



UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION
MINUTES- FOURTH MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
OCTOBER 20th, 2013

The fourth meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held October 20th 2013. Minutes for the meeting were taken by Emiley MacKinnon. The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Dunja Stajic, Chair of Council.

PRESENT:

Alix Barry	Nathan Lawless
Laura Wisener	Justin Lank
Amanda Johnston	Sara Reeves
Kate Rundle	Anastasia Smallwood
Bob Deziel	Emily Roberts
Jessica Hawkings	Lucas MacArthur
Travis Gordon	Michelle MacDougald
Dana Kenny	Melanie Caird
Joel Hansen	
Emily Colwell	
Derrick Biso	
Matt Rice	

ABSENT: Keegan Marr

ALSO PRESENT:

Dunja Stajic	Kelsey Marr
Emiley MacKinnon	Emilie Sullivan
Matthew MacInnis	
Brady Sheehy	

1-1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

2-1 SWEAR-IN OF NEW MEMBERS

3-1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Minutes were approved with changes

4-1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Minutes were approved with changes

Abstained: Smallwood

5-1 REPORTS

5-2 PRESIDENT

My apologies in advance that my report is brief, it's been a busy two weeks school wise and very on schedule as far as the office goes. Last Wednesday I attended a meeting of the UPEI Community Advisor Board, at the invitation of President Alaa. The committee's goal is to discuss the perception of UPEI and the issues community members recognize from across PEI. Some key members were business owners, honorary degree winners, and community figures. I was asked to speak to this group to discuss the view students have of UPEI and the troubles we are facing. The discussion revolved around student unemployment and the effects of technology on today's universities. I also attended a meeting of the Senate Steering committee and Board Executive, which was focused on allowing each group to better understand what the other does. These meeting will be happening on a semester basis and was very informative. I also sat on the VP Communications hiring board along with Lucas, Matt, Melissa and Dana. It was a long day but I'd like to welcome Kelsey Marr to the exec team. Working closely with my committee to plan council retreat, which I thoroughly hope you all enjoyed and found helpful. Also last week I attended the first UPEI Board meeting since May and it was a long one. I will leave the details up to Dana to present but the key points were a proposal for a fundraising plan for UPEI Athletics & Recreation.

5-3 VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC AND EXTERNAL

What a whirlwind week! I am writing this in the car on the way to Council Retreat at 3:55 PM on Friday!

I just returned from Ottawa where I took part in the Canada Student Loans Program Service Advisory Council. This team will meet twice per year and consists of provincial student loan reps, student financial aid administrators at universities, CSLP policy advisors and program deliverers, and students from the CFS and CASA. The day was extremely productive and focused on making service delivery more accessible for those from under-represented groups in post-secondary education.

While in Ottawa, I was also able to meet with Sean Casey, the MP for Charlottetown, and former SU Executives. I also spent time at CASA Home Office and ate with staff Thursday morning before heading back home.

While in Ottawa, I worked on setting up meetings with MLAs on PEI to introduce our message to them specifically. This work will continue. I have also begun working on a letter to the editor on the importance of post-secondary education in PEI.

While in Ottawa, I was able to come up with a number of things the Union can do on the GR front. Stay tuned for more about these in the coming weeks.

5-4 VICE PRESIDENT FINANCE

Good evening Council,

Not too much to report this week. I completed the Bank recs for September, and did some other finance work updating the Mickey's Place and Wave Reports. I also sat on the hiring board for two managing editor positions for the Cadre which will be presented later.

Other than that it's been a pretty quiet two weeks filled with midterms and papers.

Matt MacInnis

5-5 VICE PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

VP Communications Report- October 20th

Hello council!

As you probably have gathered over the last few days, I am super excited about being the new VP Comm. I can't wait to get into the rhythm of things, and get down to work.

The last few days have been a whirlwind. I started Tuesday morning by going over logistics of the position with Anastasia. After getting some of the social media resources and other programs figured out, and meeting with Derrick to be brought up to spend on the last meeting of VP Comm Committee, I sat in on my first executive meeting at Tuesday over lunch hour on Tuesday. After spending some time with the other executives in the Wave, I returned to my office to read over SU policy documents and stuff that Chelsea emailed me regarding the position.

The majority of Wednesday was spent writing my first press release, and meeting with Laura about more logistical stuff.

Thursday, I had both a Wave Management meeting and a VP Comm Committee meeting. Beyond the logistics of Halloween Pub, I also discussed communication and social media promotion with Josh. In VP Comm Comm, I discussed plans for the promotion of Halloween Pub and the creation of the next What's Up Wednesday video!

