



*UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION  
MINUTES-THIRTEENTH MEETING  
STUDENT COUNCIL  
April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012*

The thirteenth meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Minutes were taken by Sarah Marie Lavers. The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Chair of Council, Ashton Arsenault.

*PRESENT:*

Rob Livingstone  
Jon Millington  
Josh Coles  
Tyler MacNeill  
Chelsea Merry  
Sara Reeves  
Travis Gordon  
Amanda Johnson

Bob Deziel  
Nicole Lane  
David Palmer  
Jeff MacDougald  
Michelle MacDougald  
Anastasia Smallwood  
Donald Buchanan  
Sam Rayner

Jessica Willis

*ABSENT:*

Kate VanGerven  
Shelby Russell

Kyle MacNeill  
Emiley MacKinnon

*ALSO PRESENT:*

Ashton Arsenault  
Sarah Marie Lavers  
Emma MacPhail

Jeffery McGuigan  
Ken DesRoches (Guest)



1-1 CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

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

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

## REPORTS

4-1 PRESIDENT

Since our last meeting the Graduate Student Committee met twice. Once in order to adjudicate the remaining funds allocated to the committee and the second to make several recommendations for the committee going forward and revisions to our mandate. These recommendations will be outlined in more detail later on in the meeting when the Graduate Student Committee's annual report is presented to council.

The final touches to the Student Union's budget were completed since our last meeting. This will also be presented later on this evening.

The executive committee was able to receive a draft copy of the Streamline report and discuss with Streamline the findings. Some recommendations for clarification in certain areas were made and the final draft was also received, as you all just saw in the presentation from Streamline.

The policy committee was able to meet in the last week and make some recommendations to council on how to proceed with several of the issues that were referred to us at our last meeting.

I was very pleased to see the good turnout from everyone at the Student Union banquet on the 30th. The evening was very well put together and I think it safe to say that it was enjoyed by all.

Finally I would like to touch on one of the key points coming out of the Board of Governors meeting this week. All indications from the University are that a 4% increase in tuition can be expected for next year. Personally I was surprised by this figure given the recent cuts announced by the province to the University's operating budget. Reasons for this figure according to the University are that they very much wish to remain within the lowest tuition in the region in order to maintain that competitive edge when it comes to recruiting. Another reason which I am very glad to see is that the University has stated that they understand the burden the rising cost of school puts on students and that they do want to do what they can to mitigate this impact on the students.

#### 4-2 EXECUTIVE VP

Hi everyone,

I've had a few things keeping me busy since last meeting. First of all as you all know I had the pleasure of awarding the Faculty of the Year and Staff of the Year awards at our council banquet. The rest of the banquet was a blast too and I'm happy that most of you were able to attend.

As I mentioned last meeting Rob and I served as student union reps on a student disciplinary hearing committee meeting last week. As Rob mentioned in his report we also got a chance to meet with the PEI Conservatives last week to discuss Post-Secondary Education on the island. The meeting went quite well and we discussed the major issues affecting students on the island. Being the opposition they tended to agree with most of what we had to say.

At ARPC last week there was a large discussion about a proposed Bachelor of Environmental Studies. This is a course that would fall in between the Arts and Science faculties and is modeled after similar courses across the country. The program outline was quite well done and nobody seemed to have any issues with it except for the costs associated with bringing in a new program like that. Some people took issue with the idea of bringing in a new course when so many departments are facing big cuts due to the decrease in the University's operating grant. I think that there will be a discussion about the financial aspect of the program at either the next Board meeting or maybe even Senate.

The other big discussion at ARPC was about the merging of many of the Universities Stats courses. This was an informal discussion but lots of deans have strong opinions on the idea. Don Desserud in particular was extremely in favour of the idea and I think a committee will be formed in the near future revisiting the idea of combining all stats courses into one as a way to cut some large departmental costs around campus. The Buddy Program incoming and outgoing coordinators as well as Danielle MacDonald met on Friday to discuss transitioning and the game plan for next year's buddy program. CASA's Atlantic Transition conference will likely be at Acadia this year on the 30th of April and the 1st of May.

Finally EVPEC met on Saturday as well but I'll leave that for Travis to discuss in the EVPEC report.

#### 4-3 VP ACTIVITIES

Battle of the Jocks went well. The afterparty was under-attended, but for the first year things went well and it looks like this is going to be a great annual event from now on.

I was unfortunately not able to be around for most of the Pow Wow, but by all accounts it was quite a success.

Said The Whale on Thursday was a great night. It was well attended and there were no incidents.

Grad week has picked and ordered their grad packs, and that is coming along well.

#### 4-4 VP FINANCE

Hi all,

- Budget presentation later tonight
- Streamline report work, will be presenting recommendations at next meeting.
- Last scholarships & awards committee meeting, looking for a volunteer student representative for next year.
- Exec Committee, will talk more on that later
- Heather's goodbye social
- Burgers

Emma

#### 4-5 VP COMMUNICATIONS

Not in attendance.

