

The fourth meeting of the year 2017/2018 Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held October 29th, 2017. Minutes for the meeting were taken by Shikha Choollun. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm 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

Rachel Kays

Amy Rix

Carten Smith

Billie Mackay

Haley O'Connor

Jose Barros

Caroline Simoes Correa

Kari Kruse

Iker Zulbaran

Emma Lou Schraeder

Samantha Begin

ABSENT: Colton Profit
Tristan LeClair
Stephanie Cairns
Brendan Curran

ALSO PRESENT: Zak Jarvis
Shikha Choollun
Sweta Daboo

1-1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6.03pm.

2-1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

4-1 REPORTS

4-2 PRESIDENT (Hammad)

Hi Council,

On October 16, the Alumni AGM took place and went over alumni programming each alumni receives. This also includes some benefits like bookstore discounts, gym membership discounts and many more.

During exam period, we made some exam kits for the AVC students and I helped out with handing them out at AVC. This was done to help with stressful times during exam season and to help students' mental health.

We had our regularly meeting for strategic plan of the University of Prince Edward Island.

NIFD met on October 26. We went through finances of the Wave and the strat plan of the UPEISU from the points made during council orientation.

During the Board Finance and Audit Committee meeting also on October 26, we went over the wifi matter

also, audit of different departments of upei was shown. Project beacon is still on going, nothing major was approved.

Attended the morning of YDay, October 27, a lot of helpful input was put in by me on UPEISU behalf which complemented the UPEISU's asks. I sat on two groups (brown paper exercises) one which was on mental health and another on about jobs, consultation and communication with the government.



Senate took place this Friday, October 27. UPEI is exploring the option of having two of our degrees being offered in Egypt, the degrees being a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Design Engineering. As students involved in this program will be full-time UPEI students, I have asked for us to be kept in the loop so that we are taking care for all UPEI students here and abroad.

Social Media Numbers (Overview)



Social Stream	As of September 1	As of September 31
Facebook (page likes)	2953	3038
Instagram (followers)	797	886
Twitter (@UPEISU) (followers)	2549	2574
Twitter (@UPEISUCouncil) (followers)	*	268

***Please note that as of September 1, DoC was not keeping track of @UPEISUCouncil followers.**

Stats for Bi-weekly newsletter

	September 20 - Bi Weekly Newsletter Regular · Updated Student List - August 2017 Sent Wed, September 20th 7:38 AM to 3K recipients	Sent	63.5% Opens	3.2% Clicks
	Welcome Back - Sept. 2017 - Biweekly newsletter Regular · Updated Student List - August 2017 Sent Wed, September 6th 7:58 AM to 3K recipients	Sent	23.1% Opens	6.2% Clicks

We boosted two events during September:

Recent Promotions on UPEISU		+ Create New Promotion		
Ads activity is reported in the time zone of your ad account.				
	Event Promotion Clubs Cup: Scavenger Hunt Thursday, September 28, 2017, 4 PM - 6 PM Promoted by Will McGuigan on 09/18/2017	1,631 People Reached	18 Event Responses	\$25.00 Spent of \$25.00
	Event Promotion Completed Back 2 School Pub: DJ Hot Dan and Scratch &... Thursday, September 7 at 10:00pm - Friday, S... Promoted by Fallon Mawhinney on 08/31/2017	1,400 People Reached	45 Event Responses	\$15.00 Spent of \$15.00 View Results

Interestingly, we spent less money on our promotion of Back 2 School Pub, but had more event responses from the promotion. I attribute this to the popularity of the event.

I want to encourage everyone to sign up for emergency alert notifications be texts. This will allow UPEI to send you a text message in case there is an emergency on campus. This feature was designed to ensure communication with students in such situations.

I was very busy this week working on the foods report from the survey, and also dealing with the internet matter on campus. I am also working with the Director of Communications to come up with a communication strategy regarding the gender neutral washrooms on campus.

To give you all a little detail about the Wifi matter UPEI's current system can hold up to 800 people at once and ITSS sees 2200 hits per day. Internet was not a teaching tool in the past. UPEI has been adding juice to a very old flat cable system which currently provides the service. After bringing the matter to the Board and President Alaa during our weekly meetings, the management has been really on top of it. For now, UPEI has divided the wifi improvement into two phases. Phase one has already started which is the short term and it includes 75 extra access points and an increase in 200MB of bandwidth. This will improve the quality and quantity of the current internet although it won't fix the problem as it will roughly improve the performance by 20%. Phase two is to have a long term plan which can take a year to implement and the costs of it can millions of dollars which is being looked into.

