



*UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION  
MINUTES-FIRST MEETING  
STUDENT COUNCIL  
September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012*

The first meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Minutes were taken by Sarah Marie Lavers. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chair of Council, Alex Heighinton.

**PRESENT:**

Kate VanGerven  
Danielle MacDonald  
Jon Millington  
Anastasia Smallwood  
Matt McInnis  
Jessica Willis  
Bob Deziel  
Justin Lank

Emiley MacKinnon  
Michelle MacDougald  
Sylvie Morin  
Shelby Russell  
Matthew Rice  
Amanda Johnston  
Heather Wotton  
Oliver Bork

Travis Gordon

**ABSENT:**

Amy Doyle  
Kelsey Cormier  
Matt Rice

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Alex Heighington  
Sarah Marie Lavers  
Daniel MacDonald

Chelsea Merry  
Curtis Moerike  
Rhyanne Beatty (Guest)

Dave MacLean (Guest)



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

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

3-1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Minutes were approved.

#### REPORTS

4-1 PRESIDENT

Hi everyone and welcome back to another year of council meetings! I would be lying if I told you this report would be short and sweet, because it's not going to be. Here's a very brief snapshot of my summer and of course, if there's anything I leave out that you'd like to know more about, go ahead and ask.

My summer started with a lot of figuring out my new role within the Student Union and meeting with some people around campus that Rob felt I should know. Another big part of the month of May was spent planning our Executive Retreat. Some of the results of that retreat are of course, stronger relationships between the 5 of us, 3 month plans for each executive, an executive team contract we put together after some great debates, which I personally found very helpful and this contract can be seen on the wall of our lunch area in the office if you wanted to know what we included.

In June, I met with the President of the Holland College Student Union and we basically just educated each other on how our organizations work. June was also when I was first approached in regards to the Academic Appeals Committee. Traditionally, the President and the Executive VP have sat on this committee as it needs to be two students who are also members of the UPEI senate, but this year, we opted to ask a non-executive member to sit on it with me. This was for two different reasons: the first is that one of the lines in the Executive VP's job description is "Assist students with academic appeals" and I wanted to avoid any conflicts of interest. The second is that it would provide the student senator with more responsibility as a senator, and as a councillor. Most executive members have served as councillors prior to becoming a VP or the President and this seemed like a good idea. I'm open to your thoughts on this.

There were a couple big events or stories around campus this summer. The Hep B, C & HIV testing for biology and nursing students was one, the Diversity Office closure was another, as well as the student affairs realignment. The Hep B, C & HIV situation was my first encounter with the UPEI Emergency Operations Team as President. I did want to mention that this team worked very quickly, and very well. I was extremely impressed by the speed, the thought and the care they exhibited for the students who may have been affected. News of the Diversity Office closing came to me through Facebook while Danielle and I were in Sackville for CASA's Policy & Strategy conference so my reaction to that was purely over the phone. While the University administration maintained that all the services would continue to be offered, the issue was the lack of consultation. The Student Union was never forewarned, never asked for my opinion or thoughts on it and in my experience as an executive, that's not usually the case. The third is the Student Affairs realignment which is still ongoing. There will be a number of physical changes within the Student Services Office and the Webster Centre and I would like each of you to pay close attention to your constituencies and ask you to please pass on any feedback to me, which I can then pass on to the working group responsible for overseeing these changes.

On a lighter note – some of our new signage is up and the new website was launched just before the first day of class! I'll leave it at that so I don't spoil Chelsea's report.

The Graduate Student Funding Committee met once during the summer to dole out some money, and to discuss a different method of receiving applications. Rather than accept applications and meet when we have enough to warrant meeting, the other members of this committee recommended 3-4 intake dates which seems reasonable and will likely be easier to manage.

My work with the Reflections and Future Directions team continued throughout the summer and I was able to see some of our hard work pay off this past Friday at the “Dare to Dream Kickoff BBQ” which was the official launch of the “Dare to Dream” campaign. The planning of this event happened throughout the month of August, but prior to that, there was a lot of work to do with the submission forms, the evaluation techniques and so on. I would encourage all of you to check out the site and submit as many ideas as you can.

I attended an HST meeting with Provincial book sellers, the Tax Commissioner and the Manager of the HST implantation and provided everyone with a small handout that included approximate textbook costs. I also made a point to congratulate the provincial government on the George Coles graduate bursary, and elimination of provincial student loan interest but reminded the room that students would need to fund their education before reaching graduation and making use of these two things.

Hiring boards – there were a LOT of them. We have a new bar manager, a new part-time administrative assistant, plenty of new staff at The Wave, Mickey’s, the Cadre, and the Yearbook. So that’s that.

Last but not least, Willy Gauthier, a past SU President and VP Finance is a sessional within the School of Business and is teaching an Introduction to Auditing course. He’s actually using the Student Union as a case study and so Melissa and I had the chance to go talk with the class and explain a bit more about the Student Union and how we work. We were very well received and I look forward to hearing about how the class goes.

