



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of SRC
 Tuesday, October 16th, 2018
 6:30 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>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 Kate Hamre, Equity Officer</p> <p>Dahlia Chahine, Student Board of Governors Rep</p>	<p>Anna Kiefe, Faculty Representative</p> <p>Vacant, Administrative Representative Vacant, Board of Governors Rep</p> <p>Sebastian Farkas, Councillor</p>

ALSO PRESENT
<p>Ailish Bergin, Member of the Ath</p>

1. Call To Order

Chairperson Anderson, called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:32PM 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 Sebastian Farkas, Councillor

3. Adoption of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)

President Philp requests the addition of “Appointment of SRC Member to Town and Gown Committee” to Section 12 (New Business).

Chairperson Anderson approves this addition, which falls under Section 12(i) and forms part of these minutes.

Resolution No. 233-18

Moved by: Gordon McLaughlin, Community Relations Officer

Seconded by: Makenzie Branch, VP Academic & External

Be It Resolved That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Students’ Representative Council dated Tuesday, October 16th, 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 October 2nd, 2018..... (3-13)

Resolution No. 234-18

Moved by: Jared Craig, VP Finance & Operations

Seconded by: Kyle Vandertoorn, VP Student Life

That Council approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, held Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018.

Resolution CARRIED

7. Presentations/Delegations

- a) Financial Update as of Sept 30th, 2018.....(14-23)

VP Finance & Operations Craig, led the SRC through a slideshow and provided a Financial Update of the ASU as of September 30th, 2018. He then opened the floor to questions and any suggestions to reduce operating costs within the ASU.

Professional Studies Senator Randhawa, suggested combining the Union Market and the Info Desk to lower costs.

VP Finance & Operations Craig, responded that while it is a possibility, they both carry different offerings and hours of operation.

Professional Studies Senator Randhawa then suggested consolidating the menu of Perkins to lower costs.

Resolution No. 235 -18

Moved by: Katie Winters, Arts Senator

Seconded by: Gordon McLaughlin, Community Relations Officer

That Council vote to accept the ASU Financial Update as of September 30th, 2018 as presented

Resolution CARRIED

Council then voted by show of hands and accepted the ASU Financial Update as of September 30th, 2018.

8. Matters Tabled/Deferred/Unfinished Business

None

9. Reports to Council

None

10. Committee Reports and Minutes

a) Student Life Committee

VP Student Life Vandertoorn brought forth a report on behalf of the Student Life Committee. She began by stating the Student Life Committee has ratified upwards of 50 clubs thus far. She then went on to say that clubs may be ratified at any point in the year, as long as they submit all necessary documents and criteria required to do so.

11. **Notice of Motions**

None

12. **New Business**

a) Student Government Round Table Update

VP Academic & External Branch provided an update of the Student Government Round Table. Her and President Philp went to the Student Government Round table meeting last week. They spoke about the issues facing students, and the different ways they can seek support. She said that they spoke about the funding for the e-mental health tools, and are looking for future funding security from the province. She then went on to mention that they have opened conversations regarding Medical Insurance (MSI) coverage options for international students attending post-secondary education. The last item they discussed was the Students' of Nova Scotia (SNS) and the development of the new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Province of Nova Scotia and Nova Scotia Universities. She defined and summarized the document as a contract that connects universities in the province with the provincial government.

President Philp, mentioned that the executive director of SNS will be presenting this document in the coming weeks.

VP Academic & External Branch then stated that the MOU contract will last 5 years.

**Theology
Senator
Goldsmith
leaves at
6:52PM**

b) Bookstore Advisory Council

VP Academic & External Branch provided a summary of the Bookstore Advisory Council and the positions it consists of. She stated that the council meets twice a year, and are currently seeking another name to fill an open position. The main responsibility of this position is to serve as a student representative.

First Year Officer Steeves, put his name forth for the open position on the committee.

Resolution No. 236 -18

Moved by: Gordon McLaughlin, Community Relations Officer

Seconded by: Blake Steeves, First Year Officer

That Council vote to accept the nomination of First Year Officer Steeves for the open position on the Bookstore Advisory Council

Council then voted and approved First Year Officer Steeves' nomination for the Bookstore Advisory Council.

c) Homecoming

VP Events & Promotions Bailey, provided an overview of the 2018 Homecoming event. She began by stating overall the event was a success, excluding some small communication errors. Attendance was good, consisting mainly of first and second year students, and the main event (football game) was also a success.

President Philp highlighted the positive reports of the event by both the Town of Wolfville and RCMP.

d) Cannabis Legalization(24-32)

President Philp, brought the Acadia University Substance Abuse Policy to the attention of the SRC as the federal legalization of cannabis approaches. He highlighted the section regarding Amnesty and the 'Good Samaritan' Rule. He then stressed the importance of this rule, which has been designed to ensure the safety of students.

e) Board of Governors Update

President Philp began by saying that the Board of Governors' met on September 27th, 2018. At this meeting they approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Wolfville and Acadia University. There was a formal signing of that document which occurred this past Friday, which is available for viewing on the Acadia University website. President Ricketts also shared that Acadia University is in the second stage of its strategic planning process. He encouraged students, faculty, and staff to be involved in the process, and if there are any ideas concerning the future of Acadia University, to bring them forward.

