



*UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION
MINUTES-SIXTH MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
November 20th, 2011*

The sixth meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held November 20, 2011. Minutes were taken by Sarah Marie Lavers. The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Chair of Council, Ashton Arsenault.

PRESENT:

Jessica Willis
Kyle MacNeill
Sam Rayner
Matthew McInnis
Donald Buchanan
Anastasia Smallwood
Nicole Lane
Michelle MacDougald

Tyler Palmer
Travis Gordon
Natalie Doyle
Heather Wotton
Shelby Russell
Chelsea Merry
Sara Reeves
Amy Wilson

David Parker
Jonathan Millington
Josh Coles
Rob Livingstone
Bob Deziel
Fredrick Aondo

ABSENT:

Jeff MacDougald
Amanda Johnson

ALSO PRESENT:

Ashton Arsenault
Sarah Marie Lavers
Emma MacPhail

Kate VanGervan
Jeffrey McGuigan
Dave MacLean



1-1 CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

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

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

REPORTS

4-1 PRESIDENT

Good evening everyone, I hope all is well with all of you. Since our last meeting, most of my time has been spent either preparing for our trip to Ottawa for CASA's annual lobby conference or actually attending the conference. All of this paid off when we finally arrived in the nation's capital and began to meet with decision makers. All in all, I had seven meetings with MP's and senators, over four days of lobbying. This included meetings with three MP's from PEI, one of which was Minister Gail Shea. This was one of six meetings CASA had over the week with ministers. We also were able to meet with three out of four party leaders and the Prime Minister's Office. After my second lobby conference with CASA I can confidently say that our money is well spent being a part of this organization. Many times over the week we were told by people we were meeting with that CASA's policy work is top notch and that our solutions to improve education in Canada are extremely pragmatic.

Before we left for Ottawa, I had meetings of the planning committee, the honorary degree committee and the General Manager search committee. We have now short listed to five candidates and will be performing interviews on Monday and Tuesday. If everything goes according to plan, we will have a recommendation to bring forward at our next meeting of council.

That is all for now, and a reminder that you are all invited to my house on December second for our annual Council Christmas Potluck. Hope to see you there!

4-2 EXECUTIVE VP

Hi Everyone,

Like Rob I've been away from the office for the past week with CASA for Lobby Con. This was my first time at the conference and I'm really happy with how the week went. I met with three Prince Edward Island MPs, an NDP from British Columbia named Fin Donnelly, and New Brunswick liberal Dominic Leblanc. If anybody's interested in learning a bit more about how exactly the week and meetings work I would be more than happy to discuss it at some other time. Aside from the actual lobbying portion of the week we also had our regular opening and closing plenaries, which are essentially the equivalent of our council meetings. One discussion worth noting was a particularly heated debate surrounding the CASA transition system. As it stands currently there are three main CASA conferences as well as three separate transitions, one for each region. There was a motion from the board to change the structure to 4 national conferences and scrap the three regional transitions. They would shorten the length of each conference by a day or two, have a national transition in a central location like Ottawa, Toronto, or Montreal, and hopefully then have more time to elect members to the CASA board.

Most seemed to agree that this might result in a better transition process but there was an overwhelming response from smaller schools, mostly from the east, that had problems with the higher costs associated with the change. Schools like CBU, STFX, St. Thomas, Acadia, and other particularly small schools, including ourselves, didn't feel that it would be appropriate to pay the extra travel that would incur when the system itself isn't really flawed enough to warrant the change. In the end we voted against it and the motion wasn't passed.

On the subject of CASA fees I would like to add that beyond the benefits that students receive from CASA's actions, the benefit that we get from interacting with student leaders from across the country dealing with the same issues as us is priceless.

Unfortunately I had to miss last week's ARPC meeting as well as the first of my financial sustainability committee meetings. This week I have an academic appeals meeting and a meeting with Jim Randall, but aside from that I don't have anything else to report on tonight.

4-3 VP ACTIVITIES

Good evening everyone,

Events on campus since our last meeting have been going spectacularly. Tony Lee put on a good show despite less than expected attendance, but Mega Trivia on the 9th was packed, and there was a good crowd out for Paper Lions the following night. More recently, Mother Mother was awesome, as was to be expected and The Coor's Light Cold Party was well attended.

Things are going to start to wrap up for the semester soon what with exams starting up and papers becoming due, but we've still got another solid two weeks before that really gets going. This weekend there's going to be a shinerama fundraiser on Friday, and SAVS will be hosting a Stoplight Party on Saturday. The next weekend will see us with The Will Be Gones and Dennis Ellsworth on Thursday, and a fundraiser for the Hockey Team on Friday.

Tonight there is the NSO Night of Sounds v2.0.

4-4 VP FINANCE

Hi all,

I've spent most of my time the past couple of weeks in meetings and sending e-mails it seems. I met with a student about their academic appeals applications. I met with another student who was curious about our budget. I had my final meeting with the scholarships and awards committee which was nice. We got to award a lot of bursaries to some deserving students. I also had my exec committee which you will be hearing about later and that about wraps it up for that side of things. The rest of my time was filled with doing some work for my committee, mostly planning and executive, reviewing and approving checks, bank recs and following up on the microwave situation. I have a request in for the library council to bring it forward at their next meeting and I have an official statement from the Webster Centre on their view of it. I'm going to wait until I hear back from the library before I contact student services but I would like to heard from any student who has an idea about how to make the microwaves a more sustainable option for students in that area i.e. purchasing and cleaning. We don't need to discuss it tonight but if you want to send me an email or stop by the office that would be great!

4-5 VP COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing to report.

4-6 SENATE

Nothing to report.

4-6 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Nothing to report.

4-7 OMBUDSMAN

Nothing to report.

