

Students' Union Representative Council AGM Minutes – September 22nd 2016

Brandon Hamilton (Chair): 25% voter turnout for the Frosh Student Representative election. 151 votes for Ian MacLellan (winner) and 72 votes for Elizabeth Goushue, 2 spoiled.

Call to order 3:34pm

Roll Call

Present: Madeleine Gillmeister, Nicholas Favero, Mikaela Henderson, Brandon Hamilton, Cassia Tremblay, Connor O'Brien, William Gatchell, Taylor Chase, Ryley Erickson, Ian MacLellan

Absent with Regrets: Mildred Syabeenzu, Bry Crabbe

Absent: Matthew MacDonald

Madeleine Gillmeister moves to amend the agenda to approve the Financial Audit as presented; Connor O'Brien is the seconder (deemed friendly – *PASSED*)

Opening remarks

Matt Rios (AGM Chair): Pleased to be here, serving dual duty of AGM Chair and CASA Government Relations Officer. We do not want Robert's Rules to be a hindrance or barrier in this meeting, think of this more of a discussion. There are three rights that you have as a participant at this meeting. 1- Point of Privilege, 2- Point of Inquiry, 3- Point of Information.

Mi'Kmaq Acknowledgement

Special Presentation: Financial Auditors

Robert Armstrong (Financial Auditor for Grant Thornton): Financial statements presented are based on the fiscal April 2016. These statements are presented fairly and to the best opinion of Grant Thornton as per the non-profit regulations.

Statement of Operations for 2016 – The total revenue for this year \$2,043,161, total expenses for the year \$1,962,016, giving an excess of revenue of \$81,145.

Balance Sheet - Total assets \$1,315,139, total liabilities \$391,875, and Net assets \$1,315,139

Statement of Cash Flows – End of year \$116,177.

All in favor of accepting the Financial Audit – (*UNANIMOUSLY PASSED*)

Bylaw Additions

1- Council Initiatives Fund (VP Finance & Operations – Chad Hasegawa)

Taylor Chase: This fund is a fund of money set aside by council for anyone who has a great idea to come to council and get some funding.

Chad Hasegawa: This is for any student with a reasonable initiative to come forth to support a grassroots approach. \$5000 has been set aside which will be given out at the discretion of council as well as the budget and finance committee. The application requires a brief description of how this will impact the StFX committee, ERC form if required and any other funding that the group may be getting.

Question from audience member: Where does it say how much money each group can get?

Response (Chad Hasegawa): We will start with the \$5000 and will be dividing as required. We may reach out to the university.

Taylor Chase moves to approve the Council Initiatives Fund and it's Terms of Reference; Ryley Erickson is the seconder. (*UNANIMOUSLY PASSED*)

2- Policy Proposal Procedure (VP External Affairs – Annie Sirois)

Ryley Erickson moves to table the motion to the end of the meeting; Taylor Chase is the seconder. (*UNANIMOUSLY PASSED*)

StFX Students' Union President's Report

Taylor Chase (President): We want to be an organization that can help you achieve your goals. Frosh week was an incredible week for all events. We feel we were able to put on events for everyone. Shinerama was a huge success, raising over \$3000. VP Finance & Operations and his team had a very successful year raising over \$7000 for frosh week sponsorship, highest ever. VP Academic Affairs had much success over the summer with the Student Success Center and others. Nicholas Carpenter is now our new full time communications staff person and we are having huge success with his revamp of the Oh la la phone application. VP External Affairs was busy with the Policy Proposal Procedure to help students see their policy come to life. VP Activities & Events had large success with frosh week and moving forward looking to promote X-Talks. VP Residence Affairs has had a great success with a great start to the year in residences.

Tabled Motions

1- Policy Proposal Procedure

Annie Sirois (VP External Affairs): This package allows students to propose new policies or changes to old policies to any level of student government (Council, StudentsNS, CASA). This application leads you through a series of questions that allows you to present your proposal. We want to foster the grass roots approach.

Question from audience member: Are you saying that if we have problems with the way that something is being done then we submit this and we can change it?

Response (Annie Sirois): Yes, we can take these forms and make change, does not need to be a governmental issue.

Question from audience member: Is this just for Off-Campus issues?

Response (Annie Sirois): This can be for any issue.

Question (Racheal LeBlanc): Is there any limitations?

Response (Annie Sirois): Yes, it needs to be a student issue.

Question from audience member: What about issues pertaining to residences?

Response (Annie Sirois): I think this will be a case by case basis. Once you submit we work with you to develop the by-law, which then goes to the By-Law and Policy Committee which then goes to Council.

Ryley Erickson moves to approve the Policy Proposal Procedure; Connor O'Brien is the seconder (*UNANIMOUSLY PASSED*)

Closing Remarks of the Chair

Matt Rios (Chair): Thank you for coming, the decisions you are making really do make an impact on our campus, province and country. I acknowledge the team for organizing this event!

Adjournment

Joelle French moves to adjourn the meeting; audience member is seconder (*UNANIMOUSLY PASSED*)

Meeting adjourned at 4:19pm