

**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 2015**

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

Sean Ryan running late.

**Absent With Regrets:** Delaney Walting

**Absent:**

**Late:** Alex Fillopoff

**Review Minutes from Last Meeting**

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting.

Motioned seconded.

Call to question.

Unanimously approved.

**Business Arising**

Nothing new to add.

**Constituency Reports**

**Business:**

Many prominent speakers recently visited, opening of the new trading room in Schwartz. Constituency hours held in Schwartz this past week.

Cost of coop and additional fees students are paying

**Science:**

Constituency hours spent in various buildings on campus.

**Arts:**

Political science lecture big success.

Pre-law and political science society hosted a movie night

LSAT on December 5<sup>th</sup>

Theology on tap also considered a success

Efforts to connect with academic societies on campus

Talked with constituents about additional fees

**Graduate:**

Good attendance at various events.

Questions about funding, research and TA responsibilities

Close to having an email list set up for grad students in order to connect better

**Education**

Attended a number of various social events

Continuing to talk with students

**International**

International wing night considered a success

Meeting with students about housing, issues were discussed and plans for the future

**Upper Campus:**

Movember tournament huge success

Residence changes brought up a lot with constituents (about 380 students)

Riley and O'Reagan ordering clothes to establish traditions

**Lower Campus:**

Not much with residence changes

Bishops and door issues, some doors don't work at specific times

**Governors and Apartment Style:**

Things going very smoothly and nothing to add at this time

**Off Campus:**

Upcoming event to bring people together with "community kitchen" as well

Question: Can any one attend this event?

Response: Right now were just marketing toward off campus students but may open up attendance later on

Question: Have you submitted a form yet for promotion?

Response: will be done tomorrow

**Frosh:**

Nothing to add at this time

**Sean Ryan:**

Nothing to add.

**Executive Reports**

**Troy:**

Consumed with town noise by-law the past couple weeks, believes the student voice is being heard, agenda is continued to be pushed on behalf of students.

The formal reading will take place on Nov. 16

Encouraging a lot of students to attend

Budget wise looking at how tuition should be structured moving forward (i.e.: differential fees depending on programs etc.)

VP External and Troy will be away for conference in November for lobbying efforts with new liberal government

Attended government round table, raised some questions

Pharmacy and convenient store timeline → goal to open for first day of classes in January

Residence changes have been very time consuming

Thank you to everyone who reached out to their constituents about additional fees.

**Hannah:**

Two meetings on Friday after report was submitted, moving forward looking to

Met with Quality of life committee

Changes to nursing curriculum will be brought to the senate, 19 new courses proposed on

Nov. 16

Question: outline discussion about 3 credit/6 credit

Response: university is taking a lot of first year courses and splitting them in 3 credits to promote flexibility → concerns from students having too many midterms that were highly weighted and affecting their academic performance

Question: is this more for first year courses or other years?

Response: very happy to look into this

Comment: nursing concerned with proposed changes that new students might be unaware

Question: would you like to have data brought to you in regards to constituent's midterms issues

Response: would love larger feedback moving forward

**Alex:**

Troy already touched on the budget

Going to conference from 18<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> with Sean Ryan

**Nick:**

Nothing new to add at this time

**Hillary:**

Students wanted to use TILT on campus for various things, looked at OuLaLa to see if they could give a better deal, cannot so pursue TILT moving forward

Met with house presidents this week for peaceful protest → positivity

Press release about student unions role in protest

Question: how did the building signage meeting go?

Response: meeting was pushed back until Tuesday. Basically just looking to improve signage on campus as well as

Question: how was the turnout out tonight for poster making?

Response: this will be touched on

**Bridgett:**

Busy week with residence issues

Met today with house presidents about peaceful protest and video

There is now a ramp at the Student Food Resource Center

**Emily:**

Student government round table for labor and advanced education → discussed tuition market adjustment and able to talk about Bill 1-14 which surrounds sexualized violence  
Discussed more meaningful consultation

Meeting with students

CASSA will be here to present to council at the end of the month

In terms of town by-law, attended meeting with Troy, feels like further discussion is needed moving forward

**Faculty Representative's Remarks:**

Three things to be aware of moving forward

Movement on campus to be all 3 credit courses which believe within the next year or so it will happen

In regards to grade issue that Hannah brought up, believes this issue is brought to the attention more

Also a desire to create more interdisciplinary programs, a call to create more programs like the colloquium but not sure how long this will take

Next week, there has been desire from several faculty to call together for a faculty meeting, to raise funds to sponsor several refugee families → aiming for \$100,000

University and president on board with the theater's approach to sexualized violence and its production of the play "Slut" which will play later this month

**Sean Ryan:**

DriveU and Inn will be closed during study week.

