



*UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION
MINUTES-EIGHTH MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
January 13th, 2013*

The eighth meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held January 13th, 2012. Minutes were taken by Sarah Marie Lavers. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair of Council, Alex Heighinton.

PRESENT:

Kate VanGerven
Danielle MacDonald
Jon Millington
Anastasia Smallwood
Matt McInnis
Bob Deziel
Justin Lank
Lucas MacArthur
Sara Reeves

Emiley MacKinnon
Michelle MacDougald
Sylvie Morin
Shelby Russell
Matthew Rice
Amanda Johnston
Heather Wotton
Oliver Bork
Amy Doyle

Travis Gordon
Donald Buchanan
Mark Scott
Kylie Ford
Robyn Christianson
Edmond Yang
David MacLean

ABSENT:

Laura Wisener
Logan MacKinnon

ALSO PRESENT:

Alex Heighinton
Sarah Marie Lavers
Daniel MacDonald

Chelsea Merry
Curtis Moerike

*Note: Logan MacKinnon arrived at 7:55 pm.

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

2-1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Agenda was approved with modifications.

3-1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Minutes for Oct. 21st and Dec. 2nd were approved.

REPORTS

4-1 PRESIDENT

A. Act as the Chief Executive Officer and official spokesperson of the UPEI SU;

None.

B. Call meetings of the Executive;

Our meeting time will remain the same this semester. Mondays at 11:30 am. I thought I might take this moment to better explain what our executive meetings consist of. Executive Committee is the 5 executive and our General Manager. We use our time to update each other on developing projects or issues and because it's on Monday mornings, it usually helps us to plan out our week.

C. Draft and propose a schedule of Council Meeting dates and General Meeting dates at the last Council meeting of the academic year;

This is not required yet.

D. Serve as a member of the UPEI Senate;

I don't want to detract from the Senator's report so I'll just say I attended the most recent Steering Committee meeting, as well as the Senate meeting and participated in the Senate Honourary Degree Committee.

E. Serve as a member of the UPEI Board of Governors;

There have been no Board meetings since we last met. The next important matter that will be coming to the Board Finance & Audit committee is preliminary budget discussions. Returning councillors will remember the presentation last year by Tara Judson – UPEI's Comptroller, and Phil Hooper – Acting VP Admin & Finance. I've asked for another presentation this year so that we as a council are fully aware of how the process works and to answer any question you may have. Alaa has also indicated that he would like to come and meet with us to answer any questions we have. I'll look to Alex to set that up but it will likely be in February.

F. Act as liaison between the UPEI SU and groups outside the University;

Heckbert's Studio will be back on campus February 11-15 for grad portraits. You can make appointments online or by calling them.

The Banff Mountain Film Festival is returning this year, I'm just working on securing Duffy Amphitheatre through UPEI Facilities.

H. Be enrolled in no more than nine (9) semester hours per Academic Semester during their Presidential term;

Yup.

I. Act as liaison and ensure that adequate communication is maintained with the UPEI Administration;

Alaa and I continue to meet individually at least once a month and e-mail, call or text if need be. Danielle has weekly meetings with Christian Lacroix, VP Academic and so she maintains that relationship for the Student Union. I speak with Jackie Podger and Dr. Robert Gilmour as need be.

J. Pursue new initiatives to improve and expand the services of the UPEI SU;

I'll leave this to the draft plan which is being presented for your approval later this evening.

K. Set strategic direction and objectives for the organization;

See above.

L. Provide leadership and guidance to Council and staff;

There are a handful of administrative positions that I supervise as President. Two of them are Chief Returning Officer and Deputy Chief Returning Officer. Both of these positions have been filled on an interim basis and I'm enthusiastic about the work they've been doing so far. I'm happy to announce that they have determined office hours for the campaign period of the election, contacted UPEI ITSS for voting information, dealt with murky areas of the by-laws and so they should do very well.

Heavier advertising for positions is set to begin tomorrow with classroom visits by your current executive and a few other projects.

Other than those positions, I think that part of my job is just checking in with different staff members. Some of our full-time staff have worked here longer than I have, but they still take direction from council and from the executive so it's important for me to be aware of their needs and also of any issues they may be facing.

M. Attend CASA conferences as required, and;

Danielle and I will be headed to Vancouver in March for CASA's Annual General Meeting.

