

Council Minutes
March 13, 2016

Call to Order

Roll Call

Present: Meghan MacDonald, Taylor Chase, Katie Dodsworth, Isaac Turner, Alex Fillipoff, Hillary Elliott, Hannah Stordy, Troy Mrazek, Alex Carney, Emily Gale, Kundle Idris, Ryan Finn, Shelby MacLennan, Anne Sirois, Mikaela Henderson, Delaney Walting, Carl Miller, Mike Masserey, Sean Ryan, Dr. Khouray

Absent with Regrets: Cassia Tremblay, Danny Pink, David Rankin, Nick Carpenter, Bridget Burgess, Janet Tait

Opening Remarks of the Chair of Council

Mi’Kmaq Acknowledgement

Review Minutes from Last Meeting

Motion to approve minutes with changes

Motion passes

Business Arising

Nothing to add.

Constituency Reports

Business: tonight is the last night to buy the business banquet tickets, societies are selecting new presidents now

Science: Science Atlantic conference in Halifax over the weekend, successful

Arts: nothing to add at this time

International: nothing to add at this time

Upper Campus: Lane Hall gala last night was a success

Lower Campus: nothing to add at this time

Apartment Style/Govs: nothing to add at this time

Off-Campus: end of the year banquet/gala is booked for the end of the month

First Year: nothing to add at this time

Executive Reports

President Troy Mrazek:

Several committees meetings last week

5 or 6 interviews about tuition increases over the week

Consultation agreement ranked top 10 in Canada

Student transition weekend hosted here at St.FX, successful weekend

Vice President Hannah Stordy:

University senate met this week and it was a productive meeting

Washroom Inclusivity meeting held this week

Also International Women

Work with Bridget and Emily around the “Girls Night Out” documentary and was successful

Question: is the documentary not being shown or just parts?

Response: the victim blaming parts that council expressed concern over will not be shown. Nothing will be shown without consultation with executives first

VP Finance Alex Carney:

Working a lot on the budget lately as well as reimbursement requests

Last day for society allocations last week

Bob Hale also donated money to society allocations to help out

VP Communications Hillary Elliot:

Washroom Inclusivity over the home page for the SU now

Sexual assault help resource will also be posted on the website this week

Working on SU awards banquet

Res Life meeting over the week, went really well

Tomorrow all the student representative positions and BoG will be due

Other job postings due throughout the week and next week

VP External Emily Gale:

Transition weekend went really well

Residence life committees have met and are meeting again this week

Faculty Representative’s Remarks:

Negotiations with the faculty union is on-going and productive so far

Preparing new courses for the upcoming Mulroney institute

Heavy focus on convocation right now and getting ready for the end of the year

Question: can you speak to any of the program changes?

Response: there isn’t much to speak to yet, it is all still in process. They just reached out asking for thoughts from faculty

Student Union General Manager Report:

Nothing to add at this time

Committee Reports

None at this time

Special Reports to Council

CarShare Presentation

CarShare is about building on the culture of collaborative consumption

24 hour access

Join as a member, get a key fob

Can reserve a car online or through the phone

Bring vehicle back to designated space

Billed by the hour

Looking for the best way to communicate with the student body moving forward (surveys etc.)

Question: is there any issue with out of province students or students with partial licenses?

Response: Don't believe out of province will be an issue speaking from experience, will inquire about partial licenses?

Question: what happens if a person books a car and runs late and someone else has booked their time?

Response: you can call in and extend your time, if someone else has booked the car and you have gone over time CarShare will try and get them another car and if one is not available a taxi will be provided and financially responsible to the person who ran over time

Question: how does insurance factor in to this? (some students may have higher insurances than others)

Response: Insurance shouldn't be an issue but the committee is looking into it

Question: how much is the membership and how long would it extend for?

Response: Believes the annual fee is \$38 plus mileage and you can cancel the membership at any time

Time yielded to Hillary Elliot

Question: do you need to pick and drop off the car from a specific location?

Response: Yes this is one limitation of the program

Question: Does this work with any zone limitations?

Response: No it does not

Question: can international students be insured on this as well?

Response: will inquire about this moving forward

Students Nova Scotia/CASA

Students NS:

- Advocacy training
- STRAT planning
- Partnerships
- Meetings with all parties, speaker of the house etc.

Pre-Budget Submission 2016 distributed prior to advocacy week

Challenges: participants in meetings & schedule

Successes: positive feedback, commitments from all parties in some form, follow-up wanted, relationship-building

Question: all the parties made a commitment of some form and is there any indication of this in the upcoming budget?

