



*UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION
MINUTES-SECOND MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
September 25, 2011*

The second meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held September 25, 2011. Minutes were taken by Sarah Marie Lavers. The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Chair of Council, Ashton Arsenault.

PRESENT:

Rob Livingstone	Donald Buchanan
Josh Coles	Amy Wilson
Samuel Rayner	
Jon Millington	
Jeff MacDougald	
Michelle MacDougald	
Tyler Palmer	

ABSENT:

Brittany Banks	Bob Deziel
Kate VanGerven	Anastasia Smallwood

ALSO PRESENT:

Ashton Arsenault (Chair)	Emma MacPhail (VP Finanace)
Sarah Marie Lavers (Deputy Chair)	Jeffrey McGuigan (Ombudsman)

1-1 CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.

2-1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Agenda was approved.

3-1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Moved to next meeting.

REPORTS

4-1 PRESIDENT

Good evening everyone, I hope the last two weeks have been kind to everyone and that you are all settling into your schedules nicely at this point. Although I wouldn't really call it a schedule, as much as a mad frenzy of meetings, classes, and events to attend, I too have begin to adjust back into the school year mode.

Over the past two weeks I have been busy with the regular executive meetings, meeting of the Board and it's committees, as well as the Senate and all that goes along with that. Josh and I had the opportunity to meet with

MP for Charlottetown, Sean Casey, and introduce him to both the UPEISU and CASA and a little bit about what each of them do. I am sure Josh will touch on education day in his report, but I will note that one of the events in that day, the Provincial leaders debate, had a considerable amount of communicating with the Guardian, UPEI, and Eastlink in order to make sure that event went as smoothly as it did. I would like to thank congratulate Josh for all of the hard work he put into making education day and the leaders debate the successes they were.

Interviews for the permanent position of director of student services have also been in progress over the past week. Members of the executive and I had the opportunity to sit down with each of the three candidates over lunch and pick their brains about what their plans for that department of the University might involve. Videos from each of the candidates public presentations will be available online this week, and I would encourage you if you have time to have a peak and send along any comments that you might have. As a member of the hiring committee, I can assure you that all of the input will be taken into consideration, and is greatly appreciated.

Two things in that last note relate to other parts of my report. The first being lunch or food in particular. You may have noticed that after a lengthy preparation phase, our smoothie and sandwich kiosk has finally opened up in the concourse of the student center. Some kinks in the actual operation of the kiosk are being worked out, and a grand opening is in the works for some time in the next couple of weeks, once signage and whatnot arrives. All reports so far have been that the quality and the price of the food from the kiosk is excellent. This is something that I can personally back up, and I would encourage all of you to stop by and try it out, and then of course spread the word across campus. The other part I wanted to add about the director of student services position was the part about hiring someone. As many of you may know, our long time General Manager of the SU, Heather Love is retiring this year after 30 years with the SU. We are in the early stages of replacing her, but hope to have the hiring all done by Christmas. A job ad will be going out shortly.

I have also had meetings in the past week about possible improvements to our off campus housing list, the upass system, which will be touched upon later in the meeting, and CASA's member relations committee. One meeting in particular that I had in the past week was with the manager of ancillary services, Jonathan Oliver. After relaying to him the feedback we received at our last council meeting about the new hours in the dining hall, he was very understanding and quick to see to the issue. It is my understanding that yesterday the dining hall opened at 9:30 with a continental style breakfast, and a hot breakfast beginning at 10am. Any further feedback on this issue, is very much welcomed.

Second to last, I was able to attend along with some of you the installation ceremony of our new president, Dr. Abd-El-Aziz yesterday. The event was well attended and a very nice way of officially welcoming Alaa to UPEI.

Finally, one topic that I am sure you have all heard about since our last meeting, is the resignation of our VP Activities, Brittany Banks. I am very pleased to report to you that Brittany will be staying with us for the next couple of weeks, and through the transition period with the newly elected VPA. Any questions around this issue can be directed to either Brittany or myself who will be more than willing to provide you answers.

Thank you for your time.

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4-2 EXECUTIVE VP

Hey everybody, nice to see you all out tonight.

The big thing that had been keeping me busy over the past couple of weeks was Education Day, which happened on Thursday. I'm really happy with how the event unfolded and would like to thank everybody that participated and helped me out with organizing the event. The turnout for the workshops wasn't great but we had a good response to the debt counting activity and the turnout for the event in general was great with 18 tents set up in the quad.

On the same night as Education day was the Provincial Leaders' debate which happened in McMillan Hall. The SU was an official partner in the event and Rob and I helped out a little bit in the preparation for the event. Luckily for students, Louise Cockram and I got to write the Education question for the debate. Unfortunately each of the party leaders completely disregarded the specific nature of the question and changed the topic from post-secondary tuition costs on PEI to anything from elementary school closures to our 15-year-olds' poor performances on standardized math testing in comparison to third world countries. Either way, I think we got a roundabout clear answer from that question: that post-secondary education isn't the top priority for all of the parties.

