



*UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION
MINUTES-SECOND MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
September 23, 2012*

The second meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held September 23rd, 2012. Minutes were taken by Sarah Marie Lavers. The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Chair of Council, Alex Heighinton.

PRESENT:

Kate VanGerven	Emiley MacKinnon
Danielle MacDonald	Michelle MacDougald
Jon Millington	Shelby Russell
Anastasia Smallwood	Matthew Rice
Matt McInnis	Heather Wotton
Sara Reeves	Oliver Bork
Bob Deziel	Amy Doyle
Justin Lank	Kelsey Cormier

ABSENT:

Sylvie Morin	Curtis Moerike
Amanda Johnston	

ALSO PRESENT:

Alex Heighinton	Chelsea Merry
Sarah Marie Lavers	Rhyanne Beatty (Guest)
Daniel MacDonald	



1-1 CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

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

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

REPORTS

4-1 PRESIDENT

Good evening everyone,

So since our last meeting, I've been fairly busy with a number of other meetings around the University. I'll give you a very brief update on each. I had a chance to sit down with the new Manager of Student Affairs, Vickie Johnston, and while we didn't discuss the realignment of Student Services and Webster Services, we did discuss different initiatives she would like to champion. One is expanding the service learning component of coursework at UPEI. Some of you may have been required to complete a service learning project already, but her intent is to match students with a desired area of interest without tying it to a course. We also talked about the co-curricular record at UPEI which Rob Livingstone did a lot of work with. There's more work to be done and other than that, I don't have much more to tell you about it.

The Global Issues Advisory Council met to discuss next steps. In the academic regulation that makes Global Issues a mandatory course for graduation, it also stipulates that this requirement will be reviewed in the 2012-13 academic year. We also got an update on the course this year from coordinator Ron Srigley. Apparently, there is only ONE paper written throughout the entire semester and a course handbook designed to guide students through the process of writing it. I asked for a copy of both the required text and the handbook, and received them this past Thursday so I haven't had a chance to look at them yet. I'll keep everyone updated on the review process and council will be as involved as I am once that process is more clearly defined.

I also had a meeting of the Academic Appeals Committee as well as the Student Centre Management Committee. This is the first year for both Melissa and I, and so we've decided to sit down and come up with some proposals for better managing the space.

Chelsea, Daniel and I had a chance to go to lunch with Sean Casey and one of his staff members - we found this a very interesting conversation and it was a good chance to talk informally with a federal MP, regardless of the party.

Danielle, Anastasia, Kirk and I sat on the Kiosk Supervisor hiring board. We had a couple great candidates and ultimately chose Kim Collister who you may have seen downstairs this past week. She has an extensive background in restaurant serving, bartending and managing and has some great recommendations to not only make us more efficient, but to save us some money as well. On that note, one of our cooks has given us two weeks notice and so the job has been reposted. As of tonight, I've received 11 resumes and ****

Onto the fun projects! Greg Doran approached me about reinvigorating a debate team here at UPEI. Apparently - debating has a long and rich history at both St. Dunstan's University and Prince of Wales College,

as well as UPEI. As we discussed this, the idea of using our Inspiring Alumni Speaker's Series budget in a different way came to mind. Instead of hosting 2, 3, or 4 speaker's throughout the year, why not invite multiple alumni to specific events either to speak or to be involved. This way, we would be using the money to benefit current students while still maintaining a connection with UPEI, SDU and PWC alumni. I'm open to criticism or suggestion in this area.

The day after meeting with Greg Doran, I met with the new Manager of Alumni Affairs - Anthony Gill - and he thought this would be a great initiative. He and I also talked about Student Union alumni and how we can make better use of them. More on that when we talk about the councillor retreat.

The Dare to Dream campaign has been amazing so far. Thank to you those of you who have submitted your ideas, we're well over 60 submissions now and the majority of them are fleshed out, very interesting and surprisingly feasible. My role in this campaign now is as a member of the review subgroup. So I, with various staff, faculty, alumni and community members review the submissions based on a predetermined evaluation process. Other than that, the first Senate meeting was this past Friday. It was fairly short and I'll leave the reporting of it to our Senate representatives.

