



*UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION
MINUTES-SEVENTH MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
November 27th, 2011*

The seventh meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held November 27, 2011. Minutes were taken by Sarah Marie Lavers. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chair of Council, Ashton Arsenault.

PRESENT:

David Parker
Tyler MacNeill
Amy Wilson
Sara Reeves
Chelsea Merry
Shelby Russell
Heather Wotton
Travis Gordon

Amanda Johnson
Natalie Doyle
Bob Deziel
Nicole Lane
Tyler Parker
Jeff MacDougald
Michelle MacDouglad
Emiley MacKinnon

Donald Buchanan
Sam Rayner
Kyle MacNeill
Jessica Willis
Matthew MacInnis
Jon Millington
Josh Coles
Rob Livingstone

ABSENT:

Aondo Frederick

ALSO PRESENT:

Ashton Arsenault
Sarah Marie Lavers
Emma MacPhail

Jeffery McGuigan
Dave MacLean



1-1 CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

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

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

REPORTS

4-1 PRESIDENT

Good evening everyone. A short but busy week since last Sunday. Most significantly I would say was that the hiring committee for the new general manager finished up their work and they have a recommendation that they will be bringing forth later this evening. The president's committee was able to meet and discuss some policy recommendations that will also be coming forward this evening. I have begun looking into an agreement to have a photographer come on campus sometime in the second semester in order to take photos for graduates. This was something that we did last year and we thought that we would see if we could offer the service to students again this year. I along with some of the other executive attended the international student potluck this Thursday past. There was an excellent attendance and the food that was there was superb. Most recently the other four executive and I went through the Student Union's three year strategic plan that will be coming to an end in the upcoming year. This was one of several progress check that we have done and I think the process served as an excellent process for refocusing on some of the goals we would like to accomplish in the second semester.

On a final note, as this is the last meeting of the semester, I would like to wish everyone the best of luck on their end of term assignments, papers, and finals. I would also like to wish everyone a safe and happy holidays.

4-2 EXECUTIVE VP

Hi Everybody,

Most of my activity over the last week comes from one of my biweekly meetings that I had with Jim Randall on Wednesday. Most notably we discussed something that many of you probably have strong opinions on, and that is the idea of registering the university with anti-plagiarism software like Turnitin.com, for example. The general idea is that, if the university went in that direction, students would begin submitting their assignments online and professors would then run it through plagiarism-detecting software. The software compares it to a huge database of papers and comes back with a report on how "original" the assignment is, making for a more thorough process of detecting plagiarism than the current model, which varies quite a bit from professor to professor and probably goes no further than googling specific paragraphs when they appear suspicious. Anyway, without getting into specifics, there's a chance that the university is going to shop around a bit and consider going in this direction. I personally don't have a strong opinion on the subject, but there are many variables as to whether or not this would be beneficial to students and if you have any opinions please let me know. It would be great to have a general consensus to give to Jim as to what the student union wants.

We also talked about the co-curricular record a bit and decided that we'll be bringing it forward to Academic Review and Planning Committee on Tuesday, which is a big step in the right direction. It was brought up at ARPC last year but was given back to the SU to do some work on, which Rob did over the summer when he wrote up a more structured proposal.

On Tuesday I was involved in an extraordinary Academic Appeals meeting. On Friday I unfortunately had to miss the second meeting of the Reflections and Future Directions subcommittee on Financial Sustainability. The meetings that they chose for the rest of this semester didn't fit with my class schedule and, considering I wasn't consulted during the scheduling process for those meetings I requested that they look into either changing the dates this semester or at the very least considering my course schedule when they plan for next semester.

Lastly I contacted members from ANSSA (Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations), NBSA (New Brunswick Student Alliance), and Memorial University to address an issue with funding to the AVC. This is something that Rob and I have talked about; since AVC is funded by all of the Atlantic Province's provincial governments, funding to AVC is reflective of how much each province increases their university's operating grants. Long story short, we're asking for their assistance in contacting post-secondary education offices of each province to ask for increased funding to the AVC. We don't think that island AVC students should have to pay increased tuition costs because the rest of the Atlantic Provinces decreased their funding.

4-3 VP ACTIVITIES

Not too much to report this week guys. We had a number of events over this past week, of which the International Christmas Party was particularly well attended. This Thursday we've got The Will Be Gones and Dennis Ellsworth at The Wave! Good luck with your exams!

4-4 VP FINANCE

Happy less-than-a-month till Christmas!