N. Perform other duties as required.

In my mind, this includes committee work around the University that benefits the student body, extracurricular activities around campus, and so much more. When the executive met in May and outlined our team contract, #8 was to be available as an executive. I have four months left as President of the Student Union, and as a member of the Student Union executive team and I hope to cram as much work in as I can. Thank you very much to all of you for being honest with us in those executive evaluations. We truly appreciate your compliments and your criticisms and I'm always open to hearing more of both as they apply to my performance in this position.

This concludes my report for tonight, so welcome back and I look forward to hearing your thoughts about the one year plan.

4-2 EXECUTIVE VP

Good evening council,

I hope your break was fantastic! So great to see everyone back.

I trust everyone received the CASA update. I will be sure to promptly forward those as they come. Please let me know if you have any questions about what was included.

Lobbying efforts have been focused the provincial government with the upcoming budget decisions that will be released this semester. I am waiting on an email from the government. Kate and I will have a meeting with both the Honourable Premiere, Robert Ghiz and Minister Roach before the month is out. I will be sure to update you on this as things come together.

You will get an update from our last Senate meeting. I'm sorry to report that I wasn't able to make Friday's meeting. I was with my family putting down my puppy and it took longer than it should have. I apologize.

There have been no academic appeals to assist.

Since our last meeting, I have been working with our associate dean in the arts department to continue working towards a course based program for the International Buddy Program. Please let me know if you want to contribute any feedback or have any questions about this project.

Like I reported at the last meeting, my timely meetings discussing the F05 policy with CASA is finally over (and successfully achieved its purpose!!!) I continue to participate in the National Advocacy team and updates as they come please see the accompanied news release that CASA sent out Friday. Although this does not directly affect you, it is important that you are aware what's happening.

4-3 VP ACTIVITIES

I hope that you've all had an excellent break. The past two weeks since getting back have been super busy, and I hope that the semester continues along these lines!

Things I'm working on right now are:

- Preparing for Frost Week
- Looking into possible acts for another big show this semester.
- Helping with International Development Week
- Getting ready for the Imagnus poster sale (this Tuesday and Wednesday!)
- Helping out with various other activities on campus

4-4 VP FINANCE

-Ensure that the financial records of the UPEI SU are properly kept: I have spent the last two weeks working very hard to finish the 2012 bank recs. I have two remaining.

-Issues which pertain to the finances of the UPEI SU: In the building of the draft plan document I have made sure to keep the executive aware of all financial issues.

-Financial Reports: Next council meeting I will be presenting a staggering amount of financial reports. If anyone has anything they would like to see in the report please come see me after. Make sure to attend the next meeting, it will be very interesting.

-Requests for funding: African Society.

-The Cadre: The Cadre is doing well. They have just hired a new business manager and are replacing Rhyanne with a new editor.

-My Committee will be meeting next week. Come see me after this meeting to discuss a time.

4-5 VP COMMUNICATIONS

It's been a while since we've last met so buckle up for all of the things that have been going on!

Again, I will be approaching my report as a line by line analysis of my job description so here it goes!

To start off I'm going to combine two lines of my job description into one explanation. Assume responsibility for all communications-related matters of the UPEISU; however, the President is the Chief Spokesperson of the student union and Provide a channel for, and solicit student input into all of the UPEISU's services: Nexus Yearbook, Cadre, The Wave, Entertainment, Mickey's Place, etc.

I was approached by Blair Vessey who is the director of IT Systems and Services about a student input assessment. I set up a meeting and met with Martin Yarborough who is the Manager of Educational Solutions

with Dell Technology. He is researching the frequency of educational technologies in the classroom. It was a really interesting assessment to partake in, especially since he's been doing them all over the world. There was a survey I was asked to do based on the frequency of different technologies in our classrooms so myself, and the rest of the executive participated in that and I should be getting a formal report of the results in February.

At the last meeting I spoke of meetings I was having with Dave Cormier in IC about a campaign to improve Panthernet. After a few more meetings before the break and one that I had this week with Dave we decided to add the Panthernet inquiry to the student input survey we were organizing.

This leads me to the student input survey. In one of our committee meetings, each committee member asked some students what they liked or disliked about campus. The interesting results lead us to create a student input survey. It's a simple, quick survey about the SU, the Wave, Mickey's Place and Panthernet. We launched it Thursday and as of Friday morning (as I write this) there are 51 results and it keeps going up every few minutes.

