



*UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION
MINUTES-THIRD MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
October 14, 2012*

The third meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held October 14th, 2012. Minutes were taken by Sarah Marie Lavers. The meeting was called to order at 7:28 pm by Chair of Council, Alex Heighinton.

PRESENT:

Kate VanGerven	Emiley MacKinnon
Danielle MacDonald	Michelle MacDougald
Jon Millington	Shelby Russell
Matt McInnis	Matthew Rice
Jessica Willis	Amanda Johnston
Justin Lank	Heather Wotton
Lucas MacArthur	Oliver Bork
Travis Gordon	Amy Doyle

ABSENT:

Bob Deziel	Kelsey Cormier
Anastasia Smallwood	Sylvie Morin

ALSO PRESENT:

Alex Heighinton	Chelsea Merry	Logan MacKinnon (Guest)
Sarah Marie Lavers	Curtis Moerike	Kylie Ford (Guest)
Daniel MacDonald	Laura Wiesner (Guest)	Robyn Christensen (Guest)
Sara Herbert (Guest)	David MacLean (Guest)	Rayanne Beatty (Cadre Rep.)
Mark Scott (Guest)		

*Note: Curtis Moerike, Sarah Lavers, Shelby Russell and Matt MacInnis were late.

1-1 CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:28 pm.

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

3-1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: September 9th minutes were approved.

REPORTS

4-1 PRESIDENT

Good evening everyone. I'd like to give a few updates to start off my report. First, Melissa and I received a letter from our lawyer on October 4th to let us know we are still waiting for supporting documentation from the legal team representing the Canadian Federation of Students. The letter also informed us that Ryan Gallant, the Student Union President in 2005 and in 2006 will be joining Carr, Stevenson & McKay in January and our file will be his top priority.

An update on the Policy Review Working Group I asked for at our last meeting – Bob, Travis, Sarah and I have split the by-laws and will be meeting sometime this week to discuss what we think and to plan out the year's work. As for the sections of our policy manual and by-laws that refer to The Cadre, we voted to refer these to policy committee which will be this same group. The Cadre policies and by-laws will be done in conjunction with the Editor in Chief so as to properly reflect their current operating procedures. As of right now, there is no set timeline for completion, although the working group may choose a deadline at this week's meeting.

Meetings:

Since our last meeting, there has been both a Senate and Board of Governors meeting. I won't go into too much detail as Anastasia and Nicole are more than capable of relaying the information.

I had a more informal meeting with some of the members of MAPUS – Mature & Part-time University Students. This was partly because I had planned to do it anyways, but mostly because I received an e-mail asking why there was no representative on our council to represent Mature students. In talking with Margaret and Ann from MAPUS, I understood that there could be a chance to work together on specific initiatives that would benefit both memberships. This is why I asked Margaret to present to us this evening, and also why I offered to provide a presentation about the UPEISU at one of their upcoming meetings.

The Dare to Dream campaign is now in the review stage. The last day to submit an idea was October 5th and I am very happy to report that the majority of the ideas had students as their focus. There were a number of ideas that would advance Graduate Studies at UPEI, as well as new twists on undergraduate programs. Of course, there were ideas that discussed the student experience outside of the classroom, but I was most enthused to see the academic proposals. The most exciting part is that most of the resources and the people are already here and able to make these ideas a reality – they just need to be made a priority. That's what this next stage is about and while some of these ideas will require more legwork, some of them will be sent straight to ARPC where we are properly represented by both Danielle and Bob.

Marc from Heckbert's Studio has approached us again this year to be the on campus graduation photographer. As an executive, we feel this is a good choice and will be negotiating an agreement again this year. Last year, they offered us a "Grad Rebate" of \$5 per student and this year we saw \$605 come back to us. This money will be added to the Grad Week Committee's funds as decided last year.

Events:

Since our last meeting, there have been two very exciting events. The first is a panel discussion hosted by our UPEI Political Science Society and the PEI Coalition for Women in Government. It was entitled "Youth in Government" and I had the opportunity to sit on the panel with: Mylene Freeman, NDP MP from Quebec; Kathleen Casey, Liberal MLA for Charlottetown-Lewis Point; Sheryl MacAulay, communications for the PC Party of PEI, and; Darcie Lanthier, interim leader of the PEI Green Party. The event was attended by students, community members and even a past Student Union President. It was a very interesting discussion and each panellist was provided with a small donation to be gifted to the youth organization of their choice. I felt it was only right to give this donation to the UPEI Political Science Society although I am not opposed to criticism for that.

The best, and most exciting event for myself and for our organization was Founder's Day. This year, I was honoured to read the citation for Heather Love, our previous General Manager who was with the organization for 30 years and had a huge role in the Student Centre being built.

One last note – in the last two weeks, I've heard two different eye opening stories about classes and teaching. One centred around physics, the other in business. To our faculty representatives, those checklists are strictly guidelines. I would encourage you to not only gather information from your constituents, but also to report back to them about the discussions we have in council. So your system could be that you meet with different students to a) give them the important bits from our council meetings and b) to ask them if they have any concerns with classes, professors, textbooks, study space, exam schedules and so on.