Friday morning I spent some time scheduling tweets for this weekend, and making sure any communications that had to go out this weekend were organized. I then had a meeting with the executive and the reps from the student insurance plan.

VP Comm Comm met today before council to create the banner for Halloween Pub and distribute the posters for said event.

5-6 VICE PRESIDENT ACTIVITIES

Good evening Council!

It's been a busy two weeks for me! The final details for Halloween Pub are all wrapped up and all that's left now is the actual event! Any councilors who would like to use their one large event for this semester need to email me so I can put your name on the list.

Wave management committee consisting of myself, Kelsey, Laura, Josh, and several wave staff members had its first meeting Thursday; mostly covering the details of Halloween Pub and other upcoming events.

We also have singer-songwriter workshops coming up on Nov 1st musically inclined students (who is also doing a show at the Wave that night), as well as the annual Tony Lee the Hypnotist show on Nov. 6.

There is a Financial/Budgeting workshop coming up next Wednesday for societies, which will be occurring in Room 142 of Andrew Hall, which I have been hard at work putting together!

Last, but not least there was a mental health week priming event last week, in which Student affairs and ourselves were working to get input on what people wanted to see in the upcoming Mental Health week campaign in March. It was a huge success, and I thank everyone who volunteered and who took part in various surveys. with Craig Cardiff for our more

Matt Rice

5-7 SCIENCE REPRESENTATIVES

Science Representative Report - October 20th

Society Updates

Biology Society

1. The UPEI Biology Department and the UPEI Biology Society are hosted a public lecture with Dr. Sean Brilliant. His lecture was titled, "Marine Conservation Issues in the Canadian Context" and took place Thursday, October 17th. There were 18 people in attendance.
2. Biology Society Bake Sale: Thursday, October 24th in the Library Lobby and Student Center. All proceeds will go towards the UPEI Relay for Life.
3. Biology Society Trip to the Kensington Haunted House: Saturday, October 26th. Students will meet outside the Duffy Building at 6:00 pm and will car pool to Kensington. Cost is \$15.00 and there is a sign up sheet attached to the Biology Society Board (found in the Duffy Lobby).
4. Duffy Cup Challenge: Pumpkin Carving and Halloween Movie Night with the Physics Society. Event will take place in the Duffy Building Monday, October 28th from 6:00-11:00 pm. Students need to bring their own pumpkin but the Society will supply carving tools and Halloween treats. Chairs of the department will judge which pumpkins are the best!

Chemistry Society

Nothing to report

Engineering Society

Design competition on Saturday October 19th Annual engineering Olympics are ongoing and being held until Friday, October 25th

Pre-Vet Society

There will be a guest speaker from the Humane Society on Thursday, October 24th at 12:00pm

Physics Society

Duffy cup challenge with Biology society, see above.

Environmental Society

Rubber boot Relay, Wednesday Oct.23rd in the Residence field

Issues/Concerns: A student brought up the issue of Duffy Building smelling. This was brought forward to council before but the smell had not been as bad at the time. The smell is progressively getting worse and we will be approaching facilities about this early next week.

5-8 ARTS REPRESENTATIVES

Nothing to Report

5-9 ACCESSABILITIES REP

I have been in contact with Cathy Rose, the Accessibility Coordinator with Student Affairs. I will be setting up a meeting with her hopefully with in the next week. If anyone has any concerns or have heard any concerns that they wish me to bring forwards with her, please contact me. My email is accessibility@upeisu.ca.

5-10 BOARD OF GOVERNORS REP

Dana Kenny - B.O.G. Rep.

Strategic Plan

- Visionary
- Aspirational
- Inspirational
- Still in the works

Money, Money, Money

- Course enrollment down
- Increase in tuition
- Pensions
- Property

Other News

- Recruitment
- Athletics Plan
- International students

5-11 SENATE REPRESENTATIVES

Nothing to Report

5-12 PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE

Good evening councillors:

The President's Committee has been meeting on a weekly basis and the last two weeks were entirely focused on the Council Retreat. We spent the entirety of the time planning activities and putting the schedule together. We hope that the Retreat this year was a success and that each of you got something positive and informative out of it. The collaboration that you exhibited was admirable and if any of you have suggestions for next year or feedback, you may message any of the members on our committee.

The upcoming weeks will be centered around new initiatives and we will update you as we progress.

Thank you,

Dunja Stajic
Chair
President's Committee

5-13 VP COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Dana Kenny - Chair

WHAZZZ UPPP WEDNESSDAAYY!?!?!?

