



*UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION
MINUTES-FORTH MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
October 23, 2011*

The forth meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held October 23, 2011. Minutes were taken by Sarah Marie Lavers. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chair of Council, Ashton Arsenault.

PRESENT:

Chelsea Merry
Sara Reeves
Shelby Russell
Travis Gordon
Jeff MacDougall
Heather Wotton
Sam Rayner
Natalie Doyle

Amanda Johnson
Emiley MacKinnon
Tyler Palmer
Michelle MacDougall
Anastasia Smallwood
Donald Buchanan
Matthew MacInnis
Fredrick Aondo

Tyler MacNeill
Jon Millington
Josh Coles
Rob Livingstone

ABSENT:

Amy Wilson
Nicole Lane

Kyle MacNeill
Jeffrey McGuigan

ALSO PRESENT:

Ashton Arsenault
Sarah Marie Lavers
Kate VanGerven

Emma MacPhail
Dave MacLean



1-1 CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

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

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

REPORTS

4-1 PRESIDENT

Good evening everyone, I hope all is well with each of you. Not a real long time since our last meeting, so my report should be semi short this evening.

A couple events on campus worth noting in the past week include; the rainbow alliance's candle light vigil this Thursday evening past. Some of the other executive and I were able to attend this event bringing attention to the fact that there is support available to those experiencing bullying for in the LGTBQ community, or for any reason for that matter. As leaders in your respective fields, I would encourage you to learn the signs of someone who may be considering suicide and know the services that are available to them. Also this past week, Ashton and I were able to represent the SU in a wheelchair relay race in support of the PEI chapter of the Canadian Paraplegic Association. We had a surprising amount of fun and didn't do too shabby either. I would like to thank anyone who contributed to our team.

Over the week I was able to transfer all of our ideas from the retreat from our beautiful new wallpaper in the office to a digital format. The other executive and I then sat down and picked out some of the ideas that we would each really like to tackle, so it is likely that you will see some of those ideas and have the chance to discuss them in your executive committees in more detail. We were also able to sort a bunch of remaining ideas into four distinct piles. These were the already happening pile, a pile for projects that we thought to have good potential but no one had selected for themselves, a pile for projects that we deemed to have a lower potential of getting traction on, and a final pile that we didn't quite know what to do with. This preliminary sorting is in no way final, so if councillors find that an idea that they really liked hasn't made it into the hands of one of the executive committees we encourage you or maybe a group of you to come together to tackle it on your own. This is something that I would very much like to promote this year as something that we haven't done ever before. The other executive and I are more than willing to provide guidance and support to you as you work on these projects and report back to council on your progress.

Also in the past week I was able to finish my first draft of my Co-Curricular Record (CCR) and begin circulating it for editing. I will circulate it to the entire council when I have made some revisions. Kate and I were asked to sit on the President's steering committee for his new strategic planning initiative titled; reflections and future direction. This committee as well as roughly eleven sub-committees will be tasked with formulating a document or plan that will guide UPEI forwards over the next five years. I encourage all of you to get involved; the process will be looking for input from students at every level, so there should be no shortage of chances to. Lastly we were able to uncover some information surrounding the food preparation debate, which we will have a chance to discuss in detail later on.

Thank you.

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4-2 EXECUTIVE VP

Good evening everyone.

Like I'm sure it did for the rest of you, this last week went by quick and I don't have too much to report.

ARPC met again on Tuesday but there was nothing of great significance discussed and I'll let Bob cover it tonight.

CASA's national lobby team met via conference call on Wednesday to discuss any lobbying that went on during the MPs' constituency week and does a bit of planning for next month's Lobby Conference.

UPEI Movember committee met again on Wednesday as well but I'll let someone else from the committee, maybe Jeff McDougald, give an update on that. I will say though that during a meeting with the VP Academic Jim Randall last week he told me that he plans on growing a mustache during Movember, and that perhaps some other members of the administration might be up for doing so as well.

That's all that I have for tonight.

4-3 VP ACTIVITIES

Hello you beautiful people!

This week has been pretty busy! We got ourselves some new trivia hosts, so everybody be sure to stop by this Wednesday for Kris Reed and Taylor Fleming's first night as trivia hosts! This week we're also going to be playing host to two of the three events for the engineering Olympics, and we'll be finishing off the week with Scientists of Sound and Nick Bike. If you would like to be on the list for that event, please let me know!

