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## Regular Meeting of Council Agenda

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**Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 5:00 PM**

**Beveridge Forum (Students' Union Building)  
30 Highland Avenue, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada, B4P 1Y7**

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call

3. Adoption of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest(s)

5. Question Period

6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) (except Minutes of Closed Session(s))

a. Regular Meeting of Council – **February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018** ..... 1-12

7. Presentations/Delegations

a. **January/February Financial Update** (Liam Schreiter, VP Finance and Operations)

8. Matters Tabled/Deferred/Unfinished Business

9. Reports to Council

10. Committee Reports and Minutes

11. Notice of Motions

a. **Hiring Committee Composition** (Grace Hamilton-Burge, President)

- i. Amend Bylaw No. Five (5), Article I, Clause 1(a) add the words “or designate from the Executive Board” immediately following the word “President”.
- ii. Amend Bylaw No. Five (5), Article 1, Clause 1 by inserting a new paragraph (f) which would read as follows:

“The incoming President will be deemed to be a member (non-voting) of the Hiring Committee provided that the membership of the incoming President will be limited so as to only permit the incoming President to attend meetings during which time the hiring of the VP Finance & Operations is discussed by the Hiring Committee. This includes but is not limited to all interviews and committee deliberations respecting the hiring for the position of VP Finance & Operations. The incoming President will not be permitted to attend at the Hiring Committee meetings for any other hired positions of Council.”

**12. Correspondence and Petitions**

**13. New Business**

- a. **Program Exit Report** (Regan Haley, Professional Studies Senator) .....13-15
- b. **Program Proposal** (George Philp, Sustainability Officer)

**14. Announcements**

**15. Resolutions**

**16. Closed Session**

**17. Confirmatory Resolution**

**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 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018 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 is 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.

## 18. Adjournment

**Full Distribution:** General Membership, the Chair's Office, President, VP Academic and External, VP Finance and Operations, VP Events and Promotions, VP Student Life, Student Board of Governors Representative, Arts Senator, Science Senator, Professional Studies Senator, Graduate Studies Senator, Theology Senator, Equity Officer, Community Relations Officer, Sustainability Officer, First Year Officer, Four (4) Councillors, Faculty Representative, Administration Representative, Acadia Board of Governors Representative.

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

ALSO PRESENT
<p><b>Ellie Valle</b>, Presidential Affairs Associate Director</p> <p><b>Makenzie Branch</b>, VP Academic and External (incoming)</p>

1. Call to Order

Oliver Jacob, Chairperson, called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 5:07PM 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 Emily Elliott (Councillor), Jackson Dunn (Theology Senator), Regan Haley (Professional Studies Senator), Dena Williams (Equity Officer), and Anna Kiefte (Faculty Representative).

3. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)

Resolution No. 095-18

Moved by: Anderson Fuller, Science Senator  
Seconded by: George Philp, Sustainability Officer

**Be It Resolved That** the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Students' Representative Council dated Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be adopted.

Resolution AMENDED

Resolution No. 096-18

Moved by: Liam Schreiter, VP Finance and Operations  
Seconded by: Malcolm Anderson, VP Events and Promotions

**That** Council amend Resolution No. 080-18 to strike Item 7(a) from the agenda.

Resolution CARRIED

Resolution No. 097-18

Moved by: Anderson Fuller, Science Senator  
Seconded by: George Philp, Sustainability Officer

**Be It Resolved That** the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Students' Representative Council dated Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be adopted, as amended.

Resolution CARRIED as amended

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest(s)

None

5. Question Period

None

**6. Approval of the Minutes**

Resolution No. 098-18

Moved by: Grace Hamilton-Burge, President

Seconded by: George Philp, Sustainability Officer

**That** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Students' Representative Council listed under Item 6(a) on the Agenda, be adopted (Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018).

