

**UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  
STUDENT UNION  
MINUTES - SECOND MEETING  
STUDENT COUNCIL  
27 September 2009**

The second meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held on Sunday, 27 September 2009. Minutes were taken by Nicole Lane. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chair of Council, Jillian Stewart.

**PRESENT:**

Timothy Cullen	Natalie Doyle	Bob Deziel
Jarrold Faria	Rob Livingstone	Brianne Hibl
Shawn Younis	Emily McKenna	Scott Murray
Sarah MacDonald	Jeffrey MacDougald	Mikhala Brinklow
Amanda Smith	Jonathan Millington	
	Danaeit Teame	

**ABSENT:**

Sophia Oppon  
Danielle Macdonald  
Kate VanGerven

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Jillian Stewart (Chair of Council)	Zee Giunta (VP Finance)	Nicole Lane (Deputy Chair)
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1-1 CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

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

**Motion:** Cullen/Hibl: To remove points 6 (Fall Election Referendum questions) from the agenda and combine point 8 (Vision and Mission Statement) and 9 (Strategic Plan).

**Motion:** *Carried*

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

## REPORTS

### 4.1 PRESIDENT

This report will be even shorter than usual as it has been only one week since our last Council meeting; however, what a busy week it has been.

This past weekend has been UPEI's third annual Homecoming, which was by all accounts a moderate success. Like every other year, the crowds and traditions that the university endeavours to make a part of this event will not be achieved until the planning committee is given more money to organize a bigger event.

On Friday, I took part in Founders Day, which some of you may not have realized was the tenth

anniversary of the event, which started in the fall of the 2000-2001 academic year. Inclement weather forced the ceremony inside, but attendance was impressive, with more first-year students participating than we have had in some time. This may be due in part to the fact that the committee and Joe Velaidum, coordinator of engagement and retention got together and agreed to draw for a free course from among the names of first-year students who took part in the ceremony.

I also had the chance this week to make a tour of the Global Issues classes. I was given 5 minutes to talk about the importance of getting involved in what's happening on campus, and plugged the student union webpage as a great way to stay up to date with what's happening at UPEI. I also spoke about elections and reminded students that if they were interested in running, nominations would be opening this past Friday. Finally, I reminded them to sign up for Joe Velaidum's new mentorship program, which I think will be extremely successful and useful for those students who chose to take advantage of it.

At the Board of Governors meeting this past Thursday night, we were successful in tabling the Alcohol Safety Policy until the January 28, 2010 meeting of the Board. This, as well as an article appearing on the front page of the Guardian the morning following the meeting, set off a round of media requests for interviews after it became clear that the student union and the administration did not see eye to eye on this issue, and that there were some concern on the part of the student union about security on campus during events at the Wave.

It was brought to my attention at last week's Council meeting that a car hit a student at the crosswalk by the Food Technology Centre on campus. This is obviously a serious matter and I brought it up with Greg Clayton, Director of Finance and Facilities at UPEI. We are working to come up with some ideas of how we can make that crosswalk safer.

Finally, I am excited to begin working with Council on some of the projects that I have gotten started on over the summer. Tonight we will discuss two important ones: the strategic plan and creating new vision and mission statements for the UPEI Student Union.

#### 4.2 EXECUTIVE VP

Not received.

#### 4.3 VP ACTIVITIES

Nothing to report.

#### 4.4 VP FINANCE

Nothing to report.

#### 4.5 SENATE

Nothing to report.

#### 4.6 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Not Present.

#### 4.7 OMBUDSMAN

Not Present.

## 4.8 FACULTIES/GROUPS

### 4.8.1 GSA

Nothing to report.

### 4.8.2 ARTS

Nothing to report.

### 4.8.3 BUSINESS

Not received.

### 4.8.4 SCIENCE

Chemistry- The Chem Society held a very successful Pub Crawl on Friday September 25<sup>th</sup> which saw more than 100 people come out.

Biology- The Bio Society, is in the final stage of preparing for the Montreal Bio-dome trip leaving Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009. There are currently 49 people signed up.

### 4.8.5 AVC

1) AVC open house was yesterday (9/26), and it was an AMAZING success! Estimated turnout was over 3100 people. This topped last year's record of 2800.

2)The AVC wildlife and Exotics club is hosting an Amphibian Week October 5-9, 2009. This event will consist of evening and lunchtime lectures students and faculty at AVC, as well as many guest lecturers. Admission is free to all students. Everyone is welcome to attend!!

3) The AVC behavior club in association with the Sir James Dunn Animal Welfare Centre will be hosting a welfare conference entitled "Animal Welfare in Practice Issues and Dilemmas". It will be held October 2-3, 2009 (Friday evening, and Saturday all day). This conference is free to students, but an RSVP is required. More information or an RSVP is available at [www.upei.ca/awc](http://www.upei.ca/awc) or by emailing [animalwelfare@upei.ca](mailto:animalwelfare@upei.ca)

4) Industry Day will be held October 8, 2009 all day in AVC. This is an event that will provide people with information about opportunities in Veterinary Medicine, information on current or upcoming veterinary products, as well as useful information for anyone who owns a pet (of any kind). This is a free event, and everyone is welcome to attend.

5) The new AVC annex will be open in 1 month. Hooray!!

6) AVC Rabies Fun Run will be Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009 at Brackley Beach. Registration is 10 dollars. Goal is to raise awareness and funds for the fight against rabies.

### 4.8.6 NURSING

Nothing to Report.

### 4.8.7 ACCESSIBILITY

Not present.

#### 4.8.8 RESIDENCE

Not present.