**Committee Reports:**

Three committees discussed by Taylor and Anne.

**Special Reports to Council:**

Proposed Changes to Residence by Troy and Bridget

Held a form a few weeks ago which was extremely productive

Two days later, received an email from Bob Hale etc. to meet on Tuesday evening which is when Troy was informed of their plan for residences moving forward

Held emergency executive meeting which lasted almost 4 hours and then continued to meet the following nights

Really tried to think about the impact of these changes and the students union role in it

Originally wanted to change Cameron and MacKinnon to co-ed by floor, but U proposed less radical changes

Met on Sunday and were informed they wouldn't do their original plan but changes will still occur and the news would be released on Monday

U drafted it's press release and allowed for a flow of feedback from students from here

Bridgett:

After receiving the final word from the university on Sunday night that the news would be released on Monday specifically because residence application opened up on Tuesday morning which left the executives with little time

Monday meetings were held with affected residences

Attended house meetings as well in Cameron hall

All affected houses have been met with

A lot of feedback received

Moving forward, house presidents met with one another this week to put together a video as well as plan a peaceful protest

Protest tomorrow at 1:30 outside the library and walking around campus

Open to Questions:

Anne: will the passing of the document be the conclusion to the protest?

Response: there is specific time allocated for all parts of the protest, believe the document will be deliver at 2:30

Ryan: the proposal being handed over, what solutions are being proposed?

Response: the proposal is house specific and differs depending on the building and it comes right from the students

Ryan: is there a possibility of holding a forum for MacIsaac?

Response: there is a possibility. The reasoning with MacIsaac is very different than Cameron and MacKinnon. If the students want a form it can defiantly be done → important that we remain positive moving forward and

Dave Rankin: curious to the proximity to Xavier hall and the education buildings?

Response: we are aware that there will be classes occurring and members of the U will be there to

Isaac: will these proposals be made aware to the public?

Response: some students wrote very personal letters for their proposals

Carl: What about financial situations for students who are stuck living in residences that cost more?

Response: Response from University saying they can live in Lane or the Mount which is something the U is very unhappy about

Ryan: Is the main issue the culture in the residences?

Response: Every house is very different. Culture plays an role but that term is very all encompassing and not the best word to use. Things such as damages are a major issue as well

Shelby: has the university released individual reasons why each residence

Response: specifically to Cameron and Mackinnon feel comfortable in that living environment which

Carl: when damages occur to a building is it costing the university additional money?

Response: even though students do cover the costs the university still has to send a person who spends their time fixing it when they could be doing other things

Comment: O'Reagan and O'Riley upper year only

Alex: does the university believe that by changes residences to only first years that it will decrease damages?

Response: we can't speak for the university

Taylor: out of the proposals being put forward is their goal to change the minds of the university and have second years stay?

Response: their mind set is really that if the university would have communicated better then they could have proposed solutions. The end goal seems to be that they want their

residences to remain the same but the biggest issue was the lack of communication

Alex: do you believe the universities mind can be changed at this point?

Response: they seem now to open to anything that is a logical recommendation and as long as it better the environment on campus it would not be ruled out

### **Old Business**

Nothing to add

### **New Business**

Motion to be approved the accesses to student donation fund

Motion seconded

Motion discussed

Question Raised: did this student travel on behalf of themselves or with a group?

Response: I would like to yield time to Alex

Alex: travelling on his own and applied as an individual stfx student.

Isaac: speak to this fund

Alex: you can apply as an individual student, a group and possibly societies. It's a budget that we have where students have an initiative that is beneficial to them and the university it helps fund

Sean: we don't usually get many applications for this fund. Its defiantly not accessed as much as it should be

Isaac: what is this budget?

Response: unsure but roughly 2500

Troy: not to get mixed up with Annual Giving's which is often accessed by groups

Call to Question

Seconded

Unanimously approved.

Closing Remarks

Adjournment.