Resolution CARRIED

**7. Presentations/Delegations**

None

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

**a. SUB Renewal Proposal (Grace Hamilton-Burge)**

Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, explained that the Governance Committee, the Presidential Affairs Committee, and the Executive Board had met in accordance with its mandate from Council to examine the SUB Renewal Proposal, and were coming back with a positive recommendation.

Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, provided an overview of the changes to the committee's Draft Terms of Reference.

Colin Mitchell, Student Board of Governors Representative, reminded those present that Council would be striking an ad-hoc committee.

Oliver Jacob, Chairperson, reiterated that he was reviewing the Standing Committee structure. This will include an examination of which Standing Committees were not being utilized, and which Ad Hoc Committees that should be considered by Council for constitutional amendment to By-Law No. Two (2) (Students' Representative Council Committees).

Resolution No. 099-18

Moved by: Colin Mitchell, Student Board of Governors Representative

Seconded by: Liam Schreiter, VP Finance and Operations

**That** Council receive the proposed changes to the SUB Renewal Committee Draft Terms of Reference as information and that they be brought forward for Council's consideration.

Resolution CARRIED

Resolution No. 100-18

Moved by: Colin Mitchell, Student Board of Governors Representative

Seconded by: Alyssa Hall, Councillor

**That** Council strike a SUB Renewal Committee with the terms of reference attached as Schedule A of this resolution.

**Further That** this resolution come into full force and effect immediately upon its passing thereof.

Resolution AMENDED

Resolution No. 101-18

Moved by: Grace Hamilton-Burge, President

Seconded by: Liam Schreiter, VP Finance and Operations

**That** Council amend Resolution No. 100-18 to add “or designate” to Article 3, Section A, Subsections VIII and IX of the Draft Terms of Reference.

Resolution CARRIED

Resolution No. 102-18

Moved by: Colin Mitchell, Student Board of Governors Representative

Seconded by: Alyssa Hall, Councillor

**That** Council strike a SUB Renewal Committee with the terms of reference attached as Schedule A of this resolution, as amended.

**Further That** this resolution come into full force and effect immediately upon its passing thereof.

Resolution CARRIED as amended

**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. Program Proposal (Samantha Stegen, Councillor)**

Samantha Stegen, Councillor, provided an overview of her program proposal for the Winter Semester, attached as Appendix A and forming a part of these minutes.

George Philp, Sustainability Officer, expressed support for the proposal and stated it might be helpful to have a short form and long form version of the video.

Katie Winters, Arts Senator, suggested adding the option for closed captioning for those students who may have vision impairment.

Resolution No. 103-18

Moved by: Emily Murray, VP Student Life

Seconded by: Dahlia Chahine, First Year Officer

**That** Council adopt Samantha Stegen's program proposal as presented.

Resolution CARRIED

**b. Hiring Committee Composition (Grace Hamilton-Burge, President)**

Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, explained that she had been working with the Executive Board to be more attentive to personal matters, and will not be able to participate in the hiring process for Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Chief Returning Officer. She added that she wished to designate Emily Murray, VP Student Life, as her replacement.

Oliver Jacob, Chairperson, stated that the make-up of the committee is specific to the President, and that Council would need to amend By-Law No. Five (5) (Students' Representative Council Policies). He noted such a motion requires at least one week's notice.

George Philp, Sustainability Officer, asked if there were any issues delaying the hiring process.

Oliver Jacob, Chairperson, responded that interviews have been set and communicated with candidates. The cancellation of interviews would confuse candidates and shorten the transition period for those new Members of Council.

George Philp, Sustainability Officer, raised the prospect of continuing with VP Finance and Operations hiring and delaying the process for other positions.

Oliver Jacob, Chairperson, stated it would be procedurally incorrect, given that the mandate of the committee is to hire all positions under the same process.

Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, reiterated that she should be present for VP Finance and Operations hiring as she works closely with the position. She stated inconsistency in



the Hiring Committee would only be an issue if the process changed within a particular position's hiring.

