



*UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION  
MINUTES-NINTH MEETING  
STUDENT COUNCIL  
January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012*

The ninth meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Minutes were taken by Sarah Marie Lavers. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Chair of Council, Ashton Arsenault.

**PRESENT:**

Tyler MacNeill  
Amy Wilson  
Sara Reeves  
Chelsea Merry  
Shelby Russell  
Travis Gordon  
Natalie Doyle  
Amanda MacKinnon

Bob Deziel  
Michelle MacDougald  
Emiley MacKinnon  
Tyler Palmer  
Jeff MacDougald  
Anastasia Smallwood  
Donald Buchanan  
Kyle MacNeill

Matthew MacInnis  
Jon Millington  
Josh Coles  
Rob Livingstone

**ABSENT:**

Nicole Lane  
David Parker

Jessica Willis

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Ashton Arsenault  
Sarah Marie Lavers  
Kate VanGerven

Emma MacPhail  
Dave MacLean  
Jeffery McGuigan



1-1 CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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 all is well. The past week has been full of meetings of various sorts. A fair few of these I was attending with the other members of the executive, so I will leave it to them to report on the exciting bits. The policy committee was able to meet to look into the some of the issues that were referred to us at our last meeting. Those recommendations will be coming forward later in this meeting. I, along with the other members of the executive were able to attend an election information session in residence last week. I expect that we will be able to do some more similar events to be able to promote the election throughout the campaign period.

Also, just in the past week we were able to meet with the new Vice-President of Student Affairs, Wendy Carol. Wendy was very happy to meet with us and looks forward to working alongside the Student Union on several issues that were discussed in our very first meeting. I must take a moment to point out just how significant the creation of this new position is. For years the Student Union has said that the creation of a position such as Dean of Students, or director of Student Affairs would be a great step forward for UPEI. So with the creation of this position at the Vice-President level came about I must say I was very happy. It is my hope that in years to come that this position will be one of the Student Union's closest allies in the University's administration.

I also attended a meeting of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors since we last met. One of the big topics of discussion was the allocation of the inspiring alumni awards. This evening of recognition is something that the Student Union has helped the Alumni Association put on for a couple of years now. This year's event is scheduled to take place on Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Finally I would like to take a minute to bring to attention the importance of the upcoming spring budget cycle that the Province, the University, and subsequently students will no doubt be affected by. In last Thursday's Board of Governors meeting, the President alluded to the fact that funding for the University's operating budget coming from the province may very well not be exempt from the budget cuts the provincial finance minister has mentioned in recent public addresses. I don't think that this is something the Student Union will want to take lightly. I believe that proactive measures taken by all students, especially those sitting around this room, will be much more effective than reactive measures taken after the fact.

#### 4-2 EXECUTIVE VP

Hi Everyone,

Last week after we found out about the George Coles Bursary coming through I mentioned that all we had to do was figure out who exactly was eligible. The Monday after our council meeting I spoke with Laura Lee Noonan from Student Services who played a significant role in the implementation of the bursary and she gave me a set of guidelines as to who gets the bursary and who doesn't. It basically says that in order to qualify you have to be a graduating student from Prince Edward Island who is taking their first degree. Since the initial rush of people wondering if they would get it we haven't heard from many students and those who were curious were pointed towards Eileen MacVittie in Student Services or the registrar's office. If you come across students trying to find out about whether or not they qualify, send them to either of those places to get it sorted out.

The dates for CASA's annual general meeting have been announced and they are a couple days shorter than last year's, which will save us some hotel expenses. The conference will be held on March 14, 15, and 16 at St. Mary's University in Halifax. We will be sure that, if the need arises to rent a vehicle for the trip over, we choose the most environmentally friendly one possible.

Nominations for the Staff of the Year/Faculty of the Year awards have been trickling in slowly, with only two nominations for staff of the year and zero for faculty of the year. Please feel free to nominate a staff or faculty member by emailing me at [executivevp@upeisu.ca](mailto:executivevp@upeisu.ca). Over the next several weeks as the February 17<sup>th</sup> deadline approaches EVPEC will be putting out a stronger call for nominations, so stay tuned for that.

Finally, some big changes are coming into effect tomorrow morning when Trius Transit launches their new schedules, routes, brand, and all of the inevitable hiccoughs that come along with it. In summary: they are doubling the frequency of trips up and down University avenue, switching out the “east, west, cross-town, and downtown” routes for one huge “City Loop” route, and tweaking the Cornwall and Stratford routes to add a couple of more runs into and out of the city. The downside, as you should already know, is that the buses will no longer be turning onto campus; rather, they will be building a bus stop down by University Avenue. Those wishing to go downtown wait for the bus on the Browns Court side, while those wishing to go out of town wait on the University side of things. Admittedly this is a slight inconvenience for students, but I honestly believe that the increased frequency of buses passing campus easily makes up for the change.