The councillor nomination period is now OPEN, so encourage those who are interested to dive right in. Also - thank you for responding to the election & referenda by-laws proposal. It did pass and so that's how we'll proceed.

Thanks everyone.

4-2 EXECUTIVE VP

Motion: Merry/Rice; To have a 5 minute recess.

Motion: *Carried*

Motion: MacDonald/Deziel; To move into camera.

Motion: *Carried*

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

Motion: *Carried*

Education Week was a huge success. Huge thank you all the volunteers. We had over 350 ribbons signed over the week which are currently waiting to be. We welcome you to all to come to the tree. Policy and Strategy conference attended by Me and Kate in July. We talked about our priorities for the year to not only take to parliament hill in November, but for us to all take to our MPs on the ground here. They also have a team on the ground in Ottawa who does research for us as needed. If you have any questions or would like to see the PreBudget report we will be using to long MPs on parliament hill, please let me know. Kate and I will be keeping you up to date as our next conference comes up!

4-3 VP ACTIVITIES

Hello everyone!

I'm going to keep this short and sweet. Wave events are coming along nicely. We've had stellar crowds at trivia the past two weeks, and open mic is off to a great start.

I haven't gotten the receipts from the Poster Sale yet, but by all accounts it was good, and when I spoke with them the people running it seemed of the opinion that sales were going well.

Society registrations are a bit behind, but involvement is good. We only have 13 societies that handed in their registration documents on time, but I've been talking to over 40 groups, most of whom plan on registering and are just running a bit behind.

The Society Fair that was held on Wednesday went over smoothly. With roughly 25 societies in attendance, there was quite for students to browse through. Some societies which didn't attend chose not to as they felt that it wasn't of benefit to them, but I think that the feedback that we received from other societies merits it happening again.

4-4 VP FINANCE

Nothing to report.

4-5 VP COMMUNICATIONS

Well the last two weeks have gone by fast and frankly they've sort of been a blur!

I was fairly busy this week helping out with Education week. I made a variety of signs with the help of our wonderful promotions coordinator Kendra. I helped Kate pick up all the hotdogs and buns for the BBQ. I prepared invites to various events and created a media release about the week. I also made an Education Week video that basically sums up the week, which is now on our Youtube channel.

Have you been to the Wave lately? Well there are new menus on the tables. Candice, our admin assistant, and I finished the new menus up at the beginning of the week. We got them printed at Staples in a matter of minutes and then I spent the afternoon laminating them, and now they look really pretty down at the Wave! I had a meeting with Kirk, our operations manager, on Friday about Radio ads with Hot 105.5 and other cheap advertising initiatives we are going to take on to promote the Wave. The meeting went very well, and Kendra and I are going to start a few little projects this week.

I've been making a few little changes and additions to the website. There is a new blog post, and a news article about the Fall elections. I'm slowly figuring out how to maneuver around the new website and add the new content that it needs.

So, another part of my job is that I get to hear feedback from students on how we're doing as a Student Union. This year, I, and the other executive members, have really been able to connect with a lot of students, especially first years. Yes, it helps that there's no microwaves in the Student Centre right now, but still, connections are being made and that's what is important. Some of the messages I've been getting have made me so happy and I want to share them with you guys!

One first year student who had come up to see us during NSO, ended up coming up with two other people and they stayed and chatted with us for probably almost an hour. He later sent me a Facebook message saying how great it was to feel so at home up there, and it was only the first week of school. That same student messaged me about a predicament he was in about losing a jacket. He said he had no idea who to ask, but us, in the student union, were the only ones who came to mind because of how much we helped him in the first week. The conversation between us ended with him telling me how he becomes more and more impressed with this University each and everyday. Finally I had another student send me a message through the Wave page, telling me how impressive it is how much work we all do. She couldn't believe how often she sees us all around campus doing things and yet we still have time for class. She told us she was very impressed.

If that doesn't put a smile on all of your faces I don't know what will! That's all for me though!

4-6 SENATE

The first senate meeting of this academic year took place on Friday. Under business arising from the last senate meeting in the spring, an update was given on the number of graduates in May. There were 914 graduates in total, which was coincidentally the exact same number as the year before.

