



*UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION
MINUTES- TWELFTH MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
March 25th, 2012*

The twelfth meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held March 25th, 2012. Minutes were taken by Sarah Marie Lavers. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair of Council, Ashton Arsenault.

PRESENT:

Jon Millington
Josh Coles
Rob Livingstone
Tyler MacNeill
Chelsea Merry
Anastasia Smallwood
Samuel Rayner
Sara Reeves

Travis Gordon
Amanda Johnson
Heather Wotton
Donald Buchanan
Matthew MacInnis
Tyler Palmer
Nicole Lane
Bob Deziel

Michelle MacDougald
Emiley MacKinnon
Kyle MacNeill
Jessica Willis

ABSENT:

Amy Wilson

ALSO PRESENT:

Ashton Arsenault
Sarah Marie Lavers
Kate VanGerven

Dave MacLean
Emma MacPhail
Jeffery McGuigan

Connor Simpson (Guest)



1-1 CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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

Hello Everyone, I hope you have all had a great couple of weeks since our last meeting.

Most notably since we last met, Josh and I were away last week in Halifax for CASA's Annual General Meeting. This conference served as a great wrap up to the year. Josh is going to elaborate a bit more in the details in his report.

Interviews for Chair, Chief Returning Officer, Deputy Chief Returning Officer, as well as some other positions for next year took place since our last meeting. The recommendations for those positions will be coming forward later on in the meeting.

One item that I am particularly pleased to report on is some of the work that has been taking place within the University's Research Advisory Committee (RAC) which I sit on. A couple of months ago I brought forward the idea of introducing a pay scale for student researchers as they return for subsequent years of work. I was surprised to find that the committee was very receptive to the idea. So over the past couple of weeks I have been formulating an official opinion and trying to find out from students exactly what would they like to see if this were to be implemented. As a result of this, the RAC is going to be passing a motion at our next meeting that will be recommending to the University's HR department to introduce a pay scale for student researchers, including graduate students. There will also be a provision in this motion to allow supervisors the freedom to negotiate rates of pay with students within a range in order to offer them something more appealing if they might be receiving an offer to work elsewhere during the summer for a higher wage. I will be sure to keep you updated on this front.

I would like to thank those of you who made it out to the brown bag lunch Time Ogilvie and I co-hosted in order to field feedback about the Reflections and Future Directions process. The turnout was a little lacklustre, so I would highly encourage those of you who didn't make it to visit the website for feedback and provide your thoughts on what direction you think the University should be taking in the next five years.

Finally I would like to comment on the three percent cuts Government has made quite clear are coming to the many sectors this year, including the University. This will without a doubt have implications with tuition and it will be up to this body to decide what action if any it would like to take if tuition takes a significant hike. As of now all indications from the University are that they would like to keep the impact to students to a minimum, but as we all know from our presentation two council meetings ago, there are only so many ways the University can make up for a shortfall in its operating budget. I will leave you with that.

4-2 EXECUTIVE VP

Rob and I were in Halifax last week for CASA's Annual General Meeting. Here are some of the things that happened: CASA's transition conferences will be National from now on, likely held in Ottawa. This was an issue for small schools because of the added costs, but they will be able to apply for travel funding making it easier for them to foot the bill (for example, we will be sending our incoming delegates no matter what but if we get funding we will send the outgoing ones as well). This year's transition, however, will not change and will be in either Moncton or Wolfville, depending on availability of hosts and other schools. Board elections were held

and students from Brock, Moncton, and Waterloo were all elected to the board of CASA. There was a discussion regarding giving the chair of CASA (similar to our President, not like our chair which is more like a speaker) a bursary. In the end we settled on \$1200 (\$100 per month for a year), which is not much considering the huge responsibilities that the chair has. Finally there was a change to CASA's FTE (Full Time Equivalent) definition, resulting in an ever so slight change to our fees but an easier system moving forward. We also approved CASA's annual budget and new Long Term Strategic Plan.

