



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of SRC**  
 Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
 5:00 PM  
 Beveridge Forum (Student Union Building)

| PRESENT   | ABSENT  |
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| <p><b>Molly Anderson</b>, Chairperson<br/> <b>Evan Shergold</b>, Deputy Chairperson</p> <p><b>George Philp</b>, President<br/> <b>Makenzie Branch</b>, VP Academic &amp; External<br/> <b>Jared Craig</b>, VP Finance &amp; Operations<br/> <b>Kyle Vandertoorn</b>, VP Student Life<br/> <b>Gabrielle Bailey</b>, VP Events &amp; Promotions</p> <p><b>Sebastian Farkas</b>, Councillor<br/> <b>Dana Lawless</b>, Councillor<br/> <b>Alyssa Hall</b>, Councillor<br/> <b>Christopher Vanderburgh</b>, Councillor</p> <p><b>Katie Winters</b>, Arts Senator<br/> <b>Zachary Goldsmith</b>, Theology Senator<br/> <b>Makenzie Jarvin</b>, Science Senator<br/> <b>Amar Randhawa</b>, Professional Studies Senator<br/> <b>Sarah Dunn</b>, Graduate Studies Senator</p> <p><b>Hannah Machat</b>, Sustainability Officer<br/> <b>Gordon McLaughlin</b>, Community Relations Officer</p> <p><b>Dahlia Chahine</b>, Student Board of Governors Rep</p> | <p><b>Anna Kieft</b>, Faculty Representative</p> <p><b>Vacant</b>, Equity Officer<br/> <b>Vacant</b>, First Year Officer<br/> <b>Vacant</b>, Administrative Representative<br/> <b>Vacant</b>, Board of Governors Rep</p> |

| ALSO PRESENT  |
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| <p><b>Chelsey Connell</b>, Member of the Hiring Board</p> |

1. **Call To Order**

Molly Anderson, Chairperson, called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 5:16PM 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**

Molly Anderson, Chairperson, called the roll, with all SRC Members being present except Anna Kiefte, Faculty Representative

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

Resolution No. 203-18

Moved by: Dahlia Chahine, Student Board of Governors Rep

Seconded by: Jared Craig, VP Finance & Operations

**Be It Resolved That** the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Students' Representative Council dated Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be adopted.

Resolution CARRIED

4. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest(s)**

None

5. **Question Period**

Councillor Hall, asked President Philp, what the status is on the smoking policy at the Axe.

President Philp, replied that the policy was discussed over the summer with the executive team. It was decided that alcohol and food service will be on the patio, and that since Acadia is a smoke-free campus, the Axe will also remain smoke-free. Patrons who wish to smoke will do so in the designated smoking areas.

Councillor Hall responded by asking if a patron decided to leave to go smoke, will they then have to wait again in line to get back into the Axe.

President Philp, clarified that you will have to wait in line if you choose to leave.

Councillor Hall, responded by saying that she believes it will pose a problem.

President Philp, explained that the patio is licensed, which allows a higher occupancy in the Axe. There are pros and cons to the policy, however smoking on 'The Axe' premises will not be tolerated.

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Student Board of Governors Rep Chahine, states that we must realize it is a student bar and it is on campus, so as a result we need to respect campus rules.

President Philp, then explains that Wolfville and Acadia are both smoke-free, and that these rules governing smoking at the Axe have been updated to ensure they are in accordance with those policies. He then mentioned that a smoke-free environment will include all forms of smoking i.e., cigarettes, vapourizers, cannabis, etc.

VP Events & Promotions Bailey, adds that there will definitely be kickback to this change. It has been changed in fairness to all students. She then adds that a security issue arises when students leave the Axe and expect to get back in, and differentiating these situations will be challenging.

Councillor Vanderburgh, asks if there has been any exploration of different alternatives or solutions to get around this problem.

President Philp, responds that until this meeting there has not been a single complaint to date regarding the new smoking policy at the Axe. He then said that we need to take into consideration that the university holds the alcohol license, and it is ultimately their decision.

Councillor Hall, they have not heard any complaints about this smoking policy because there has not been a great deal of traffic generated though the summer months. She adds that when the Axe becomes more busy, the issue will grow.

VP Finance & Operations Craig, then says that there will be security to meet the prescribed protocol. He says that the policy is still essentially in the trial-run phase.

President Philp, then responds by saying that they encountered several busy nights that brought a decent crowd throughout the summer and there were not any issues with those. If there are in the coming weeks, they will be addressed accordingly.