It should be noted that as of right now there is no bus shelter on the University side of University Avenue. Because of this, it is likely that until the ground thaws and they can pour concrete, the bus will still be turning onto campus and picking people up at our bus stop when heading north towards the mall. I realize that this will likely lead to confusion, but it’s probably a better option than making students wait out in the open for buses down at the Avenue.

We have been in contact with Trius urging them to provide us with schedules and adequate signage letting students know about these changes, and I expect that early this week we will have both of those. In the meantime, there are signs at the bus stop by Browns court with the schedule on them, and all of the new schedules are online at [triustransit.ca](http://triustransit.ca).

#### 4-3 VP ACTIVITIES

Nothing to report.

#### 4-4 VP FINANCE

Since our last meeting we have started work with Streamline Consulting on our HR Review. The Finance Executive Committee met and made some funding decisions. We’ve also started the budget process for next year. We’ll be meeting with different stakeholders over the next month and a half to gather information. If any of you would like to give some input I would love to hear it as well. Other than that I helped Kate out a bit on the Shit Candidates Say video and flooded the SU kitchen.

#### 4-5 VP COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing to report.

#### 4-6 SENATE

ARPC discussed a few minor calendar changes in a few different faculties, including the school of business, school of nursing, and the faculty of science (department of computer science and information technology).

As well, the assistant vice president of graduate studies presented a new survey for current and former graduate students which will be given during curriculum reviews. There were a few suggestions so it was sent back to a separate graduate studies committee for further review.

#### 4-6 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The president talked about his weekend at the Retreat in Summerside, overall think went well and he believe steps have been taken to further the University.

The president also discussed the main role of the VP Student Affairs; aiming to improve student life on campus, help students using the tools offered to them on campus such as the Webster center, athletic program, recruiting and retention. Wendy Carroll from the school of business has been named intriem the VP Student Affairs. The president discussed his plans to change the administration structure of the university, he plans to relocate each VP into different buildings. The President's office can now be found on the 2nd floor in the Business Building, VP research and Finance will remain in Kelley building, VP Academic will be located in Main building and VP Student Affairs in the Murphy Center. The president discussed his plans to travel to Brazil with the Lieutenant Governor and 30 other University President in aim to increase international exchanges. The president discussed our relationship with Egypt and the plan to help Universities setup a EMBA program. The president discussed recruitment strategies and opened the floor to any suggestions from members of the board .

The Nursing and health building is now fully occupied.

The Property and Asset management committee will be looking at the following buildings for upgrades or maintenance; Memorial, Dalton, Steel, Kelley.

#### 4-7 OMBUDSMAN

Nothing to report.

#### 4-8 GSR

Nothing to report.

#### 4-9 FACULTIES/GROUPS

##### 4-9-1 ARTS

The music society is once again doing the Telegrams from the Heart for Valentine's Day. If any of you don't know what this is, we offer to sing to the person of your choice on Valentine's day for \$25.

There is a list of songs to choose from and for an additional \$5 you can add a rose or a box of chocolates. To order telegrams you can email [upeimusicsociety@gmail.com](mailto:upeimusicsociety@gmail.com). The entire music department is playing assassins right now, so if you here any screaming or yelling coming from the steel building, that's why. I have written a letter to the President on behalf of the students to lobby for the basement of the Steel building being awarded to the Music Department. We aren't sure exactly what's going on with this yet.

**\*\*Get from History Josh Coles\*\***

#### 4-9-2 BUSINESS

- 1) Curling night last Thursday
- 2) Panthers means business, business society joined up with the hockey team, business society gave away a tv as a prize during the game.
- 3) The president's office is now in the business building!
- 4) Someone broke the gate! WOOT WOOT

#### 4-9-3 SCIENCE

- The Pre-vet society is ordering clothing this week.
- The Dean of Science had a meeting with members of the science societies executives on January 12th. The Dean brought forward the idea of giving all incoming science students a back pack from the bookstore that has science engraved on it to show school spirit in the science faculty. Besides this idea, the floor was open to discussion about individual issues for each society.
- Bar wars was a success
- Duffy cup bowling tournament was a success

#### 4-9-4 NURSING

Nothing to report.

#### 4-9-5 AVC

- Broomball has started up with teams from 1st 2nd and 3rd year.
- Notable statistics: D Buchanan with the game winning goal vs the 1st year team.
- Suture review planning is in full swing- going to be a fantastic show. Get your tickets.
- AOW: last week blue footed boobie. This week: Cheetah

#### 4-9-6 INTERNATIONAL

Not in attendance.

#### 4-9-7 ACCESSIBILITY

See Accessibility Rep. Referendum Question.

#### 4-9-8 RESIDENCE



Hey Councillors,

Not much has been going on in both residences the past two weeks. Planning has been underway on our Frost Week. The event is going to be postponed, it will not be this week that was initially planned. We are now looking into the week before, or after reading week.

