



*UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION  
MINUTES-FOURTH MEETING  
STUDENT COUNCIL  
November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012*

The fifth meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Minutes were taken by Sarah Marie Lavers. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chair of Council, Alex Heighinton.

**PRESENT:**

Kate VanGerven  
Danielle MacDonald  
Jon Millington  
Anastasia Smallwood  
Bob Deziel  
Justin Lank  
Lucas MacArthur  
Nicole Lane  
Sarah Herbert

Michelle MacDougald  
Sylvie Morin  
Amanda Johnston  
Heather Wotton  
Oliver Bork  
Amy Doyle  
Matthew MacInnis  
Laura Wisner  
Robyn Christianson

Travis Gordon  
Donald Buchanan  
Mark Scott  
Kylie Ford

**ABSENT:**

Logan MacKinnon  
Sara Reeves  
Kelsey Cormier

Shelby Russell  
Matthew Rice  
Curtis Moerike

Edmund Chang  
Emiley MacKinnon  
Justin Lank

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Alex Heighinton  
Sarah Marie Lavers  
Daniel MacDonald

Chelsea Merry  
Ryenne Beatty (Cadre Rep)  
Melissa Morrow (GM)

Owen Ralph (Campus Trust  
Rep.)

\*Note: Logan MacKinnon arrived at 8:15 pm and left early.

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

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

3-1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Minutes were moved for approval to next meeting.

## REPORTS

### 4-1 PRESIDENT

#### Maritime Bus

Coach Atlantic Group is filling the void left by Acadien Bus Lines as of December 1st, 2012. They will begin taking reservations as of November 15th and we're currently in discussions with them about package deals, on campus bookings and curbside pick-up. For those of you who live off-island and rely on the bus to get home, I'd love to hear your feedback on this.

#### Trius Tours Issues

The organizers and attendees of the Shinerama Pubcrawl had some difficulty with a particular Trius Transit bus driver. I've followed up with Trius staff and am expecting an update from Mike Cassidy (owner) shortly.

#### Board Finance & Audit

We had a meeting and acknowledged the reality of another potential cut to the operating grant from the province. The board F & A committee meetings are always pretty heavy, but I'd like to say that the University – so far – has been very open and approachable with all of our questions concerning budget.

#### Phillip Brown

Danielle and I met with Phillip Brown who is the Director of Regional Affairs for MP Gail Shea. We had a very productive meeting that served two functions: first, it allowed Danielle and I to test-run our "lobby skills" and second, we were able to gauge the possible reaction from the Minister through her Director of R..A.

#### Minister of Innovation & Advanced Learning: Allen Roach

All five executive members were finally able to meet with Minister Roach and we used this opportunity to ask some straightforward questions about the operating grant and the discussions surrounding it. It was by no means enlightening or encouraging, but we did reinforce the fact that there needs to be stronger and more frequent communications between the SU and himself.

#### Digafie and the Pit

Digafie, who works in the International Office here at UPEI is looking to make over the pit (in the library) in order to be more of a social space for all students as opposed to a study area. I've asked Jon to work on this as well to see what kind of progress we can make together.

#### Meetings with President Alaa + VP A&F Jackie, Comptroller Tara, & Librarian Mark

In the last week, we've had two meetings with the UPEI President Alaa, Jackie Podger (VP A&F) and Tara Judson (Comptroller) to discuss how the money juggling will pan out for students. Out of this conversation came the topic of textbooks, access codes and other supplementary materials. What can we do to alleviate the financial burden on students while publishing companies are continuing to drive prices up? We discussed our idea of creating a policy that would say that any supplementary materials assigned for marks cannot exceed XX% of the course fee. President Alaa was excited about these kinds of ideas and decided we needed to form a working group with University Librarian Mark Leggott in order to explore the future of textbooks at UPEI. Danielle and I will keep you posted!

#### 4-2 EXECUTIVE VP

Nothing to report.

#### 4-3 VP ACTIVITIES

Hello Council!

