



*UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION  
MINUTES-FOURTH MEETING  
STUDENT COUNCIL  
November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012*

The sixth meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Minutes were taken by Sarah Marie Lavers. The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Chair of Council, Alex Heighinton.

**PRESENT:**

Kate VanGerven  
Jon Millington  
Anastasia Smallwood  
Matt McInnis  
Bob Deziel  
Justin Lank  
Lucas MacArthur  
Sara Reeves  
David MacLean  
Logan MacKinnon

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

Travis Gordon  
Kylie Ford  
Robyn Christianson  
Laura Wisner  
Donald Buchanan

**ABSENT:**

Nicole Lane  
Kelsey Cormier  
Curtis Moerike

Mark Scott  
Edmund Yang  
Danielle MacDonald

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Alex Heighinton  
Sarah Marie Lavers  
Daniel MacDonald

Chelsea Merry  
Angela Marchbank (Guest)  
Ryhanne Beatty (Cadre)



1-1 CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

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

3-1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Minutes for September 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup> were approved.

## REPORTS

### 4-1 PRESIDENT

So thank you for allowing Danielle and I to Skype into this meeting. Hopefully it's not too difficult. So I'll talk a little bit about some of the committee work that's been going on. The first is the E-learning committee, which has a very specific mandate of trying to decipher what UPEI means when we say "e-learning" and then to make recommendations on how to move forward with a strategic plan. Our focus here as an SU sitting on the committee is to protect students from being gouged by access code fees, quality online teaching and so on.

Planning committee has met several times and we now have a draft plan typed which will be circulated prior to our December 2nd meeting for your review. It consists of four different themes: Advocacy, Communications, Finances & Operations and Social. I will say that it includes steps for how it should be created, circulated and ultimately approved for the next year.

Policy committee has also been very busy but you'll hear lots more about that later on in the meeting.

The Board of Governors Finance & Audit committee had a presentation concerning the UPEI pension plan this past week. A representative for Eckler's (the Actuary) was facilitating the presentation and then there was time for questions and comments. I do feel like I need to say how important it is for the UPEISU to have a representative on this committee. By being there, we're able to have a better understanding of the University's fiscal position and therefore more realistic in our requests.

Other than that, Danielle and I have been preparing for CASA's Annual Lobby Conference in Ottawa. We had interviews with Holland College's Surveyor, CBC Radio as well as Ocean 100. Stay tuned throughout the week for more updates from those outlets as well.

### 4-2 EXECUTIVE VP

Coming to you from down town Ottawa! Kate and I are here getting ready for meetings first thing tomorrow morning in preparation for the week. Before I go into detail about the coming week here is a few of the past week's highlights.

Owen from Campus Trust met with us and went into more detail about our student plans! International Buddy Program meetings were very productive and the restructuring for next year is coming along well!

My sister came to work for 'bring your kid to work day' and she thoroughly approves of the work we are doing for students hehe

Got to do some neat media communications in preparation for the week in Ottawa! Lots of wrapping up with committee work for this weekend as well.

We started a council Facebook group so if you're not in that yet, get the person beside you to add you!

I wanted to give you guys a look into our week away so you have an idea of what we are doing here. LobbyCon is organized by the CASA staff and mobilizes us and the 25 other member schools to meet with federal government officials to advocate for students! Kate and I will be meeting with senators, ministers and running around together and separately in teams with other CASA member and you will see updates from Kate and I as the week progresses

#### 4-3 VP ACTIVITIES

I'm going to keep it short tonight. Chelsea and I spent 4 days of last week in Liverpool, Nova Scotia for the Canadian Organization of Campus Activities regional conference, conveniently timed to coincide with Nova Scotia Music Week. We spent the days in round-table discussions with representatives from other schools, and our nights watching Nova Scotian groups performing. We got a lot of great ideas that we hope to bring in this year.

Since I was away, I unfortunately had to miss Tony Lee, who was here last Thursday, but apparently it was quite the show.

Last night, Corb Lund & The Hurtin' Albertans were at The Wave. Attendance left quite a bit to be desired (we were at about 1/3 capacity), but the show was excellent. I'll be giving a more detailed report on both of those events at the next council meeting.

The OneMatch event on Thursday was a great success with close to 100 potential donors swabbed.

Movember Canada's total is \$17,877,466.

My birthday is on Tuesday.

#### 4-4 VP FINANCE

Nothing to report.

#### 4-5 VP COMMUNICATIONS

The last two weeks have been jam-packed with STUFF.

