating an Acadia Pride library, and funding for Sex Fest.*
 - b. **Seconded by:** Sam Nielsen, VP Communications

Questions/Comments

- *Senewa nominates herself for an SRC member position on this committee.*
- *Brandon nominates himself for an SRC member position on this committee.*

The formation of the wellness fund committee is called to question.

The motion to form the wellness fund committee carries.

- l) **Be it resolved** that Senewa sits on *The Athenaeum* Publishing Board.
 - a. **Moved by:** Sam Sproule, President
 - *This board meets monthly.*
 - *If you are interested in human resources and journalism, the board deals with plans for future additions, hiring and pay.*
 - b. **Seconded by:** Andrew Grant, VP Finance

Questions/Comments

- *Senewa nominates herself for the non-executive SRC member position on this committee.*

The motion for Senewa to sit on The Athenaeum Publishing Board is called to question.

The motion for Senewa to sit on The Athenaeum Publishing Board carries.

- m) **Be it resolved** that Luke, Brianna and Andrew sit on the Deputy Chairperson Hiring Committee.
 - a. **Moved by:** Sam Sproule, President
 - *The hiring committee will be conducting interviews next week and the committee should only last a few weeks.*
 - b. **Seconded by:** Brandon Giacchetta, Councilor

Questions/Comments

- *Brianna nominates herself for an SRC member position on this committee.*
- *Andrew nominates himself for an SRC member position on this committee.*
- *Ted nominates himself for an SRC member position on this committee.*
- *Brianna nominates Luke for an SRC member position on this committee.*
- *Luke accepts his nomination.*
- *Jessica nominates herself for an SRC member position on this committee.*
- *Senewa nominates herself for an SRC member position on this committee.*

- *Nominees explain why they want sit on the hiring committee.*

*Sam N. makes a motion to vote by ballot.
Julie seconds the motion to vote by ballot.*

*The motion to vote by ballot is called to question.
The motion to vote by ballot carries.*

The votes were tallied, and Brianna, Andrew and Luke received the most votes.

***The formation of the Deputy Chairperson Hiring Committee is called to question.
The motion to form the Deputy Chairperson Hiring Committee carries.***

- n) **Be it resolved** that Students' Representative Council accept Interim Review Board's recommendations for summer honoraria.
 - a. **Moved by:** Sam Sproule, President
 - *The Interim Review Board met and reviewed the end of semester reports that were submitted by the chairperson and the executive.*
 - *Each person was recommended full honoraria, which is \$150 for the chairperson and \$750 for each executive.*
 - b. **Seconded by:** Sam Nielsen, VP Communications

Questions/Comments

- *Sam N. sponsors Christine to speak.*
- *Christine asks who sat on the Interim Review.*
- *Sam S. responds that she, Luke, Molly, Brianna and Soleil (non-voting) sat on the interim review board.*

***The motion to accept the recommendations for summer honoraria is called into question.
The motion to accept the recommendations for summer honoraria carries.***

- o) **Be it resolved** that Students' Representative Council accept Sam Sproule's goals as President for the fall semester.
 - a. **Moved by:** Sam Sproule, President

- *Sam's goals are centered on the following*
 1. *Representing students on the Presidential Search Committee, because she is the only student to sit on this committee.*
 2. *Advocating for students on the Students NS and CASA policy committees.*
 3. *Working on revising the by-laws in the Governance Committee.*
 4. *Passing a consultation agreement within the Board of Governors, so that the university must consult students before changing student fees.*
- b. **Seconded by:** Ted Higa, VP Programming

Questions/Comments

- *Eileen asks if Sam will be bringing information back to SRC about Presidential Search Committee.*
- *Sam S. responds that she will bring back as much as she can, although there are many student consultations occurring. She wants to solicit student feedback.*
- *Sam S. sponsors Christine to speak.*
- *Christine asks how Sam is going to solicit student feedback on the Presidential Search Committee.*
- *Sam S. responds that she has attended the student feedback sessions, organized a discussion with the executive and spoken to students about their opinions. One thing that she will advocate for is a candidate that is in touch with student issues.*
- *Ted adds that the executive also wants the president to sit on Town and Gown.*
- *Sam N. adds that it is essential that the president is up-to-date with current affairs and socially conscious.*

The motion to accept Sam's goals is called into question.