We had two big concerts since we last met. Tim Chaisson and Poor Young Things kicked off their new tour at The Wave last Friday. Turnout was poor, which we feel was due to the number of other events also on the same night. Halloween Pub was a smashing success, and I'll talk a bit more about the numbers involved with that later on.

Coming up over the next two weeks we have two more big events. Tony Lee will be here this Thursday to hypnotize people, and Corb Lund will be here next Saturday. Tony Lee is wet/dry, and Corb Lund is 19+. Tickets for Corb Lund are on sale now, so tell your friends.

On the 15th, OneMatch will be on campus. This is a program which is seeking to create a marrow donor database in Canada. They are specifically looking for non-caucasian donors who are, or are planning on

becoming, permanent residents. If you know anyone who fits those criteria, you should make sure that they go and “get swabbed” next Thursday.

I’ll be away this Thursday and through the weekend at the COCA regional conference in the sprawling metropolis of Liverpool NS. Wish me luck.

I will also add that thus far Movember Canada has raised \$5,329,085. I also have some Halloween Pub tickets here for anyone who wants one of their collection!

#### 4-4 VP FINANCE

Nothing to report.

#### 4-5 VP COMMUNICATIONS

So since our last meeting I’ve been doing a lot on the promotion front with Kendra. That being said, it’s been a slightly discouraging week too. We wrapped up the Halloween Pub Scavenger Hunt with the winner winning 4 tickets to the event. I later found out through Facebook that he was selling them. So whether or not the scavenger hunt will happen next year or not, I’m not sure. Frankly I’d rather make money instead of seeing someone else make money for what they got for free.

For the last couple weeks we’ve been advertising for Puck N’ Beer. It was last night. We promoted it through Facebook, posters, and at Friday night’s hockey game we gave out free popcorn with little flyers attached. That being said, no one came to puck n’ beer and we got in trouble for handing out free popcorn. Apparently since Subway has a license and we don’t we can’t give out popcorn anymore (even though we were allowed last year).

I’ve talked it through with Kendra and a few people on our committee and we’re changing the November 17th puck n’ beer to November 16th, both because the 17th is Corb Lund and because we always had success with Puck N’ Beer on Fridays last year. Now for the good things!

For Halloween Pub we made a photobooth for people to pose in and had a photographer taking pictures. It went over very well, and I should have the pictures tomorrow to put up on the Wave Facebook page.

Don’t forget that our General Meeting is tomorrow! We’ve been promoting it a lot (have you seen the arrows going into MacMillan?). We have a list of people confirmed as coming and I have my committee handing out flyers tomorrow prior to the meeting.

#### 4-6 SENATE

The first item on the agenda was the discussion of scholarships and a presentation by Laura Lee Noonan. The short version of this presentation was that there are less scholarships, but more money for

students. Therefore, each individual scholarship is larger on the whole. However, the report was preliminary so there needs to be more research and a more complete picture will be delivered in the future.

The next item discussed was the president's report. In this report, Dr. Aziz discussed a number of things, including:

- The Macleans magazine university ranking, in which UPEI fell from 4th place to 5th place. Dr.

Aziz's explanations for this were, firstly, that the difference between 1st and 10th is so small to begin

with, that the difference between 4th and 5th is infinitesimally small. As well, the way in which we

report scholarship money/number of awards could affect our rating, and the measure of the school's "reputation" is arbitrary.

- The dare to dream campaign is going well. There have been over 130 submissions which will be considered over the next few months. Dr. Aziz does not expect that all will be implemented, but that is the ultimate goal of the project.

- Dr. Aziz was leaving the country shortly after the senate meeting, and will be meeting with alumni and re-networking with them. As well, Dr. Aziz will be travelling to Dublin on Monday and will be visiting the University College Dublin to discuss collaboration with a 2 + 2 business program with our institutions.

Following the president's report, Don Desserud gave his presentation on the reorganization and restructuring of senate committees.

