



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

ALSO PRESENT
This area is currently empty

1. Call to Order

Oliver Jacob, Chairperson, called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 2:08 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

Oliver Jacob, Chairperson, called the roll, with all SRC Members being present, except Alyssa Hall (Councillor), Samantha Stegen (Councillor), Anderson Fuller (Science Senator), Jackson Dunn (Theology Senator), Christopher Saulnier (Community Relations Officer), Ally Smith (Internal Organization Representative), and Anna Kiefte (Faculty Representative).

3. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)

Resolution No. 061-18

Moved by: Malcolm Anderson, VP Events and Promotions

Seconded by: Emily Murray, VP Student Life

Be It Resolved That the Agenda for the Special Meeting of the Students' Representative Council dated Saturday, February 3rd, 2018 be adopted.

Resolution CARRIED

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest(s)

None

5. Question Period

None

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. Resignation of the Chief Returning Officer (Oliver Jacob, Chairperson)

Oliver Jacob, Chairperson, in accordance with By-Law 5 (Policies), Article 2, directed Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, to inform Council of the resignation.

Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, provided an overview of the resignation letter of the former Chief Returning Officer, attached as Appendix A and forming a part of these minutes.

Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, thanked the former Chief Returning Officer for his time, and for continuing his work in Council committees.

b. 2018 General Election Update (Aodhan Murphy, Acting Chief Returning Officer)

Aodhan Murphy, Acting Chief Returning Officer, opened by acknowledging all that has occurred in recent days, and that it was time to ensure the election would run smoothly. He outlined the types of issues he would detail, and stated Council could ask questions after he had finished specifying each.

Oliver Jacob, Chairperson, reminded the Aodhan Murphy, Acting Chief Returning Officer, that conversations with the Acadia Students' Union legal counsel is bound by solicitor-client privilege.

Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, stated the attorney was hired by the Acadia Students' Union, and he could waive the privilege if he would like.

Aodhan Murphy, Acting Chief Returning Officer, stated it would not make a difference as he would only address that the conversation occurred and the subsequent conclusion.

Aodhan Murphy, Acting Chief Returning Officer, began in noting he had a conversation with Tom McEwen, Legal Counsel (Acadia Students' Union). He shared that any additional restrictions imposed under the authority of the former Chief Returning Officer

were void as there was no legal basis, yet any election infraction issued as a result of must still be appealed by the candidate to the Elections Sub-Committee of the Review Board. He stated he had drafted an email to candidates specifying changes in policy, and it had been reviewed by legal counsel for it to be sent later that day. He opened the floor to questions and responded accordingly.

Aodhan Murphy, Acting Chief Returning Officer, shared that the All-Candidates Debates were a priority moving forward, listed the dates, and that they would be streamed through Facebook Live. He noted that the former Chief Returning Officer stated it was booked, however he was going to confirm. He added that the format was not included in the Election Plan, as mandated, and candidates would receive it later that night when promotions will begin again.

George Philp, Sustainability Officer, asked if the debate specifics had been altered, noting questions in particular.

Aodhan Murphy, Acting Chief Returning Officer, responded that heavy modifications will continue to be made, noting a concern of possible early access to particular candidates.

Aodhan Murphy, Acting Chief Returning Officer, continued that the Director of Axe Radio had attempted to unilaterally cancel the Athenaeum/Axe Radio debate for executive candidates. He shared that he had met with Sidharth Kondapuram, Editor-in-Chief, and Colin Mitchell, Union Media, earlier that day and the debate would move forward as hosted solely by the Athenaeum. He told Council he had informed them that the debate cannot be mandatory, but strongly encouraged.

Aodhan Murphy, Acting Chief Returning Officer, stated that he asked the Athenaeum representatives to shorten the debate to 30 minutes, noting a concern from Council, but that official scheduling is left to 45 minutes. He explained that candidates would be absorbing a lot of change, and wanted to ensure the process could regain some legitimacy.

Aodhan Murphy, Acting Chief Returning Officer, closed by sharing he would be getting in touch with Technology Services for ballot development, asked eligible poll clerks to sign up, encouraged Council to share important promotions on Facebook, and asked Liam Schreiter, VP Finance and Operations, if they could meet to discuss details on financials.

Liam Schreiter, VP Finance and Operations, offered to produce a document outlining the process, and stated he could meet whenever worked.

14. Announcements

Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, recognized that it was not an easy time and thanked everyone present.

Emily Murray, VP Student Life, shared that Mental Health Week was starting next week, and encouraged those present to attend the events.

Samantha Nixon, VP Academic and External, called for volunteers for the 13th Annual Hannah Miller Memorial Hockey Tournament, being held next month.

Colin Mitchell, Student Board of Governors Representative, announced that the Collective Bargaining Agreement had been ratified.

15. Resolutions

None

16. Closed Session

None

17. Confirmatory Resolution

Resolution No. 062-18

Moved by: Malcolm Anderson, VP Events and Promotions

Seconded by: Colin Mitchell, Student Board of Governors Representative

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 3rd day of February, 2018 at 2:00 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

18. Adjournment

Resolution No. 063-18

Moved by: Colin Mitchell, Student Board of Governors Representative

Seconded by: Malcolm Anderson, VP Events and Promotions

That the Special Meeting of Council dated Saturday, February 3rd, 2018 be adjourned at 2:32 PM.

Resolution CARRIED



Letter of Resignation
Office of the Chief Returning Officer (CRO)
Harrison Paul

Friday, February 2nd, 2018

Mr. Oliver Jacob
Chairperson
Acadia Students' Union
30 Highland Avenue
Wolfville, NS B4P 2R5

I regret to inform you that I will be resigning as the Chief Returning Officer of the Acadia Students' Union.

The amount of stress and other things that have come with this job are starting to affect my Mental Health. I need to talk the rest of my time here at Acadia to make sure my personal life and academic life are in check.

I appreciate the opportunities I have been given during my time with the Acadia Students' Union, as well as your professional guidance and support.

I wish you and the Acadia Students' Union the best of success in the future.

Sincerely,

Harrison Paul
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