The week before last, Rob and I met with Charlottetown MP Sean Casey to discuss CASA as well as to introduce ourselves. The meeting went very well and Mr. Casey agreed to participate in Lobby Con in November and to meet with us again in the New Year. He also suggested that if we aren't able to set up a meeting with Gail Shea before Lobby Con he'll pull some strings while we're in Ottawa and get a quick meeting set up with her.

I've been attending meetings with the International Opportunities department to help plan International Opportunities Day, which is taking place on Tuesday, Sept 27th. The event will hopefully help educate students as to what options they have to student abroad through UPEI. It would be great to see some of you there. That's all for me.

4-3 VP ACTIVITIES

Hey Council!

My sincere apologies for not being able to make today's meeting- after having announced my resignation from the VP Activities position last week I was really looking forward to getting a chance to tell you in person and answer any questions you may have. It just so happens however that today marks the closing show of the Anne & Gilbert production I'm involved with in Summerside and therefore I am unable to be there on time.

But yes, I am resigning and you should have all received an email outlining the details of what will take place and the reasoning behind it. It truly was a horrendously difficult decision but I'm confident that this is the right one for the student body and for myself. First semester event details are very close thenison complete (just a few loose ends to tidy up for the beginning of December) so upon the election of the new VPA I will be passing all my info on and ensuring that a smooth transition takes place.

Back to Back to Back to School took place Sept. 15th, 16th & 17th, featuring SonReal, the Novaks & the Idlers- turn out for all events was a bit underwhelming (averaging about 40 people per night) but on the plus side, everyone who attended gave rave reviews on the entertainment and evenings in general.

The Suspenders (our own UPEI improv group featuring theatre students) had their first performance at the Wave this past Tuesday. The response was great and they will be back on the 3rd Tuesday of each month for the rest of the year (so check it out if you missed the first one!!).

Friday we hosted our "friends of the Wave" event featuring the North Lakes & Kestrels. Lots of fun was had and a ton of prizes were given out. Attendance was good, about 150 people at the peak of the evening.

Upcoming events:

Karaoke at the Wave TOMORROW night! Our Monday night host Chris White will be kicking it off at 8pm.

Wednesday night- Trivia with our fabulous hosts Hilary & Brett, with music by Andy Brown & Tim Chaisson.

Friday- Andy Brown band with Katie McGarry band kicking off the night.

And...

DRUM ROLL please (seriously- everyone hit your hands on the table, thanks...k, now stop).

FRED PENNER is playing at the Wave on Thursday, Oct. 7th. This is the man who sang about sandwiches and cats coming back when you were a child. Come check it out and see if he brings along a portable log to climb through. It's going to be amazing.

That's all for me at the moment- more exciting announcements to come.

Sincerely,
Brittany

4-4 VP FINANCE

Hi all,

So over the past couple of weeks I have been working on a lot of different projects both for work and school. Most recently I attended the Installation of our new President and I was lucky enough to be a Founder's Day presenter yesterday as well which meant that I met with Frank Zakem last week to interview him for my citation. Kate and I made ourselves available to the Marketing 341 Class last Friday and have been receiving and responding to e-mails concerning the projects since then.

I was also able to participate in meetings with the candidates for the Director of Student Services position. They were three strong candidates and I am excited to hear the final decision. I also had a couple of meetings with student groups concerning funding; it's nice to see the interest so early on this year.

We as an executive also met with the Dean of Business on Friday to discuss a couple ideas he has for the Wave, ask us a few questions but also open up the lines of communications. It was a really positive meeting I felt and I'm hoping we can meet with all the deans throughout the year.

In between all these meetings I continued working on amending the budget, finalized the by-law proposal I'm going to present later tonight and kept up with the other housekeeping items during my regular week.

4-5 VP COMMUNICATIONS

Sorry I can't make it, I'm just coming back from a society/club leaders retreat in Alberta. Did she say Alberta?! Yes, Alberta. I'll explain more about it in my next blog post which you can find on the SU website homepage. It feels very odd to be missing a council meeting so tweet things with the #councilrules hashtag if ya don't mind. If you have any questions for me about anything that's come up since the last time we met please ask one of the other execs to text/email/tweet or you can e-mail me directly!

4-6 SENATE

Senate Meeting, September 16th, 2011

- SU members in attendance: Josh Coles, Anastasia Smallwood, Rob Livingstone, Bob Deziel
- The senate meeting on September 16th was a relatively short meeting with only a few points of discussion.
- We selected a chair of senate (Dr. Aziz), and vice chair (Dr. Gottschall-Pass, FNS) and a secretary (Kathleen Kielly, Registrar).

President's Report:

- Enrolment is holding relatively steady this year with approximately the same number of students.
- Our graduating class from last year has been revised upwards. The class of 2011 now stands at 914 graduating students up from 887 approved at senate the previous year.
- Shinerama raised approximately \$30,000+ dollars this year.

Dean of Science, decanal search

- Dr. Lacroix's term as dean of science is coming to an end after this year, so the nomination process for this position will begin early into this semester.

Dean's Awards Night:

- Due to the provincial election, the Dean's awards night was moved to October 5th. Traditionally around this time professors are not allowed to hold tests or exams as this would interfere with the ability of students to attend the award night.
- There was a motion proposed to remove this statute (so that some profs could hold exams if absolutely necessary), but it was soundly defeated.

