



UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION
MINUTES- THIRD MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
OCTOBER 6th, 2013

The third meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held October 6th 2013. Minutes for the meeting were taken by Deputy Chair, Emiley MacKinnon. The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Chair of Council, Dunja Stajic.

PRESENT: Anastasia Smallwood Kate Rundle
 Dana Kenny Derrick Biso
 Sara Reeves Amanda Johnston
 Michelle MacDougald Travis Gordon
 Matt Rice
 Nathan Lawless
 Melanie Caird
 Lucas MacArthur
 Bob Deziel
 Emily Colwell
 Keegan Marr

ABSENT: Justin Lank

ALSO PRESENT: Dunja Stajic Laura Wisener
 Emiley MacKinnon Alix Barry
 Matthew MacInnis Joel Hanson
 Brady Sheehy Emily Roberts
 Emilie Sullivan

1-1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

2-1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was approved

Motion: Gordon/Wisener; to give speaking rights to the new non-sworn in councilors.

Motion: Carried

3-1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved.

Abstained: MacDougald

4-1 REPORTS

4-2 PRESIDENT

Media Relations

On Monday Josh and I gave an interview with CBC regarding the re-opening of The Wave. The interview was both on the radio Tuesday morning and on Compass that evening. I'm not certain why they took an interest in The Wave particularly but it was great to have some press pick-up on the re-opening non-the-less.

Also this week an interview I did for The Cadre was released. I will be a first of a series of interviews with the UPEISU Executive team.

The Wave

As expected much of the past two weeks has been spent focusing on The Wave. Both myself and the rest of the executives have been very involved in the re-opening from every aspect of promotion, design and even menu choices. Much thanks for their help goes to Candice and Melissa who have worked tirelessly with The Wave staff and manager to make sure the doors opened on Wednesday morning. Josh arrived Monday morning and has been working diligently on making this run smoothly every since. He has been a great addition to the team and is full of knowledge and ideas of how to make The Wave a better place for all. Things have been going well downstairs and to my knowledge students, faculty and staff have been enjoying the new improvements. If you have yet to check-out the new Wave please do and spread the word to your constituents.

Student Affairs

I continue to meet weekly with Treena Smith, Manager of Student Affairs. We meet Thursday mornings and generally update each other on what's going on the other side of the building. Currently myself and Lucas are partnering with Student Affairs and Residence Services for a presentation entitled "A Caring Campus" which will be presented October 30th in Halifax.

Newsletter

This year the email updates that the SU sends out will be released every second Monday starting tomorrow! The email list has taken on a nicer format and will be more inclusive. Anyone can submit items for the newsletter via our website where there is a submission form at the bottom of the page. The newsletter will be divided into sections this year for ease of reading. The sections will be: UPEISU, UPEI, Athletics & Recreation and Societies & Clubs. Please let your constituents know that this option is available.

Committees

Planning Committee

Planning committee met last week, and at the extraordinary meeting you heard the report. Surveys will be released this coming Wednesday so be prepared to share! Everyone should have received a copy of this year's UPEISU Plan tonight. Please take a look at it and ask questions if you have them. This is just for your information and for reference as to what this years plan will look like.

Policy Committee

Policy committee meets every week and have been working diligently on some Policy and By-Law changes. Anything you notice in our documents that you feel needs changing or adding please contact the committee and we will take a look at it. A policy committee discussion will appear later into the agenda.

#TRWG

Travis and I sit on the Textbook Review Working Group, sometimes called Textbook Working Group or Textbook Committee. Either way this committee meets to discuss ways we can help faculty members create, choose or adopt Open Textbooks for their students. This past week we met for the first time since June and I was happily surprised to find that a lot of first year classes are considering, or have adopted such a method. Biology 131 students have be given the option to download a free text instead of buying one, Chemistry 112 is using a Open Textbook and ther courses are in the process of creating ones. This is great progress for our students and ties back nicely to our External Policy on OERs. Jason Pearson a professor in Chemistry displayed an open textbook which he had created that allowed students to view and change simulations within the text, we didn't understand the science but appreciated it's functionality. Further movements from this committee will include messaging to Faculty regarding the success of their co-workers and continued efforts in promotion.

Athletics AOW

Panther Athletics announces their Athlete of the Week every Thursday at 12:45 in McMillan Hall, soon to be moving to The Wave. I give the athletes a gift card to the Wave and participate in the mini-pep rally. I'd encourage everyone to attend and cheer on our athletes.