The incidence report committee meeting seemed to be less concerned with last weekend's residence craziness, so looks like you guys dodged a bullet there. They want a student to sit on the Park Appeals Board, so we'll be looking for nominations for that later on in the meeting.

The Campus Health and Safety Committee also felt that Shinerama was quite a bit safer than previous years, but are still concerned with the amount of running in the streets (even though there wasn't much this year). They were also super impressed that they didn't get a call from the cops this year!

I'd like to end this off just by saying how super stoked I am to get my committee today!

4-4 VP FINANCE

Hi all,

Short week, short report. I made some calls about the Pimp My Lounge idea mentioned during council retreat. I need to write up a short document outlining that and I'll keep you updated as and if things progress. I reviewed our draft financial statements, things look good, pretty on par with how things have been. I also finished up some admin work, completed the exit survey and a job description for our prep cook and made some headway in getting the water bottle refill station installed in the Student Union as the Grad Class of 2011 gift. And we gave away some more money! Movember committee, Poli Sci Society and SIS are receiving some funds for projects that have underway. That's it for me. Thanks!

4-5 VP COMMUNICATIONS

So I'm here! Hopefully there's no impeachment on my horizons because missing the last two meetings were truly out of my control. The first missed meeting, I was headed back from a weekend retreat in Hinton, Alberta with the student clubs leaders from NAIT, the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology and the second missed meeting was because I was home in Ontario for my cousins wedding – AND I was a bridesmaid.

Anyways. I'll keep this as short as possible by offering the highlights of the last few weeks. First of all, the weekend with the student leaders from NAIT was amazing. It opened my eyes even further to a lot of different aspects of organization on our own campus. One thing that was really fascinating is their strict adherence to the rules imposed by their administration, and by their province. Over the years, their staff has built a system of easy-to-use forms and guidelines designed to play by the rules which keeps everything above the line and allows their student groups to be as creative and successful as they possibly can. This memo that has been circulating about students selling food without the proper licenses, in my opinion, isn't something we should be fighting the university on, but something we should run with. Chris Gallant, co-chair of the Rainbow Alliance, was first up to deal with this new "suggestion" when they held their Pancake Breakfast and he rose to the challenge and got his certificate from the Department of Health. Risk management, proper licenses, adhering to certain procedures...these little annoyances are always going to pop up so this is a great opportunity for learning to deal with them. Melissa, our admin assistant, and Heather our GM had some great ideas for other ways to keep things simple and organized for student leaders across campus while also appeasing university administration. So, that's that!

Rose, the Clubs Manager at NAIT who invited me to their retreat actually came here to UPEI the following weekend for a session with our groups and I won't speak for the students who were there except to say I hope they learned as much as I did and left feeling as enthusiastic as I felt.

The website is once again being exploited in our Halloween ticket scavenger hunt. For those councilors who are participating...don't forget you get into one major event for free and Halloween could be it...which is almost like winning, but easier!

Kendra, our promotions coordinator, Jon and I sat down the other day to figure out who was responsible for what in the realm of events/promotions/updating etc. etc. and although it was very unofficial, I feel like we'll have a good system down and look forward to forming our executive committees so we can shamelessly use your time and energy.

I'd love to put your smiling faces up on our councilor page of the website so if you could make a point of dropping by the SU sometime this week between 9 and 4, Melissa or Candice can take a picture of you in front of a pre-determined background. Also, please write me up a short biography of yourselves to post as well. A good place to start is where you're from, what year you're in, what your favourite things are about UPEI, your favourite food, colour, movie, etc. etc. etc.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading all the amazing ideas that came out of the council retreat and I'm sure they'll come up within our respective committees throughout this year, which is very exciting. I am curious though about the "making the UPEI website easier to use". If you could let me know some specific areas you're having trouble with I can make the necessary suggestions on our behalf.

Speaking of ideas on how to improve on what we're doing, Rob and I were asked to sit on a Future Directions Steering Committee with staff, faculty, alumni and community members. The purpose is to evaluate

and unite the several strategic plans UPEI has floating around and ultimately, to develop a direction for President Alaa to lead with. Alaa's ideal situation is to have input from the entire campus so don't be surprised if we ask for it on numerous occasions throughout the year.