Councillor Farkas, inquires about the update of Cheaton Cup and if George Philp, President, has any further information to share with council.

President Philp, responds by saying that there is a letter dated for tomorrow that will be sent to all students. He then went on to read that letter (in reference to the scheduling of Cheaton cup). The date for that event is scheduled for Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Student Board of Governors Rep Chahine, asks if this is official and finalized, or if it will pass through council to be approved.

President Philp, responds that this is the only option to ensure that the game continues.

Community Relations Officer Mclaughlin, asks if having it at night during the week will discourage the students from attending.

President Philp, says that he does think it will result in lower attendance. Based on statistics from 2012-2018, there are a lot of incidents from non-students attending the events which posed a challenge, and this approach is one of the main ways of discouraging such.

VP Events & Promotions Bailey, states that it will decrease the longevity of the event and thus reduce the attendance and excitement around the event, but that these changes will also result in a safer event overall.

Councillor Vanderburgh, makes the point that these changes will not discourage the same types of activities or alcohol consumption that students usually partake in at this event.

VP Events & Promotions Bailey, responds that she does not doubt that, but the same services that have been provided in the past (student transportation, security presence) will still be available to ensure that safety is the top priority of the event.

VP Student Life Vandertoorn, states that these changes are being made with the goal of promoting safety, specifically safe alcohol consumption, which she believes is a positive change overall.

Councillor Hall, brings up her experience last year with Cheaton cup, and having students that were too drunk or overdosed, all of which were students coming from off-campus. Therefore, these changes to the event will discourage those students from coming. In addition the rivalry

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and resulting disturbances seen in Wheelock Dining Hall in past years and early morning drinking of alcohol will also likely be reduced as a result of the changes.

Chairperson Anderson, asks for clarification if they were off-campus students, or non-Acadia students.

Councillor Hall, clarified that she was referring to off-campus Acadia students.

Councillor Lawless, agreed that these changes will resolve a lot of issues on campus.

VP Events & Promotions Bailey, states the purpose of the event is fundraising, and there may need to be a brainstorming session to encourage students to participate, but not in the same way as before.

President Philp, states that the ASU and Acadia University work very hard on initiatives to encourage safe fun (i.e., Keep it Social) and when these events take place, such values are left at the door and the student misconduct write-ups increase dramatically. It is difficult to look at those facts and the losses caused to the university and damages to the town. Net losses range from \$7000-\$8000 each year at this event (Cheaton Cup). He then goes on to say that he understands that it is a very fun event, but they had to compromise with the university to ensure its continuance.

Community Relations Officer Mclaughlin, then states that he believes President Philp and the other executives likely worked hard to preserve the event, but have evidently encountered a lot of negative push back from the town and the university. He then acknowledged that they tried their best and have come out with positive results under the circumstances.

Councillor Lawless, then asked VP Student Life Vandertoorn, if House Cup will be involved in Cheaton Cup.

VP Student Life Vandertoorn, responds that House Cup will not be involved with or incorporated into Cheaton Cup because House Cup will be cut off on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Student Board of Governors Rep Chahine, asked what the plan is for addressing student response to these changes to Cheaton Cup.

President Philp, responds by saying students should be advised to contact him directly to voice any concerns or raise any questions about the event.

Councillor Farkas states that Cheaton cup is a community event, and that those who are not involved with the school are still equally as excited for the event. He then asked how are we going to bring that same excitement to the rest of the Wolfville community if the event is to take place during the week rather than on the weekend. He asks what the course of action is to engage the community.

President Philp, responds by saying that only students are allowed to attend the game. He then explained that in regard to his communications with community members and the Town of Wolfville, this is seen as a very positive change all around.

Arts Senator Winters, described her experience working with the community relations officer last year. She explained that she had learned the town hated the event, due to the damages, misbehavior, and the negative energy surrounding the event. She then explained that SMILE will still likely receive the same level of attention as previous years, and that the university is lucky to have an event like this continue at all.

President Philp, then calls for council to move on from this topic for the sake of time.

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

- a) Special Meeting of Council – Wednesday, August 8th, 2018..... (4-28)

Resolution No. 204 -18

Moved by: Dahlia Chahine, Student Board of Governors Rep

Seconded by: Makenzie Branch, VP Academic & External

**That Council** approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council, held Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Resolution CARRIED

7. **Presentations/Delegations**

None

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

None

9. **Reports to Council**

a) 2018 Formal By-Election Plan

Acting Chief Returning Officer, Evan Shergold, presented the 2018 By-Election Plan to council.