I spent the majority of this week drafting up a document that I will be sending out to various consulting firms from across PEI and the Maritimes in order to get an estimate for a an external review project I would like to see happen this year or next. It would basically be a human resource planning and strategy review. Once I hear back from companies and have more information on what they can offer us I will be bringing this to council for a larger discussion but I just wanted to give you a heads up that this is something we will be talking about in the New Year. I also followed up on some committee work which included talking to the guys over at integrated communications about the scholarships and awards page. By far the most fun and exciting part of my week though was the hiring board for our new General Manager. The interviews were much more entertaining than expected and we had some really good candidates.

I also want to let you guys know what I'll be doing over the next month or so between now and our next meeting. I'll be following up on the microwave issue, the pimp my lounge project, hopefully finishing a document outlining the direction we want to see for the smoothie kiosk and finally I'm going to digitize some of our historic documents like old financial statements going back to the 70s, the building plan from 1998 for the Student building and any other that I can dig up.

Otherwise, I'm looking forward to this meeting it should be a good one! Thanks for a great first semester guys and I hope you all have a great break!

4-5 VP COMMUNICATIONS

Not a lot to report since last week. Rob, Josh, Emma, Jon and I sat down as a team and went through our 3 year strategic plan on Friday and re-evaluated each objective now that we're in our third and final year. Between the five of us, our respective committees and council as a whole, it looks like every plausible objective will be completed within the 3-year time frame we've allotted ourselves.

Two of the larger objectives assigned to my position are, of course, the websites we manage as a Student Union and compiling an annual report. On the website front, I can tell you I work on an aspect of it each day although the bits and pieces are not yet available to see. The website we have currently is a slightly modified version of what we were originally given to work with three years ago and so the entire functionality of it leaves a lot to be desired. The restructuring of our information, the addition of information and the omission of information is something I've battled with and will likely continue to battle with. Luckily, Integrated Communications is happy to help and we are still working with them now on an improved layout and design for a site that should, and will be, more student oriented.

As for the Annual Report, this will include highlights from different student groups, our Yearbook, Newspaper and The Wave, as well as statistics about our elections, social media usage and more. I'll pass around an example from another school to give you a better idea of what we're aiming for. Keep in mind ours will NOT be 30 pages.

In more interesting news, I've been working on a menu for the Sandwich & Smoothie kiosk to be delivered to departments around campus, as well as for students to take with them for future reference.

Other than that, I'll be meeting with the Diversity Week Planning Committee this week, as well as the Communications Planning Team for President Alaa's Reflections and Future Directions Process.

4-6 SENATE

Nothing to report.

4-6 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Nothing to report.

4-7 OMBUDSMAN

Nothing to report.

4-8 GSR

Nothing to report.

4-9 FACULTIES/GROUPS

4-9-1 ARTS

The Music Society hosted a concert today at Summerside Presbyterian Church which was a joint fun raiser between the society and the church. The concert was a great success. The Wind Symphony concert is this Thursday night at 7:30pm and features the Lord of the Rings Symphony. The Music Society will be hosting another concert on December 10th at the Guild called "Tis the Season". Tickets can be purchased at the Guild Box Office or online.

From the Soc/Anth Society:

I have been in contact with two former UPEI students who are now both working on their PhDs. Both of them have expressed interest in talking to current UPEI students in our department about grad school (the ins and outs of funding, grants, TAing, etc.) and fieldwork. I am currently trying to figure out dates/times where it would work for them to come in and talk to the society. It looks like one of these discussions will be happening over Christmas break.

Other than that all we have been working on this week was planning a potluck for next week (Wednesday at noon) and trying to figure out if people want to do something one evening before the exam crunch hits us all. I am planning on leaving any other planning/progress on our big projects until the break or next semester.

4-9-2 BUSINESS

- 1) There are still some tickets for the formal, if anyone is interested then please talk to me after
- 2) still doing the food bank
- 3) Marketing competition happened this Friday, the 3rd year marketing contests 30 were submitted, 10 were accepted, my group was accepted \$6000 worth of cash prizes, the juggernauts won, total of 2000 dollars, My experience was different but we won a honorary award.

4-9-3 SCIENCE

Pre-Vet:

The Pre-Vet society is having a Planet Earth Movie Night, as we speak over in AVC Lecture A. Also 15 attended a Horsemanship Course last weekend. It included care, brushing and feeding techniques of horses.

4-9-4 NURSING

Nothing to report.

