



*UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION  
MINUTES-TENTH MEETING  
STUDENT COUNCIL  
February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012*

The tenth meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Minutes were taken by Sarah Marie Lavers. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chair of Council, Ashton Arsenault.

**PRESENT:**

Amy Wilson  
Chelsea Merry  
Sara Reeves  
Shelby Russell  
Travis Gordon  
Josh Coles  
Jon Millington  
Jessica Willis

Amanda Johnson  
Heather Wotton  
Bob Deziel  
Nicole Lane  
Emiley MacKinnon  
Jeff MacDougald  
Anastasia Smallwood  
Sam Rayner

Donald Buchanan  
Kyle MacNeill

**ABSENT:**

Natalie Doyle  
Michelle MacDougald

David Parker  
Tyler MacNeill

Tyler Palmer

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Ashton Arsenault  
Sarah Marie Lavers  
Kate VanGervan

Emma MacPhail  
Jeffery McGuigan  
Dave MacLean

Louise Cockram (CRO)  
Tara Judson (Guest)  
Phil Hooper (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 approved.

## REPORTS

4-1 PRESIDENT

Good evening everyone, I hope you have all enjoyed your long break from council. This being said it doesn't feel that long given we had a fairly light agenda for the meeting that was cancelled due to snowstorm and that last week was reading week. I hope everyone has had enough time to prepare for midterms that come both before and after the break.

Probably the most significant piece of news since the last time we have met is the Student Union general elections. I would like to say that this was some of the cleanest campaigning that I have ever seen during my time here at UPEI. Perhaps some of this lack of controversy could help to explain the slightly lower voter turnout than we have seen in several years past. That being said 35% is nothing to baulk at and is still far above the average turnout of many larger schools from the central and western parts of the country. 35% turnout also surpasses the 10% threshold that it required to ratify referendum results. On that note, I am very pleased to say that both referendum questions that were asked passed by significant majorities. I will also take this time to talk about some of the technical issues that we were faced with during the early stages of the voting period. Some of you made have been aware that students other than graduate students were able to vote for graduate student specific positions. I can assure you that once notified of the error, our good friend Mike Reid at ITSS made sure that no further undergrads were able to vote for these positions, and then he personally went through each vote that had already been cast one by one, and removed any votes that were not supposed to have been cast in that constituency. He was also able to sort out some of the problems surrounding the business representative position. Finally I would like to extend a big thank you to our CRO and Deputy CRO for all of the hard work that they put in over the course of the election.

At the same time as voting was taking place for the election, we were busy doing interviews for the positions of VP Finance and VP Communications. I must say at how happy I was with the quality of applications for both positions. The interviews went well, and after some tough deliberations, I am very confident in the recommendations that the hiring board will be bringing forth later this evening. On a further note, in combination with the current search that we are undertaking for our new full-time administrative assistant, I have been blown away by the response we have had in applications. I think a part of this goes to show some of the great work we all do here at the Student Union.

Finally I would like to talk about the trip that the other executive and I took over the reading week to visit other student unions across the Maritimes. This was an excellent opportunity for the other executive and I to see how the inner workings of other student unions actually go on. We were able to learn a lot about how some of the same services we offer are provided at other schools, also some services that we don't offer and how do they work. We were also very interested to see how the roles of their full time staff fit into their organizations. I think we all came away with a new appreciation for what we have going well for us here at UPEI and what we could be trying new in the future.

#### 4-2 EXECUTIVE VP

Hi Everyone,

I've been surprisingly busy over the last month but a lot of it has been committee work. Senate and ARPC both met, the Financial Sustainability Committee met, I had my first Committee on Tuition and Fees meeting, a parking appeals committee meeting. I also thoroughly enjoyed our executive university adventure

that took place over the break and think that the returning executive will really benefit from having seen other organizations like ours.

The Faculty of the Year and Staff of the Year nomination period closed right before break and I'm really happy with the amount of nominations we received. Faculty of the Year received 12 nominations and Staff of the Year received 8. EVPEC will be getting together this week to choose the winner, who will be announced at the end of the year banquet.

