

The second meeting of the year 2017/2018 Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held September 24, 2017. Minutes for the meeting were taken by Shikha Choollun. The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by Zak Jarvis, Chair of Council.

PRESENT:           Hammad Ahmed  
                          Taya Nabuurs  
                          Megan Rix  
                          Will McGuigan  
                          Erin Macneill  
                          Grace Wedlake  
                          Michael Ferguson  
                          Brendan Curran  
                          Ammar Khayyat  
                          Pragya Chowdhury  
                          Kali Ross  
                          Matthew Coleman

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Zak Jarvis  
                          Shikha Choollun  
                          Sweta Daboo

4-1 REPORTS

4-2 PRESIDENT

Hi Council,

The past two weeks have been busy for me. Just to give you some context, I was barely able to eat two meals a day.

On Sept 11, I was invited to attend a symposium on the development of the “Doctor of Psychology Program” at UPEI. Scholars and stakeholders from around the world attended the symposium and many fresh alums were present to contribute in regards to the development of this program. UPEI is in the initial stages of starting this new program. The “Doctor of Psychology Program” should improve mental health on campus (and on the Island) by increasing the number of psychologists on the island.

Another important thing I attended was the UPEI Board Orientation and Development Session which took place on Sept 12. One thing I want to point out is the informal lunch with the UPEISU exec team which followed the orientation and development session. During lunch we discussed matters that have been bothering our students. Two of the main topics that came up besides mental health were residence and food on campus. This year, there have many students who are having difficulty finding accommodation in the Charlottetown area. We also brought up what we have accomplished for students in terms of more food options on campus. The Wave is now providing better, cheaper, and more diverse food for everyone to enjoy. This includes vegan, gluten free and vegetarian options. Later that day, the Director of Ancillary Services contacted me regarding this concern. To back up all that we spoke about at Board Orientation, a survey was sent out about food options, I will soon be writing a report on it, sending it around campus and taking it to the appropriate people.

Thursday September 19, a meeting took place with the committee responsible for W.A Murphy Student Centre and SCMC (Student Center Management Committee). We spoke about placing a mini library in the building for the students and this was a student initiative which was brought up and made possible during the library council meeting.

During the week, I also met with different students who asked the UPEI SU for help to support their country which were affected by the disasters.

I attended the senate orientation with the UPEISU senators on Sept 18, on Sept 19 I attended and presented at the Graduate student orientation, I also did class room presentation for UPEI 103.

On Sept 22, I sat in at the UPEI’s “Recognition of Founders” Ceremony where I greeted the Founders on behalf of the student body and the ceremony was broadcasted live on the UPEI Facebook page.

Something new that I was apart of was the UPEI Strategic Plan (2018-2023) Advisory Committee. We met just before senate on Friday and we discussed our plan for consultation with stakeholders.

There will also be town hall meetings for student consultation in addition to my constant presence and UPEI SU personalised interaction.

Senate met, we received updates about project Beacon - new timetable available on the the website like there used to be. A new feature on myUPEI allows you to filter available courses online, and the class waiting list was updated. There was a long discussion in regards to storm closure, Jackie Podger is writing up a policy on it.

One thing important to mention, UPEI enrolment numbers went up by 2.9% or 129 students. These are not final numbers as final numbers will be released on 15th October. Main increase was seen in sciences in engineering and there was a drop in arts enrolment. We have reached 1087 international students at UPEI, which is the highest we have ever been. This increase in number is to balance the budget which is caused by the lower number of domestic high school graduates compared to the past.

The UPEI SU website was down from Saturday, September 9th to Monday, September 18th during which our website was inaccessible. Instead, the page came up with a message from GoDaddy (a website domain hosting company), saying we must renew the website or face deletion of the page domain. The website stated that our renewal expired on September 4, 2017. What took us so long to get it up and running was that we needed to have a 4 digit pin number to log into the account, or the last 8 digits of the credit card number. Unfortunately we did not have the pin and our credit card number had changed as the last renewal took place so long ago. We had to show get a lot of documentation verification and validation done back and forth before we got it up again.

UPEI SU outreach stats have increased as the school started. A lot of the credit goes to the Director of Communications and her team for finding ways to push our social media through. Stats of our social media are as followed:

Media

August 14, 2017

September 11, 2017

Facebook (page likes)

2,903

3012

Instagram followers

795

867

Twitter followers (UPEISU)

2565

Twitter followers (UPEISU Council)

263

Also, I have been really busy with the election process running back and forth with ITSS and the CRO to make sure everything is in line with our new system we are implementing. We should hopefully have the same feature like campus login in which as soon as you log in there will be a prompt page for the student to vote immediately, or whenever they choose to. Also, below is the list of people running. Something different about our candidate's meeting this is that it took at 7pm which allowed the CRO to send emails in advance to prepare for picture taking and this resulted with a record breaking attendance for the candidate meeting.

