



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of SRC

Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018

5:15 PM

Beveridge Forum (Student Union Building)

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

ALSO PRESENT
<p>Ailish Bergin, Member of the Ath Sacha Russo, Chief Returning Officer David Yuill, Partner, BDO Canada LLP Jessica Skinner, Senior Accountant, BDO Canada LLP Nancy Handrigan, Executive Director, Philanthropy, Acadia Office of Advancement Ian Morrison, ASU General Manager</p>

1. Call To Order

Chairperson Anderson, called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 5:17PM 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."

Chairperson Anderson then read the ASU Statement of Autonomy.

2. Roll Call

Deputy Chairperson Shergold called the roll, with all SRC Members being present except Hannah Machat, Sustainability Officer; Kate Hamre, Equity Officer; Dahlia Chahine, Student Board of Governors Rep.

3. Adoption of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)

Resolution No. 227-18

Moved by: George Philp, President

Seconded by: Jared Craig, VP Finance & Operations

Be It Resolved That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Students' Representative Council dated Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018 be adopted.

Resolution CARRIED

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest(s)

None

5. Question Period

None

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

a) Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, Sept 25th, 2018..... (4-10)

Resolution No. 228-18

Moved by: Makenzie Branch, VP Academic & External

Seconded by: Gordon McLaughlin, Community Relations Officer

That Council approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held Tuesday, September 25th, 2018.

Resolution CARRIED

7. Presentations/Delegations

a) Campaign for Acadia Update

President Philp welcomes Nancy Handrigan, Executive Director of Philanthropy, Acadia Office of Advancement.

The SRC then left the Beveridge Forum to continue the meeting in the Michener's Lounge due to preference and technological limitations.

**Hannah Machat,
Sustainability
Officer, arrived at
5:24PM**

Nancy Handrigan, Executive Director of Philanthropy, Acadia Office of Advancement, then provided an overview and update of the Campaign for Acadia Initiative. She explained the university will be launching a \$75 million comprehensive campaign next week. The money being raised applies to all kinds of projects that will cover the entire campus. In terms of finding the goal of \$75 million, they are looking back to previous campaigns for reference. She then listed a number of Acadia Alumni that are involved with the campaign. Her and the team have been making an effort to go out, travel, and meet with alumni face-to-face to keep them engaged with the university. Within the last 5 year period (since 2013), some of the individual alumni contributions include the Research Fund for Biology, the Wu Welcome Centre addition to Alumni Hall, the Stevens Centre, the Andrew H. McCain Arena, and the renovation of Patterson Hall. The 4 theme areas for the campaign include: Transform, Inspire, Discover, Build. There is a website that has been designed which will also be launched next week. As part of the public engagement phase, they will be going to several areas with successful alumni and reaching out to them to bring them together.

Nancy then opened the floor to questions, and directed any further questions that arise after the meeting to President Philp who sits on the cabinet of this campaign.

President Philp then thanked Nancy for presenting Campaign for Acadia to the SRC.

**Nancy Handrigan,
Executive Director,
Philanthropy,
Acadia Office of
Advancement
leaves at 5:48PM**

b) ASU Financial Statements For the Year Ended March 31, 2018.....(11-53)

VP Finance & Operations Craig stated that there was a financial audit of the ASU carried out this summer. He then welcomed David Yuill, Partner, BDO Canada LLP, and Jessica Skinner, Senior Accountant, BDO Canada LLP, to walk through the full audit with the SRC.

David Yuill, Partner, BDO Canada LLP then walked through the audit report with the SRC section by section.

VP Academic & External Branch asked for clarification of the term 'amortization.'

Jessica Skinner, Senior Accountant, BDO Canada LLP, provided clarification of this term.

Community Relations Officer McLaughlin asked why the amortization period was set for 10 years.

Jessica Skinner, Senior Accountant, BDO Canada LLP, responded that this was an estimate from their management team.

Councillor Hall asked what was meant by 'unappropriated club funds.'

Jessica Skinner, Senior Accountant, BDO Canada LLP, responded by saying that this section includes club funds that were not appropriated properly.

President Philp speaks out to the on-campus commercial services that intentionally run a loss. He clarifies they are designed to run a loss to offer affordable alternatives for students.

c) Roberts Rules and Meeting Policy

President Philp handed out a Roberts Rules cheat-sheet document to all SRC members.

Chairperson Anderson began by stating that the SRC meetings follow Robert's Rules of Order. She gave the historical background of the all-encompassing document, and explained that the goal is to allow for open discussion, with minimal interruption and conflict. She then led the SRC through the document, describing and explaining each of the processes and their significance.

Chairperson Anderson then opened the floor to questions.

President Philp added that you are only allowed to speak twice to each item. He then stated that you also have to be saying something that has not been said.