Good luck on your midterms :)

Kind regards,
Hammad

4-3 VP ACADEMIC & EXTERNAL (Taya)

Presentation to Standing Committee on Education & Economic Development

- On Wednesday, October 18th, I presented to the Standing Committee on Education and Economic Development alongside UPEISU Policy and Research Coordinator Colin Trewin.

- We presented the three new UPEISU policy statements. Following our presentation, there was a question and answer period lasting approximately 30 minutes.

- Following our presentation, three motions were passed by the Committee:

- MLA Matthew MacKay moved that the Committee of Education and Economic Development would recommend ‘that the Government of Prince Edward Island enact provincial legislation to ensure external oversight of sexual violence policies at its post-secondary institutions.’

- MLA Kathleen Casey moved that “The Government of Prince Edward Island invest in a per-student funding model dedicated to supporting the enhancement of mental health and wellness supports and initiatives for post-secondary students on Prince Edward Island; that the province would explore that.” Ms. Casey clarified that the committee can’t make direct budgetary recommendations, but they can ask the Government to “explore or consider it in their upcoming budget”.

- MLA Steven Myers moved that the committee “send a letter to the four Island MPs asking them if they still support changes to the EI zones that they supported prior to the last election, to help alleviate the student issue with the EI that we heard today.”

- Last week I finished drafting a letter template regarding student EI

which I will be sending to Committee members on Monday as a follow-up to their motion to send letters to Island MP's. I will also be following up with a copy of our policy statement on needs-based grants, as more information on this ask was requested by Committee members.

Media

- There has been a fairly significant amount of media attention for the UPEI Student Union over the last few weeks.
- I did a number of media interviews following the release of the Our Turn report about the work of the Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Task Force. This consisted of a number of phone and televised interviews resulting in both online articles through The Guardian, CBC, and Radio-Canada, as well as video segments on Compass and Radio-Canada, and a live interview on Island Morning.
- I was also involved in a televised interview for CBC regarding changes to the PEI Student Loan program. I spoke of the benefits to students that these changes have made but also reiterated other changes that the UPEI Student Union would like to see, including exemptions of parental income from student loan needs assessments. There was also an online story on the piece.
- Most recently, I did a phone interview with CBC regarding our ask for mental health funding from the province. I spoke of what we'd like to see at UPEI and where this funding would go and how it would benefit students, as well as how we are collaborating with other Maritime universities. More on this next...

Maritime Collaboration on Student Mental Health

- I have been in contact with the New Brunswick Student Alliance and Students Nova Scotia regarding their desire to have a combined approach advocating for the implementation of the AAU Student

Mental Health Strategy (endorsed by 16 Atlantic universities, including UPEI).

- A number of initiatives in recent months indicate a desire for a regional strategy, and so there was a desire amongst student associations to collaborate more to provide a regional approach as well.

- Thus, the UPEISU released a joint press release alongside the New Brunswick Student Alliance and StudentsNS asking for funding from all three Atlantic provinces towards technological advancements in mental health services on post-secondary campuses.

- Given that we have already asked the Province for funding in this area, we adjusted our press release to stipulate that the funding we are asking for here would be a portion of the per-student funding model allocated specifically to this approach.

- See these links for more background information:

- Joint Publication on Student Mental Health

- Outcomes Report from the Atlantic Canadian Universities Conference on Student Mental Health

- Briefing Document from Mental Health Commission of Canada on E-Mental Health in Canada

- Campus Consultations - SVPR Task Force

- I was relatively impressed by the turnout for this consultation, given the heavy topic and short timeline for advertisement. People seemed to be very engaged with the topic, and were still at their tables talking and writing a half hour after the event was scheduled to end.

- There were a number of students at each roundtable which represented different subjects/focus groups.

- Focus groups included Education Programming, Supporting Survivors, Campus Culture, and General Discussion.

- All of the feedback from each roundtable discussion was recorded on

brown paper and will be typed, synthesized and put into recommendations for going forward with the policy and programming.

o Kimberly (Student Assistant) has already transcribed the text and will be spending time this week synthesizing information.