Liam Schreiter, VP Finance and Operations, added that the hiring process for VP Finance and Operations took two rounds last year.

Alyssa Hall, Councillor, raised the prospect of a proxy vote.

Oliver Jacob, Chairperson, explained that it would not be recommended as she would not be present for the interviews nor would she be able to provide the requisite twenty-four (24) hours notice.

Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, expressed appreciation for the proposal, but stated a replacement from the Executive Board would be needed to ask questions.

Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, noted that Katie Winters, Arts Senator, is the only elected member of Council sitting on the Hiring Committee.

George Philp, Sustainability Officer, emphasized the need for the presence of committee members whom have been given a mandate from students.

Oliver Jacob, Chairperson, explained that a Member of Council would need to indicate their intention to introduce constitutional amendments to By-Law No. Five (5) (Students' Representative Council Policies) by means of notice of motion.

Resolution No. 104-18

Moved by: Grace Hamilton-Burge, President

Seconded by: Liam Schreiter, VP Finance and Operations

**That** Council move into a five (5) minute recess.

Resolution CARRIED

Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, stated she had consulted with the Executive Board. She explained that there was an additional concern that last year's changes to the Hiring Committee structure broke a 15-year precedent that the incoming President would not sit for the VP Finance and Operations process. She stated that her own role last year was useful, and that the notice of motion should include a proposed amendment to allow the incoming President to sit as a non-voting member, as well as the addition for the President to designate a replacement.

Oliver Jacob, Chairperson, noted that By-Law 5 (Policies) unified the hiring process in one committee, and that the previous Council an Governance Committee adopted the constitutional amendments unanimously as they felt that the incoming President had undue influence, and could result in hiring an individual who is best for the President, rather than best for the job.

Alyssa Hall, Councillor, raised the incoming President would be a non-voting member.

George Philp, Sustainability Officer, reiterated the statement and stated he had consulted with Ian Morrison, General Manager, who felt the arguments of undue influence were unrealistic due to the non-voting nature of their membership. He raised that the incoming President would need to influence each member on the committee as it relies on putting a unanimous decision to Council.

Samantha Nixon, VP Academic and External, emphasized that this change would not be unprecedented as it is common to many institutions including the St. Francis Xavier Students' Union (St. FX SU) and the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA).

Liam Schreiter, VP Finance and Operations, expressed support for the change, noting that the President and VP Finance and Operations work closely together.

George Philp, Sustainability Officer, read statements of support for the change from Gabrielle Bailey, incoming VP Events and Promotions, and Kyle Vandertoorn, incoming VP Student Life.

Alyssa Hall, Councillor, noted that Council often recognizes that its successors might not have the same goals, and thus making it necessary that the incoming Executive Board be represented in the hiring process.

Ellie Valle, Presidential Affairs Associate Director, urged those present to separate the issues of allowing the President to designate committee membership and the incoming President sitting on the Hiring Committee. She stated that the decision of the previous Council should be respected, and that creative solutions that do not involve the incoming President to be actively present should be considered by Council.

George Philp, Sustainability Officer, responded that the more involved the incoming President could be, the more students and the incoming Executive could be represented.

Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, signalled her intent to introduce a motion to amend By-Law 5 (Policies) at the next Regular Meeting of Council and provided a draft wording for the proposed change.

Resolution No. 105-18

Moved by: Emily Murray, VP Student Life

Seconded by: Alyssa Hall, Councillor

**That** Council direct that the Hiring Committee cancel all currently scheduled interviews and pause the hiring process until Council makes a decision on the pending Notice of Motion.

Resolution CARRIED

**14. Announcements**

Oliver Jacob, Chairperson, asked those present for nominations of the Student Organization of the Month.

Colin Mitchell, Student Board of Governors Representative, suggested the Black Students' Association (BSA).

Christopher Saulnier, Community Relations Officer, and Samantha Nixon, VP Academic and External, expressed their support.