What we're hearing most from the survey? People really like and appreciate all of the services we offer, how energetic we are and that we work hard for students. What they don't like? Many of them don't know what we do, and wish we were more visible around campus. These are both easy fixes. Another thing is that many students accused the SU of being extremely cliquey, which in some cases makes us intimidating. About 75% of the students who took the survey expressed that they have issues with Panthernet. The most common places of people having issues surprisingly weren't the Library, but rather in Res and in the Business Building. My committee and I have been reviewing the results and will continue to along with the rest of the exec as more results come in.

Election Buzz is starting. I had a meeting earlier in the week with Kate, Jessie and Vicki (CRO and DCRO) to discuss the election process and promoting and everything. We are going to be arranging Executive visits to different classes to discuss the various positions and hopefully make people more aware of elections.

Next up in the job description: Be responsible for the UPEISU website and all social media outlets.

I've been switching some little things around on the website, and hopefully in the next couple of days there will be lots of election things up on the website.

Both the SU and Wave Facebook accounts have been growing in likes. The Wave more so than the SU page.

At my last report we had 890 followers on Twitter for the SU and we now have 931 averaging 11 new followers a week. Since our last meeting our SU account has had 39 retweets and 8 favorites.

We've started our election videos for the Spring General Election. I have filmed all the videos for the various exec positions, 3/5 are cut edited and up on YouTube now. And the rest will be finished Monday.

Next is, be responsible for producing media releases, internal communications, and general information reports about the student union's activities. When appropriate, information will be distributed on campus and to local, provincial, and national media:

I have not done any media releases in the last month, which has not required any provincial or national media.

Be responsible for maintaining a comprehensive calendar of events offered by the UPEISU:

Kendra and Lucas put up both the big Wave calendar and the big SU/Student Affairs Calendar on Tuesday. They also did mail drops of the mini Wave calendars to Browns Court in the freezing cold. We sent out the latest SU Update Email on Thursday, and will hopefully be doing them every two weeks now instead of once a month as requested by students.

Maintain contact with the University of Prince Edward Island's Communications/ Media Relations Department, and with external media groups:

In the last month alone I've had various meetings with IC and ITSS and various other groups on campus. There hasn't been the need to contact external media groups at any point in the last month.

Perform other duties as required:

The executive was approached by CBC to participate in the "Battle of the Books". We agreed and are reading the book "Two Solitudes". I have not started yet though, so if any of you have read it I will gladly accept summaries from any of you.

4-6 SENATE

The President's report once again focused mainly on the ongoing budget process and the different ways the university will deal with a tighter operating budget. There were also a few recruitment strategies discussed by various senators.

The Margaret and Wallace McCain Chair in Human Development and Health, Dr. Bill Montelpare, gave a very interesting presentation on his research regarding concussion in sport and determining when athletes are able to safely return to their sport post-concussion.

In addition, senate also approved a number of motions from Academic Planning and Curriculum Committee (APCC) regarding curriculum changes.

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

Nothing to report.

4-9-2 BUSINESS

Business Society:

- Xbox 360 NHL 2013 Tournament at Ises
- February 1, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Teams of 2
- Cost \$10 per player or \$20 per team
- Prizes TBA
- Signup in the Business Society Office

4-9-3 SCIENCE

- Bar Wars: Will take place on January 18th, Shirts to be sold Thursday January 10th, Friday January 11th and Monday January 14th 11:30- 1:30. There is a Facebook event that you can join for more information and the line up!
- The Physics Society is getting ready for the Atlantic Undergraduate Physics and Astronomy Conference (AUPAC) which is February 1-3 in Moncton.
- Applied Human Sciences Society is having a second semester student potluck and open meeting January 24th at 4pm in the Dining Room. - See Sylvie for more information on this.
- Computer Science is excited to be a part of Bar Wars this year. And if you are interested in joining this society, there is a Facebook page and they always have TONS of events on the go.
- Chemistry Society had a pool night at Ise's on Friday, January 11th at 8pm.
- Engineering Society is hosting a dodgeball tournament on January 13th, it's for teams of 5 and registration is \$10. It is only limited to engineering students. There is also a 50/50 raffle draw, and a soccer team/ activity of some sort being set up. Some other activities are also currently being planned, see Engineering Society Facebook page for more information.