Okay, lastly, I will fully admit to neglecting our own website as of late and I'd like to first apologize and then tell you I'm likely going to be in Integrated Communications for a couple hours tomorrow going over several pages of upeisu.ca including Off-Campus Housing, which Rob has been good enough to work with on my behalf. Anyways, thanks for listening.

4-6 SENATE

Nothing to report.

4-6 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Not in attendance.

4-7 OMBUDSMAN

Not in attendance.

4-8 GSR

Nothing to report.

4-9 FACULTIES/GROUPS

4-9-1 ARTS

Nothing to report.

4-9-2 BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

4-9-3 SCIENCE

The Chemistry society will be hosting a Ghostbusters movie night on October 26th, from 8pm- 10pm in AVC lecture theatre D. They went paintballing on October 22nd. They will also have a team in the UPEI Relay for Life on October 28th here on campus.

The Physics society had a poker night on October 6th. There isn't much else going on with them at the current time.

The Family and Nutritional Sciences society had a trivia night at the wave on October 19th. They had pumpkin carving on October 21st. They will also be having a team in the UPEI Relay for Life next Friday. On October 30th they are going to be having a Halloween movie night and tell ghost stories. They will be ordering society clothing between October 31st and November 4th. And this week they will be starting to put together their own cookbook.

The Pre-Vet society is sending a group of 15 students to NSAC for a horse first aid and nutrition course on October 28th, cost was 75\$, the profits are going towards adoption a new animal this year. Between October 28th and 30th pre vets will be helping as Ring Stewards during the Island Dog Club trial at the Charlottetown civic centre, 6 pre vet students are attending. The pre vet society named Chris White their first year rep. Lastly, Oct. 19th was Open Farm Day, and pre vet students got up at 6am to go to a farm in Hunter River.

The Biology Society is going around to classes this week to talk about joining the Biology Society's Relay for Life team and our Halloween event. The Halloween event is not one hundred percent but we the are either, going to go trick or treating for kids at the hospital and then watch a scary movie in Duffy, just watch movies in Duffy or, take part in the zombie walk downtown and then watch scary movies.

The Engineering society will be having an "Engineering Olympics" from October 26 to October 28. Events included will be trivia, Frisbee, and pumpkin carving. The cost is five dollars if you aren't in the society and free if you are.

4-9-4 NURSING

Nothing to report.

4-9-5 AVC

Nothing to report.

4-9-6 INTERNATIONAL

Nothing to report.

4-9-7 ACCESSIBILITY

Nothing to report.

4-9-8 RESIDENCE

Hi Everyone,

This week in Andrew Hall Residence, a meeting took place to discuss some ways to make parties more safer and more fun for participants. We decided that more RLA's on duty and more Residence Executive on duty to make sure rules are in place.

There is currently Halloween Lounge decorating between floors in each residence. The winning floor for each residence can win a Sobeys Giftcard that can be used towards floor events.

Andrew Hall and Bernadine Hall Executive are now in the process of ordering Residence Clothing. Bernie will be having orders taking place in the Lobby from 1-7 from November 1st to the 4th. Andrew will be taking orders on November 7, 8th, and 9th, from 4-6pm in the Caf.

That is all for this week.

4-9-10 EDUCATION

Nothing to report.

4-9-11 FIRST YEAR

Good evening Councillors. A few things to mention tonight in the first-year constituency. Our lovely NSO Coordinator planned a few events which took place over the past days: these include the Ghostly Get-Together which was well-attended and quite fun, and the Harry Potter Marathon Pt. II which I'm told also went rather well. In addition, apparently first-years can win a trip for two to Montreal by attending NSO events or getting an additional \$5 in online Shinerama donations. In addition, the trip is on New Year's Eve. I've never been to Montreal on New Year's Eve, but I would imagine it to be rather romantic. So, in other words, this is essentially the trump card for really desperate guys who need (at least temporary) girlfriends. Sounds like a good time to me!

In addition, this past week has been very stressful as most first-years have had to hand in their first major university paper. This, naturally, has led to widespread venting and hatred towards the mandatory nature of the Global Issues course. Issues I've heard in relation to Global Issues include the fact that most seminar profs are not actually teaching students how to write but are rather simply expecting them to know. In addition, I'm hearing that many first-years simply don't like the fact that it's mandatory: some first-years have suggested University 103 or English 101 as substitutions for the mandatory GI course.