Jon and I attended our regional COCA conference in the booming town of Liverpool, NS. Actually it was more like you drive through Liverpool, drive another 15 minutes on old and dirt roads and then you got to where we were. That being said, the place we stayed was beautiful and it was great getting to see all of our friends from the other East Coast schools. The reason we were in Liverpool for our conference was because that is where it was chosen to hold Nova Scotia Music Week. So during the day we held our meetings and at night we got to take in the various showcases as buyers. There was a lot of amazing music but my favorite part by far

was the 5-minute pitches in the mornings. Artists had the chance to show us what they could do in no more than 5 minutes. It was really cool to see how the different artists presented themselves.

It was also great getting to hear how the other schools have been doing so far this semester. We heard all about their Frosh weeks, which was a bit different for Jon and I since it's Student Services and the NSO coordinator who do our New Student Orientation. We also discussed upcoming events and how events have gone so far that we've been holding. Fun fact, Kaleigh, who is the me of St. FX has 8 promotion people who work under her (the Kendras), and 150 volunteers (the 4 councillors I have). So it really is amazing to see how different things are at other schools. If anyone wants to know anything else about the conference feel free to let me know!

I've had a couple meetings with Kyla Hennessey in Student Services about making a collaborative calendar (similar to our Wave calendar) that will have events of things going on on campus. So I was working on that throughout the week and the rest of November is now completed and in the bulletin board. Other than that I spent a lot of my time with Kendra promoting Tony Lee, Corb Lund, and Puck n' Beer. This report is a lot better than the last one because Puck n' Beer was well attended this time, so that was great to see! We also had Amy in the Pride costume at the game again, so thank you very much to her.

My committee and I are in the beginning (very beginning) stages of planning our Winter Carnival. We've also decided to put a lot more emphasis on getting student input as to what they want and don't want to see and what they're liking and not liking around campus. This is something that really interests me and because my job isn't just about promoting and facebooking there are a lot of other duties.

#### 4-6 SENATE

Nothing to report.

#### 4-6 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Not in attendance.

#### 4-7 OMBUDSMAN

Not in attendance.

#### 4-8 GSR

Nothing to report.

#### 4-9 FACULTIES/GROUPS

##### 4-9-1 ARTS

History Society

The society laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Charlottetown last weekend. They have started doing trivia at the wave on Wednesdays and would like students to know they play pool at Dooley's often. They went paintballing yesterday and had a great turnout. They also have a movie night coming up this Thursday November 22 in room 116 Main from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. That is all they have left planned for the fall semester.

#### Soc/Anth Society

They have elected a new executive with Tyler Davies taking the position of President. (Honestly I e-mailed them too late to have any other information regarding their new executive and what they are up to.)

#### Modern Languages

The French club had a very successful pub crawl this past Friday.

#### Political Science Society

Pub Crawl went well. The society is beginning to plan a Model UN trip in Toronto!

#### Music Society

The music society has let us know that they run internally and are quite comfortable to go directly to the department when they have issues. They do however ask that we mention their Christmas variety show on December 19th at the Guild. The show starts at 8pm and costs 10\$. They have asked that we spread the word after they faced a difficult time with their annual haunted house. They are having weekly meetings with their six members (all executive) and will not be sharing their minutes as they feel they could be taken out of context.

#### 4-9-2 BUSINESS

1) Business Society is selling tickets for the Dancing Under The Stars Winter Formal on November 29- tickets are \$10 for business society members, \$15 for non-members and there are only 125 tickets available. They are hoping to sell out fast!

2) The Annual Food Drive is happening NOW!

#### 4-9-3 SCIENCE

## Computer Science:

The Computer Science society is doing a second jacket order, and are still in the planning stages of a few events that were included in the last report: Event pages can be found on Facebook.

## Chemistry:

The Chemistry society is having a get together at either Dooly's or Ise's with pizza and pool this Thursday coming, November 22nd. They are also doing a Secret Santa. If you want to participate in the Secret Santa you can sign up in the Chemistry lounge in KCI by Friday, November 23rd 2012.

## Nutrition and Family Science:

Applied Human Sciences Committee will have their clothing in before exams, around the 26th of November. They are also holding a tree decorating event on Monday, November 19th from 11:30-1:30.

## Biology:

1st Biology Pubcrawl was a success.

Biology and Physics will be attending trivia at the Wave on Wednesday for their Duffy Cup challenge.