Councillor Hall clarified that you can speak only twice in a row, but you can answer questions more than twice.

President Philp, clarified that for each of these times you can speak for up to 10 minutes.

Chairperson Anderson then concluded this section.

8. <u>Matters Tabled/Deferred/Unfinished Business</u>
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None

9. Reports to Council

Fall By-Election Exit Report.....(54)

Sacha Russo, Chief Returning Officer, provided a review of the 2018 ASU By-Election. She explained there were two positions open including: Equity Officer and First Year Officer. She then noted that the major phases of the election including the All Candidates Meeting, the campaigning period, the All Candidates Debate, and the voting period were all successful. She finished by thanking all SRC members for helping to run the polling stations during the voting period.

President Philp, then went on to thank Chief Returning Officer Russo and Deputy Chief Returning Officer Shergold for their efforts in organizing and executing the By-Election.

**Councillor
Vanderburgh
leaves at 6:21PM**

**Theology Senator
Goldsmith leaves
at 6:21PM**

**Chief Returning
Officer Russo
leaves at 6:22PM**

10. Committee Reports and Minutes

None

11. Notice of Motions

None

12. New Business

a) Acadia University Sexual Violence Policy(55-63)

President Philp provided an overview of the drafted Acadia University Sexual Violence Policy document. He acknowledged that sexual violence is an ongoing societal issue that must be addressed. He went on to say the policy is currently in the consultation process, and that it will be a living or ongoing document. He then encouraged the SRC to read it and become familiar with its contents.

b) Updates to the Acadia University Non-Academic Judicial Process (64-105)

President Philp provided an update to the Acadia University Non-Academic Judicial Process. The highlights of this document are that it is critically overdate. A mandatory training process (including training from a lawyer) has been implemented for judicial advisors and the judicial board. There are two advisors on campus, and the judicial board is composed of staff, faculty, and students. This is designed to remove the potential for perceived bias. He then explained that the timeframe for reporting and processing charges has been extended. President Philp then opened the floor for questions.

c) Amendment of Act of Incorporation.....(106)

President Philp provided a recap of the Act of Incorporation which he described to council in the last week. It has been modified to allow the executives to be elected or appointed.

President Philp then moves to amend the Act of Incorporation under section 5(b) Ch.129.

Resolution No. 229 -18

Moved by: George Philp, President

Seconded by: Gabrielle Bailey, VP Events & Promotions

That Council vote to accept the amendment of Act of Incorporation as presented.

Resolution CARRIED

Council then voted by show of hands and passed the amendment of the Act of Incorporation.

Resolution No. 230 -18

Moved by: Jared Craig, VP Finance & Operations

Seconded by: Gordon McLaughlin, Community Relations Officer

That Council vote to adopt the ASU Financial Statements For the Year Ended March 31, 2018 as presented during the financial period of this meeting.

Resolution CARRIED

Council then voted by show of hands and adopted the Financial Statements For the Year Ended March 31st, 2018

13. Announcements

President Philp invited the SRC to do introductions for the sake of our newly elected SRC member (Blake Steeves, First Year Officer).

President Philp then announced an update on cannabis legalization. There are a number of policies that Acadia has drafted in terms of substance use and smoking on campus which are currently being revised. He then went through these policies and mentioned the amendment of the Acadia substance policy.

Councillor Hall then asked if students were permitted to bring cannabis-based edibles into the on-campus bar, the Axe.

VP Events & Promotions Bailey clarified that the current policy prohibits such actions.

Community Relations Officer McLaughlin clarified that the treatment of cannabis consumption should be viewed through the same lens as alcohol consumption.

**Sebastian
Farkas left at
6:55PM**

VP Events & Promotions Bailey announced an update on Homecoming. She explained that the backyard bash that occurred last year has been organized again, with added security and a few changes to its previous structure. She then said that alcohol consumption will be allowed, and the pieces of identification to be presented are student IDs. She then stated her and the other organizers of the event are working on allowing for non-Acadia students and alumni to attend this event.

First Year Councillor Steeves asked for clarification as to where this event will be taking place.

VP Events & Promotions Bailey clarified it will be on the field outside of Cutten Residence.

14. Closed Session

None

15. Confirmatory Resolution

Resolution No. 231-18

Moved by: Alyssa Hall, Councillor

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 2nd day of October, 2018 at 5:15 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

16. **Adjournment**

Resolution No. 232-18

Moved by: Makenzie Branch, VP Academic & External

Seconded by: Kyle Vandertoorn, VP Student Life

That the Regular Meeting of Council dated Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018 be adjourned at 7:16PM.

Resolution CARRIED

Council then voted by show of hands and the meeting was adjourned.

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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