The motion to accept Sam's goals carries.

- p) **Be it resolved** that Students' Representative Council accept Sam Nielsen's goals as VP Communications for the fall semester.
- a. **Moved by:** Sam Nielsen, VP Communications
 - *Sam's goals are centered on the following:*
 1. *Ensuring that students know the resources that are available to them by updating the website and social media.*
 2. *Putting out a media release after the municipal election and homecoming about student involving.*
 3. *Improving the website.*
 4. *Assisting with communication between students and the university, the town, volunteer groups, intramural program, media, etc.*
 - b. **Seconded by:** Sam Sproule, President

Questions/Comments

- *Sam N. sponsors Christine to speak.*
- *Christine asks about the events calendar on the website and asks how Sam is going to promote volunteer opportunities, as per the constitution.*
- *Sam N. responds that she plans on working on the events calendar and would like to add councillor programs as well. In terms of volunteer opportunities, Sam has been updating the website with long-term volunteer opportunities; however, for short-term opportunities, she has been putting them in the all-student email.*
- *Molly adds that Suzanne Gray used to put up a full set of events on a calendar, so it would be good to reach out to her for templates or resources.*

Ted moves to set the time of the meeting to no longer than 9:15 pm and tabling any remaining agenda items.

Andrew seconds the motion to set the time of the meeting to no longer than 9:15 pm and tabling any remaining agenda items.

The motion is to set the meeting end time is called into question.

The motion carries.

- *Sam N. sponsors Christine to speak.*
- *Christine asks when the effective communication strategy will be brought to council.*
- *Sam N. responds that the by-laws require her to put through another effective communication strategy through the communications and promotions committee, so she has decided in consultation with the Chair that she will wait until the committee is formed to make the strategy.*

The motion to accept Sam's goals is called to question.

The motion to accept Sam's goals carries.

q) **Be it resolved** that Students' Representative Council accept Ted Higa's goals as VP Programming for the fall semester.

a. **Moved by:** Ted Higa, VP Programming

▪ *Ted's goals centered on the following:*

1. *Using committees effectively for programming*
2. *Working with and assisting with clubs and IO's programming*
3. *Plan Frost Week before the December break, so that Frost Week can happen in the first week back*
4. *Continuing work with the House Councils, by having weekly meeting*
5. *Working alongside the Charity Coordinator to continue working with L'Arche and SMILE and promote these charities in the community*

b. **Seconded by:** Sam Nielsen, VP Communications

Questions/Comments

- *Ted sponsors Christine to speak.*
- *Christine asks why there is nothing written in the goal document on IOs, because the VP Programming is mandated to coordinate with the IOs.*
- *Ted says that there was IO training in the past two weeks. They each have to submit biweekly reports to the VP Programming. Ted remarks that the IOs are dedicated within their roles.*

The motion to accept Ted's goals is called to question.

The motion to accept Ted's goals carries.

r) **Be it resolved** that Students' Representative Council accept Brianna Jarvin's goals as VP Academic for the fall semester.

a. **Moved by:** Brianna Jarvin, VP Academic

▪ *Brianna's goals are centered on the following:*

1. *Going through the academic calendar with the registrar and ensuring that the policies are up-to-date. Building a skeleton for a "Know your rights" package for students from these policies so students know how to appeal.*
2. *Chairing the Students NS Membership Committee and creating a work plan to seek out new member schools.*
3. *Advertising and launching the Academic Experience Form and a Professor of the Month Form.*