#### 4.8.9 INTERNATIONAL

Not present.

#### 4.8.10 EDUCATION

Not present.

#### 4.8.11 FIRST YEAR REP

Not present.

#### 5-1 ALCOHOL POLICY

Timothy informed the council that the Board of Governors has decided to make its decision on the Alcohol Policy to the January meeting. He expressed that council should keep students informed on the Alcohol Policy, what it entails, and what has been misrepresented in the media.

#### 6-1 FALL ELECTION REFERENDUM QUESTIONS:

Cullen presented referendum questions to be voted on in the Fall Election.

### Constitution

#### Article IV -- MEMBERSHIP

- A There shall be two (2) classes of members in the UPEI SU: Active members and Honorary members.
- 1 The following shall be Active members: Students who are classified as having full-time status as defined by the Office of the Registrar and have paid the current and full Student Union fees, appropriate for Active members, as prescribed by the UPEI SU Council (hereafter referred to as Council) **except wherein the President of the Student Union in extraordinary circumstances submits a request to Council to be in less courses than required for a full-time status.**
  - 2 The following shall be Honorary members: Persons upon whom Honorary membership in the UPEI SU may be conferred by Council.
- B Every member shall be eligible to participate in any of the activities of the UPEI SU. Only Active members, as defined in this Article, shall have the right to vote, ~~or~~ assume, **or serve in** any elected position.
- C The resignation of a student from the UPEI SU does not release the student from any financial obligations (with the exception of membership fees in the UPEI SU as outlined in Article V) he/she may have incurred with or on behalf of the UPEI SU.

**Motion:** Cullen/MacDougald: To put these to a referendum question of the following: Yes, I am in favour of the changes to Article IV of the UPEI Student Union Constitution. No, I am not in favour of the changes to Article IV of the UPEI Student Union Constitution.

**Motion:** *Carried*

#### Article XII -- POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CHAIR AND THE DEPUTY CHAIR

The Chair shall:

- 1 Be appointed upon the recommendation of the Hiring Board.
- 2 Call the meeting to order at the time and place appointed, preside at all meetings of the Council and General Membership to

- announce the business before the assembly in the order set, to preserve order and decorum and to decide all questions of order (subject to appeal) and ensure that an agenda is provided.
- 3 (Must) call a meeting of the Council within five (5) days of the receipt of a petition signed by at least six members of council.
- 4 Ensure that all reports of the Committees, Boards and individual persons be submitted in writing to the Chair.
- 5 Assure that Councillors are appointed to Council's Committee, Boards and Commissions in consultation of the President
- 6 Be a non-voting member of Council.
- 7 Shall hold no other office on council, within the UPEI SU, or within UPEI SU Sub-organizations therefore maintaining an unbiased standing.
- 8 Utilize Robert's Rules of Order as the authority on proceedings at all meetings; however, the UPEI SU Constitution, and its By-laws shall supersede Robert's Rules.
- 9 Conduct an information session with all Councillors in order to familiarize them with the Rules of Procedures and Robert's Rules of Order.
- 10 Assist and oversee the Chief Returning Officer in his/her duties concerning campus elections.
- 11 Perform all other duties as assigned or required.
- 12 Confirm enrollment numbers with the Registrars' Office prior to the Spring General Election to determine the number of seats to be elected in both the Spring and Fall General Election.

**Motion:** Cullen/Banks: To put these to a referendum question of the following: Yes, I am in favour of the changes to Article XII of the UPEI Student Union Constitution. No, I am not in favour of the changes to Article XII of the UPEI Student Union Constitution.

**Motion:** *Carried*

#### UPEI Smoking Policy Draft

The draft of the UPEI Smoking Policy issued at the previous meeting was presented with the amendments taken from council's suggestions.

**Motion:** Cullen/Livingstone: Two questions to be included in the vote as a public opinion will be the following: Do you feel the current smoking policy goes far enough? Secondly, would you support the student union pursuing a policy that makes campus more smoke free?

**Motion:** *Carried*

**Motion:** Deziel/Faria: I move to make the referendum question: What do you choose as the name of the student newspaper? A) Panther Post B) The Cadre.

**Motion:** *Carried*

#### 7-1 COUNCILLOR RETREAT:

Cullen started a discussion about the options for this year's councillor retreat, and brought up the question of whether or not council wished to stay at a hotel overnight again. Having guest speaker Drew Dudley was mentioned as an option, as well as having a camp out or camp in!

**Motion:**

#### 8-1 VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT AND STRATEGIC PLAN

Cullen spoke about the importance in having an effective Vision and Mission Statement, and the benefits of outlining the Core Values of the UPEISU. He mentioned a future council meeting where councillors would come together to create a Strategic Plan for the SU to move towards. The Strategic Plan is meant to represent the Core Values of the Student Union. The Vision and Mission statements represent the SU's philosophy on how to function on a day-to-day basis. Councillors mentioned their concerns, and certain changes they'd like to have made to the proposed statements and values. It was suggested that recommendations be sent to the Chair of Council by Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, to be looked at by Policy Committee and to then be approved by council at the next council meeting.

9-1 NEW BUSINESS

**Motion:** Deziel/Millington: To move the Student Council meeting from 7:00pm to 12:00pm on October 11<sup>th</sup> 2009.

**Motion:** *Carried*

Opposed: Faria

The Chair asked that councillors sign up to volunteer at polling stations for the upcoming election, as well as for certain committees in which positions remain unfilled.

10-1 ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Macdonald, S./Deziel: To adjourn this meeting.

**Motion:** *Carried*

Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