Buddy Program Coordinator interviews will be held on this coming Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March. We received six applications, which probably could have been a bit higher in an ideal world. There is a notable lack of Canadian students applying for these positions.

The changes to Trius' service seem to have figured themselves out for the most part. There were some issues with buses not coming onto campus in the evenings but we got that settled after a couple of weeks. We're still waiting on more schedules on campus which will be coming after they make some adjustments to the new schedule.

#### 4-3 VP ACTIVITIES

Hello everyone! Long time no see!

February was a great month for activities. Arkells and Tim Chaisson both had great crowds (despite the weather's best efforts on Tim's part). We also gave away our reading week trip, and a bunch of "adult playthings" the week before break too, and I hope that everyone had a great time. Coming up at The Wave over the next few weeks we've got The Suspenders making their triumphant return on the 28th, Leap Year trivia, and Jagerfest this Friday. The following week will be Beach Blast! Huzah!

The Chinese Knot Club had their game night right before the break. We had about 25 people bring computers, playstations, and boardgames into macmillan hall and play late into the night. We'll hopefully be having another one soon, so if you missed it you'll get a chance to do it again!

The International Charity club will be holding a concert in MacMillan hall on Wednesday to raise money for their upcoming trip to Uganda. Playing will be Colour Code, Meaghan Blanchard, and Bad Habits!

The Grad Week Committee has begun meeting on a weekly basis, but it's still pretty small, so I'd just like to reiterate that if you know anyone who would be interested in having a say in what's going to be happening for grad week, let them/me know!

#### 4-4 VP FINANCE

Hi Everyone,

So the survey from streamline went out and we had hiring board for VPF and we were really impressed with all the candidates but that's coming up later. A lot of what I've been spending my time on is budget though. We've been meeting with various stakeholders, looking at actuals from last year and evaluating need/looking at our strategic plans. Just a heads up that sales were overestimated last year. We were too optimistic

even though they had been decreased. This means that things will be looking a bit different this year. I don't have all the details yet but I'll be bringing them forward in budget. I would like to wait to make final decisions until Streamline's report is in. There shouldn't be anything drastic but things will be looking different.

#### 4-5 VP COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing to report.

#### 4-6 SENATE

On February 11th, the senate had its monthly meeting and a retreat in Andrew Hall to overview our structures for senate committees in order to increase the efficiency of the senate. Though none of the suggestions discussed were voted on, these changes will be presented back to senate in the coming months. A few of the major suggestions to come from this meeting are as follows:

The academic appeals committee needs to be in more contact with the board-senate liaison committee, as appeals which are rejected by this committee can then be appealed directly to the board. The board will then vote on the appeal of the student potentially without full knowledge of what has transpired during previous academic appeals.

The academic planning facilitation group, a subcommittee of ARPC (academic review and planning committee) has served its function and is no longer necessary. In the words of one senate member, they suggested that this subcommittee be "euthanized".

It was suggested that the honorary degree committee have a standardized form for submissions and clearly specify how these submissions will be evaluated. As well, it was also suggested that this committee be combined with the professor emeritus committee, since both meet approximately three times per year and would be efficient to have one committee do this work.

The University Writing Council Committee will more than likely become a subcommittee of ARPC, due to its academic nature.

As well, one of the major points which was brought up on a few occasions is that the student representation on these committees was designated before we had a substantial graduate program at UPEI. As such, most representation is done by undergraduates, with graduate student positions being grafted onto committees later on in the process. An overview of how graduate students are placed on committees will need to be further evaluated.

At the ARPC meeting on February 21st, there were a number of minor changes made to the course calendar. One of the bigger changes made was to the computer sciences department, which added a post-baccalaureate certificate in computer programming, which will then go to the UPEI senate and MPHEC for approval. The graduate student surveys which we saw and discussed at the previous ARPC meeting were also approved.