- The Task Force discussed the possibility of obtaining feedback from students not able to attend this consultation through an online survey.

o A suggestion was made at Wednesday's Task Force meeting to create a Google doc summarizing the data from the consultation.

This can be made accessible to students for a short period of time that will allow them to add comments and suggestions to it.

o I'm in the process right now of looking into how this could work and resolving potential flaws (ie. concerns for anonymity, etc).

- A report on the information gathered from the consultation will be circulated to the Task Force.

- At last Wednesday's meeting, I also put forward a suggestion to implement a website for the Task Force in an effort to improve transparency and accessibility.

o This website would host meeting minutes and agendas, provide a link to view the draft policy, provide a feedback section and links to surveys, etc.

YDAY

- On Friday, President Hammad and I participated in the second annual YDAY. This year was focused primarily on action following the problems and themes that were identified last year.

- This allowed us the opportunity to discuss UPEISU recommendations for policy changes moving forward. Before having to leave early to attend the UPEI Senate meeting, I was able to participate in two roundtables, one on youth mental health and one on student financial aid. I was able to insert some UPEISU recommendations on both topics.

4-4 VP STUDENT LIFE (Megan)

Events

It has been a great couple of weeks for AVC. Last Wednesday, the execs planned to give away AVC exam kits. They consisted of candy, post-it notes, and pencils. The AVC students seemed to be extremely grateful and the event was well-received which makes me really happy considering the day before, we had to make 200 exam kits. Thankfully, the whole team up in the office were helping which I am very grateful for. We had Halloween Pub which was MY FIRST SELL OUT. We sold all of the tickets which was awesome and I am so happy. Rumour on the street is that bar sales were really good as well. It is predicted that we made a good amount of money on that event which is great. All of the DJs were a lot of fun and did great! I received the contract from Tony Lee and he is ready to do his show here on November 9th. Now that Halloween Pub is done, I am going to get right into planning Two Year's Eve and try to find entertainment for that!

Clubs

We had our 2nd clubs cup: jeopardy. We had three clubs participate which is actually good for October. Dawson Lounge was the perfect location to have the event and we are going to have a lot more clubs cup nights in there. It is small, cozy, and just a great place in general to have smaller events. Congratulations to the Philosophy Society for winning \$100!! Our next Clubs Cup is a Gingerbread House Making Competition which will be at the end of November. I am meeting with the Caribbean Society tonight who are putting on a Caribbean Night just to help them come up with a risk management plan and figure out the logistics of their event. I am hoping to have another clubs & campaigns committee this week. Mostly, to discuss the topic of first-year engagement in clubs.

Campaigns

We have environmental day coming up this week which is going to be a lot of fun. Holly and I are both really excited about it! Holly had a meeting with the environmental and sustainability committee which is a club and they are going to do a nature walk for environmental week which is really great! Diversity Week is coming along great! The planning for that has been coming along smoothly. It should be a fun-filled week and I encourage everyone to come out to it! Our campaigns are going great but I'd like to give a shout-out to the occupational health and safety committee on planning Safety Week! It was a lot of fun and a creative way to make people interested in safety! Will and I both got to go on a "safety walk" and hand out prizes to students and staff which was great! We have an SU panel going on through career week which is going to be great so definitely encourage students to come out to that Wednesday at 3:30 in the SU boardroom.

Meetings

Besides meeting with Jenna to discuss Career Week, I haven't had too many meetings with anyone with the university. I did have a meeting with Carter and Kari about their roles as a councillor. If you ever

have any questions about what you can be doing as a councillor or how to be a good councillor, don't hesitate myself, the other execs, or the chair. I have another important meeting this week with a councillor and that is our first year rep, Lou. I have a few first-year issues I'd like to bring up with her especially, the issue of how to get first year students involved in clubs. Scott Grant approached Hammad and then Hammad let me know and Scott and I had a great conversation about a campaign and fundraising initiative he would like to do. He wants to put on a Wish Week to raise money for the Children's Wish Foundation.

4-5 VP FINANCE (Will)

Since we last met I have been working on many different areas within the SU. I know many of our students have been going through Mid Terms, myself as well and I hope you all have done well.

Campus Trust we had a governance structure committee. I have nothing to report from this meeting, we discussed which members would be taking on different areas and our plan to address some of the issues. I also have a communications committee meeting coming up this week.

I attended the AVC Exam kit with Hammad and Megan.