Below is the list of candidates who are running for this fall election:

Accessibility Rep

Haley Anne O'Connor

Arts Rep

Carter Bertram Clifford Smith

Megan McNeill

Kari Anne Kruse

Annor Asante Joana Akosua

Sarah Christina Von MacDonald

Cole Glen Poirier

Scott Michael Grant

Business Rep

Nafisat Ibrahim

Alexander MacKinnon

Jose Helio Barbosa Barros Filho

Education Rep

Tristan LeClair

Engineering Rep

Iker Zulbaran

First Year Rep

Emma (Lou) Schraeder

Muskan Zaidi

Grad Senate Rep

Rachel Kays

Grad Student Rep

Laura Young

Ashley McKibbon

Health & Wellness Rep

Jose Alejandro Gonzalez Con

Tiruv S Giri

Amy Rix

International Student Rep

Jaidene Michelle Webbe

Ngo Thu Van

Cadrea Davis

Caroline Simoes Correa

Mathematical & Computational Sciences Rep

Kareem Mahmoud Abulez

Connor Thomas Arnold Mayhew

Stephanie Cairns

Residence Rep

Rudolph Al Aswad

Billie Royelle Mackay

Veterinary Medicine Rep

Samantha Begin

That's all I have to report for now, I want like to remind everyone that if you would like to meet with me in person and can't happen to catch me in my office you can book me online at <https://presidentupeisu.youcanbook.me/>.

Kind regards,

Hammad

#### 4-VP ACADEMIC & EXTERNAL (Taya)

Taya:

##### Task Force Updates

- The next meeting of the UPEI Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Task Force will be this coming Friday, September 29th. Task Force members have been providing their feedback on the draft policy on their own time through the working document that was created and suggestions for policy amendments will be discussed at Friday's meeting.
- I will also be having a meeting with VP Student Life Megan this week to discuss organization for the policy consultations. After speaking with UPEI VP Finance Jackie Podger, the dates for consultations have been pushed more towards mid-October, due to conflicts in her schedule.
- I am also incredibly pleased to announce that the university has agreed to fund a Student Assistant position to support the work of the Task Force. Applications are open to all full-time students and close this coming Tuesday. The position will be co-supervised by myself and Ms. Podger and the student will work out of UPEISU offices. If interviews can be done swiftly, they will start October 2nd and are slated to work until December 22nd.

##### Premier's Action Committee on Family Violence Prevention Youth Engagement Working Group

- I participated in my first meeting as a UPEI representative for the PACFVPYEWG. While many of the conversations at this meeting were follow-up on initiatives targeted at the K-12 system, I offered to provide a presentation at the next meeting on the initiatives of the Student Union, particularly regarding sexual violence on campus, in an effort to engage this group more actively on post-secondary

campuses.

#### Career Connect

- After speaking with a number of students and engaging in some of my own research, it was decided that the Policy and Research Coordinator would begin research for an analytic report regarding the new Career Connect program for university students in PEI.
- This is a program that government has shown a great amount of interest in and is looking for feedback on right now. I have been approached by multiple government representatives seeking Student Union feedback, and we are happy to provide that. Colin and I will be working diligently over the next few weeks on this initiative.
- It is likely that some of this work will result in action and policy development with CASA, due to the nature of EI as a federally administered program. I will bring up this discussion at the next CASA Federal Policy Committee meeting.

#### CASA Policy Work

- I have been continuing work on my policy reviews with the Federal Policy Committee. The draft for Policy Q:10 on Integrating Federal and Provincial Student Loan programs was circulated previously and is in the feedback period stage right now. A briefer on options for Policy A30.4 on Removing Parental Income from the CSLP Needs Assessment was circulated to the committee earlier this week after finalization with Conner Peta of the University of Lethbridge and is awaiting committee feedback.

#### Costing Asks

- As per my exec mandate, I have been making efforts to get costing



estimates for our newly ratified policy statements. I have been working with Treena Smith and Jackie Podger on estimates for the mental health policy statement and am hoping I can have numbers solidified in the coming weeks after receiving more budget information from Treena this week. The estimate for the indigenous students policy is proving to be more difficult, but I will continue working with university officials to establish a costing estimate.

Meeting with Peyton Veitch (National Treasurer, CFS)

Peyton Veitch was on campus this week assisting the Graduate Students' Association in the Graduate Student Orientation. Upon his request, Hammad and I had a coffee meeting with him. Peyton had questions for us about our priorities for the upcoming year. We discussed primarily the newly ratified policy statements and the work of the Task Force. I also requested that Peyton send me all of the most recent copies of CFS policies, bylaws, and financial statements, as I am interested in providing reports to Council on the work and governance of the federal advocacy groups of which UPEISU are members. I am still awaiting these files.