## 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



1. B.Ed students are going on practicum from Nov.19th til Dec.14th and will return to normal classes at the University starting on Jan. 3rd
2. The Practicum Question and Answer session scheduled for Nov. 15th was cancelled due to a lack of interest
3. The Information and Input Session regarding the changes being made to the B.Ed program in 2014 was attended by 3 first years, 3 second years, and a representative from the French program. At the meeting the research leading up to these changes was briefly presented, and the students attending the meeting were given a sheet on which they were asked to write down comments or suggestions about the current and proposed program. These comment sheets were handed in at the end of the session to the program coordinator, and the discussion during the session was recorded. The proposed changes include:
  - Changing the program from three cohorts (Early, Middle, Senior) to two cohorts  
(Primary/Elementary, Intermediate/Senior)
  - Program Structure: Year 1, Semester 1 – Foundations Courses  
Year 1, Semester 1 – Methods Courses  
Year 2 – Specializations
  - Methods Courses Taken by Cohort  
P/E : Language Arts, Science, Math, Socials (15 credits)  
I/S : Language Arts, Math, Science, Socials (12-15 credits)
  - Student Outcomes  
Students will have to demonstrate the Essential Learning's of the B.Ed program through an e-portfolio kept and updated throughout the two year program
  - Graduation  
Each student must sit down for an interview with the program coordinators and present their e-portfolio and explain how they met each of the Essential Learning's

#### 4-9-11 FIRST YEAR

Everyone had just finished their exams. Engineering and Nursing students have said that school was difficult and some of had considered dropping out. A couple science students had complained about the month long exams. Talking to some of the art students they enjoyed their exams. The business students seem to be excelling in their first year classes. But everyone is relieved to be done of exams.

#### 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

- 1) Selected a chair: Michelle MacDougald
- 2) Discussion about new idea for the Wave for the fall of 2013. Details are still confidential, more to come.
- 3) Looked into budgets --> discussion of reorganization possibilities
- 4) Discussion on Chartwell's contract --> looking into when the contract ends and what the current contract allows the SU to do. Possibility of looking into other options when the contract is finished.
- 5) Open discussion about ideas for the SU.

#### 4-10-5 VP ACTIVITIES' COMMITTEE

The activities committee met on November 15th in the wave. We discussed the Movember pub-crawl, and the various kinks that needed to be ironed out before this would be promoted. We also discussed the STI testing and what we could do to improve it. We discussed what went well with the events that had happened since we last met, as well as getting some finishing touches done for this weekends Corb Lund concert. We had a short brainstorming session and then finally discussed the idea of working with the Residence Life Coordinator, Gene Thompson.

#### 5-1 ATHLETIC'S REP. POSITION PRESENTATION

##### **Discussion:**

Danielle and Kate think that a current council member should be put on Athletics and Rec. Committee.

**Motion:** Millington/Doyle; To appoint a councillor to sit on the Athletics Advisory Committee.

##### **Discussion:**

Kate says it can work the same way as the library committee where they approach us and we send over a councillor. Dave MacLean suggested that there should be a trial run of Kate's idea and review it in a few years. Jon commented that this would be hard to regulate because of the high change-over of councillors.

**Point of Information:** Wondering if this should be included in by-law for SU committees.

Point of Order: Travis notes that motion is out of order because they are asking for a councillor to sit on a non-SU committee and those are the only ones needed to be listed in by-laws.

Jon retracts motion.

**Motion:** *Retracted*

**Motion:** Gordon/Wotton; To add an Athletics and Recreation Representative and that policy committee to begin to look into the process.

**Discussion:**

Michelle agrees with this motion because she knows from personal experience that because of the smaller amount of councillors next year it will be hard for them to keep up with all the other SU committees.

Jon said there should be a defined constituency and not include all students and policy committee should look into it.

Danielle thinks that the current structure in the Athletics department is good enough for any student to be involved because they would be sitting on committees and more involved because of that.

Heather noted that it would be useful to have the position appointed so Athletics and Rec. can choose someone that they know would be very involved.

Angela Marchbank asked if it was possible to bring this position to the student body for them to apply to and that Athletics and Rec. would pick the student from the applications.

**Amendment:** Millington/Wotton; To have Policy Committee look over the changes which would be necessary to create a non-voting position on council to be appointed by Athletics and Recreation.

**Discussion:**

**Call to Question:** Bob Deziel.

**Point of Information:** Heather is wondering if council has time before the election to do this.

Kate said because it's constitutional it has to be looked at next policy meeting.

**Amendment:** *Carried*

\*Note: Travis Gordon and Donald Buchanan voted against, David MacLean and Robyn Christensen abstained.

**Amended Motion:** *Carried*

\*Note: Travis Gordon and Donald Buchanan voted against, Sarah Herbert, Oliver Bork and Anastasia Smallwood abstained.

5-2 REPORTS TALK

Bob notes that our meetings are long, and this year they're longer than usual. With all rep reports and all exec committees doing a report, that becomes 24 separate reports. I understand the importance of keeping up with what is going on on campus, but if something was extremely pertinent it can be brought up as a separate agenda item. As well, taking an example from senate... The only person who gives a report is the president. If everyone gave a report, it would take a whole lot longer and we're stressed for time as it is.