Shinerama applications were received and I handed them off to Donald, as this year's NSO coordinator, to take care of that procedure.

Rob and I were appointed to a student disciplinary committee, which is set to meet next week. We will drop discipline on students.

Rob and I also have a meeting with the PEI Conservative party Wednesday of next week to discuss fun things like tuition and scholarships.

4-3 VP ACTIVITIES

Wave events have been coming along swimmingly. With the exception of this Friday night, events over the past two weeks have been well attended.

I'll add, since we don't have an international student rep, that the international night at The Wave had a good turnout, and that the Iranian New Year celebration that happened in McMillan Hall on Friday was a huge success. I'd strongly recommend that you attend next year.

The dry show that was held in Market Square was poorly attended, but the band played immediately afterwards in The Wave and were quite pleased with how it went.

I met with Allan Veale the other day regarding the fact that the entire campus shuts down with campus is closed. We were concerned because this leaves any students who may get a ride in to school from the country in the morning before the announcement has been made stranded with nowhere to go. We decided that from now on the Student Centre will be kept open until 8 pm on days when the campus is closed due to storms.

We had a couple of Wave related hiring boards as well over the week, and I'm super excited for all of the new people we hired.

4-4 VP FINANCE

Hi folks,

I've been mostly handling administrative stuff the past couple of weeks. I've started my transition documents, plugging away at bank recs, helping Melissa with some planning details for Heather's send off and of course the Streamline report and the budget. The streamline report will be in our hands on Wednesday, we will be meeting with our contact Detry on Thursday to discuss and make any final revision requests and then we will be sitting down as an executive to discuss before Detry presents to council at the next meeting on April 8th. As for the budget, it's finally coming together, I think I am waiting on one number from Heather and the exec will

be sitting down tomorrow to have a chat about it. I want to make sure we are all clear on the plan going forward for next year then I'll be bringing it to you lovely people on April 8th. Oh, and I also sat on the hiring board for Yearbook which I will be bringing forward later and have been reviewing scholarship applications as part of my work on the Scholarships & Awards committee.

4-5 VP COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing to report.

4-6 SENATE

The senate had its meeting on March 15th. It started off with a presentation by the dean of Nursing, going through some of the highlights of the school of nursing at UPEI.

There were a few documents presented to senate, notably the research advisory committee's annual report, the SCENT committee, and ARPC which brought forward its proposal for a post-baccalaureate certificate in video game design which was approved by senate and will go to MPHEC soon.

Finally, there was a presentation given on Global Issues very similar to what was given to us a few weeks ago and many of us presented the students' views on the course. Again, this presentation was not the formal review of the course but our opinions on how to improve the course will be taken into account. The formal review of the course will take place next year.

4-6 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Nothing to report.

4-7 OMBUDSMAN

Nothing to report.

4-8 GSR

1. GSA is working to negotiate only a 2% tuition increase in response to the government cutting funding to UPEI (Through Brian Wagner)
2. GSA has proposed a 1 time scholarship for Grad students who contribute to GSA life on or off campus
3. Bob Deziel has been appointed as the CRO for their upcoming elections.

4-9 FACULTIES/GROUPS

4-9-1 ARTS

History clothing came in this week and the history society is looking for more members.

4-9-2 BUSINESS

- 1) Business society elections:
 - a. President: Isaac Murphy
 - b. Vice President: Sam Rayner
 - c. 4th Year Rep: Chad Smith
 - d. 3rd Year Rep: Rebecca Cole & Parker Baglole
 - e. 2nd Year Rep: Monica Corish & Melanie McKenna
- 2) Dean met with Business students, great convo talking about what business students thinks about the business program.
- 3) Bowling happened it was fun!
- 4) 4th year marketing students are presenting their classes this weekend.

4-9-3 SCIENCE

-Biology Society clothing is in and will be distributed this week

-Biology Society went paintballing today!

-Chemistry Society went curling on Friday

-Physics beat biology in a dodgeball showdown, keeping their right to own the highly coveted Duffy Cup.