Update re: Lifelong Learning & Skills Development

- Following consultation with numerous stakeholders, it was determined that the best approach to the “Lifelong Learning and Skills Development” theme which was slated for policy development will be best served by continuing to advocate for increased experiential learning opportunities for UPEI students.
- This is largely due to the significant amount of attention paid to this topic by the University and the current tone in government.

Presentation to Standing Committee on Education and Economic

## Development

- I received word this past week that my request was granted for a presentation from the UPEISU to the Standing Committee on Education and Economic Development. This presentation will likely occur in mid-late October. I am hoping that the lobby doc might be ready in time for this presentation, but if not, UPEISU policy priorities will be presented regardless. PRC Colin will be attending the meeting alongside me3 VP ACADEMIC & EXTERNAL

## 4-4 VP STUDENT LIFE (Megan)

Hey Council,

I am so happy because things are finally starting to slow down. The past two weeks have been really busy with Consent Week and Homecoming.

During Consent Week, the executive team did get invited to attend a lunch with the Board of Governors. It was great to have a chance to meet the board and discuss student issues with them. I know that I was very open when talking about experiential learning and co-op opportunities for arts students. As an art student, that is something super important to me which made it great to be able to speak to the board of governors about that.

Consent Week went really well. We ended up getting 423 signatures of students saying that they know what consent is, why it is important, and that they will always ask for it. The Awareness Walk actually didn't end up happening. We didn't get that good of a turn out, it was no one's fault, it just wasn't a very popular event but we did get a few people out. Instead of walking around campus, we all had an open discussion about sexual assault and consent on university campuses. The conversation did spread out outside of university campuses which I was very happy about. I wish we could have gone on the walk but the discussion we had is what Consent Week was all about.

Homecoming happened this weekend. All of the executives got to read citations of the recipients who were becoming founders of the university. That was an honor to be able to attend. After the Founders

Ceremony, there was the Campus Carnival which was so much fun and all the students seemed to be having a blast. I really wasn't expecting that big of a turnout. I would definitely like to see more for Homecoming for next year. Perhaps, we can have a student homecoming party. If people got that excited over a carnival, I think after the games on Saturday, a party would attract people.

Besides Homecoming and Consent Week, I've been planning for Stress Less Night on October 12th. Pat Maloney is super excited to come here and play for us. It should be a nice event for people to come out and de-stress during exams. I also found 3 DJs for Halloween Pub. The contracts haven't gone out and the details aren't finalized yet BUT it is safe to say Phil Paquette, AKA DJ Paqz from Big Brother Canada 4 will be DJing at our Halloween Pub. I actually ran into him while he was here and he seems super excited.

ALSO the first Clubs Cup: Scavenger Hunt is on Thursday! I've been helping Holly get the hints together and we have been trying to figure out how to put the hints out to all of the buildings but we will figure it out! If you're a part of a club/society, please sign up!

4-5 VP FINANCE (William)

Hello Council,

The past two weeks I've been up to the following:

- Yearbook: I had a meeting with the yearbook editor, we discussed many different things regarding the yearbook, H/R, marketing, deadlines, and content.
- Cadre:
  - o Ordered a coffee table/ and sofa.
  - o As the SU rep on the Cadre I will be holding the Cadre first B.O.G. meeting for the year with this committee. We will be going over different things regarding the cadre including, policy's, content, renovations, etc.
- The UPEISU Business board will be having our first meeting next week.

- I attended the GSO and got to talk to Grad Students.
- Financial Literacy Day was a success,
  - o Scholarships - Great turnout, out 20-30 people
  - o E.I. - Great turnout, 20 people
  - o CPA - Not great, under 5 people
  - o RBC - Not great, under 5 people
  
- Board of Governors, - I attended a board meeting, this meeting was to meet the UPEI board and for them to meet the UPEI SU and see what we are doing this year and what we would like to see moving forward.
  
- Homecoming,
  - o UPEI founders – I read the citation for Father Boldger,
  - o Carnival – went great, this might be something we could do for welcome day next year.
  
- Auditors, - We well no problems
  
- Bank Recs - Now that the auditors are done I can start working on our bank rec.
  
- Amendment budget, once we get numbers from the university I will be able to start working on our amendments to the budget.
  
- Event Budget - attached is the income statement.

#### 4-6 SENATE

Good evening Council,

Since the last council meeting, we've had our first Senate meeting of the year. In this meeting we discussed students part of the 2017 grad class that met the requirements later on. We also heard from Dana Sanderson, who gave us updates on Project Beacon, with that we discussed issues with MyUPEI and the changes we can expect with the program in the upcoming months. We discussed what procedures should be put in place for storm days in the winter (we were leaning towards making three announcements a day). We also looked at registration numbers compared to last year's numbers. Our next Senate meeting will be held on October 27th.