- WUW will return this coming Wednesday (Oct 23rd)
- It will promote: Shinerama "Multi Venue Event", Mental Health Week, Wellness Wednesday, Wave Trivia Host Competition, Panther Rally, Canada's Luckiest Student(\$\$\$), Halloween Pub
- A reminder that councillors are welcome to bring events forward that should possibly be publicized in the WUW video.

Discussion surrounding decorations for Halloween Pub

- Giant hanging spider
- Caution tape
- Glowsticks
- Cobwebs
- etc..

Advertising for Halloween Pub

- Tombstones
- Body "outline" (crime scene)
- Large Banner in S.C.

- Pumpkins?

5-14 VP ACADEMIC AND EXTERNAL COMMITTEE

Nothing to Report

Motion: MacDougald/Rundle; to move in to camera

Motion: Carried

5-1 NOMINATIONS

Motion: Smallwood/Rice; move out of camera

Motion: Carried
Abstained: Biso

Motion: Gordon/Johnston; for a 5 minute recess

Motion: Carried

Motion: Smallwood/Reeves: to move into camera

Motion: Carried

6-1 HIRING BOARD RESULTS

Motion: Smallwood/Reeves; to move out of camera

Motion: Carried

Motion: MacArthur/ Rice; to approve the hiring board results as presented in camera

Motion: Carried

7-1 EXTERNAL POLICY BY-LAW

External Policy Development Bylaw regarding Annual Consultations document to be posted on the councilor Google site for review.

8-1 POLICY COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Overview of Presentation:

Article IX: DECLARATION OF OFFICE

A loophole has been found that if a councilor has not been sworn in if they are technically not a councilor yet. Restrictions will be made that councilors must be sworn in within two weeks after the CRO gives his/her report. It does not need to be done in front of council, and can be done in the office. The president, chair and the new individual must be present. The position will be vacated if they are not sworn in within the two-week period.

***Note:** a change in the declaration of office should be made to include “Effective (insert 2 week span date)”

808 SOCIAL MEDIA

This is a guideline for the proper usage of the UPEISU social media outlets such as Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and other social media management programs in regards to passwords distribution and social media content.

Motion: Smallwood/Deziel; to approve the presented changes to policy

Motion: Carried

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Policy looked at developing a guideline as to who can run for international representative to clear up any confusion. The person should be currently paying or has paid international student fees in the last two years to the University. This will be a referendum question in February 2014.

Motion: Smallwood/MacArthur to refer a concern to the policy committee

Motion: Carried

BY-ELECTIONS

If no one runs for a position, council can appoint a person or hold a by election, there have been issues in the past and are no guidelines surrounding this. The chair of council will enlist a name or each open position from a sub-organization or representative body of that respective constituency. The list will be a first come first serve basis and council will approve upon which a formal appointment will be made. If the name is not approved, another name will be brought forward.

Article VIII BY-LAWS OF THE UPEISU COUNCIL

A student brought forward a concern that the process of changing a by-law is not being followed. The Cadre posted about it and the UPEISU released a formal statement regarding this. The suggested change is when a by-law is amended, proposed or withdrawn it will be posted on the UPEISU website and submitted to The Cadre one week prior to the meeting of the vote.

The President will make a statement Monday morning on the feelings of the UPEISU council and stating that the issue has been acknowledged.

Motion: Gordon/ MacArthur; to move into camera

Motion: Carried

Motion: Smallwood/Rundle; to move out of camera

Motion: Carried

Motion: Smallwood/Biso; to approve the process as discussed in camera moving forward

Motion: Carried

Abstained: Gordon, Rice, Deziel, MacArthur, Reeves

9-1 NEW BUSINESS

Roberts: Music Society was granted funding for the haunted house. They are waiting for \$500 dollars and have not yet received it.

Rice: Funding not actually coming from the student union, he is working on getting this done ASAP.

MacArthur: If anyone is interested in being a part of the movember committee contact Lucas, email at movember@upeisu.ca

Motion: MacArthur/Gordon; to move into camera

Motion: Carried
Abstained: Hansen

Motion: MacDougald/Rundle; to move out of camera

Motion: Carried

Gordon: Policy committee to change Executive VP to VP academic and external in the policy documents

A. Smallwood will take care of this

Also to leave the PIT open but to lock the library annex for the 24-hour building

Johnston: Reports are very lengthy and another method should be used. Perhaps just a question session following the executive reports

Motion: Johnstons/Deziel; only the executive members of council present their reports in council

Motion: Carried
Against: Gordon, Colwell, Roberts
Abstained: Reeves, MacDougald

President to follow up on the Computer Science course prices

Reminder to use the Google site for posting your reports

10-1 ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Rice/Reeves; to adjourn

Motion: Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58pm

SIGNATURES

President's Signature

Chair of Council's Signature