The Andrew and Bernie Hall RLA's are having a Valentines Day Dinner, on February 14th. There is a 3 course meal, a silent auction, and a talent show for \$20. Sign ups for the talent show and the silent auctions are around res and in the Wanda Wyatt. A highlight: you can auction up a person, and they can be bid on to be your date!

Also, A large koodos to everyone who helped and planned the Winter Carnival activities, including Snowball Soiree. After speaking with many people from all three residences, almost all were very satisfied with the events, and really enjoyed the Soiree and the band! Hopefully we can have it again next year!

See you in a few weeks!

#### 4-9-10 EDUCATION

Friday Feb.10th, SIE is hosting an event at the wave, tickets will be sold in advance and at the door.

#### 4-9-11 FIRST YEAR

Nothing to report.

#### 4-9-12 MOVEMBER

Canada topped \$41 million dollars!!

#### 4-10 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

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

Refer to Policy Committee.

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

EVPEC met this week and touched upon plans for:

Faculty of the Year/ Staff of the Year Awards

-Deadline is February 17th

-Advertisement methods

-Word of Mouth

-Posters

-Campus Notices/SU Update

## Bike Rack

- Contact facilities
- Holland College Welding Program?

## UPASS

- Several asks for Trius for next week or soon thereafter
- Adequate signage at UPEI Bus Stop.
- Physical schedules for us to distribute around campus
- A new big schedule for the Student Centre, (Library?)
- A confirmation as to what is happening with buses pulling into campus.

## 4-10-3 VP COMMUNICATION'S COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

## 4-10-4 VP FINANCE'S COMMITTEE

Present: Emma, Kyle, Natalie, Tyler, Dave

### -Funding Requests:

- International Charity Club → APPROVED → \$100
- Island Studies Society → APPROVED → \$100
- SIFE PEI → APPROVED → \$100

-Communications have opened with Streamline Consulting, the firm performing the HR review for the student union. Consulting will begin in the near future.

-Looking for feedback on the budget.

-New meeting time: 9am every other Wednesday.

## 4-10-5 VP ACTIVITIES' COMMITTEE

For the last couple of weeks as Kate said, we have been working with her committee on decorating and promoting the Winter Carnival events. We also have a new meeting time, which is Tuesdays at 4:30, and last of all this Thursday's movie will be Groundhog day at the Wave from 5-7.

## 5-1 LOGO AND REBRANDING CONVERSATION

**Motion:** VanGerven/Merry; To move forward with the Student Union rebranding process.

**Motion:** *Carried*

## 5-2 POLICY COMMITTEE

## 5-3 RESIDENCE SIGN-IN UPDATE

## 5-4 FIVE MINUTE RECESS

**Motion:** Livingstone/Deziel; To move to a five minute recess.

**Motion:** *Carried*

## 5-5 ACCESSIBILITY REP. REFERENDUM QUESTION

**Motion:** Livingstone/Deziel; To approve the following amendments to the UPEISU Constitution as presented:

### Article VI -- UPEI SU COUNCIL

- A The governing body of the UPEI SU Council, herein referred to as Council. The Council shall consist of:
- 1 The five Executive Members of the UPEI SU, three of whom shall be elected in the Spring General Election.
  - 2 Three Undergraduate Senate Representatives and one Graduate Student Senate Representative, elected to Council in the Spring General Election.
  - 3 One (1) Board of Governors Representative to be elected to Council in the Spring General Election.
  - 4 One (1) elected Representative for every two hundred (200) students in each respective faculty or school to be elected in the Spring General Election, with the exception of Education which will be elected in the Fall General Election. If the number of students in a faculty or school exceeds the two hundred to one ratio (200:1) by at least fifty per cent (50%) of the two hundred, that faculty or school shall be granted one (1) additional elected representative.
  - 5 One (1) Representative from the First-year Class to be elected in the Fall General Election.
  - 6 One (1) Graduate Student Representative to be elected in the Fall General Election.
  - ~~7 No faculty or School shall have less than one (1) elected Representative on Council.~~
  - 78 One (1) representative shall be elected from the Residence population of the University during the Fall General Election.
  - 98 One (1) representative shall be elected from the International student population of the university in the Fall General Election.
  - 9 One (1) representative shall be elected from the population of students accessing the University's accessibility services during the Fall General Election.
  - 10 No faculty or School shall have less than one (1) elected Representative on Council.
- B The following shall be recognized as non-voting members of Council:
- 1 The UPEI SU Chair
  - 2 The UPEI SU ombudsman.
  - 3 The Vice President Finance
  - 4 The Vice President Communications
  - ~~5 The Accessibility Representative to be designated by the University's Accessibility Services.~~

**Motion:** *Carried*

## 6-1 GLOBAL ISSUES MEETING

## 7-1 -ADJOURNMENT

**Buchanan/Merry:** To adjourn the meeting.

**Motion:** *Carried*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

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

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