Cheers.

- Erin MacNeill

#### 4-7 BOARD OF GOVERNORS (Michael)

Hope everybody is still having a great first semester. I have taken part in the 2017 Board Orientation and Development session as well as a "special" Property and Assets Committee meeting since we last gathered together for council. President Hammad has already given the updates that came from the orientation session and this can be found in his report for this meeting of September 24th. I attended a "special" (unscheduled) meeting of the University's Property and Assets Committee on September 14th. This meeting was in regard to the updates to Dalton Hall (part of the SIF- Strategic Investments Fund projects for UPEI), I am unable to comment any further on this at present (due to issues of confidentiality) but will say we have another scheduled meeting for tomorrow morning when we will be discussing it further.

Have a great week, and good luck to all those taking part in this fall elections.

Michael. F

## 5-1 POLICY STATEMENT (Taya)

### External Policy Priorities:

- Student Financial Aid
- Experiential Learning Opportunities
- Mental Health Supports
- Indigenous & Equity-Seeking Groups

### Academic Policy Priorities:

- Developing Interdisciplinary Academic Collaboration
- Hiring a Radiologist for the AVC
- Developing Online Registration for Graduate Students
- Credit for English Academic Preparation

### Policy Development:

- Mental Health Support
- Sexual Assault Policy
- Indigenous & Equity-Seeking Groups
- Lifelong Learning & Skills Development

**Motion:** Taya: To approve these recommendations

### Policy Updates:

- A03: Ensuring the Availability of Gender-Neutral Washrooms
- C02: Academic Consultation on Course Offerings
- C03: Freedom of Information at UPEI
- C04: Student Complaints at UPEI
- C05: Student Consultation on Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees

**Motion:** Carried

## 6-1 TEMPORARY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

### 6-2 NIFD Committee:

Hammad: There are six positions open to NIFD committee General manager, graduate student rep, international student rep and three student councillors at large. This committee focuses on new initiatives which will take place in the future.

### 6-3 Academic External Steering committee:

Taya: For anyone who is interested this committee is a really good way to get involved and getting consent of students and implement them to research-based policies.

### 6-4 Funding Committee:

Will: It is the committee that approves funding for clubs and societies. We also approve funding for students' academic enrichment funds.

### 6-5 Policy Committee:

Zak: The main purpose is reviewing Student Union's By-laws and Policy Manual Constitution.

### 6-6 Council Steering Committee:

Zak: We go over what is being brought to council, prepare the agenda and set up motions clear. We also determine if something inappropriate is being brought to council and help in prioritizing things on the agenda.

## NOMINATIONS

### NIFD Committee:

Brendan Curran

Matthew Coleman

### Funding Committee:

Kali Ross

Ammar Khayyat

Policy Committee:

Pragya Chowdhury

Council Steering Committee:

Erin Macneill

Grace Wedlake

Kali Ross

**Motion:** Brendan: All appointments of the Student Union Committee to be approved.

**Motion:** Carried

7-1 AGM

**Motion:** Hammad: To change the AGM to 7.00 pm.

**Motion:** Carried

8-1 2000\$+ Expenditures

Will: Councillor went over details for the expenditures on the General Ledger Report 05/01/2017 to 09/14/2017.

9-1 COUNCIL BY LAW

**Motion:** Megan: To amend the meeting time extension.

**Amendment:** to extend meeting "once" for 30 minutes.

**Amendment:** Approved

**Motion:** William: To approve that council meeting should not exceed 3 hours to complete the agenda and councillors may motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes only once with majority of the vote.

**Motion:** Carried



10-1 CLUBS & CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE BY-LAW (Hammad & Megan)

Hammad: Adding up to this, the director of communications to the executive committee as a non-voting member was proposed in the last meeting by Megan.

**Motion:** Megan: to approve the changes in the Clubs & Campaigns Committee.

**Motion:** Carried

11-1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY-LAW

**Motion:** Hammad: to approve amendments to the UPEI SU Committee By-law.

**Motion:** Carried

12-1 CLUBS & SOCIETY RATIFICATIONS (Megan)

Megan: There are two new clubs and societies that need ratification.

**Motion:** Megan: To ratify the African Student Association

**Motion:** Carried

**Motion:** Megan: To ratify the Applied Human Health Research Club

**Motion:** Carried

13-1 NEW BUSINESS

**Motion:** Taya: AGM meeting to be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm

**Motion:** Carried

15-1 ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Megan: To adjourn the meeting.

**Motion:** Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8.12 pm.