Resolution No. 106-18

Moved by: Colin Mitchell, Student Board of Governors Representative

Seconded by: Emily Murray, VP Student Life

**That** Council recognize the Black Students' Association (BSA) as the Student Organization of the Month for February 2018.

Resolution CARRIED

Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, announced that the application for the Government of Canada's Accessibility Grant had finally been approved. She explained that renovations would include an accessibility ramp to the Beveridge Forum, and improvement to the Students' Union Building entrance itself.

Samantha Nixon, VP Academic and External, expressed appreciation for the work that was put into the application process by Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, and Liam Schreiter, VP Finance and Operations.

Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, stated that Students Nova Scotia (SNS) met recently to discuss budgetary asks for the province of Nova Scotia, which will include MSI coverage for international students.

Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, also announced that talks had begun with administration to discuss renewal for the Students' Union Building, although no promises were being made.

Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, noted that an investigation had opened into a professor at Acadia University. She asked that Council direct any students that would like to have their concerns heard to herself or Samantha Nixon, VP Academic and External.

Samantha Nixon, VP Academic and External, encouraged those present to attend the grand opening of the ASU Food Cupboard from 12:30PM – 1:30PM on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. She also announced that the Propylaeum Cup, interdepartmental debate tournament, was being held next week and that she was meeting with debaters on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, expressed appreciation for the work done by Alyssa Hall, Councillor, on the AcadiaAsks videos.

Alyssa Hall, Councillor, thanked Grace Hamilton-Burge, President, for her comments and raised that one of her priorities next year will be to strike an ad-hoc committee to focus on sexual health and sexual violence.

Oliver Jacob, Chairperson, asked those present to share the Acadia's Got Talent event on social media, being hosted by the Black Students' Association (BSA).

Katie Winters, Arts Senator, noted that she had added job postings to Acadia Central, and encouraged those present to contact her if they had any additional they would like added.

Aodhan Murphy, Acting Chief Returning Officer, announced that his Formal Election Exit Report will be coming to Council at its next Regular Meeting. He added that candidates will be reminded tonight to remit their receipts for Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, and that he was notifying the winner of the SUB Card following this meeting.

Resolution No. 107-18

Moved by: Colin Mitchell, Student Board of Governors Representative

Seconded by: Emily Murray, VP Student Life

**That** Council recognize Anika Falkeisen as Axe Person of the Week.

Resolution CARRIED

Ellie Valle, Presidential Affairs Associate Director, encouraged future nominators to nominate the Senior Resident Assistant from Cutten House, noting all of the work she has done in recent months.

Alyssa Hall, Councillor, responded that she would be nominating her in the coming weeks.

**15. Resolutions**

None

**16. Closed Session**

None

**17. Confirmatory Resolution**

Resolution No. 108-18

Moved by: Liam Schreiter, VP Finance and Operations

Seconded by: Samantha Nixon, VP Academic and External

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**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 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018 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

**18. Adjournment**

Resolution No. 109-18

Moved by: Malcolm Anderson, VP Events and Promotions

Seconded by: Alyssa Hall, Councillor

**That** the Regular Meeting of Council dated Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be adjourned at 6:24PM.

Resolution CARRIED

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# Acadia Students' Union SRC Program/Project Proposal

Completed SRC Program/Project Proposals should be submitted as a Microsoft Word document to the Chairperson at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the Council meeting at which you would like to discuss it. The document should be named " Date - SRC Program/Project Proposal- FirstName LastName". Any requests for funding should be outlined in the application (i.e. SRC budget line, Wellness Fund, Student Activities Fund, other source(s)).

