



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

ALSO PRESENT
<p><b>Ellie Valle</b>, Constituent  <b>Michael Stevens</b>, Auditor from BDO Canada LLP  <b>Jessica Skinner</b>, Auditor from BDO Canada LLP</p>

1. **Call to Order**

The Chairperson called the Special Meeting of Council to order at 5:03 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 Anna Kieft (Faculty Representative) and Jackson Dunn (Theology Senator).

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

Resolution No. 135-17

Moved by: Liam Schreiter, VP Finance and Operations

Seconded by: Alyssa Hall, Councillor

**Be It Resolved That** the Agenda for the Special Meeting of the Students' Representative Council dated Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 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**

a) **2016/2017 Draft Audited Financial Statements (Jessica Skinner, BDO Canada LLP)**

Auditors Michael Stevens and Jessica Skinner from BDO Canada LLP provided an overview of the 2016/2017 draft financial statements and responded to questions.

**Emily Elliott, Councillor,  
Left the Table at 5:16 PM**

**Emily Elliott, Councillor,  
Returned to the Table at 5:28 PM**

**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) ASU Fair Trade Resolution (Grace Hamilton-Burge, President)**

Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, provided an overview of the Fair-Trade Resolution and its impacts on campus, and responded to questions.

**14. Announcements**

George Philip, Sustainability Officer, shared that Fair Trade Campus Week will be taking place from Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 with events across campus. For more information, visit the [Fair Trade Campus Week website](#).

Oliver Jacob, Chairperson, provided an update on the Council meeting schedule for the remainder of the Fall Semester. Based on the Doodle Poll results, Tuesday evenings between 5:00 PM and 7:00PM will be the time for Regular Meetings of Council moving forward, with Thursday evenings between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM being used as backups and for Special Meetings of Council, where possible. These dates will be sent out to Members of Council shortly and posted on the Union website to ensure that Council is being open and accountable to our constituents.

Colin Mitchell, Student Board of Governors Representative, shared that he will be taking Council photos for the website and the Athenaeum at the next Regular Meeting of Council (Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017).

Emily Murray, VP Student Life, shared that Acadia Pride will be hosting a movie night on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at the KCIC Auditorium, followed by Sex Toy Bingo on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the MacKeen Room of the Students' Union Building.

Samantha Nixon, VP Academic and External,  
left the table at 5:56 PM

**15. Resolutions**

Resolution No.138-17

Moved by: Grace Hamilton-Burge, President

Seconded by: Liam Schreiter, VP Finance and Operations

**That** Council table Resolution No.136-17 to the next Regular Meeting of Council.

Resolution CARRIED

Resolution No. 136-17

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Whereas** the Articles of Incorporation of the Acadia Students' Union state that all powers of the Union be exercised by Council;

**Whereas** Council engaged the professional auditing services of BDO Canada LLP for the 2016/2017 fiscal year;

**Whereas** Council deems it expedient to adopt the 2016/2017 draft Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending on March 31st, 2017;

**Therefore, Be It Resolved That** the Students' Representative Council of the Acadia Students' Union hereby enact as follows:

1. **That** the 2016/2017 draft Audited Financial Statements, attached as Schedule A of this resolution, be hereby received and adopted.
2. **That** Schedule A attached hereto shall be read with and form part of this resolution.
3. **That** this resolution shall come into full force and effect upon its passing thereof.

Resolution CARRIED / LOST

Resolution No. 137-17

Moved by: Christopher Saulnier, Community Relations Officer

Seconded by: Colin Mitchell, Student Board of Governors Representative

**Whereas:**

- What we choose to purchase, eat, and drink impacts farmers, workers, artisans and the environment;
- Growers of coffee, tea, chocolate and other products produced around the world are often paid less than a living wage and are subject to poor working conditions and labour practices;
- Conventional means of growing coffee and other commodities are often damaging to the environment, harming local ecosystems;
- Fair Trade helps ensure fair wages, safe working conditions, and environmental sustainability;
- Many campuses in Canada and around the world already support Fair Trade;
- Acadia University endorsed the Talloires Declaration in 2006, which calls for institutions to operate in harmony with nature and society and to ensure that students are literate in environmental and social principles that benefit our world. Supporting Fair Trade is an effective way to put this commitment into practice.
- By becoming a Fair Trade Campus, Acadia University, and Acadia Students' Union will demonstrate a commitment to sustainability and social justice issues.

**Be It Resolved:**

In partnership with Acadia University, Acadia Students' Union commits to become a Fair Trade campus, which would consist of the following actions:

1. **Facilities and Operations:** Acadia Students' Union will provide all coffee, three (3) teas, and one (1) chocolate item that are Fair Trade Certified at each food service location within the Students' Union Building. Acadia Students' Union will also work towards making other Fair Trade products available in its facilities.
2. **Catered events:** Acadia Students' Union will provide Fair Trade products available at catered meetings hosted by Acadia Students' Union.
3. **Education:** Acadia Students' Union will support students, staff, and faculty to increase on-campus awareness of Fair Trade through events, the incorporation of Fair Trade into curricula, and other efforts.
4. **Awareness:** Acadia Students' Union will identify and promote Fair Trade products at campus functions and point of sale locations with appropriate signage or information.
5. **Implementation:** Acadia Students' Union, in consultation with the Acadia Fair Trade Committee and the Acadia Sustainability Office, will oversee the implementation of the above commitments.

Resolution CARRIED

**15. Closed Session**

None

**16. Confirmatory Resolution**

Resolution No. 139-17

Moved by: Christopher Saulnier, Community Relations Officer

Seconded by: Alyssa Hall, Councillor

**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 21st day of September, 2017 at 5:00 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. 140-17

Moved by: Malcolm Anderson, VP Events and Promotions

Seconded by: Liam Schreiter, VP Finance and Operations

**That** the Special Meeting of Council dated Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 be adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Resolution CARRIED