



*UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION
MINUTES-FIRST MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
September 11th, 2011*

The FIRST meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held September 11th, 2011. Minutes were taken by Sarah Marie Lavers. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm by Chair of Council, Ashton Arsenaault.

PRESENT:

Rob Livingstone	Donald Buchanan
Josh Coles	Amy Wilson
Brittany Banks	Bob Deziel
Anastasia Smallwood	Dominique Avishigh
Samuel Rayner	
Jon Millington	
Jeff MacDougald	
Michelle MacDougald	
Tyler Palmer	

ABSENT: No members absent.

ALSO PRESENT:

Ashton Arsenaault (Chair)	Emma MacPhail (VP Finanace)	Jeffrey MacGuigan (Ombudsman)
Sarah Marie Lavers (Deputy Chair)	Kate VanGerven (VP Communications)	

1-1 CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm.

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

3-1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Minutes were approved.

4-1 SWEARING IN OF COUNCILOR TYLER PALMER

REPORTS

4-1 PRESIDENT

Good Evening everyone. It is great to have everyone back after a long summer off. I am really looking forward to having a great year with an excellent mix of returning councillors, some fresh faces, and some that are yet to be elected in our Fall General Election.

This summer certainly was a busy one. I am sure you all kept up to date with what was going on in your Union through the various communication tools the executive utilized throughout the summer months to keep everyone informed. A more or less weekly update can be found in our executive blog on the Student Union's website, and a more comprehensive summary of the what we were able to accomplish in the summer will be evident in the first few weeks of school as you see different projects and new policies come to life.

This is an exciting time to be a student at UPEI. With a new president of the University, several new deans, a new federal government, and soon to be elected provincial government, there is real promise that big change will be coming to both the Post Secondary Education landscape not only nationally and provincially, but right here on our very own campus as well.

I would encourage everyone to be diligent in your questioning and input to the executives ideas and proposals throughout the course of the year, as this is the most effective method of feedback we can receive. The same may go for your elected officials in other levels of government. My hope is that we will have one of the most productive and cohesive councils that the UPEISU has ever seen. And if this summer and first week of school is any indication of what is to come. I have no doubt that this will indeed be the case.

Thank you.

4-2 CHAIR

Hello Councillors.

My name is Ashton Arsenault and I am pleased to announce that I will be your Chair of Council for the 2011-2012 season. This is my first year doing anything Student Union related so I am very excited to meet all of you and I am hoping this will be a productive council season.

Now onto business, as hopefully most of you are aware, our council meetings will be conducted using Robert's rules of order (this is to ensure the efficiency of each and every meeting). Now, I am fully aware that some of us are new to Robert's rules, myself included, therefore I strongly urge all councillors, especially those who are new, to find a grasp of these rules by our next meeting. All councillors will be presented with a rules binder at our following meeting which should help you in this pursuit.

One of my duties as chair is to ensure the fairness of our meetings. This is to say that everyone will be subject to the same rules and no preferences will be given. Using Robert's rules of order as my guideline, I intend on providing a stable and courteous environment for each and every one of you in this room. With this in mind, I expect that the language of our council meetings will be courteous and appropriate at all times. By this I mean do not direct a personal attack in anyone's direction and always try to ensure your minding what you say.

Also, I strongly believe in everybody's right to speak without interruption, therefore I will see to it that this is the case at each and every council meeting we have. To gain speaking rights simply gesture in my direction and I will see to it that you have a chance to speak. Excluding tonight, because we are still getting organized and a few of us here are new, failure to adhere to these rules I just outlined could result in the expulsion of the offending councillor for the meeting the infringement took place. My aim is to provide everyone with one chance prior to them being subjugated to this discipline because I understand that sometimes we just make mistakes.

Well that is all for me tonight folks, again I am looking forward to being your chair this year and I hope we can all have some fun. Thanks.

4-3 EXECUTIVE VP

First of all I would like to welcome everyone back to UPEI and the SU for another school year. I'm really excited to be an executive member this year just as I hope you're all excited to be councilors.

I'll give you a short recap of what I've been up to since starting my position in the spring. I guess my first real duty was to sit on the Buddy Program hiring board in May and I'm quite happy with the two coordinators that we chose. Jon Millington and Tomomi Sugeno have been working hard since beginning their positions this summer and I expect a great year out of the Buddy Program.

In July I attended CASA's Policy and Strategy conference in Hamilton, Ontario. This was my first full CASA conference and I learned a lot about the structure of CASA, what issues are important to Canadian Post-Secondary Education, and how other Student Unions around the country function. I also joined the National Lobby Team which is one of CASA's standing committees. We meet biweekly via conference calls and aim to encourage each of CASA's member schools to pursue meeting with MPs in their schools' areas.