We also discussed a proposal from the West Prince Post Secondary Education Opportunities Committee, submitted by Shirlene O'Brien with a proposal to add a small UPEI campus in the western end of PEI.

Unfortunately, due to a variety of circumstances ARPC gave the recommendation that this proposal not be followed through at this time.

#### 4-6 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Nothing to report.

#### 4-7 OMBUDSMAN

Nothing to report.

#### 4-8 GSR

There is the Graduate Student Association party on Feb 24.

#### 4-9 FACULTIES/GROUPS

##### 4-9-1 ARTS

##### History Society

Clothing orders going out this week with the option to still purchase the clothing until February 28th.

##### English Society

Have decided to sell clothing with further details to come!

##### Sociology and Anthropology Society

Recently had a book sale within the society and raised a total of \$960.00 for their society

##### Music Society

The music society had a bowlioke night. There were 41 music students in attendance. Their "Telegrams from the Heart" fundraiser was a hit, selling 21 telegrams. The department held a concert entitled "Simply Singers" last Friday night. The concert was very well received and attended, with the recital hall being packed in with extra chairs and standing room. It was one of the many nights that made people realize how much a new recital hall/performance facility is needed.

##### 4-9-2 BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

##### 4-9-3 SCIENCE

-Pre-vet Society will be having trivia tomorrow night in the student centre from 8-10.



- Chemistry Society successfully sold clothing
- Biology Society elections will be held a week from Monday and Tuesday
- Biology Society will be selling clothing at the same time
- Biology Society will be battling against the Physics Society through the sport of dodge ball March 9.

#### 4-9-4 NURSING

Nothing to report.

#### 4-9-5 AVC

Nothing to report.

#### 4-9-6 INTERNATIONAL

Not in attendance.

#### 4-9-7 ACCESSIBILITY

Nothing to report.

#### 4-9-8 RESIDENCE

Nothing to report.

#### 4-9-10 EDUCATION

Not in attendance.

#### 4-9-11 FIRST YEAR

Unfortunately our Global Issues presentation did not go ahead as planned last council meeting, due to the cancellation. I am working with Ron Srigley to re-schedule the presentation in order to have an open discussion on the Global Issues program.

#### 4-10 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

##### 4-10-1 PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE

To look into third party campaigns during elections and CRO training as recommended by the CRO.

##### 4-10-2 EXECUTIVE VP'S COMMITTEE

In the process of choosing the winners of faculty/staff of year award. In the process of getting a hold of Allen Roach.

#### 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

Not a whole lot to mention this week, at our last meeting we made a list of how many posters will be assigned to each building for events, both to maximize advertising and to minimize money spent on printing posters. Other than that, we will be meeting this Tuesday.

#### 5-1 BUDGET PRESENTATION

##### 5-2 CRO REPORT

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

Motion: *Carried*

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

Motion: *Carried*

**Motion:** Livingstone/Buchanan; To approve electoral results as presented in council.

Motion: *Carried*

##### 5-3 HIRING BOARD RESULTS (VP FINANCE & VP COMMUNICATIONS)

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

Motion: *Carried*

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

Motion: *Carried*

**Motion:** Livingstone/Deziel; To approve hiring board recommendations presented in camera for the VP Finance.

Motion: *Carried*

**Motion:** Livingstone/Wilson; To approve hiring board recommendations presented in camera for the VP Communications.

Motion: *Carried*

##### 5-4 EXPENDITURE LIST

5-5 LOGO APPROVAL

**Motion:** Livingstone/MacDougald; To approve the new SU logos as presented in council.

Motion: *Carried*

**Motion:** Livingstone/MacDougald; To approve the new Mickey's Place logo as presented in council.

\*2 Abstentions – Gordon & Deziel.

Motion: *Carried*

5-6 ROOM BOOKINGS

6-1 CLINICAL ROTATIONS (MEAL HALL)

\*NOTE\* Emma MacPhail, Sam Rayner and Nicole Lane were late.

7-1 ADJOURNMENT

**Coles/ Millington:** To adjourn the meeting.

**Motion:** *Carried*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

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

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