The president gave his report in which he mentioned how impressed he was by NSO week, the first ever Welcome Day, and the Dare to Dream kick-off. He also talked about his recent trip to China, during which he signed a few new agreements with Chinese universities, such as Hong Kong University, to offer more exchange opportunities.

Senate approved a motion from ARPC to offer an undergraduate Interdisciplinary Gerontology Program, which would be offered through the Department of Applied Human Sciences in conjunction with the Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science, and School of Nursing. Students will be able to minor in Gerontology or receive a certificate or diploma in Gerontology.

And to wrap things up there was a presentation overviewing initial enrollment numbers for the year; however, these are not concrete and will be confirmed at the next senate meeting:

- 4555 (1% decrease since last year)
- Undergrad down by 1.7% (65 students)
- Graduate student numbers are up (10%)
- International enrollment up 2.4 %
 - o Representing 61 countries, 12% of students
 - o 180 new this year

4-6 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Nothing to report.

4-7 OMBUDSMAN

Not in attendance.

4-8 GSR

Nothing to report.

4-9 FACULTIES/GROUPS

4-9-1 ARTS

The society has decided to meet Wednesdays at 2:30pm. Their first event will be September 24th, movie night in Dawson Lounge. They have decided to postpone their executive elections until more students in their departments have been informed about the society.

4-9-2 BUSINESS

- Golf tournament and beach volleyball events were sellouts
- Pub-crawl is Oct. 19. Shirts are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members

4-9-3 SCIENCE

Nothing to report.

4-9-4 NURSING

Not in attendance.

4-9-5 AVC

Not in attendance.

4-9-6 INTERNATIONAL

Not in attendance.

4-9-7 ACCESSIBILITY

Not in attendance.

4-9-8 RESIDENCE

Not in attendance.

4-9-10 EDUCATION

Not in attendance.

4-9-11 FIRST YEAR

Not in attendance.

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 SWEARING IN OF COUNCILLORS

5-2 COMMITTEE POSITIONS

5-3 FINANCE AMENDMENT

Motion: Gordon/VanGerven; To approve proposed amendments as presented: **see Appendix A.**

*Note: Travis Gordon abstained.

Amendment: Millington/; To make access to the budget by students only.

*Note: Jon Millington, Kelsey Cormier and Amy Doyle voted in favor.

Amendment: *Defeated*

Amendment: MacDonald/Wotton: To change the wording from "a version" to "a simplified version" in the proposed policy change.

*Note: Travis Gordon abstained.

Motion: VanGerven/MacDonald; To change current amendment from “a simplified version” to “a simplified version prepared by the VP Finance subject to be approved in council” in the proposed amendment.

*Note: Kate VanGerven abstained and Jon Millington, Kelsey Cormier, Emiley MacKinnon and Nicole Lane voted against.

Motion: *Carried*
Amendment: *Carried*
Motion: *Carried*

5-4 DRAGONETTE REPORT

5-5 COUNCIL RETREAT

5-6 HIRING BOARD UPDATE

Motion: Merry/MacDougald; To move the October 7th council meeting to October 14th.

Motion: *Carried*

Motion: VanGerven/Wotton; To approve grant the Executive Committee power to approve hiring board results for the cook position.

Motion: *Carried*

6-1 ANIMAL OF THE WEEK

6-2 VOLLEY BALL TEAM

6-3 LIBRARY MICROWAVES

6-3 24 HOUR BUILDING

6-4 MOONSHINARAMA PUBCRAWL

6-4 DRAGONETTE CLARIFICATION

6-5 RADIFICATION OF NEW SOCIETIES

Motion: Millington/VanGerven; To officially ratify the following societies:

Aboriginal Student Society
Campus Alliance for Reproductive Justice
Catholic Student's Association
Chemistry Society
Chess Club
Engineering Society

UPEI Game!
Political Science Society
Pre-Vet Society
Iranian Student Society
Music Society
Society of Atlantic Veterinary Students
Sociology/Anthropology Society

Motion: *Carried*

6-6 HALLOWEEN PUB TICKETS

6-7 BUDGET

Motion: MacDonald/MacDougald; To move to next meeting.

Motion: *Carried*

7-1 ADJOURNMENT

Deziel/ Gordon: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: *Carried*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46pm.

President's Signature: _____

Chair of Council's Signature: _____