Dahlia Chahine, Student Board of Governors Rep, expresses her concern about the brevity of the nomination date.

George responds by saying it is a matter of stipulations as outlined in By-Law 3.

Resolution No. 205-18

Moved by: Makenzie Branch, VP Academic & External

Seconded by: George Philp, President

**That Council** approve the Formal By-Election Plan 2018 presented on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as presented.

Resolution CARRIED

10. **Committee Reports and Minutes**

None

11. **Notice of Motions**

None

12. **New Business**

a) Repeal of Sub-Renewal Committee Appointments

Molly Anderson, Chairperson, put forward this notice of motion during the summer. There must be a repeal of the SRC appointment to the Sub-Renewal Committee. It must be done via application, and there were no applications extended.

Sarah Dunn, Graduate Studies Senator, asks how people will know if they are affected

Molly Anderson, Chairperson, clarified how the appointment process was completed.

Resolution No. 206-18

Moved by: Makenzie Branch, VP Academic & External

Seconded by: Jared Craig, VP Finance & Operations

**That Council** repeal the Sub-Renewal Committee Appointments passed at the Summer Meeting

Resolution CARRIED

b) Occupational Health and Safety Committee Appointment

Molly Anderson, Chairperson, brings forward that a member of the SRC must be appointed to the Occupational Health and Safety Committee. Only one member is required of the SRC. The commitment involves one meeting per month.

Christopher Vanderburgh, Councillor, volunteers himself to take on the role.

Makenzie Branch, VP Academic & External, clarifies the positional duties and nature of the job.

Molly Anderson, Chairperson, encourages anyone interested to contact the Acadia Retail Services Manager, Kiera Awrey, for more information on the position

Due to lack of specific information on position, members of council felt it was necessary to table that appointment.

Resolution No. 206-18

Moved by: Dahlia Chahine, Student Board of Governors Representative

Seconded by: Dana Lawless, Councillor

**That Council** table the appointment to Occupational Health and Safety Committee to the next available opportunity.

Resolution CARRIED

**13. Announcements**

President Philp, welcomes everyone and new members to the first annual meeting of the SRC. He encourages all members to reach out if they have any questions or concerns.

President Philp announces that an accessibility ramp has been placed leading into the Beveridge Forum in the Student Union Building. This will be celebrated in an event on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

President Philp takes time to touch on the importance of an effectively run meeting, and discusses the idea of bi-weekly meetings.

Chairperson Anderson speaks to that by mentioning that agenda items are not always pressing requiring immediate addressing.

Chairperson Anderson announces the appointment of Sarah Dunn, Graduate Studies Senator and welcomes her to the SRC. She then reminds the SRC of email etiquette, 24 hours is an acceptable email reply, 48 hours is an extenuating circumstance. Chairperson Anderson strongly encourages the group to uphold that etiquette and hold each other accountable to it.

**14. Closed Session**

Resolution No. 207-18

Moved by: Alyssa Hall, Councillor

Seconded by: Gabrielle Bailey, VP Events & Promotions

**That Council** move into Closed Session to discuss two (2) matters about identifiable individual(s), including Union or university employees or representatives.

Resolution CARRIED

**Chelsey Connell,  
Member of the Hiring Board  
left the meeting at 6:05PM**

Resolution No. 208-18

Moved by: Alyssa Hall, Councillor

Seconded by: Makenzie Branch, VP Academic & External

**That Council** move into Open Session.

Resolution CARRIED

Resolution No. 209-18

Moved by: Alyssa Hall, Councillor

Seconded by: Dana Lawless, Councillor

**That Council** accept the recommendation of the Hiring Board to appoint Sacha Russo to the position of Chief Returning Officer for 2018/2019 Academic Term.

Council voted by show of hands.

**15. Confirmatory Resolution**

Resolution No. 210-18

Moved by: Makenzie Branch, VP Academic & External

Seconded by: Gordon McLaughlin, Community Relations Officer

**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 11th day of September, 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.

Resolution CARRIED

16. **Adjournment**

Resolution No. 211-18

Moved by: Katie Winters, Arts Senator

Seconded by: Hannah Machat, Sustainability Officer

**That** the Regular Meeting of Council dated Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be adjourned at 6:53PM.

Resolution CARRIED

**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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