Response: that's what we hoped for. They are hoping to present and have the budget ready soon. Not expecting major wins this year which was part of the strategy. Got good feedback from all parties on how realistic asks were. Interest was also expressed by parties on holding advocacy week earlier in the year so that students could be more involved and successful

CASA:

Advocacy. Government relations training and partnerships

Advocacy documents

Meetings and question period

War room set-up

AGM

Advocating for 6 specific things, good feedback on all of them

Met with several important figures such as Elizabeth May, Geoff Regan, Justin Trudeau, Roger Cuzner etc.

Challenges: lobby docs timing, meeting participants, timing of conference etc.

Successes: meetings, relationship building, incredible feedback from

MPs/Senators/Staffers/Stakeholders

X and theU represent (MLA's, Speaker, staffers etc.)

Annual General Meeting → year in review, hired new executive director, adopted 12 new policies etc.

Wins → one of best years ever in terms of federal government investing in post-secondary education

A lot of policy and research work done this year as well. New issues such as sexual assault and TRC recommendations were addressed

Question: referring back to the 6 key asks, were there any asks they were particularly fond of, was it consistent?

Response: liberal meetings particularly easy because our asks were really similar to their platform. Investing in paid internships etc. was pretty consistent throughout all the parties

Question: do priorities change much from year to year or do you advocate for the same thing almost every year?

Response: changes from year to year

Old Business

Nothing to add

New Business

Motion to approve the amendments to Section 5 Sub Section 1 Student Representatives terms of reference

Seconded

Motion discussed

Call to question

Seconded

Motion unanimously passes

Motion to approve the amendments to the terms of reference for the chair of council
Seconded

Motion discussed

Question: why was it found that 20 hours in the summer was an adequate amount of time?

Response: looked at it by workload and capacity and found 20 hours to be sufficient.
Also wanted to leave the chair to have the option for a part-time job in the summer if they wanted one to make the position more attractive

Time yielded to Chair of Council

Call to question

Seconded

Unanimously approved

Motion to approve terms of reference to the Marketing and Communications team

Seconded

Motion discussed

Call to question

Seconded

Unanimously approved

Ratification of VP Activities and Events

Motion to ratify VP Activities and Events

Seconded

Motion discussed

Motion to move into camera with Riley Erikson remaining.

Motion passes

Ratification discussed in further detail

Motion to move out of camera

Motion passes

Motion to vote through secret ballot

Question: why are we voting secret ballot?

Response: in the past this has been done and is a respectful approach

Seconded

Motion to vote through secret ballot passes 16 for and 1 abstention

Motion to ratify VP activities and events passes 8 for, 5 against, 1 abstention

Ratification of VP Finance and Operations

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Seconded

Motion to move into camera with Riley Erikson remaining

Motion passes

Ratification discussed in further detail

Motion to move out of camera

Motion passes

Motion to vote through secret ballot

Seconded

Motion to vote through secret ballot passes 15 for, 2 abstentions

Motion to ratify VP Finance and Operations passes 11 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions

Birks Award Secret Ballot

Motion to move into open discussion for Birks award

Seconded

Motion to move in camera

Seconded

Motion passes

Award discussed in further detail

Motion to move out of camera

Seconded

Motion passes

Secret ballots collected

Jason Simmons Memorial Award Secret Ballot

Motion to move into open discussion for Jason Simmons award

Seconded

Motion to move in camera

Seconded

Motion passes

Award discussed in further detail

Motion to move out of camera

Seconded

Motion passes

Secret ballots collected

Closing Remarks of the Chair of Council

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Seconded

Call to question

Question raised by Hannah Stordy about previous ratification.

10 minute recess.

Appeal of the Chair of Council & motion to move into camera

Motion to move into camera passes

Motion to move out of camera

Motion passes

Motion to nullify previous ratifications due to error with proxy voting by secret ballot

Seconded

Motion discussed

Call to question

Motion passes unanimously

Motion to redo the ratification of VP Activities and Events

Seconded

Motion discussed

Motion to move in camera

Motion unanimously passes

Motion to allow Riley into council during in camera session

Motion discussed in further detail

Motion to move out of camera

Motion unanimously passes

Motion to vote by secret ballot

Seconded

Motion unanimously passes

11 for, 3 against, 1 abstention

Motion passes

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Motion unanimously passes

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Motion to move out of camera

Motion unanimously passes

Motion to vote by secret ballot

Seconded

Motion unanimously passes

14 for, 1 against

Motion passes

Motion to nullify votes for awards

Motion rejected

Motion to adjourn

Seconded

Unanimously approved