I've also been asked to bring the the attention of council, although I'm unsure if any action is to be taken, the actions of Professor Brenton Dickieson. Prof. Dickieson has been posting on his twitter feed regarding people's papers and has allegedly been posting quotes from people's papers and bashing them.

I haven't had the chance to check Prof. Dickieson's twitter feed just yet so I'm unsure of the nature of his tweets, but again I was asked to bring it to the attention of council.

Thanks for listening, and I'll be happy to answer any questions.

5-1 SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILERS

5-2 BUDGET

Hi Everyone,

Just a few small changes in the amended budget this time around. We saw an increase in student enrolment against what was predicted so yay for us. Our staffing costs increased due to the addition of two new positions, or Prep Cook and our Bar Manager. Other wage and salary areas were corrected to reflect the weekly time periods used to actually calculate payroll instead of the 8 month period used to calculate budget. And the other major item is that our smoothie kiosk incurred some fees due to the creation of a dedicated kitchen so unfortunately that area is projected to be in the red. Smaller items include corrections, the breakout of Wave wages, a decrease in Mickey's Place projected sales and the changes to our telephone plans.

Thanks!

Motion: MacPhail/Rayner; To approve the amended budget of 2011-2012.

Motion: *Carried*

5-3 CHARTWELL'S DISCUSSION

Motion moved to near future.

5-4 POLICY COMMITTEE

Moved to next meeting.

5-5 FIVE MINUTE RECESS

Motion: Livingstone/Deziel; For 5 minute recess.

Motion: *Carried*

5-6 COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Results:

Presidents Executive Committee

- Rob Livingstone
- Ashton Arsenault (Chair)
- Bob Deziel
- Jeff MacDougall

- Heather Wotton

Executive VP Executive Committee

- Josh Coles
- Matt MacInnis
- Travis Gordon
- Donald Buchanan
- Tyler Palmer

VP Communication Committee

- Kate VanGerven
- Kendra (Promotions Coordinator)
- Michelle MacDougall
- Anastasia Smallwood
- Chelsea Merry
- Dave

VP Finance Committee

- Emma MacPhail
- Kyle MacNeill
- Dave Parker
- Tyler MacNeill
- Natalie Doyle

VP Activities Committee

- Jon Millington
- Shelby Russell
- Sam Rayner
- Emiley MacKinnon
- Sara Reeves

Hiring Board

- General Manager (Non-Voting Chair)
- UPEI SU Exec member
- Position Supervisor

Wave Management Committee

- Operations Manager (Chair)
- Bar Manager
- Shift Supervisor(s)
- Jon Millington
- Tyler Palmer

Student Union Executive Committee

- President (Chair)
- Executive VP

- VP Finance
- VP Communications
- VP Activities
- General Manager (Non-Voting)
- Operations Manager (Non-Voting)
- Administrative Assistant (Note Taking)

Student Health & Dental Plan Committee

- General Manager (Chair)
- Administrative Assistant
- Tyler Palmer
- Dave Parker
- Amanda Johnson
- 1 International Student

Elections Committee

- Chair of Council (Chair)
- Deputy Chair
- Chief Returning Officer
- Deputy Chief Returning Officer
- Approved Scrutineers

Graduate Student Committee

- President (Chair)
- Bob Deziel
- Edward Cross
- Travis Gordon
- Emma nominates Amy Wilson

Planning Committee

- President (Chair)
- VP Finance
- General Manager
- Rob nominated Nicole Lane

Parking Appeals Board

- Josh Coles

Research Grants Committee

- Bob Deziel

Research Advisory Committee

5-7 TO MOVE INTO CAMERA

Motion: Coles/Deziel; To move into camera.

Motion: *Carried*

5-8 TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA

Motion: Livingstone/Buchanan; To move out of camera.

Motion: *Carried*

5-9 HIRING BOARD

Motion: Livingstone/Deziel; To approve the hiring board results as presented.

Motion: *Carried*

5-10 MOVEMBER UPDATE

5-11 LIBRARY MICROWAVE ISSUE

6-1 TRIUS TRANSIT

Moved to next meeting.

7-1 ADJOURNMENT

Buchanan/Coles: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: *Carried*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

President's Signature: _____

Chair of Council's Signature: _____