VP Finance & Operations Craig added that this document is not yet finalized.

f) Town of Wolfville Sustainability Update

Sustainability Officer Machat stated that the Sustainability Committee and Town of Wolfville met and the discussed the Municipal Planning Strategy that the town is putting together. There is significant consultation between the university and town, and their main priority is to review how and where Acadia University provides housing to students.

Sustainability Officer Machat then encouraged SRC feedback in response to the following questions:

- 1) What is your motivation for leaving or staying on-campus?
- 2) What kinds of programs would encourage students to ride their bikes around town and campus?

g) Graduate Studies Senator Project Proposal.....(33)

Graduate Studies Senator Dunn began by stating that the graduate students were approached by the Editor-In-Chief of an international peer review journal. This individual suggested he talk with students about the process of publishing papers. This event will be open to all disciplines, and is being carried out at the university club in a less formal environment to ensure it is more of a house setting.

Resolution No. 237-18

Moved by: Alyssa Hall, Councillor

Seconded by: Hannah Machat, Sustainability Officer

That Council vote to accept the project proposed by Graduate Studies Senator Dunn

Council then voted by show of hands and accepted the proposed project.

h) Approval of Goal Documents.....(34- **)

Student Board of Governor’s Rep Chahine provided an overview of her goal document.

Science Senator Jarvin provided an overview of her goal document.

**Christopher
Vanderburgh
left at
7:07PM**

Chairperson Anderson presented Theology Senator Goldsmith’s goal document on his behalf.

VP Events & Promotions Bailey provided an overview of her goal document.

Chairperson Anderson provided an overview of her goal document.

VP Student Life Vandertoorn provided an overview of her goal document.

Professional Studies Senator Randhawa provided an overview of his goal document.

VP Finance & Operations Craig provided an overview of his goal document.

President Philp provided an overview of his goal document.

VP Academic & External Branch provided an overview of her goal document.

Chairperson Anderson then passed the chair over to Deputy Chairperson Shergold so that council may vote to approve the previously presented goal documents.

Resolution No. 237 -18

Moved by: Makenzie Branch, VP Academic & External

Seconded by: Sarah Dunn, Graduate Studies Senator

That Council vote to accept all goal documents as presented.

Resolution CARRIED

Council then voted by show of hands and accepted the goal documents as presented.

i) Appointment of SRC Member to Town and Gown Committee

President Philp announced there are new terms of reference for the Town and Gown Committee. He then stated that one member from the current SRC must be nominated to this committee. President Philp went on to nominate Community Relations Officer for the open space on this committee, and opened the floor to any other nominations.

No other nominations for this committee were brought forth.

Resolution No. 237 -18

Moved by: George Philp, President

Seconded by: Dana Lawless, Councillor

That Council accept the nomination of Community Relations Officer McLaughlin to the Town and Gown Committee

Resolution CARRIED

Council then voted by show of hands and approved the nomination of Community Relations Officer McLaughlin to this committee

13. Announcements

President Philp announced that the Campaign for Acadia was launched this past week, and provided a summary of the celebration for this campaign, which will take place in the coming weeks.

President Philp then reminded that there will be a By-Law review session taking place this coming Saturday in the Beveridge Forum. All SRC members are encouraged to attend.

President Philp then announced that on November 5th, 2018 there will be a public consultation with Acadia Food Services. They are seeking feedback, which will help them to make a more informed decision regarding the next food services provider to contract with Acadia.

VP Student Life Vandertoorn announced the sexual assault case going on at St. Francis Xavier University. She mentioned there will be an open mic social gathering tomorrow night in support of the victim. At this event, teal ribbons will be distributed as a symbol of support for sexual assault survivors. VP Student Life Vandertoorn then encouraged all SRC members to attend the event, which will be held at the new innovation pavilion building.

Chairperson Anderson then welcomed Kate Hamre, our newly elected Equity officer to her first official SRC meeting

Equity Officer Hamre thanked Chairperson Anderson for the warm welcome and formally introduced herself to the SRC.

Chairperson Anderson then announced that there are several open slots on different committees, as well as associate director positions. Those applications closed today, however there were not an adequate amount of applications. As a result, the application period will be re-opened for all positions.

14. Closed Session

None

15. <u>Confirmatory Resolution</u>

Resolution No. 238-18

Moved by: Gordon McLaughlin, Community Relations Officer

Seconded by: Makenzie Branch, VP Academic & External

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 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. <u>Adjournment</u>

Resolution No. 239-18

Moved by: Dahlia Chahine, Student Board of Governors Rep

Seconded by: George Philp, President

That the Regular Meeting of Council dated Tuesday, October 16th, 2018 be adjourned at 7:42PM.

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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