## PART 1 – Pre-program/project proposal (to be filled out for council)

Program/Project Details:	
<b>Program/Project Name:</b>	CHEATON Cup Historical Video
<b>Program/Project Location:</b>	N/A
<b>Date &amp; Time of Event:</b>	Have video completed March 10 <sup>th</sup> at midnight
<b>Name of SRC Member(s) involved:</b>	Samantha Stegen, Emily Murray, Oliver Jacob
<b>Publicizing tools (i.e. social media, posters, word of mouth, etc.)</b>	Mass "sharing" and promotion on Facebook. Getting House Council/ RA teams to play the video at Cheaton Cup mandatory house meetings.

**Description:** Outline the details of the program, how it will benefit students, the materials that will be used, the estimated costs, and funding sources.

This video will highlight the history of Cheaton Cup and hopefully reiterate the meaning behind the "madness". The first hockey game took place in 1996 and every year since then, Chipman and Eaton have battled for the Cheaton Cup. Every year, Acadia students choose a side and cheer on their favorite team. What has sadly been lost in the chaos is the reason for the day itself. Cheaton Cup is primarily a fundraiser. The proceeds from the game are given to the deserving charities that build our vibrant Acadia community; L'Arche Homefires and S.M.I.L.E.

The video will be roughly 4-5 minutes in length – hosting many student representatives, members of the Acadia community, and players to highlight their experiences of "Cheaton" and what it means to them. Some examples of interviewees are James Sanford, Steve Hassapis, Dr. Peter Ricketts, Andrew Roache (SMILE Program Coordinator), past house Presidents of Chipman and Eaton, current team Captains, and many more.

This video will benefit students by shining light on the background of Cheaton and enhancing peoples understanding of why this event takes, place while also encouraging more community involvement.

Materials used will be iPhone camera (IMOVIE) and the cost will be negligible, more to be determined/explored.

# SRC Program/Project Proposal

## **PART 2 – Post-program/project reflection (to be filled out after program/project)**

**Summary:** Describe success, obstacles, and challenges. Would you repeat this event? What changes would make it more successful? What wouldn't you do again?

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### **Logistics (to be filled out after program/project):**

Number of Students who attended (including SRC Members): \_\_\_\_\_

Names of SRC Members who attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Program total cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash value donated: \_\_\_\_\_

Items donated: \_\_\_\_\_

Where donations came from (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information of companies/people who in some way assisted the event:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.



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## PART 1 – Pre-program/project proposal (to be filled out for council)

Program/Project Details:	
<b>Program/Project Name:</b>	Chris McWilliam Speaker Series
<b>Program/Project Location:</b>	KCIC Auditorium
<b>Date &amp; Time of Event:</b>	February 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 – 5pm
<b>Name of SRC Member(s) involved:</b>	Regan Haley
<b>Publicizing tools (i.e. social media, posters, word of mouth, etc.)</b>	Social media, word of mouth, posters

**Description:** Outline the details of the program, how it will benefit students, the materials that will be used, the estimated costs, and funding sources.

I am interested in hosting a speaker series in the KCIC auditorium on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. The speaker will be Chris McWilliam, a former Acadia grad. Chris has dealt with mental health issues in the past and is interested in coming to share his personal story, his experience with the health care system in Nova Scotia, mental health and the workplace, and how he manages his mental illness as a professional. He works as an Occupational Therapist in Halifax, and also teaches in the OT department at Dalhousie University. Chris has offered to speak free of charge as he is passionate about this topic and a big advocate for mental health and wellness, therefore, he believes sharing his story will help many others through their schooling and careers. I am interested in covering the costs of his gas as he will be driving here from Halifax however, I received this funding from the Acadia Kinesiology Society. I will be providing Chris with a small gift as well after he is finished speaking. These are the only expected costs of this event as we are able to book the space for free. The event will last approximately an hour and a half. The first hour will be dedicated to his "lecture" and the last half hour will be a Q&A period. I feel strongly about this topic and I have no doubt in my mind that this will benefit the Acadia student body. Originally, my plan was to tailor this to Professional Studies students however, once Chris explained his topic in detail, it became extremely clear that this could benefit ALL students. Chris's experiences with the practical and emotional side of mental illness can give insight to many other students struggling with similar illnesses and will offer tips to manage mental illness and how to cope on a daily basis in the professional world. I will be making posters and posting them around campus. I will also create a Facebook event and heavily publicize this event on social media.