Heckberts

Heckberts studio will be back on campus once again this year to take grad photos for those interested. This service is a benefit to the Su as for every student that orders a package we get \$5. Heckberts will also send grad photos directly to the Nexus Yearbook for those student that get pictures with them. I will keep notify council of dates when I have them available.

4-3 VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC AND EXERNAL

Good evening Council,

It has been a crazy week with the re-opening of The Wave! I hope you've all been in to try; I myself have been in to try one or two or fifteen pints over the past few days.

Over the past week I've busied myself with a number of things

- I am currently continuing work on a Board academic appeal, and may shortly be taking on another one.
- I attended a meeting of APCC. I am working on a consultation of students regarding convocation dates, and the results will be returned to APCC to better inform discussion around next year's Academic Calendar dates.
- I also attended the Political Science Society's annual Lunch in the Lounge where I was able to chat with a number of political figures in the province.
- I was interviewed by The Cadre as part of a series on the UPEI SU

Executive team.

- The Textbook Working Group met and Anastasia and I both attended. The UPEISU's textbook ask is best moved forward through this group - going forward, the TWG will be targeting first-year courses.
- I was also fortunate to meet with Bobby Cameron of the PEIANC who are looking to offer more services to International Students. This is an avenue of co-operation that I am interested in pursuing going forward.

I am also pleased to announce that from October 15th to 17th I will be traveling to Ottawa to take part in the Canada Student Loan Program Service Advisory Council as part of my role with CASA. During this consultation, I will be offering input on how to improve service to students from the point-of-view of Employment & Social Development Canada. The cost is covered by the department.

4-4 VICE PRESIDENT FINANCE

Hey everyone,

I'm going to keep my report short tonight because I'm going to be talking a lot later on. Basically over the past two weeks I've been working on the presentations I'll be giving later on. In order to complete these presentations, the business operations

one in particular, I've been tracking daily sales and expenses. Also I've been completing a monthly review of transactions and updating the budget tracking spreadsheet that I have going. Other than that, I've started reviewing credit card policies from other student unions to begin the process of creating an official one for the UPEISU. So expect that to come to council, either through myself or the policy committee in the next couple of weeks.

4-5 VICE PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS

Hey Everyone,

So this has been a pretty hectic week but somehow I managed to get some things done. I have started to look at some books on swag ideas and what to buy but I haven't decided on anything yet. If you have any ideas just let me know! I have been looking through all of the documents in my office, going over policy and all of the e-mails that were left behind for me. I also booked tickets to COCA in November for Josh and the incoming VP Communications.

Monday night Chelsea Merry, the VP Communications from last year, met with me in the office and got me up to speed on my Interim VP Comm duties. She showed me how to make posters and videos and how to use a Mac. She also gave me some how-to documents on the UPEISU website which I have already put a little work into. I also made some posters for the Trivia hosts and those will be around shortly for your viewing.

The VP Communications committee met for the first time on Tuesday night and made a beautiful poster hanging above Mickey's Place. Our chair will give more on our committee later. Other promotional things that have been happening are the NHL Hockey Pool, the Wave grand reopening, the Imagnus Poster Sale, the VP Communications and Managing Editor hiring boards and the SU General Election. Next week some things I hope to get done are to make a new WUW video, get lots of pictures of the new Wave for promotion, make a "Meet Josh" poster so everyone can be introduced to our new Bar Manager, and to spruce up the office a little bit. Once the election and hiring board results are approved by council I will update the website again too.

4-6 VICE PRESIDENT ACTIVITIES

Nothing to Report

4-7 SCIENCE REPRESENTATIVES

Society Updates

Science Representative Report - October 6

Biology Society

- Second meeting, Monday, Sept. 30th
- 16 people for the Joggins Fossil Cliffs/TreeGo trip on September 28th successful
- Relay for Life Team
- Planning a trip to the Kensington Haunted House in late October
- Pumpkin carving Duffy Cup Challenge/scary movie night October. 28th

Chemistry Society

- Nothing to report

Engineering Society

- Annual corn boil on September 27th was a success
- Will be holding an engineering Olympics October 17th to 25th
- One member attending ACES conference from October 18-20th to learn about the organization and get UPEI engineering involved

Pre-Vet Society

- Attended a vet school admissions information session on September 28th at the AVC
- Guest speaker from EcoLife talked about their South African programs, “Vets in the Wild” and “Wildlife Conservation/Management”

Physics Society

- Nothing to report

4-8 ARTS REPRESENTATIVES

Nothing to report

4-9 SENATE REPRESENTATIVES

Senate Report for October 6th.