4-9-4 NURSING

Nothing to report.

4-9-5 AVC

Nothing to report.

4-9-6 INTERNATIONAL

Nothing to report.

4-9-7 ACCESSIBILITY

Nothing to report.

4-9-8 RESIDENCE

Nothing to report.

4-9-10 EDUCATION

- Education Students are back in classes at the University until mid-March.
- Practicums went well in general and were a positive experience for most education students

- Upcoming Events:

Lion King on the Big Screen: @ Summerside Empire Theater, General Admission \$5, Ed Soc. Members: \$4, and children under 5: FREE. Tickets on sale from Jan. 14-18th. from Ed. Soc. Members
Multi-venue Social Event: Friday, Feb. 1st

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 REPORTS DISCUSSION

Motion: Millington/Doyle; To give Sarah Marie Lavers speaking rights.

Motion: *Carried*

-Strawpoll was pretty evenly voted upon.

5-2 LAPTOP DISCUSSION

Motion: Millington/Deziel; To move the rest of discussion to the end of meeting to see how the ban goes during the rest of the meeting.

Motion: *Carried*

Discussion:

Heather: Liked how everyone was paying attention and asking questions but would like to have current documents displayed on the board for everyone to follow along instead of printing.

Daniel: Likes the laptops and the benefit it has to everyone

Danielle: Likes no laptops but having cell phones out and visible. Chair has the right to call people out on not paying attention.

David: Uses his laptop for everything and only takes notes on his laptop.

Chelsea: Strongly supporting no laptops.

Amy: Notes have been just as distracting as laptops and doesn't see a problem with sending a text. Also having laptops out can be distracting for neighbours as well.

Michelle: Having laptops for needed purposes and to put them away when they are not needed.

Heather: If having to send notes or talking in depth with someone then the rest of council would probably want to hear about it.

Donald: If you can't pay attention with laptop out then maybe council isn't really the place for you.

Kate: The nature of these meetings is for everyone to have their say out-loud. Having laptop is okay but there is not real need to have it open during the whole meeting. It should be something to use as need be and not something to have open all the time.

Alex: The evaluations stated that engagement is down and other counillors have also suggested this option.

David: How would professors see this and reflect it in their classrooms?

Travis: To ensure that we talk about this after the trial.

5-3 IMPEACHMENT CURTIS MOERIKE

Secret Ballet Results:

Yes to removal: 21 voted in favour.

No to removal: 5 voted against.

Abstain: 1.

5-4 WAVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

5-5 DRAFT PLAN PRESENTATION

Discussion:

Michelle: Wanted clarification on Section 4.3 as to why it is necessary. Jon stated that it was for an insurance measure more than anything else to make sure what societies are getting themselves into. Kate also noted that it was to benefit for societies to make it easier for them to create events for students.

Heather: Wanted clarification on Section 3.1 where it says "issues"; Section 3.5 where it says "Off-guard". Section 3.6 change "to properly reflect the decision made by council in 2011" to say "changes to the constitution made by council in 2011."

Shelby pointed out some type-os.

Bob: Section 3.8 Doesn't like how it takes the ombudsmen and telling them what to do specifically. Ombudsmen should be looking out for what's best for students

Travis: Ombudsmen was created for UPEI-student problems as long as other issues but UPEI now has own ombudsmen so this duty is not necessarily needed anymore.

Travis: Section 1.1; "Executive Assistant" makes reference to help staff and exec members and wondering why research wasn't included in name of position.

Kate: Research assistant isn't the proper name for the position because it doesn't encompass all of their duties.

Travis: Concerns on adding Executive VP into developing lobby documents during the summer months because council does not meet and also if the Executive VP will be paid in doing so.

Nicole: Wondering if President has the time to help the Executive VP in the summer months with the lobby docs; Danielle noted that the work is shared but you don't want to take away part of Executive VP job.

Kate: This is a way we see the process of provincial lobbying to become more effective during the year.

Motion: Deziel/Lane; To approve the draft plan for the 2013-2014 fiscal year with the discussed changes in council.

Motion: *Carried*

6-1 ANIMAL OF THE WEEK

Giant Kidney Worm... yum.

7-1 ADJOURNMENT

Ford/ Millington: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: *Carried*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

President's Signature: _____

Chair of Council's Signature: _____