On a happy note – I just wanted to say that I'm very happy with how this year has gone so far. We have dedicated executives with great ideas and an even bigger respect for how our organization is run, a fantastic council with opinionated, involved students and I can't wait to get to know you all better this weekend at Council Retreat!

4-2 EXECUTIVE VP

It was a busy three weeks but not a whole lot to report.

Kate and I booked our tickets to Ottawa for Lobby Con. for mid-November where we will be on parliament hill lobbying government on student issues to federal MPs.

I have a conference call coming up this week for a committee I sit on as a member of CASA. The F05 committee was charged with looking at the distribution of government support to students through means of grants, bursaries, tax credits, scholarships etc... to evaluate if they are being distributed effectively. We have specifically been focusing on areas of improvement for the tax credit system and researching smart tax policy and alternatives to the existing tax credit system. I have a lot of literature on this sound interesting to any councilors and I will be keeping you updated as things progress.

4-3 VP ACTIVITIES

Short and sweet, here we go!

I've been talking with lots of different groups about starting clubs. I've got four more to formally approve later on this meeting, and there will be more to come! Halloween Pub tickets go on sale tomorrow morning. I'm happy to announce that we'll also be having Tim Chaisson and Poor Young Things in The Wave on the 26th. The Grad trip is coming along nicely. We've got a great location and an awesome price. If you would like to go, the deadline to lock in our current price and guarantee your place is tomorrow, so get on it!

Council IDs are almost ready to go, but due to our general lack of laminating expertise, they won't be ready for this meeting, but should be ready to go for Council Retreat. These will be used to get you into The Wave. That being said, for capacity issues I would like to be made aware if you intend on using your ID to get in in advance so we can hold tickets from sale.

4-4 VP FINANCE

Melissa and I had a meeting to discuss the performance of our food service businesses. The numbers show some interesting trends but are mostly positive.

I've been working on redesigning the SU's budget to include more detail and analytics.

I've been signing quite a few opt-outs but nothing serious. Candice and I are looking at new ways to do this more effectively.

4-5 VP COMMUNICATIONS

Alrighty, well. It's been a while since we've met! I haven't done anything too spectacular since we met last. I've basically just been keeping up with all my general tasks. I've been working a lot with our website and have really started figuring it out. I think the guys in Integrated Communications are getting pretty sick of me and my questions but they've been awesome in helping me. I had a meeting with Shawn to answer a lot of formatting questions I've been having with the website so that helped a lot. I then had a meeting with Neal who is a video guru. He helped me with all of our Youtube formatting because I've been having trouble with it since we got our new video camera. The latest change to the website is that I switched over all of our policies and by laws from the old ones to the latest updated ones that were approved at our first meeting.

Since our last meeting I sent out a new SU Update email and I made our first SU Video Update of the year featuring Jon and Kate. I'm hoping to do an update video once a month so feel free to harass me to make sure I stick to that promise!

Kendra and I have been doing a lot of different promotion things for the Wave and our Kiosk. The kiosk launched its new daily specials which are running Monday-Thursday and they've been going over GREAT (probably because they are delicious). Monday is Spaghetti and Garlic Bread, Tuesday is Chicken or Beef Stirfry, Wednesday is Mango curry with either chicken or beef, and Thursday is Lasagna and Garlic Bread. I've tried the curry and the lasagna and they were both amazing. Another promotion I've been working on is a deal

we set up with Hot 105.5. Kirk and I met with Tracy Crosby from Hot 105.5 a couple of weeks ago to discuss how we were going to promote our ads and what we were going to say, etc. etc. The Wave gets a request hour every night (Monday-Friday) so that really helps in getting our name out there. We've decided to run specific ads on Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. So every week I email Tracy with a list of events for that week.

I just have one other thing I wanted to mention and that is that if you guys see any information that we put on our Facebook or Twitter for students, feel free (and by that I mean please do) share/retweet the information. It's one thing for me to put the information on there, but if someone from basically each faculty shares the information the information is being branched out so much further than the 900 people who like the Wave page or follow us on Twitter.

Other than that I've just been working on the Relay for life (which I will talk more about later) and I've just been excited that Donald is back as Vet Rep so he can share the AOW again and I can be surprised by again!

4-6 SENATE

Senate met on Friday afternoon, it was just Kate and I in attendance. The resident spoke first of his recent trip to the middle east that included visiting schools in Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Then Dean Desserud of the Arts Faculty made a presentation about his faculty. This presentation was supposed to be last March but had been postponed until now and last year we saw presentations from Science, Business, Nursing & the AVC. He talked about the successes of faculty members through awards and publications and the re-introduction of the Debating Society under the lead of Dr. Doran & Gamble. He also discussed class sizes and the fact they are larger than advertised and need to be re-considered. Some upcoming course developments include improvements to the journalism program and introducing social Studies in Science and Studies in law. He also discussed a possible rebranding of the faculty of Arts to Liberal Arts. Then he talked about how pretty the arts faculty posters are, showed us some pictures of a rubix cube and a formula he didn't understand, and then used a metaphor of a castle as the program, a canon as a minor and a bridge as a link to other faculties; Kate & I vaguely understood.

