

## October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Council Minutes

### **Roll Call**

**Present:** Mike Masserey, Meghan MacDonald, Taylor Chase, Cassia Tremblay, Katie Dodsworth, Isaac Turner, Danny Pink, Nick Carpenter, Hillary Elliott, Troy Mrazek, Bridget Burgess, Kundle Idris, Ryan Finn, Shelby MacLennan, Anne Sirois, Mikaela Henderson, Janet Tait, Delaney Watling, Carl Miller

**Absent With Regrets:** Sean Ryan, Alex Fillopoff, Emily Gale, Alex Carney, Hannah Stordy

**Absent:** David Rankin

### **Review of Minutes from Last Meeting**

Motion to ratify minutes from October 4<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Motion seconded.

Call to question.

Seconded.

Minutes approved.

### **Constituency Reports**

**Business:** working on establishing office space for constituency hours in the Schwartz building. Spent time in the lobby to talk to constituents, found a lot were feeling midterm stress moving forward looking at ways to help reduce stress for students

**Science:** did constituency hours in various places on campus to meet constituents, also trying to get into all the Facebook groups online but so far have only been accepted into a few. Working on reaching out more

**Arts:** Election Day event considered successful. Met with a student during office hours about campus parking. In terms of events the Political Science and Prelaw societies are hosting a movie night in the next couple weeks which has already been approved. Theology on Tap also another upcoming event.

#### *Questions*

Meghan MacDonald: will we know the voter turnout from Mondays federal election?

Isaac Turner: Yes we should know soon.

**Graduate:** trying to set up an email link to get in touch with all the graduate students on campus, issues with privacy but looking toward fixing this

**International:** slowing down due to midterms

Nov 4 International student night

Nov 26 International student banquet

Also trying to get involved with the Coady students, reached out during welcome week but communication since has been difficult due to conflicting schedules

**Upper Campus:** ball hockey tournament was success  
Was in Lane and O'Regan for constituency hours  
Also present during overnight parking discussion with Arts councilor

**Lower Campus:** past couple weeks talking to HPs and VPs, lack of budgets in comparison to other residents was a common concern, discussed how unsanctioned events may be a result of the lower budget and looking for ways to improve this moving forward

**Govs/Apartment:** a lot of positive initiatives in the past couple of weeks, Met with res life → one RA has created a weekly challenge for the constituents in order to get them participating and involved  
Off campus leader has been also posting in the Facebook pages encouraging students to join in their events and meet other people

**Off Campus:** scavenger hunt going on currently, pumpkin carving later this week. Success getting frosh and older students involved in events  
Issues with voting during the federal election (confusion of where to go etc.)

**Frosh:** frosh election an issue with houses without a candidate in them lacking information and knowledge about the election

### **Executive Reports**

**President Troy Mrazek:** Trying to amend noise by-law with the town, did some reaching out to see what students and the community can do to better understand the situation, asked the council to postpone the final reading of this amendment → pushed a month  
Meetings during the next couple of weeks to communicate and find ways of working together around this issue  
Troy and Emily will be in Halifax during the second week of November for meetings

#### *Questions*

Anne Sirois: student form or survey monkey in regards to the issue of the by-law?  
Troy Mrazek: Form is a possibility, survey more difficult → really want to focus on the lack of transparency on the issue

Time yielded to Hillary Elliot by Anne Sirois

Hillary Elliott: Survey monkey bought by Canadian company so we can start using it

Taylor Chase: Can you speak to the Mulroney institute start times/ where the money is going?

Troy Mrazek: believe liberal government can be beneficial for infrastructure throughout Canada especially post-secondary institutions like St.FX  
Not exactly sure where it's going to begin but its targeting at specific academic buildings and providing new opportunities for academics on campus

**Nick Carpenter VP Activities and Events:** election night at the Inn huge success as well as Jays game throughout the series  
Helped lead forms today over Cameron and MacKinnon hall  
Halloween SuperSub next weekend tickets on sale tomorrow at 10:00

**Hillary Elliott VP Communications:** went to meeting with St.FX's first female Chancellor who is very excited about working with and understanding students perspective on campus so feeling really excited to work with the new chancellor moving forward

**Bridget Burgess VP Internal:** Ball hockey tournament successful, raised 900\$ which will be donated to the Breast Cancer Foundation  
House Presidents and Vice Presidents are talking about starting a positive campaign on campus to exemplify more positive rivalries on campus  
Met with student advocates throughout the week and looking at increasing their roles  
In regards to form today happy with turnout and considered successful, excited to dig into the feedback and see what can be done moving forward

### **Special Reports to Council**

#### **Financial Statement Presentation**

Discussing the students union balance sheet but primarily focusing on the statement of operations

##### *Revenue*

In 2015 we worked with an unaudited budget of approximately 1.98 million dollars and the actual amount turned out to be \$1,980,830.

Clothing Revenue has been pushed to the university so it is something we will no longer see in the budget for 2016

Golden X Inn: budget increased due to more activity

##### *Expenditures*

Budget of unaudited 26,050 which in actuality was \$27,846.

Pause for questions.

No questions raised

In terms of the balance sheets assets and liabilities were discussed.

Assets include inventory, prepaid, restricted cash, capital assets etc.

Liabilities include

Pause for questions

Taylor raises questions about endowment funds and where it can be found

Response: can be found under general operations

Statement of cash flows:

Operating: increase due to increase in liquor sales and food services at Golden X Inn

#### **Old Business:**

Motion to approve minutes from the minutes of the last meeting of the year

Motion seconded

Call to question

Seconded  
Unanimously approved

**New Business**

Motion to ratify Becca Bishop as the Campus Food Strategy Coordinator

Motion seconded

Motion discussed by Taylor Chase.

Call to question

Call seconded

Unanimously approved

Motion to ratify Haley McOstrich as Equity Advocate

Motion seconded

Motion discussed

Question raised of who sat on the panel

Question answered

Call to question

Seconded

Unanimously approved

Motion to ratify Lisa Croisier as U Promotional Coordinator

Motion seconded

Motion discussed

Call to Question

Call seconded

15 votes Approved

1 Abstention

Motion to divide responsibilities and honorarium of Research Officers from one position to two

Motion seconded

Motion discussed

*Questions*

How do we financially accommodate this splitting?

Splitting right down the middle, 50/50 each person

Troy Mrazek gives his speaking time to Hillary to discuss her perspective toward this motion

Hillary: this was my idea that I brought forward and councilors supported. Hopeful that each person can take on a research project per semester since it is usually 2 per person. Both candidates have also agreed to this splitting

Do the by-laws allow this?

Mike: not explicitly said in the by-laws to the best of our knowledge

Troy: chair of council updated to reflect change through by-law and policy council

Would this continue in future years?

Troy: a structural change like this and a change in the by-laws makes it necessary that this practice is continued in the following years. Take note that it used to be two people for this job in the past but overtime it switched to one but this seems ineffective

Call to question

Seconded

Unanimously approved

Motion to ratify Jillian Stymest and Chiedza Chikwavaire as U Research Officers

Motion seconded

Motion discussed

Call to question

Seconded

Unanimously approved

Motion to strike a Standing Executive Review Committee

Motion seconded

Speaking time given to Mike, Chair of Council

Motion discussed by Mike

Time allocated to Troy and motion discussed more

Call to question

Seconded

Unanimously approved

### **Closing Remarks**

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting.**

**Motion seconded.**

**Meeting Adjourned.**