4-9-5 AVC

2013 Class Update:

This upcoming week's AOW is the Macaroni Penguin. Memory Tree ornaments on sale all next week. Variety of ornaments available, including picture frame ornaments! Class Secret Santa starting next Friday!

Draw a CHICKEN! Each chicken drawing that is sent in, Aeroplan will donate \$5 to Vets Without Borders!

Women's self defense seminar this Saturday. Registration is \$40 and portion of proceeds go to the Humane Society! Come join us!

4-9-6 INTERNATIONAL

Not in attendance.

4-9-7 ACCESSIBILITY

Nothing to report.

4-9-8 RESIDENCE

Nothing to report.

4-9-10 EDUCATION

Nothing to report.

4-9-11 FIRST YEAR

Nothing to report.

4-10 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

4-10-1 PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE

So the last time our committee met was on Tuesday at the glorious time of 7:30am. Besides this time, however, we also met at Maid Marion's which cheered up the mood considerably. Anyhow, we drafted some policy surrounding Halloween Pub ticket sales which will be presented to you folks a little later tonight so I will not get too far into it now. The other item we discussed was just some further action on the suggestions that you folks all made at our council retreat during our brain-storming session. Essentially we took a sampling of some of the things suggested and decided what may be possible and what likely isn't, however, we never really came to any sort of decision to move forward on any particular item, simply it was an advanced brainstorming session. It is likely our committee will look at these ideas further in the future.

4-10-2 EXECUTIVE VP'S COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

4-10-3 VP COMMUNICATION'S COMMITTEE

This week to try and get feedback we put brown pieces of paper on tables in MacMillan Hall, the idea was to receive feedback, and have comments similar to council retreat. Although not very successful it is something we will try again with some variation to the plan. We are considering putting the same exercise in either the library or on a wall in the Student Centre. Advertising to be considered?

Also this week we further discussed the Kiosk Menu and the price of \$1.58 for Travel Mugs at Mickey's Place and how we can better promote this to students and staff.

4-10-4 VP FINANCE'S COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

4-10-5 VP ACTIVITIES' COMMITTEE

Our last meeting was Tuesday, November 22nd at 4:30 up in the Student Union Board room. Travis Gordon joined us and we were able to brain storm a few dry event ideas. But we determined that the people that are complaining that there aren't enough U19 events aren't even attending the NSO or first year events that Anastasia has been planning. So it was suggested that Jon, Anastasia and Travis meet, which is to be scheduled for after exams. We are also trying to come up with ideas for future events at the wave, so if anyone has any ideas for possible events you can let Jon, myself or anyone on the committee know.

5-1 MOVE INTO CAMERA

Motion: Deziel/Livingstone; To move into camera.

Motion: *Carried*

5-2 MOVE OUT OF CAMERA

Motion: Wotton/MacNeill; To move out of camera.

Motion: *Carried*

5-3 GENERAL MANAGER HIRING BOARD

Motion: Livingstone/Coles; To approve the recommendation made in camera.

Motion: *Carried*

5-4 PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Motion: Deziel/MacNeill; For the President's Committee to discuss the elimination of the Accessibility Representative position.

Motion: *Carried*

Motion: Millington/Deziel; To refer to presidents committee and reflect the concerns that were raised during tonight's council meeting.

Motion: *Carried*

5-5 2000+ EXPENDITURES

5-6 POLICY COMMITTEE

Motion: Livingstone/Deziel; WHEREAS some concerns have been brought up that UPEI students were not easily able to access tickets for events such as Halloween Pub; BIRT at the discretion of the Vice-President Activities, the UPEISU may limit sale of event tickets to three (3) per person and be limited to UPEI students for one day of pre sale only.

Motion: *Carried*

5-7 BUDGET TRANSPARENCY

Motion: Gordon/MacNeill; “I move that the budget of the UPEISU 2011-2012, as previously presented to, and having been passed by SU council, *be posted for the public to view online on the UPEISU website.*”

Motion: *Carried*

Amendment: Livingstone/Wilson; “I move that the budget of the UPEISU 2011-2012, as previously presented to, and having been passed by SU council, *be posted for viewing on secure sources.*”

*Note: 18 in favour, 3 against, 4 abstentions (Jessica Willis, Rob Livingstone, Nicole Lane, Josh Coles).

Amendment: *Carried*

6-1 CASA DISCUSSION

7-1 ADJOURNMENT

Deziel/Wotton: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: *Carried*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42pm.

President’s Signature: _____

Chair of Council's Signature: _____