**Motion:** Deziel/Wotton; To make the reports section of our meetings be shorten to only include verbal reports from the executive. All other reports from all other groups and committees will instead be submitted in written form to the chair prior to the meeting.

\*Note: Travis Gordon abstained.

**Motion:** *Carried*

Kate notes that Mount A execs send their reports with the agenda so that councillors can have questions for them before the meeting.

#### 5-3 NOTICE OF NON-CONFIDENCE

**Motion:** Gordon/Wotton; To remove Kelsey Cormier due to non-confidence.

Secret ballot results:

Yes to removal: 23

No to removal: 1

Abstain: 1

**Motion:** *Carried*

#### 5-4 POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

##### Constitution:

##### **Discussion:**

Kate went through the constitution and noted each change that is going to be made. Mostly changes due to changing specifically VP Communications and VP Finance to 2 Non-Voting Vice Presidents.

Daniel is bringing to the table that future council has the opportunity to change VPA back to elected and it would be possible to lose a large amount of money. Kate notes that we need to put faith in the future council. Jon said also that council wasn't aware of the amount of money that was being lost until it was too late.

Kate noted that there will be a change that the nomination applications and applications for hired VP positions due the same day so that the person will be committed to that specific position and not bank on one to fall back on.

Kate also notes that we would like to change the name of Executive VP to VP Advocacy/ Jon notes that it doesn't need to be changed and that the current name implies that that position would take over for the president in their absence. Kate notes that in the job description of Exec VP (or VP Advocacy) states what they should do in the president's absence.

Michelle is wondering why of the name change. Kate says it adheres to other SU across Canada and that meeting with external groups can be confusing on what Exec VP really means.

Jon wants to know if we should also change VPA to VP Student Life because the name has a better description in the name itself. Kate says yes.

Eliminating IB students who have 7 or more courses from voting for First Year Rep.

Travis is wondering why the clause still exist because the campus meeting doesn't do it anyways. Kate thinks it's still important to have just in case and that we really should be doing it anyway in regards to changes in by-laws and the constitution.

**Motion:** Millington/Gordon; To accept the referendum questions as presented:

1. Are you in favour of the proposed changes to Article VI UPEI SU Council and Article XVII Impeachment Procedure which determine the composition of the Student Union Council as well as voting and non-voting privileges?
2. Are you in favour of the proposed change to Article VIII - By-laws of the UPEI SU Council which eliminates the term "student newspaper" and is replaced by "all UPEI SU campus media"
3. Are you in favour of the proposed changes to Article XIII - General Meetings which would stipulate that an Annual General Meeting must be held no later than sixty (60) days after the first day of classes of the fall and winter semester.

Point of Information: Kate is wondering if it should be split to separate motions but no one thinks they should.

**Motion:** *Carried*

By-Law Change (Social Media):

Bob notes that social media should be changed to be able to keep up their facebook page, etc. can be kept up but nothing can be updated after 9pm. Bob notes that when people want to vote for people they can't view facebook page/website because it is removed and then student voting doesn't know who their voting for. Bob also notes that it is hard to remove things from the internet in general.

**Motion:** Deziel/Wotton; To accept the following changes to the Elections By-Law: **See Appendix A.**

**Motion:** *Carried*

Third Party Campaigning:

**Discussion:**

Travis states that people are able to talk about election that is happening even on those days and able to mention candidate by name and that they don't have to fear CRO b/c of fines. Specified "Materials" in by-law because this would eliminate this confusion.

**Motion:** Gordon/; To approve the following changes to the Elections By-Law as presented to council: **See Appendix A.**

**Motion:** *Carried*

Poster Fines:

**Motion:** Deziel/MacDougla; To Approve the changes of Elections By-Law as presented in council: **See Appendix A.**

**Discussion:**

Bob thinks we shouldn't be fining people right off the bat and that it can have a negative effect on the election in general. Any student on campus after 9 pm are allowed to take down any posters. This allows for less automatic fines and leaves the decision of who gets fined the full amount or the base about to the CRO. Bob also note that this policy is used in other SU across the Maritimes.

Kylie doesn't think it's fair because she left one poster up and she get fined 10 dollars which would be the same as a person who left up 7 posters. Bob said that the CRO might not have giving her a fine in the first place if it was left up to the discretion of the CRO to figure out who ut the effort in to get their campaign materials down. Kate encourages this motion.

**Motion:** *Carried*

\*Note: David MacLean abstained.

**Motion:** Gordon/Deziel; To approve the constitution as presented to council by policy committee: **See Appendix B.**

**Motion:** *Carried*

6-1 STUDENT UNION CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

6-2 COUNCIL SWEATERS

6-3 ACCESSIBILITY LENS AD-HOCK COMMITTEE

7-1 ADJOURNMENT

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

**Motion:** *Carried*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

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

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