I conducted interviews with our GM and Bar manager, I'll talk about this in more detail later on in council and who we have decided to hire.

I had a meeting with Megan and some reps from the AVC about doing a project that would bring AVC Students and UPEI Students together.

I attended a Safety Walk with Kevin from Health and safety during our safety week.

I've attended a Cadre B.O.G. meeting and we will be approving our new policies very soon. We also had another sofa arrived.

I had a meeting with Jackie Podger and she brought up UPEI carpooling parking on campus, we have not had a lot of interest so they are going to be putting out a call again to attract students. She also mentioned the new emergency response which was sent out to your emails. Something that I have been looking into is creating better Wi-Fi in the Wave, Jackie is going to look into this for me and she's going to meet with Danna Saunderson and get back to me.

I also spent some time during last week's meeting with Josh and Megan and talking about the Halloween Pub, I do not have reports for this event but I'll be presenting them during our next council meeting. I can say I feel this event went very well and we did sell out.

I also spent some time meeting with Zak and sat down with councillors who were unable to attend council orientation.

Mickey's Place is now serving Breakfast Sandwiches, this was something that was talked about for a while and one of our staff members said why not? I am unsure how this is going, but we are happy with the sales we are having so far, also our sandwiches are cheaper than Tim Hortons which is a good thing.

We are also going to be setting up meetings for our budget committee and we will be meeting as soon as possible, and I'll be presenting this at the next council meeting.

4-6 SENATE (Grace)

Since last council meeting which was on Friday the 27th of October, we have had the second meeting of the year. In the meeting, we discussed about internet issue we have this issue because our students are increasing in every year plus we are building new buildings and they are under processing to solve it. on the other hand, they will not fix all building at the same time, they will fix the important building first until they reach the whole buildings. We also discussed on four motions to be approval which are 1- to approve the calendar entry change for the Master of Arts Island Studies program with modifications as per MPHEC requirement. 2- that UPEI suspend admission of students, effective immediately, into the Bachelor of Education- Human Recourse Development degree program and the program be discontinued. 3- that the department of History and the Department of Classics be amalgamated and renamed ad department of History and Classics. 4- which is the most interesting one to further explore an opportunity to deliver UPEI's Bachelor of Business administration and Bachelor of Science in sustainable design Engineering programs in Egypt as a part of partnership with University Canada-Egypt. Our next meeting will be on the 24th of Nov.

4-7 BOARD OF GOVERNORS (Michael)

I have nothing new to report this week as Board has had no meetings since we last met as a council. Hope your semester continues to go well. We're almost at the end.

Cheers,

Michael F.

5-1 SWEARING IN OF COUNCILLORS

Stephanie

Ashley

6-1 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS

Stephanie

Ashley

Michael

7-1 HIRING BOARD OF RECOMMENDATIONS (Will)

Motion: move in to camera: Hammad

Motion: Carried

Motion: Kali: to move out of camera.

Motion: Carried

Motion: Michael: approve the hiring board recommendations

Motion: carries

Motion: kali move into camera;

Motion: Billie: move out of camera

Taya: motion:

8-1 EXECUTIVE EVALUATIONS

9-1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14TH 2017

10-1 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RAPE CULTURE ON UPEI CAMPUS AND AT UPEISU (Taya)

Motion: Taya:

Motion: Carried

11-1 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Taya)

Motion: Taya: acknowledge

Motion: Carried

Motion: Taya: policy commitment as amendment

Motion: Carried

12-1 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Motion: Megan: extend the meeting by 30 minutes

Motion: Carried

Budget Committee's Nominations

Stephanie Carrins

Tristen LeClair

Motion: Megan: approve the nominations:

Motion: Carried

13-1 2000+ EXPENDITURES (Will)

Councillor will present the report in the next council meeting.

14-1 SOCIETY RATIFICATION (Megan)

There is now new ratification.

Upei 101

Cheerleading team

15-1 NEW BUSINESS

Celebrity's Birthday!

Motion: Kali: MAKE exec evaluation more environmental friendly

Motion: Carried

Amendment: megan motion will not only look at exec evaluation

Ammended

Motion: Megan:

MOTION CARROES

16-1 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: KARI MOTON TO ADJOUR

Motion: Carries

9.16pm

Call to order 6.03 pm

October 14th minutes.

Amendment for declaration of conflicts:

Megan motion : to table the 14th and 11th minutes

Motion: carried