b. **Seconded by:** Sean Porter, Councillor

Questions/Comments

- *Brianna sponsors Grace to speak.*
- *Grace asks where the submission form will be located.*
- *Brianna responds that it is an online submission form that will be sent out via the all-student email.*
- *Sam N. says that there could also be a formed linked in the website under Brianna's position.*
- *Anna asks what will be done with the data from the Academic Experience Form.*
- *Brianna responds that if they want something to be done with their negative experience, they can leave contact information and meet with Brianna. For the positive experiences, Brianna just wants to keep a record for easier transition for future VP Academics.*
- *Anna asks if a complaint would make its way beyond the VP Academic's office or if it is just a resource for consultation.*
- *Brianna says that it depends on if the student puts contact information. If they don't put contact information, then it is just an outlet for the students to express experiences.*
- *Sam N. says that positive experiences will help with the ASU Teaching Awards at the end of the year.*
- *Senewa sponsors Christine to speak.*
- *Christine asks what is happening with tutoring.*
- *Brianna responds that she was in contact with the tutoring services in early September, but the service had not started running yet; however, she has the contact information for tutoring services that she can pass along to students.*

The motion to accept Brianna's goals is called to question.

The motion to accept Brianna's goals carries.

Sam S. moves to have Sam's course overload request be discussed before Andrew's goals, because this is a time sensitive item.

Sam N. seconds the motion to move her course overload request.

The motion to move Sam's overload request is called to question.

The motion to move Sam's overload request carries.

- s) **Be it resolved** that Students' Representative Council accept Sam Nielsen's course overload request for the fall semester.
- a. **Moved by:** Sam Nielsen, VP Communications
 - *Sam needs one extra course each term to graduate on time.*
 - *She completed her summer courses in the summer.*
 - *She is already doing the five courses now, and it is going well.*
 - b. **Seconded by:** Sam Sproule, President

The motion to accept Sam's course overload request is called to question.

The motion to accept Sam's course overload request carries.

Sam S. moves to add five minutes to the meeting to complete the last item on the agenda.

Andrew seconds the motion to add five minutes to the meeting.

The motion to add five minutes to the meeting is called to question.

The motion to add five minutes to the meeting carries.

- t) **Be it resolved** that Students' Representative Council accept Andrew Grant's goals as VP Finance for the fall semester.
- a. **Moved by:** Andrew Grant, VP Finance

- *Andrew's goals are centered on the following:*
 1. *For clubs to get ratified, they need to do their banking through the ASU. Andrew is developing relationships with the club presidents and club VP Finances to keep track of the banking and maintain those accounts.*
 2. *Take the steps to see if it is possible to have a pharmacy in the Union Market.*
 3. *Meeting with the architect and keeping up-to-date on the Axe Renovations.*
 4. *Staying on top of the day-to-day ASU finances, IO budgets, house council budgets.*
 5. *Meeting with different auditing firms.*

b. **Seconded by:** Sean Porter, Councillor

Questions/Comments

- *Julie sponsors Christine to speak.*
- *Christine asks if Andrew plans to bring the discussions from the auditing meetings to SRC.*
- *Andrew responds that he is not planning on doing that, because there are 5 voting members on the committee, 3 of which are full-time staff, who have a firm grasp on the process. Andrew is confident that the committee will make the right decision. Once the decision is made, he will bring the decision to SRC.*
- *Ryan sponsors Grace to speak.*
- *Grace asks if Andrew has any goals relating to the food contract ending.*
- *Andrew responds that it has not been brought to his attention yet.*
- *Grace says that it was supposed to be changed last year, but it was moved to this year, because of the changeover with the President and VPs.*
- *Andrew asks if this is the university food contract.*
- *Grace responds that it is.*
- *Andrew says that the ASU does not go through Chartwells.*
- *Grace says that it does still affect students.*
- *Sam N. says that since it is a university matter, it will most likely be brought to Sam S., who will then bring it to council.*
- *Anna asks who sits on the budget advisory committee for the President, because there was a student sitting on it.*
- *Sam S. responds that it is probably the President.*
- *Anna says that it was brought up at this committee last year.*

Brianna moves the previous question.

Sam S. seconds the motion to move the previous question.

The motion to move the previous question is called to question.

The motion to move the previous question carries.

The motion to accept Andrew's goals is called to question.

The motion to accept Andrew's goals carries.

VII. NOTICE OF MOTION

Closed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Ted Higa, VP Programming