Then we discussed the 2013-2014 calendar year. The debate was about the start of the second semester following Christmas. The proposed date was Friday, January 3rd. However many thought students would likely not bother to attend. The issue with moving the date to the following Monday was the minimum required teaching days per semester, and it being 60. Moving would make the number of days 59. Dean Reynolds of the AVC suggested it could just be a planned Snow Day and David Buck suggested we shorten Reading Week to something similar to Fall Break. Kate & I glared. A final decision was made to give professors one less marking day by moving the end date of exams back by one day in April. Also discussed where the results of the Academic Appeals board and curriculum reports.

4-6 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Nothing to report.

4-7 OMBUDSMAN

Nothing to report.

4-8 GSR

-3 Upcoming GSA events (Corn boil, Halloween Party and Wine and Cheese)

-Library committee: possibly installing a microwave, getting feedback for a human library, and the possibility of extending library hours.

4-9 FACULTIES/GROUPS

4-9-1 ARTS

SOC/ANTH

The society is trying to acquire an e-mail list of students in their faculty in order to do e-mail updates on their activity.

They are also planning their first pub-crawl with political science and psychology for November 9th.

The society has decided to wait until next semester to sell clothing.

HISTORY

They will be hosting a movie night on October 23, full details have yet to be decided.

The society will also be placing a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremonies in Charlottetown.

They are working on a pub-crawl, clothing orders, and a paintball day.

Elections for the society have taken place and all positions have been filled, as well as a sub-committee.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Political Science Society last week held a panel discussion, in conjunction with the PEI Coalition for Women in Government, on Youth in Government, which was well attended and was regarded as a success.

In addition, the Society held their annual 'Lunch in the Lounge' which was also well attended by both political figures and students.

4-9-2 BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

4-9-3 SCIENCE

Nothing to report.

4-9-4 NURSING

Three nursing student travelled to St.John's NFL for the CNSA (Canadian Nursing Student Association) regional conference. The conference was very informative and the theme was "Political Action, Planned Change in Nursing." The nursing society continues to plan for students to travel to the CNSA national conference in Halifax. The nursing society is currently fundraising and entering a team in the Relay for Life. They are also organising the annual clothing sale and the next nursing pub crawl has been scheduled for November 9.

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

Nothing to report.

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 APPEAL

Motion: VanGerven/MacDonald; To move into camera.

Motion: *Carried*

Motion: MacDonald/Millington; To move out of camera.

Motion: *Carried*

5-2 CRO REPORT

Motion: MacDonald/Millington: To give speaking rights to the CRO.

Motion: *Carried*

Motion: Millington/MacInnis; To move into camera.

Motion: *Carried*

Motion: MacDougald/Reeves; To move out of camera.

Motion: *Carried*

Motion: MacDonald/MacDougald; To over-turn Aina's decision to fine Connor Jay and to refer the policy to Policy Committee.

Motion: *Carried*

Motion: VanGerven/MacDougald; To approve unofficial elections results and to destroy all elections materials.

Motion: *Carried*

*Note: Danielle MacDonald abstained.

Motion: VanGerven/Gordon; To take the CRO's recommendations and councils concerns to the policy review group and bring the amended by-law to a future council meeting prior to the next general election.

Motion: *Carried*

5-3 BUDGET

5-4 2000+ EXPENDITURES

Motion: MacDonald/MacDonald; To approve 2000+ Expenditures.

Motion: *Carried*

5-5 FACULTY CHANGES

Motion: MacDonald/MacDougald; To refer to policy committee and to approve Amy Doyle's duration of term as an Arts Representative.

*Note: Heather Wotton, Travis Gordon, Kate VanGerven, Matt MacInnis and Amy Doyle abstain.

Amendment: Gordon/Wotton; To refer to policy committee before approving Amy's ability to stay for the duration of her term.

*Note: Heather Wotton and Travis Gordon voted for. Kate VanGerven and Emiley MacKinnon abstain.

Amendment: *Defeated*

Motion: *Carried*

5-6 ACCESSIBILITY REPRESENTATIVE POSITION

5-7 ACCESSIBILITY LENS

5-8 ELECTION RESULTS

5-9 RELAY FOR LIFE

5-10 LIBRARY COMMITTEE

5-11 SOCIETY RATIFICATION

Motion: Millington/Wotton; To approve the following societies:

- Enactus
- International Student's Society
- Field Naturalists
- Slackline

Motion: *Carried*

5-12 COUNCIL RETREAT

6-1 ANIMAL OF THE WEEK

6-2 OMBUDSMAN ISSUE: WAVE PROFITS

6-3 SHINERAMA SHIRTS

6-4 BY-ELECTION DATES

Motion: Gordon/Merry; To approve Kate's discussion on the new dates for by-election.

Motion: *Carried*

6-5 LIMIT OF HALLOWEEN PUB TICKETS

7-1 ADJOURNMENT

Russell/ MacInnis: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: *Carried*

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

President's Signature: _____

Chair of Council's Signature: _____