Hi Council,

As some of you might know there was an extra meeting of Senate called last week to discuss the Strategic Plan. Many faculty and staff members voiced their concern over the tone and language of the plan although they did not have any major problems

with it. The student senate reps all met prior to the meeting to discuss our thoughts on the plan and how it affects students. The VP Academic received lots of feedback, and we will be asking to see the comments made by students so we can make sure their concerns were taken into consideration.

Overall, this strategic plan benefits the student experience at UPEI. With initiatives such as more increased student-faculty interaction, co-curricular transcripts, enhanced international student experience, growth of our graduate programs, and increased active or experiential learning we believe that students will benefit from the roll-out of this plan. Collectively we did have a few concerns that were voiced in the meeting, such as the lack of mention of when students will be consulted, as well as the proposed one stop shop for students and what that would look like. These concerns were addressed at the meeting and we are very comfortable that we will be consulted throughout the rest of this process.

Finally, a working group has been established to edit the strategic plan before it is presented to the Board this Thursday, Anastasia will be a part of this group, and we have also asked a Student at Large to be involved in this process. Shannon Moore has graciously offered to help with this. I encourage you all to take a look at the plan if you haven't already and if you have any questions please contact one of the senate reps.

4-10 VETERINARY MEDICINE REPRESENTATIVE

The first Society of Atlantic Veterinary Students (SAVS) was held Friday, Sept. 13, 2013. Some concerns that have been brought to my attention at the meeting were the following concerns of Veterinary Students:

- The Wednesday and Thursday morning hours of the Health Centre, make it difficult for students to attend as we are in classes during these hours.
- UPEI events are not well advertised to our student body. SAVS meeting Friday, October 4, 2013
- SAVS Industry Day which occurred Wednesday, October 2 raised \$3500, it is the biggest, really only fundraiser SAVS does. There were 15 companies that attended and chatted with AVC students.
- Relay for life is Friday, November 1st and hopefully each class will have a team this year.
- Thursday, October 31st will be our first Halloween party at Ise's. We will have rooms booked from 9-12am.

4-11 NURSING REPRESENTATIVE

- Nursing/ Engineering pub-crawl will take place October 25th 2013
- Nursing Olympics will be November 15th
- Nursing society had a bake sale in late September to raise funds to go to the ANS regional conference

4-12 POLICY COMMITTEE

Dunja Stajic (Chair), Anastasia Smallwood (President), Lucas MacArthur (Senate Representative), Sara Reeves (Arts Representative), Bob Deziel(Graduate Student Senate Representative)

Updates:

The policy committee has been meeting on a weekly basis every Thursday at 4:00pm in the main boardroom and has been looking at adjusting and creating policy as a result of recent events and the necessity for reform. One of the most recent initiatives has been Social Media Policy and we have been looking at policies of other institutions to get ideas of how it would best be structured to prevent any future scandals; for instance, inappropriate tweets and YouTube videos. We are looking to create a basic chalk policy to reflect the previous incident of chalk written messages regarding abortion all over campus, we are creating a proposal for a bylaw to address councilors on academic probation, we have proposed an amendment to international representative requirements to be approved by council later on. We have also created a proposal to a constitutional change for Swearing in of new Councilors.

That is it for now.

Dunja Stajic
Chair
UPEISU

4-13 PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE REPORT

The location for the 2013 Council Retreat has been established and it will be Stanley Bridge. It will take place on October 19th and 20th so we are looking forward to planning all the details.

5-1 APPEAL OF ELECTION FINES

Zak Tyler Court, a candidate for Arts Representative was fined \$20 for leaving posters up beyond the deadline. He tried to take down the posters but the door was

locked to the Steele building. The CRO was able to enter the building that evening and found the posters.

Election fines appeal was rejected

Motion: Smallwood/ Reeves: To have the CRO report as the next agenda item.

Motion: Carried

Motion: Smallwood/ Deziel; to move into camera.

Motion: Carried

Motion: Reeves/ Smallwood; move out of camera.

Motion: Carried

Motion: MacArthur/ Rice; to give the CRO speaking rights.

Motion: Carried

Motion: Reeves/ Gordon; to move into camera.

Motion: Carried

6-1 CRO Report

Motion: Smallwood/ Reeves; to move out of camera.

Motion: Carried

7-1 APPROVAL OF ELECTION RESULTS

Motion: Smallwood/Deziel; to approve the election results as presented in camera.

Amendment: Reeves/Rice; to state that the results be approved without the referendum questions.

Against: Deziel, Rice
Abstained: Biso, Gordon
Motion: Carried

Motion: Smallwood/Deziel; to approve the election results as presented in camera without the referendum questions.