Finally, the final enrolment numbers were presented. The number of full-time UPEI students roughly remained the same, which increases amongst the graduate student and international student

population, and small decreases in Canadian undergraduate students. However, Dr. Aziz did point out

that over the next six years Prince Edward Island will have a significant shift in demographics such that

there will be less students in the PEI school system, potentially resulting in fewer UPEI students. These

are future problems which much be addressed.

4-6 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Nothing to report.

#### 4-7 OMBUDSMAN

Not in attendance.

#### 4-8 GSR

A GSA Halloween Party, cancellation of the Fall corn boil and the upcoming wine and cheese event to report.

#### 4-9 FACULTIES/GROUPS

##### 4-9-1 ARTS

Nothing to report.

##### 4-9-2 BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

##### 4-9-3 SCIENCE

-Complaint about smell in Duffy Building, has been smelly for a couple of weeks.

-Applied Human Science put in a team for the Kidney Foundation of Canada's Annual Bowl-A-Thon. Event took place Nov.4th.

-Biology Society Pubcrawl Nov.16th

Shirts sold : Nov.7-9th 11:30-1:30 in the Duffy building outside the lecture theater.

-Biology Society Clothing Sale Nov.7-9th 11:30-1:30 in the Duffy building outside the lecture theater.

-Computer science had a few events: a PC LAN party and are now planning a pubcrawl, pool night, game board night and a console LAN party. Event details are on their Facebook page. They also ordered society jackets.

##### 4-9-4 NURSING

The nursing society finished their annual clothing sale this week. Shirts are on sale Monday and Tuesday of this week for the Nursing pub crawl taking place on Friday, November 9.

##### 4-9-5 AVC

Nothing to report.



#### 4-9-6 INTERNATIONAL

Not in attendance.

#### 4-9-7 ACCESSIBILITY

On October 15 Accessibility Services at UPEI was relocated to the student services in the SU building where the Counselling Services are located and will be operating under the working title of the “Webster academic center”. First year advising and recruitment has been moved to Kelly to make room. The Dr.s office and health center will stay in the same place.

#### 4-9-8 RESIDENCE

Nothing to report.

#### 4-9-10 EDUCATION

- Education Halloween Pub at Fishbones on Oct 27th was sold out and well attended!
- Clothing on sale in the Education Lounge until Nov 16th
- Question and answer session for Practicum on Nov 15th at 6pm
- Discussion and information session Nov 14 about the upcoming changes being made to the BEd program for the 2014 school year
- All Education students go on a four week practicum beginning on Nov 19th

#### 4-9-11 FIRST YEAR

Nothing to report.

### 4-10 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

#### 4-10-1 PRESIDENT’S COMMITTEE

Our committee has met twice, Kate has brought some great ideas to our group that we are eager to get started on, one of them was putting in policy or just making professors aware that you don’t have to assign textbooks. The policy would be that extra cost for the course cannot exceed “x” percentage of the total cost of the course. We also talked about Kate’s “Penny for your thoughts” and where we would get funding for it. We had a great couple of meetings.

#### 4-10-2 EXECUTIVE VP’S COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

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

The committee's first meeting was held on Tuesday, October 30th. There were three members in attendance: Chelsea, Kendra, Amy. The ombudsmen and another student councillor sat in on the meeting as well.

There was no chairperson chosen at the meeting as less than half of the committee was there. It was decided that the chair would be chosen at the next meeting to be held Sunday, November-04-12. Puck 'N Beer was discussed and ways to promote the event to be held at the Wave / men's hockey game. It was decided that a wall divider would be used to set up a photo booth at the Halloween Pub. The committee brainstormed ways to promote Corb Lund as well as Tony Lee. "November" flyers of daily events for the Wave were given out to be distributed amongst Browns Court.

The committee's second meeting was held on Sunday, November 4th. There were five members in attendance: Chelsea, Kendra, Amy, Lucas, Sylvie, Donald. The meeting was spent making two large banners to promote Tony Lee. One poster will be located in the residence cafeteria and the other will be in front of Mikey's Place in the Student Center.