Speaking of meetings with MPs, Rob and I are meeting with Sean Casey on Wednesday afternoon. We'll probably spend a lot of the meeting explain CASA to him as he's a new. We'll also go over CASA's Pre-budget submission to Parliament and invite him to CASA's Lobby Conference which is happening in November.

I spoke with both Alan Campbell and Robert Ghiz on Monday about possibly meeting before the provincial election on October the 3rd, but as you can imagine they're extremely busy this month and meeting with the premier seems unlikely until after the election.

I had my first Academic Review and Planning Committee this past week and will continue to sit on that committee throughout the year. Rob and I also sat on the Academic Appeals committee in the summer and are still involved in some ongoing appeals which will be wrapping up soon.

That's all I've got for this meeting, any questions?

4-4 VP ACTIVITIES

Hi All,

Hope your summers went well!

I spent *my* summer working in the SU offices 2 days a week, basically just trying to wrap my head around everything this job entails as well as planning out and booking events for 1st semester. We have a very exciting weekly schedule at the Wave:

- Mondays are revolving (bingo, karaoke, minute to win it, family feud, etc)
- Tuesdays are game nights as well as comedians
- Wednesday is still devoted to trivia
- Thursday is movie pub/dance party night
- Friday is dedicated to live music
- Saturdays are open for use by societies and other campus groups

We are still on the hunt for regular trivia hosts and Monday night hosts! If you know of someone who may fit this job, please let myself or Kate know.

Completed Events:

- Back to School Pub on Thursday, Sept. 8th was a success with a great turn out and awesome entertainment by
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Molly Rankin followed by Joel Plaskett

-The SU "Welcome Back" BBQ was held Friday, Sept. 9th and was very well attended/enjoyed by all! It was held outside of the Student Centre and featured entertainment by student musicians Colour Code followed by Jeff MacDougald and Garret Curley

-Friday night at the Wave featured musical entertainment by UPEI talents Jake Denty, Hannah Rose, Emilee Sorrey, Ryan Merry, Andrew Murray, Thayne Campbell & Phil Kromer. -

-Saturday night: Dance party with DJ Ray Ray

Upcoming:

-Comedy Records takes place tomorrow night in the Wave at 8pm

-Back to Back to Back to School shows start this coming weekend featuring SonReal, the Novaks (with Colour Code) & the Idlers (with Harkstow Grange). Tickets are available for all three at \$20, or \$8 in advance for separate shows.

4-5 VP FINANCE

Hi everyone,

Just want to start off by saying that I'm glad to be back on campus, back in the office, back in classes and back at council. I was luckily able to be in the office about once a week over the summer and was able to get a few projects started. My main focus was detailing requirements for the Bus 341 marketing competition which we will be seeing results from in early October. I'll keep updating as things progress.

I also, along with the input from the rest of the exec, worked on draft changes to our policy manual concerning restructuring council committees. This will be brought forward at the next meeting after a final review and revision.

Other items I've been working on include a smoothing kiosk planning documents, amending the budget and bank recs.

4-6 VP COMMUNICATIONS

So to catch everyone up, my term began all over again on May 1. This is when I sat down and went over everything from the past year that a/ worked b/ didn't work and c/worked a little but could be improved upon! The five of us then had an executive retreat where we went over what was left of our 3 year strategic plan and laid out what we wanted to accomplish and who would be responsible for it. In June, I was lucky enough to attend the COCA (Canadian Organization of Campus Activities) Conference in Whistler, BC in Brittany's place which helped me forge connections not only with other maritime university student union's but also with agents and artists. From our daily regional meetings with other east coast schools, we were able to come to a group decision on block booking Joel Plaskett, along with other smaller shows for September and October. I also attended various education sessions, specifically those pertaining to communications and societies. July was a crazy busy month where I attempted to figure out both our SU website and the Societies site with the Integrated Communications department. We've since prepared a working contract with them so we have a running tab of all necessary back end work. IC is currently working with an outside design company and they're using our societies website as a guinea pig so expect to see a lot of changes in the next couple of months.

August was also quite busy as it became quite apparent that September was fast approaching. This was spent doing a lot of the Wave promotional stuff, including deciding food & drink specials with Kirk Dingwell, our Operations Manager and Jeana our newly hired Bar Manager. We discussed different marketing ploys for specific nights and made slight alterations to the menu. The menu was another project and with that we introduced a list of specialty cocktails designed for student drinkers. One of my pet projects was designing and printing "table talkers" which sit on each table and booth in The Wave for people to flip through as they sit and

chat/eat/drink. I had posters made and distributed for the first three events with the help of our promotions coordinator, Kendra Kirkwood. I've been in touch with both The Buzz and K-Rock for our monthly advertising and am quite happy with their work so far.