#### 4-6 SENATE

Nothing to report.

#### 4-6 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Nothing to report.

#### 4-7 OMBUDSMAN

On March 29th, in a discussion with a student living Blanchard Hall recently had issues with building maintenance. These issues range from faulty wiring to defective smoke detectors. These issues have been filed through standard UPEI Residence Maintenance forms, but to my knowledge the issue has yet to be resolved.

These issues are significant safety concern for UPEI residence students, particularly in tandem, but on a broader note this represents an issue with the priority the University is placing on issues of student residency and life.

For this reason I would ask the Student Council to discuss how these issues can be addressed in the future during New Business, so that student concerns relating to well being are streamlined through the maintenance process.

#### 4-8 GSR

Nothing to report.

#### 4-9 FACULTIES/GROUPS

##### 4-9-1 ARTS

-Soc/Anth Clothing arrived! (and everything looks fabulous)

-Soc/Anth Society met with the Dean and Student services about helping out with first year advisements (follow up with more information to come when I get it).

##### 4-9-2 BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

##### 4-9-3 SCIENCE

Nothing to report.

4-9-4 NURSING

Nothing to report.

4-9-5 AVC

An egg hunt designed purely for leisure,  
Made Easter away just a little bit easier.

The 'Josh Challenge' is accepting donations all week,  
So children's stays in the hospital won't feel so bleak.

With four days left in classes, excitement grows,  
It's not summer quite yet though, last night it snowed.

The horses downstairs dream of green fields and pastures,  
While fourth years decide "Is it practice or masters?"

Oh those exams are coming, so mark the date,  
no not three, four, or five, but seven or eight!

The 'AOW' was busy last night on his trail,  
That's him, you guessed it, Peter Cottontail.

-Donald Buchanan

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

Refer to Policy Committee.

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

-Budget review

-Funding request from "Black Panthers Soccer Team" sent to Exec committee for review

-Funding request from Kate Thomson for National Youth Band approved --> \$75.

4-10-5 VP ACTIVITIES' COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

5-1 STREAMLINE REPORT

5-2 HIRING BOARD

**Motion:** Livingstone/Deziel; To move to an Easter Egg hunt!

Motion: *Carried*

**Motion:** Livingstone/Lane; To move into camera.

Motion: *Carried*

**Motion:** Livingstone/Deziel; To move out of camera.

Motion: *Carried*

**Motion:** Livingstone/Lane; To approve all the hiring boards as presented in camera.

Motion: *Carried*

5-3 POLICY COMMITTEE

**Motion:** Livingstone/Deziel; The Policy Committee recommends that the UPEI Student Union strike an ad-hoc committee in the fall of 2012 to examine the creation of a Student Union specific accessibility lens consisting of:

- 1) An Executive Member
- 2) The Accessibility Representative
- 3) A UPEI staff member from accessibility services
- 4) A councillor at large
- 5) A student using UPEI's accessibility services as large

Motion: *Carried*

**Motion:** Livingstone/Lane; To approve the Policy Committee's choices for Council meetings for next year as presented.

Motion: *Carried*

**Motion:** Livingstone/Deziel; To approve the dates presented to be the election dates for 2012-2013.

### **Policy Committee Recommendations**

Important dates for next year:

Council Meetings:

#### **1st Semester**

September 9  
September 23  
October 7  
October 21  
November 4  
November 18  
December 2 (alternate Nov. 25, exams start on Dec. 4)

#### **2nd Semester**

January 13  
January 27  
February 10  
February 24  
March 10  
March 24  
April 7  
April 28 (optional)

Election Dates:

### **Fall General Election**

Advertisement Period: September 5-19

Nomination Period: September 20-26  
Candidates Meeting: September 26 at 4:30pm  
Campaigning Period: September 26-October 3  
Voting: October 4 & 5  
**AGM/Candidate Introduction:** October 1

### **General Election**

Advertisement Period: January 4-18  
Nomination Period: January 21-29  
Candidates Meeting: January 29 at 4:30pm  
Campaigning Period: January 29-February 11  
Voting: February 12 & 13  
**AGM/Candidate's Debate:** February 6

Motion: *Carried*

### 5-4 BUDGET

**Motion:** MacPhail/Coles; To increase expected enrollment from 3600 to 3700 and to freeze student fees for the 2012-2013 year.

Motion: *Carried*

**Motion:** MacPhail/Livingstone; To approve the amended 2012-2013 Budget as presented.

Motion: *Carried*

### 5-5 GRAD STUDENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

6-1

**Motion:** Gordon/Livingstone; For Student Council to apply pressure on Facilities or through Residence Life to address residency concerns.

Motion: *Carried*

\*Kate VanGerven arrived at 8:25pm.

### 7-1 ADJOURNMENT

**Deziel/ Gordon:** To adjourn the meeting.

**Motion:** *Carried*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26pm.

President's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair of Council's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