4-9-4 NURSING

Nursing society elections were held last week. There was impressing student interest and all positions were filled successfully. Pizza and bowling night took place on Thursday and was very successful. The grand opening of the new nursing, nutrition, family science, and kinesiology building will take place Monday April 23 at 10am.

4-9-5 AVC

Suture review was a huge success, raking in about \$3000. The 2 disc DVD version is available for \$10. Animal Of the Week: komodo dragon.

An update on the question posted by Josh on the Atlantic provinces funding to the AVC was requested. Response: Lobbying is more directed at the PEI Department of Agriculture, not directly to the provinces.

4-9-6 INTERNATIONAL

Not in attendance.

4-9-7 ACCESSIBILITY

Nothing to report.

4-9-8 RESIDENCE

Things have been pretty busy in the UPEI Residences. RLA's have been selected and have accepted positions for the 2012-2013 staff. On Tuesday, March 20th there was a session in the Andrew Hall Conference room on how to prepare for exams. The assassins in still underway, there are about 15 - 20 participants left. On Friday, there was a fort building contest in Andrew Hall lounges, third floor won by default. Also on Friday, March 23rd there was the first annual Andrew vs Bernie Hockey Game. There was a great turn out with many hockey players of all skill levels. Everyone had a great time! Andrew Hall won with a score of 14-7. There was also celebratory events held in both Andrew in Bernie afterwards. Last night RLA's in Bernie made pancakes for the residents.

11- Planning is also underway for the Miss. Marion/ Mr. Bernie Pageant that will be held this Friday, March 30th, from 7-10 pm in the Wanda Wyatt! The Residence Awards and After Party will be held Saturday March 31st. The awards will be given out from 7-9 pm and the after party will be held from 1am, in the Wanda Wyatt!

4-9-10 EDUCATION

Not in attendance.

4-9-11 FIRST YEAR

Dry Trivia and Wing night at the Wave tonight.

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

Two funding requests, pending on proper applications.

-Rainbow Alliance--> \$50 pending application, for event hosting

-Residences--> request for colour printing costs covered by union. Looking into Residence budgeting for events, to see if it is within their own jurisdiction to fund such expenses.

Discussion over future of VP Finance Committee (Natalie in China, Dave's impeachment)--> The committee will continue, assuming Council feels we can continue to do an adequate job with smaller numbers in Committee

Budget Discussions

Looking into ensuring the budget remains on track and remains balanced or with a surplus. We had some over-expectations for revenue (Wave), so other areas will not grow to make up for it. For example, it is expected that our funding pool for requests will remain at \$2500 for next year rather than increase, and we will examine cuts to the budget for Executive travel expenses, etc. Also included in the future examinations will be the possibility of making the Cadre independent of the Union.

4-10-5 VP ACTIVITIES' COMMITTEE

We had a meeting last Tuesday, we just went over what events will be happening for the rest of the year, and decided that next meeting which will be this tuesday we will be discussing ideas for events next year.

5-1 CADRE PRESENTATION

Motion: MacPhail/Deziel; To stop printing The Cadre for a one year trial run and to allow structure and finance issues to be brought forward in the 2012-2013 budget.

*Note: Travis Gordon abstained.

Motion: *Carried*

5-2 HIRING BOARD

Motion: Livingstone/Lane; To move into camera.

Motion: *Carried*

Motion: Livinstone/MacNeill; To move out of camera.

Motion: *Carried*

Motion: Livingstone/Deziel; To approve Hiring Board results discussed in camera.

*Note: Travis Gordon abstained.

Motion: *Carried*

5-3 2000+ EXPENDITURES

5-4 NEWSPAPERS IN RESIDENCE

5-5 STUDENT AS SCHOLARS

5-6 COUNCIL EXIT SURVEY

6-1 ADJOURNMENT

Deziel/Livinstone: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: *Carried*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

President's Signature: _____

Chair of Council's Signature: _____