#### 4-2 EXECUTIVE VP

Nothing to report.

#### 4-3 VP ACTIVITIES

Nothing to report.

#### 4-4 VP FINANCE

Nothing to report.

#### 4-5 VP COMMUNICATIONS

Hello and welcome back! I have to say, it’s weird sitting at this side of council now, but it is also really exciting! There’s been so much going on over the summer but I promise I’ll try and keep this brief. Back in June, Jon and I had the opportunity to attend the COCA (Canadian Organization of Campus Activities) National Conference in Montreal. We saw some AMAZING talent, some of which you will hopefully be seeing this year and learned a lot. I attended most of the marketing sessions, which were extremely helpful and gave me a good start to the job ahead of me. I, like Jon, created a report from the week, so if anyone is interested in reading it just let me know!

Over the summer, although I didn't technically have to be here, I basically lived here, getting bits and pieces of work done. After several meetings with the guys in IC, I had the honor of helping to finish what Kate started last year and now, if you go to [www.upeisu.ca](http://www.upeisu.ca), you will notice a brand new website. As much as I would love to be able to take credit, I simply put a few of the last finishing touches on what Kate had envisioned. I had to sit down with them to go over the final layout. I had to be extremely picky about fonts, colors, pictures, etc. I also had a meeting to discuss what we considered our services. After dissecting the old list of services we came with a new list, and created different templates with step-by-step instructions as to how each thing is a service. It was a lot of work, but the end result is worth it.

Our Facebook and Twitter accounts have been gaining like after like and follow after follow which is great. Also with the SU flyers that have were put out in the NSO packs we, as an executive, have been able to meet so many new first years, which has been great. That's all that I have for now, I'm sure I'll have more news next meeting!

#### 4-6 SENATE

Nothing to report.

#### 4-6 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Nothing to report.

#### 4-7 OMBUDSMAN

Nothing to report.

#### 4-8 GSR

1) My status as the Internal VP on the GSA

2) GSA had a BBQ last Friday

#### 4-9 FACULTIES/GROUPS

##### 4-9-1 ARTS

They are trying to form a Modern Languages Society.

##### 4-9-2 BUSINESS

The Business Society is having its first annual beach volleyball tournament on September 28. Teams of five are \$25 and there is one spot remaining.

##### 4-9-3 SCIENCE

- Biology Society had it's first meeting September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Fall Crawl With Nursing and Chemistry was September 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### 4-9-4 NURSING

Nothing to report.

#### 4-9-5 AVC

Nothing to report.

#### 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

Nothing to report.

#### 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 COUNCILLOR SWORN IN

#### 5-2 EDUCATION WEEK DISCUSSION

**Motion:** Gordon/VanGerven; To move into Camera.

Motion: *Carried*

**Motion:** MacDonald/Millington; To move out of Camera.

Motion: *Carried*

#### 5-3 SENATE COMMITTEE POSITIONS

#### 5-4 POLCY

**Motion:** VanGerven/Deziel; To approve changes made to the Policy Manual with the exception of Section 204 as follows: **see Appendix A.**

**Amendment:** VanGerven/MacDonald; To approve changes made to the Policy Manual with the exception of Section 204 and other Cadre Operations as follows: **see Appendix B.**

**Motion:** VanGerven/Millington; To refer Section 204 and other Cadre Operations changes of the Policy Manual to Policy Committee.

Amendment: *Carried*

Motion: *Carried*

**Motion:** VanGerven/Millington; To approve changes made to the Standing Committees, Hiring Board, Executive Communications and Finance By-Laws as follows: **see Appendix C.**

Motion: *Carried*

**Motion:** VanGerven/Deziel; To give the Executive Committee final approval for the Hiring Board of the Mickey's Place and Smoothie Kiosk Supervisor.

Motion: *Carried*

**Motion:** Millington/VanGerven; To approve the Sub-Organization By-Law as follows: **see Appendix D.**

Motion: *Carried*

5-5 BUDGET

**Motion:** MacDonald/Deziel; To move Budget and 2000+ Expenditures to next meeting.

Motion: *Carried*

5-6 2000+ EXPENDITURES

Moved to next meeting.

5-7 ACCESSIBILITY REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATIONS PROCESS

**Motion:** VanGerven/Gordon; To give Dave MacLean speaking rights.

Motion: *Carried*

5-8 GENERAL ELECTIONS

5-9 ARPC INFORMATION

6-1 ANIMAL OF THE WEEK

6-2 NOTICE FOR CHANGES TO BY-LAWS

6-3 SU SWEATERS

7-1-ADJOURNMENT

**MacDonald/Gordon:** To adjourn the meeting.

**Motion:** *Carried*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 pm.

\*Note: Danielle MacDonald arrived at 7:29 pm.

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

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