The first Society Fair was held specifically for New Student Orientation and was VERY well received by both first year students and the societies. The next one is on the 20th of September from 11-2.

4-7 SENATE

Nothing to report.

4-8 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Not in attendance.

4-9 OMBUDSMAN

Nothing to report.

4-10 GSR

Not in attendance.

4-11 FACULTIES/GROUPS

4-11-1 ARTS

The music society has had its first meeting and is planning lots of activities to make the first years feel welcome.

4-11-2 BUSINESS

- Business Society held a barbeque outside of the Business Building, which was quite successful.
- They will also be holding their annual softball tournament shortly, which promises to be quite fun.
- Business Society will also be holding the fall election shortly, and will be electing their new first year representative. In addition to this, they will also be hiring a communications officer.

4-11-3 SCIENCE

- Biology Society planning annual trip
- Chemistry Society selling lab glasses and having a pub crawl this Friday
- Conference held this summer for honours science students to present their research

4-11-4 NURSING

Not in attendance.

4-11-5 AVC

1st Year Class (2015)

Orientation activities too place from Saturday, August 28th until Friday, September 3rd.
Activities included tour of UPEI, movie night, team-building exercises, and AVC Night on the Town.

2nd Year Class (2014)

NA

3rd Year Class (2013)

NA

4th Year Class (2012)

NA

SAVS

NA

AVC Graduate Students

NA

Speakers/ Presentations

NA

Department Meetings

NA

Other Info./ Student Concerns

AVC Open house to take place Sept. 24 10am-2pm. Learn about different dog breeds during the **Parade of Dog Breeds**; see some unusual animals at the **mini-zoo**; have fun learning to gown and glove for surgery; view a **painted horse and cow**. Children can bring their favourite stuffed toys for a check-up and treatment at the **Teddy Bear Clinic**. There will be **face painting, balloons**, demonstrations and lots of exhibits! **Admission is free** for this fun family event.

4-11-6 INTERNATIONAL

Nothing to report.

4-11-7 ACCESSIBILITY

Not in attendance.

4-11-8 RESIDENCE

Not in attendance.

4-11-10 EDUCATION

Not in attendance.

4-11-11 FIRST YEAR

Not in attendance.

5-1 PRESIDENT'S REQUEST

According to the UPEISU Constitution, Article IV, Section A, 1. I wish to request of the council to take less than the required number of courses to be qualified as a full time student during the winter semester of the 2011-2012 academic year.

I request this of council because at this point I only require four (4) additional courses in order to complete my degree. To further support my case, the single course I will be taking in the winter semester will be a Chemistry 482 research project, which I have been accepted into a group to complete. This project will require significant time in the lab, carrying out research, and writing a thesis detailing my findings.

Motion: Livingstone/Coles; Allowing the President to take fewer courses than normally required.

Motion; *Carried*
Abstention; *Rob Livingstone*

5-2 COMMITTEE POSITIONS

To be moved to next council meeting.

5-3 EXTRA COUNCIL MEETING PROPOSAL

Extra Council Meeting Proposal

June 2, 2011

After two years of going through the end of April/early May period, it has become apparent to me that there could be some real benefit to having an additional council meeting near the end of April or very early May, after the exam period has passed. It is not uncommon for some student councils to meet until these later months or even all through the summer. The University Senate and Board of Governors also have their last meetings of the year around this time. Several reasons for this include; the wide number of business the last meeting of the year usually has. This would allow us to spread this last business out over at least two meetings. It would give a little bit of extra time to finalize any budgetary issues that may still be outstanding. Finally and most importantly it would give council the opportunity to discuss what has been proposed in the University's operation budget for the following year in the way of tuition and fee increases amongst many other things (department funding, student rates of pay, faculty wages etc.). Otherwise we are leaving the decision to either support or reject the proposed budget up to only the remaining executive in office and the board of governor's representative. Not that these people are incapable of making these decisions, but it would be much more democratic to have a good discussion about it before making that decision.

For this reason I would move to add an additional meeting of council for the year 2011-2012 on Sunday April 29, 2012 at 7:00pm.

Motion: Livingstone/Millington; To add additional Council meeting on April 29th, 2012.

Amendment: Deziel/Palmer; To move meeting to April 22nd, 2012.

Amendment Rescinded

Amendment; *Rescinded*
Motion; *Carried*