Preliminary Enrolment Overview:

- Presentation given by Yuqin Gong
- This year we have a total of 4577 students at UPEI. This includes all faculties, undergrads and grads, and part-time/full-time students.
- Grad students took a significant drop from last year to this year (316 → 267), but this was due to two separate factors
 - 1) The MBA program graduated its first large cohort, so there aren't as many students in that program as before.
 - 2) The education program also recently graduated a large cohort as well
- They expect these numbers to stabilize in the coming months once new people sign onto these programs.

ARPC Meeting September 20th 2011:

- SU Members in attendance: Josh Coles, Bob Deziel
- Points Discussed:
 - Name change for Family and Nutritional Sciences department:

Due to programs changes and the applied nature of the programs offered, FNS will now be called the "Applied Human Sciences" department.

- Reviewer's Report on Family Science (a division of the FNS department):

Though there are enough qualified instructors, there is a heavy reliance in family science on sessionals, less stability than they would like

This faculty component needs to be stabilized, perhaps by making one of the lecturers have a long term position, or potentially appoint a new faculty member to the department

4-6 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

- President is excited to be here. Town Hall meetings are going well.
- He is creating a reflection and future direction committee made up of all of the university's stakeholders.
- Enrollment is nearly the same as last year.
- Appeals committee had one meeting.
- We had a presentation to the board about the state of deferred maintenance on campus.
- New business manager was hired for the athletic department.
- Finance and Audit committee dealing with ERP project quite a bit.
- HR committee: Alaa and University lawyer trying to resolve mandatory retirement as quickly as possible.
- Property and Asset management committee: Sisters of St. Martha situation progressing at a slower rate than before. 618 University Ave. purchase discussed, plans for development on hold for now, strategic outlook of the purpose commended.

4-7 OMBUDSMAN

Nothing to report.

4-8 GSR

Not in attendance.

4-9 FACULTIES/GROUPS

4-9-1 ARTS

The Music Society set up a mentoring program, pairing first year students with upper years. We had a pizza party and played ice breaker games on Tuesday. This was really fun and successful. We are also planning our Welcome Back Social for this Friday. We also decided to have our Haunted House on October 28th and 29th. We elected our first year reps and two faculty council representatives.

The Wind Symphony and the Concert Choir performed at the President's Installation yesterday.

PASS had a BBQ on Friday and they will be selling PASS clothing in the next couple of weeks. They are also participating in the Alzheimer's Door to Door fundraising Blitz October 15th and in the Relay for Life on October 28th

4-9-2 BUSINESS

Chose First year rep

Communicational officer Mikey Wasnidge and Alicia Wilbert.

Golf tournament went very well!

Soft ball October 7th all are welcome, NSO team Needed

Chamber of commerce mixer was hosted at the business building.

Meeting with Dean Alan Duncan and meeting with him to talk about the curriculum.

Memberships

* At about 140. Aiming for 200 members by the end of the year

* Confirmed discounts:

> Jumbo Video (Rent a new release, rent an all-time favourite free)

> Dominos (buy one large pizza, get a second of equal or lesser value free)

> Burger King 15%

> Wild Impulse 10% (non-tobacco)

> Bookstore: 15% off clothing and supplies

> ISE's 20% off food and free pool

4-9-3 SCIENCE

- Bio Society taking trip to Joggins fossil cliffs and TreeGo in NB this Saturday.

-Chem Society had a successful fall crawl last Friday

-Physics, Chem, and Computer Science participated in the AVC open house spotlight on science

4-9-4 NURSING

Not in attendance.

4-9-5 AVC

AVC held it's 23rd annual Open House September 24. The student-organized and run event with 2,100 visitors in attendance was a success. Activities, games, and animal displays ensured visitors were both entertained and educated.

4-9-6 INTERNATIONAL

Not in attendance.

4-9-7 ACCESSIBILITY

Not in attendance.

4-9-8 RESIDENCE

Not in attendance.

4-9-10 EDUCATION

Not in attendance.

4-9-11 FIRST YEAR

Not in attendance.

5-1 GENERAL MANAGER HIRING BOARD

5-2 ELECTION

5-3 TRIUS TRANSIT

Motion: Livingstone/Rayner; I move that the UPEISU council approve in principle tying the UPass fee to the Consumer Price Index and have it increase with inflation.

Motion: *Carried*

5-4 COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Moved to next meeting.

5-5 MOVEMBER

Motion: MacDougald/Millington; I move that Movenber be added to the responsibility of the Vice President Executive under Section E of the UPEISU Executive By-Law.

Motion: *Carried*

5-6 PROPOSED COMMITTEE BY-LAW

Moved to next meeting. **Will be voted on prior to swearing-in of new councilors.**

5-7 WANDA WYATT HOURS

6-1- JON MILLINGTON NOTIFYING COUNCIL ABOUT HIS RUNNING FOR VP ACTIVITIES

6-2 STUDENT COUNCIL RETREAT

7-1 ADJOURNMENT

Coles/Buchanan: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: *Carried*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.

President's Signature: _____

Chair of Council's Signature: _____