## SRC Program/Project Proposal

### PART 2 – Post-program/project reflection (to be filled out after program/project)

**Summary:** Describe success, obstacles, and challenges. Would you repeat this event? What changes would make it more successful? What wouldn't you do again?

I am incredibly pleased with the success of this event! This is something I am definitely interested in doing again and I think it would really benefit the Acadia students to have Chris come back and speak to a larger population of the school. I was originally quite worried that we wouldn't get a big turnout due to the reading week. I know the week right after reading week tends to be quite hectic for students as well as I found promotion to be quite difficult while students, myself included, were away from campus. HOWEVER, to my surprise, we had a much larger turnout than I was expecting. There were about 50 students who showed up to listen to Chris. Most students were in Kine, which I expected, as it was organized with the help of the Acadia Kinesiology Society and Kine students were provided the opportunity to gain Professional Development hours (which are required in our degree). Next time I do an event like this, or for future Professional Studies Senators, I would like to reach out to department heads in advance, explaining the speaker series, to determine if the other programs are eligible to acquire hours as well. That way I could promote the event using that as an incentive.

Chris McWilliam was absolutely incredible. His talk was honest, clear, extremely helpful, and genuine. He spoke to us as adults and I truly believe that EVERYONE could benefit from listening to his story. He spent most of the time speaking about his experiences with mental illness as well as his partners mental illness and how that has shaped their lives. He focused on the family members that are involved when someone has a mental illness and gave real life tips and advice on how to handle loved ones with mental illness, while maintaining your own mental health. He then branched out to describe his experiences with the health care system in Nova Scotia, its benefits and its downfalls as well as how to navigate a system that is so heavily burdened. Finally, he spoke about mental illness surrounding professional settings and his experiences with professionals (himself, his partner, his coworkers, etc.) in work settings. I am completely in awe of his ability to share such crucial information that we, as students, often do not have access to.

I would like to thank the Wellness Fund for donating funding in order for us to provide food from Chartwells at the event. I think the free food incentive definitely did help me in terms of turnout. There were cookies, water, tea, and coffee; it was great 😊

If I were to plan an event like this again, I would definitely try to find a better time in the semester (avoiding reading week). I would also try to promote the event more to all faculties at Acadia by reaching out to the department and society heads of each program. I have those resources and I wish I had of used them. I was also unaware of how truly beneficial and relatable Chris's talk would be, and had of known this, I definitely would have put more of an emphasis on the promotion. However, it ended up all working out in the end!!



## Acadia Students' Union SRC Program/Project Proposal

### Logistics (to be filled out after program/project):

Number of Students who attended (including SRC Members): 50 (ish)

Names of SRC Members who attended: Emily Elliott

Program total cost: \$298.45

Cash value donated: 298.45

Items donated: \$233.45 was donated from the ASU, specifically the Wellness Fund for food from Chartwells. A \$50.00 gas card as well as a \$15 Kinesiology mug was donated by the Acadia Kinesiology Society (as Chris was an Acadia Kinesiology grad in 2003).

Where donations came from (if applicable): The ASU (Wellness Fund), the Acadia Kinesiology Society

Contact information of companies/people who in some way assisted the event:

1. **The ASU Wellness Fund, Liam Schreiter - [liamschreiter@acadiu.ca](mailto:liamschreiter@acadiu.ca)**
2. **The Acadia Kinesiology Society, Regan Haley - [125643h@acadiu.ca](mailto:125643h@acadiu.ca), Emma McLaughlin - [130571m@acadiu.ca](mailto:130571m@acadiu.ca)**