Upcoming Events:

Tony Lee Hypnotist: Thursday, November 8th @ the Wave. 8pm 8 bucks Wet/Dry

Corb Lund and the Hurtin' Albertans: Saturday, November 17th @ the Wave. 10pm +19

4-10-4 VP FINANCE'S COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

4-10-5 VP ACTIVITIES' COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

5-1 CAMPUS TRUST PRESENTATION

5-2 SWEARING IN OF LOGAN MACKINNON

5-3 POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

**Motion:** VanGerven/MacDonald; To accept the proposed changes to the Standing Committee By-Law as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012: **See Appendix A.**

\*Note: Danielle MacDonald Abstained.

**Discussion:**

-Daniel raised the fact that the small group of people might have too much power; Heather and Travis said the - small group works well and is more manageable.

-Danielle suggested the possibility of having someone on the committee that knows the documents very well; Travis, Jon and Bob said council chooses who will be on committee and it is their responsibility to make sure the proper people are on it.

-Kate noted that the Chair is usually a 2 year position and the President and the Chair should be well versed in the documents. Kate also said that having a returning councillor on the committee might lead to a returning councillor might not want to be on committee.

\*Note: Danielle MacDonald voted favor. Jon Millington, Amy Doyle, and Travis Gordon abstained.

**Amendment:** MacDonald/MacLean; To change section J under “II Committee Structures” in the Standing Committee By-Law that 3 out of 5 members should be returning councillors.

**Discussion:**

-Danielle made the point that sometimes Chair and President are new and aren't very familiar with how committee works.

-Noted on why Policy Committee needs to be taken out of President's Committee because it wasn't the highest priority on President's Committee's list.

**Amended Amendment:** Gordon/Doyle; To change the amendment from 3 to 2 returning councillors.

**Discussion:**

-Travis thinks that 2 out of 5 are reasonable because a lot of the time chair and president are returning.

-Heather said members shouldn't be tied because new members might want to learn and have the experience to deal with the working of the Student Union Policy.

\*Note: Travis Gordon, Amy Doyle, Danielle MacDonald, Nicole Lane and Dave MacLean voted in favor.

**Amended Amendment:** *Defeated*

**Amendment:** *Defeated*

**Motion:** *Carried*

**Motion:** MacDonald/Deziel; To recommend that policy should look at committee compositions.

**Motion:** Carried

5-4 VP ACTIVITIES POSITION

**Motion:** VanGerven/MacDouglass; To have Policy Committee make the necessary changes to allow the VPA position to become hired and the VP Committee position to be elected with the intention of bringing a clearly worded referendum question to council on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 for approval.

**Discussion:**

Jon noted that this was brought to council a few years ago and still thinks that it is important to have VPA hired because the people running might not be able to work with large amounts of money and budgeting. This allows for a more experienced person to have this position.

**Motion:** Wotton/Millington; To call to question.

**Call to Question:** *Carried*

**Motion:** *Carried*

5-5 HALLOWEEN PUB REPORT

**Motion:** Millington/MacDonald; To move into camera.

**Motion:** *Carried*

**Motion:** Lane/Gordon; To move out of camera.

**Motion:** *Carried*

#### 6-1 NOTICE OF MOTION OF NON-CONFIDENCE

\*Note: Brought to council by Travis Gordon in regards to Kelsie Cormier.

6-2

**Motion:** Gordon/Wotton; To refer the matter of whether councillor absentees begin to be counted upon election or swear in to policy committee.

**Motion:** *Carried*

#### 6-2 SOCIETY RATIFICATION

**Motion:** Millington/MacArthur; Motion to formally ratify the Environmental Society.

**Motion:** *Carried*

#### 6-3 LIBRARY COMMITTEE

#### 7-1 ADJOURNMENT

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

**Motion:** *Carried*

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

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

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

