



*UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION
MINUTES-FOURTEENTH MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
April 29th, 2012*

The fourteenth meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held April 29th, 2012. Minutes were taken by Sarah Marie Lavers. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chair of Council, Ashton Arsenaault.

PRESENT:

Tyler MacNeill
Sara Reeves
Jon Millington
Josh Coles
Rob Livingstone
Heather Wotton
Bob Deziel
Tyler Palmer

Michelle MacDougald
Jeff MacDouglad
Donald Buchanan
Kyle MacNeill
Matthew MacInnis
Jessica Willis
Jeffery McGuigan
Chelsea Merry

ABSENT:

Samuel Rayner
Anastasia Smallwood
Nicole Lane

Amanda Johnson
Dave MacLean
Shelby Russell

ALSO PRESENT:

Ashton Arsenault
Sarah Marie Lavers
Emma MacPhail

Kate VanGervan
Danielle MacDonald (Guest)
Daniel MacDonald(Guest)

Matthew Rice (Guest)
Sylvie Morin (Guest)



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

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

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

REPORTS

4-1 PRESIDENT

Good evening everyone. I want to take this time to thank each and every one of you for all of the hard work and dedication you have shown to the student council over the past year. We were able to accomplish some great work together that will benefit the students of UPEI for years to come. I wish all of you that are returning to council and those that will be new to council next year all the best. You will have the pleasure of working with an extremely talented executive team. I hope you are able to get everything out of the Student Union that I have been able to receive, it truly has been an honour being able to work with you and with this organization for the past four years.

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4-2 EXECUTIVE VP

Nothing to report.

4-3 VP ACTIVITIES

Hello everyone!

Our last two events of the year were quite different. The end of year pub wasn't very well attended, but the last trivia of the year, featuring B.A. Johnston was great. Overall I think that this year, despite ending on a bit of a down note for the Wave, has been a success for events, and I'm looking forward to building on it for next year.

The UPEI Health and Safety Committee met on Tuesday, and I brought up the issue from last meeting about the smoke detectors in residence and the faulty wiring in the bathroom. The committee said that they needed a bit more information to follow up on it, so once I get that I'll be in contact with Alan Veale to see where the problem was and what we can do.

It's been a pleasure getting to be on council with all of you over the year. I hope you all have excellent summers, and I hope I get to see you at some point over it!

4-4 VP FINANCE

Nothing to report.

4-5 VP COMMUNICATIONS

It's been an absolute pleasure to be your Vice-President Communications for the last two years. This job, as most of you know, is one that has existed in the history of the Student Union but in our case, has only been around these last two years. The best and worst part about the executive positions is that they're typically one year and that's it. By the time you get the hang of it, you're done. I've been lucky enough to do it for two years and I'm glad. There are still many things I would do differently if I could do it a third, a fourth, a fifth year but that's not what these positions are for.

I'm very optimistic about the continued growth of the VP Communications with Chelsea Merry in charge. I truly believe that she'll take what I've been able to do in the role and then take it to the next level. I also know that she'll bring a new perspective to the position and provide some insight on what else the VP Comm. should be, or could be doing.

As for recent developments, my only real report is about the status of the annual report. This has been an interesting project, but a frustrating and time-consuming one as well. My first mistake was probably basing our FIRST report off of a well-established, very impressively designed report from another school who has a team of people working on it all year long. Throughout the entire process of pulling it together, I've been comparing our own report to this one and understandably, we don't quite measure up. I like the report and what I've been able to do it with it but I also have plenty of recommendations for our incoming VP Communications to help alleviate some of the workload while keeping it as one of their main projects. With that in mind, the report is being reformatted for the second time to be printed properly THIS WEEK and will then be available on the Student Union website as well as being physically in the Student Union office.

Other than that, I've been reading over grant proposals for the SCENT committee and teaching Chelsea just enough about her job so that she'll still need me for a little while longer.

It's been a fantastic two years as VP Comm and without being overly biased, I'd just like to say that this position definitely plays an important role in the organization and I'm looking forward to the fresh ideas Chelsea is going to introduce.

4-6 SENATE

The last senate meeting was held on Friday, April 13, 2012. During the president's report, he stressed the importance of the university community understanding the budgeting process. After discussing the matter with the senate it was decided that two campus-wide meetings should be held, one on the budgeting process itself and a follow up meeting after the Board of Governors has approved the budget.

After the president's report, the Interim Dean of Education, Miles Turnbull, gave a report on the Faculty of Education. He gave a bit of background on the faculty and discussed some of the things that set UPEI's education program apart from education programs at other schools (i.e. International & Aboriginal Specializations in B.ED, Nunavut, B.ED Français Langue Seconde & CAE-BED-HRD & MED for College Educators).

Finally, a report was given highlighting the results of the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). The key findings of that report were that UPEI has a mediocre first-year experience, lags behind in regards to enriching educational experiences, and is not meeting first-year student expectations. The positives were that UPEI has strong active and collaborative learning experience and fourth-year students enjoy a more positive experience at UPEI.

4-6 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Nothing to report.

4-7 OMBUDSMAN

Nothing to report.

4-8 GSR

Nothing to report.

4-9 FACULTIES/GROUPS

4-9-1 ARTS

Notta.

4-9-2 BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

4-9-3 SCIENCE

Nothing to report.

4-9-4 NURSING

Not in attendance.

4-9-5 AVC

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

4-10 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

4-10-1 PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

4-10-2 EXECUTIVE VP'S COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

4-10-3 VP COMMUNICATION'S COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

4-10-4 VP FINANCE'S COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

4-10-5 VP ACTIVITIES' COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

5-1 STREAMLINE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion: Livingstone/Millington; To accept the recommendations by Streamline Consulting as presented to council.

Motion: *Carried*

5-2 COM COM UPDATES

5-3 UNIVERSITY OPERATING BUDGET

5-4 EXECUTIVE HONORARIUM DISCUSSION

Motion: Coles/Millington; To move into camera.

Motion: *Carried*

Motion: Deziel/Willis; To move out of camera.

Motion: *Carried*

5-5 2000+ EXPENDITURES

5-6 SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILLORS

6-1 CHEATING IN EXAMS

7-1 ADJOURNMENT

Deziel/Coles: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: *Carried*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

President's Signature: _____

Chair of Council's Signature: _____