4-8 GSR

This week is the GSA wine and cheese party on Wednesday.

4-9 FACULTIES/GROUPS

4-9-1 ARTS

The Soc/Anth Society is planning a sort of outreach program to highschool students across PEI. Since anthropology and sociology are not ever really mentioned in highschool, the majority of students coming into UPEI have no idea what our department is about. So, what they want to do is to have anthropology and sociology students (probably one of each) go into the highschools and talk to the students on a class level about what anthropology and sociology are, and a little bit about what they can do with an ANTH or SOC degree. The idea for this project was brought up to the faculty at the last faculty meeting and was highly thought to be a great idea, so they are hoping to push forward into the next step and secure faculty and university permission for the project in the new year.

The second program is focused on the students already in the department or taking first year ANTH or SOC classes. The students said that they would really like to be able to have informal group conversation periods with the profs from the department, on stuff like courses, the profs experiences in research and school, grad school, and whatever else they can think of. The profs have said that they are more than willing to comply and they had the first session with Udo Kratwurst last Wednesday (right now they are just holding the sessions during their weekly meetings). This week Rick Forsyth has agreed to take a turn, and will be talking to us about physical anth, archaeology and anything else they can think of to ask him about.

4-9-2 BUSINESS

There is a semi-formal masquerade on December 1st and we are still collecting items.

4-9-3 SCIENCE

- Biology Society and the Physics Society met and further discussed the upcoming Duffy Cup.
- Nutrition had its grub and pub crawl on Friday the 18th, it was a success.

4-9-4 NURSING

Not in attendance.

4-9-5 AVC

Class of 2014:

- The AVC Class of 2014 has finally chosen their class mascot, the Red Foxes! A theme and date has also been established for the AVC's annual Suture Review; the theme is Television and it will be held on March 16th 2012 at the Student Union! Look for advertisements on campus in the coming months! The AVC Class of 2014 has been selling their cookbooks like hot cakes. If you are interested in purchasing one or several please contact Christie Yamazaki at cyamazaki@upei.ca. Lastly, finals are coming up and stress is mounting at the AVC. The Class of 2014 is battling the stress by having theme days such as PJ Day and Ugly Christmas Sweater Day, as well as having their traditional Secret Santa event.
- A team from AVC placed 3rd overall at the Fall2011 Animal Welfare Judging & assessment contest @ Michigan State University.

Class of 2013:

- This week and next week the class of 2013 is selling Ornaments for the AVC Memory tree in the lobby at lunch.
- The Animal of the week is the Bandicoot and last weeks was the platypus.
- Also you can mention that SAVS will be selling tickets to the Traffic Light Dance next week over at the student center!

4-9-6 INTERNATIONAL

Nothing to report.

4-9-7 ACCESSIBILITY

They have informed me of a new plan to update the Chaplaincy to make is far more accessible.

4-9-8 RESIDENCE

- Trivia was in Bernadine hall this Thursday, well attended and lots of fun by all!

-Andrew hall had a event last night, it was not well attended due to many students going home for the weekend. Andrew Hall will also be having stress busters this week, open to students from all three residences.

-Arbonne Party on Monday November 21st. from 6-9pm.

-There will be door prizes facial treatments and foot baths, and bring money to purchase products for Christmas gifts!

-Minute To Win It in the Dining Hall on Tuesday, November 22nd. from 6-7pm. Great prizes to be won!

-Movie Night(The Grinch and Elf) on Wednesday, November 23nd, from 9-11 on 4th floor lounge.

-Game Show Night on Thursday November 23rd from 9-11pm in the dining hall.

4-9-10 EDUCATION

Nothing to report.

4-9-11 FIRST YEAR

There are many folks who are asking me for more under 19 events -- so basically more wet/dry events.

4-10 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

4-10-1 PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

4-10-2 EXECUTIVE VP'S COMMITTEE

We are still working on the 'what are your fees' campaign.

4-10-3 VP COMMUNICATION'S COMMITTEE

This week in Communications Committee we discussed the possibility of adding a drop-down societies tab to the UPEISU Website. Having Ressources, How-To Register and possibly a list of Societies. It was also discussed making the SU Update Email more accessible to students. More to follow on both cases.

4-10-4 VP FINANCE'S COMMITTEE

Present: Emma McPhail, Kyle MacNeill, Tyler MacNeill, Dave Parker

Absent: Natalie Doyle

-Christ on Campus: Emma received a return email to her inquiry over the specifics of funding requested. Christ on Campus reported that they wanted \$40-\$75/week in order to continue funding their service. The committee decided that this was not in accordance with typical funding stances, and instead held a vote for a suggested \$50 one-time donation. The motion passed 3 to 1, with one absentee vote.

-Emma provided a copy of a draft for the Undergraduate application form for funding, which was reviewed by the group. Suggestions were made for an "Additional Information" section, and is again in review.

- The Mandate for the committee was informally approved.
 - The committee reviewed the UPEISU Councillor Exit Survey as well as the Staff Exit Survey, which are undergoing some minor changes before reaching the final draft.
 - The Scholarship page on the Student Services website was further discussed. Recommendations were made for a more concise, clearer search. In addition, more information needs to be entered about the scholarships on average.
- Meeting adjourned.

4-10-5 VP ACTIVITIES' COMMITTEE

- We picked a weekly meeting time, which will be Monday at 6pm.
- We've had 2 meetings since the last meeting.
- Other than that, pretty much the same as last meeting, we just talked about potential bands to play at the wave in the near future.

5-SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILORS

6-1 REMINDER ON PLAGERISM

7-1 ADJOURNMENT

Deziel/Merry: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: *Carried*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

President's Signature: _____

Chair of Council's Signature: _____