Motion: Carried

Motion: Smallwood/Rice; to approve the referendum question results as presented in camera.

Concern was raised that the voter turnout for the referendum questions was not high enough for the results to properly reflect the student body due to election advertising problems.

Motion: Carried
Against: Reeves
Abstained: Kenny, Colwell

Motion: Smallwood/MacArthur; to approve the nominations for unfilled councilor positions.

Motion: Carried

8-1 SWEARING IN OF COUNCILLORS

9-1 2012/2013 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEE APPENDIX A

Motion: Gordon/ Deziel; to move into camera.

Against: Smallwood
Motion: Carried

10-1 BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Motion: MacArthur/ MacDougald; to move out of camera.

Motion: Carried

11-1 24 HOUR BUILDING

MacInnis: Concern was raised by a student who came up to the student union that there is no building on campus that is open 24hours a day.

- Approach security to see why there is inconsistency on letting students stay in the business and other buildings
- Concern raised that people not using the building for its purposes may enter the building
- AVC Students have 24-hour access to the AVC building by card key entry
- Perhaps have the Student Union building as this building for students because it is open for storm closures and would be a good place for students to go to study.

12-1 WAVE UPDATE

Things have been going well, councilors are encouraged to inform their constituents and friends that The Wave is open. Feedback is welcomed and to be directed to the executive team. Signage for alcohol consumption zone limits has been brought to concern.

13-1 TRANSIT USAGE SURVEY

Deziel:

I have had some constituents ask about the transit system and how they would like the services extended to longer hours and routes, which better incorporate services to more outlying areas.

Since we are one of the largest groups paying money to Trius Transit for services (roughly 200k) we probably have a bit of clout with that organization. This is good, but if we had data to show Trius that we have people that would like or need extra hours or more routes added they may be more amenable to our asks.

I could see this going in the way of an external policy ask. For example, if we find out that many people want service to Stratford at 9 PM or so, we could lobby Trius for a particular route to add there.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, another potential thing to consider is how many students want transit. When the first referendum came in, it actually failed. Eventually, in 2008-2009 it passed. I guess my question is that do our constituents still want a transit pass. I personally believe that they do, but I have no tangible data to support that.

Motion: Deziel/ MacArthur; to have the Vice President's communications committee conduct a survey of UPEI student union members regarding the usage of public transit, and to report back with the results of this survey at the first council meeting of 2014.

Amendment: Reeves; refer to the Presidents Committee

Amendment: Carried

Motion: To have the President's committee conduct a survey of UPEI student union members regarding the usage of public transit, and to report back with the results of this survey at the first council meeting of 2014.

Motion: Carried
Abstained: MacArthur

***Note:** Smallwood would like to consult with Trius before this survey goes ahead.

14-1 COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Nominations:

Deziel: Nominates Jessica Hawkings for President's committee

MacArthur; Nominates Alix Barry for President's committee

Wisener; Nominates Emiley for the Vice President Communications' committee
Reeves; Nominates Emily Roberts for the Vice President Activities' committee
Reeves; Nominates Paula Campbell for Vice President Activities' committee
Reeves; Nominates Joel Hansen for the Vice President Activities' committee
Smallwood; Nominates Amir for the Vice President Activities committee
MacArthur; Nominates Emillie Sullivan for Vice President Activities committee

All Nominations accepted and carried

15-1 NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Rice/MacArthur to ratify the Korean Student Society, the Young Liberals Society and the Theatre Society.

Motion: Carried

Volunteer form for Mental Health week will be circulated. Mental health week is October 15th to 18th. 6-8 students are needed to sit at a booth to help people fill out surveys to see what they would like to see during the actual mental health week. They would like to gather input from everyone. All interested volunteers are encouraged to email Matt Rice at vpactivities@upeisu.ca.

Rink manager tells people who are practicing figure skating to stop because it is a liability, directed to Emilie Sullivan as Health and Wellness rep to look into this issue.

Shinerama Multi-Venue event is happening October 25th shirts are on sale 11:30-1:30pm Monday to Friday in the student center.
-Michelle MacDougald

Animal of the Week: The Black Cat
-Emily Colwell

Looking for someone to sit on the library council meet on Wednesdays 1:30-3:30 pm. Membership is required!

Councillor hoodies are being ordered Monday morning, if you want to try on a size visit Anastasia in her office.

Don't forget to sport conversation clothing: councilors 2hrs every two week and executive 4hrs a week.

Please use your councilor emails!
-Anastasia Smallwood

16-1 ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Reeves/Marr; to adjourn the meeting

Motion: Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36pm

President's Signature

Chair of Council's Signature