



UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION
MINUTES- NINTH MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 7 2016

The ninth meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held Sunday, February 7, 2016. Lauren McKearney took minutes for the meeting. Bob Déziel, Chair of Council, called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

PRESENT:

Dana Kenny	Nicole Mann
Nathan Hood	Emma McDermott
John Rix	Jack Stultz
Owen Shaw	Kiley Kim
Stephen Wilfeard	Zak Jarvis
Julia Ross	Halen Sky
Tayte Willows	Babafela Babalola Awosile
Kaylee Blackett	Andrew Simmons
Pierce Smith	Joel Hansen
Michaela Kennie	Kate Rundle
Megan Rix	Alyssa Mackinnon
Teresa Tu	

ABSENT:

Sarah Outram	Kamran Omar
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ALSO PRESENT:

Bob Déziel	Zach Tweel
Lauren McKearney	Connor Mayhew

1-1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm.

2-1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: McDermott/Kennie: to approve the agenda for February 7, 2016.

Motion: Carried

3-1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion: Jarvis/Stultz: to approve the meeting minutes for January 24, 2016.

To change faculty member under conflict of interest for Councillor Rundle to teaching assistant.

Motion: Carried

4-1 REPORTS

4-2 PRESIDENT

Hello Council:

A relatively short report for you tonight begins with an update regarding the development of the School for Communications, Culture, & Leadership. The full proposal will be brought to the UPEI Senate on February 26 and this is the penultimate threshold for approval, then MPHEC will consider the proposal.

Stemming from that I'm afraid I have to boast a bit about the other new school on our campus. The halls of engineering school received a visit from the NIFD committee and I must say it was thoroughly impressive, an incredibly student centric building. NIFD has everything set for Outreach Week 2016, and I really hope all councilors participate for some amount of time at the town hall tables. Please sign up for a timeslot the document that was shared by Science councilor Outram. Some of you are probably wondering what's up with the executive feedback survey, there were a string of technical difficulties with survey monkey – but the survey will be redistributed this week.

On January 26 I attended a the Alumni Board monthly meeting and was pleased to secure \$1000 in funding from the board for the annual Mental Health Week at UPEI. The Mental Health Initiatives Fund application form closed on January 29 and the committee is reviewing the applications, I look forward to the projects that are supported by this fund.

On January 27 I attended the board of governors meeting; I imagine the board of governor's representative will deliver an update from that gathering.

On an election note, I'd like to believe the posters that we released regarding the upcoming election and executive positions at the SU are having a positive effect. Several individuals have contacted me with interest and questions regarding the executive positions. Nominations close this Friday - keep spreading the word!

The director of communications gave an excellent presentation to the executive regarding the quotes/estimate that she's received for a new website, I'm confident this long awaited initiative will be a reality in just a

few short months. She and I also met with a videographer to discuss the production of a social media video clip that will highlight many different SU opportunities. This video will go a long way in increasing visibility and boosting our brand as an organization.

John and I had planned to meet with the Holland College Student Union last Friday to discuss a variety of similar concerns we have as the voices for students at our postsecondary institutions, unfortunately the meeting was delayed due to inclement weather. We hope to reschedule and meet with HCSU before reading week.

As always, please do not hesitate to bring forward your questions, comments, or concerns.

Best,
Dana

4-3 VP ACADEMIC AND EXTERNAL
Hey Council,

The last two weeks have been absolutely crazy as I was doing school, working, and moved. I'm glad that is over with. I had to take a significant amount of time to work on policy for CASA as the deadline for submissions to the conference was January 29th. I had worked on multiple ways in which we can approach the youth employment problems in the country, how we address the recommendations on post-secondary from the Truth and Reconciliation, tri-council applications, etc.

I met with the ED of PSE and Continuing Education, we discussed the UPEISU policy priorities and the implementation of them in the upcoming provincial budget, and we talked about survey results from the George Coles Bursary that indicated a majority of UPEI students wanted to see significant reforms to the current bursary program.

Owen and I have been working on a policy synopsis for every external policy we have, to create a simplified "here's what we want and why it will be good for students" in 4-5 lines. I am hoping this will be complete and back to Council by our next meeting, which I will not be present so Owen will be speaking to the changes.

The Academic and External Affairs Committee received a presentation from Mitchell Crouse on the divestment issue and we decided that divestment will be included as a topic in our upcoming annual policy consultation.

The Advocacy Team has been continuing with class presentations on policy

priorities and we are getting good feedback. We will also be filming videos that will be about 30 seconds each going over different policy statements. Once completed, they will be distributed on social media.

The planning for this year's policy discussion has begun and we will be trying to do this bigger and better than ever. We will have a 20-30 minute session on the Student Union generally, and to draw people in we will be having a 30 minute panel discussion on "Kids These Days", mainly in response to a lot of the comments made by Dr. Srigley in his article earlier this year. Students, Staff, and Faculty will be taking part in the discussion. We hope to have Alaa and Christian present, and after the panel discussion, we will be moving into break out tables for discussing issues that are facing students these days. Following all that, we are lining the event up with Swift Kick so we can promote that. We are hoping this will be a really cool session, and upon request of the committee, I am now bothering the CBC about trying to get them to bring the Rick Mercer Report to the event. I don't know if it will be successful, but I will try my best.

Thanks,
John

4-4 VP STUDENT LIFE

Hi Council,

A few highlights from my week:

I met with Dr. Christian Lacroix, the VP Academic, to discuss the Buddy Program transition. We discussed the future funding arrangement for the program and he said he was comfortable with maintaining his current funding to the program.

Bieber Fever happened! The event was a financial success, and we're looking for more ways to improve the experience at theme nights.

The Diamond Awards are finally up! It went through the Senate Committee on Scholarships and Awards and the members loved the concept. I've been getting quite a few people interested in applying, which is obviously very encouraging. As I've probably mentioned before, this awards program will introduce up to \$10,000 in new award money for students.

Sex Week is this week! The SDO will be kicking it off with "What Else is Sex?" in McMillan Hall tomorrow. Love Pub will also be happening this week on the 11th. Invite all your friends!

The Society Committee met this past week to determine the award categories we would like to offer for the first ever Society Awards. I'd like to thank

Megan, our clubs coordinator, for her work on that project. We should be launching them in early March.

The Volunteer List is continuing to do well. To date, we have created 919 matches.

There will be some society ratifications coming forward later in the evening.

Sand is ordered for Beach Blast! Weoooo!

4-5 VP FINANCE

Good evening, council,

Early last week I spent a few days in Toronto with Candice, one of our Co-Acting GMs. We attended the Campus Trust Annual General Meeting where I served as a Board Trustee. We had the Trust's auditor come in and each school had the opportunity to review the performance of their school's health plan. Our Trust advisors have also set a specific range for each school that they should maintain with regards to maintaining an appropriate amount in their reserves and I am happy to say that we fell within this suggested range. We also accepted the hiring board's recommendation to renew the Trust's partnership with our current investment managers group for another year. The Funding Committee also got the chance to meet again this past week and accepted a few more funding requests. Late last week Heather Love I also had the chance to meet with the UPEISU auditors from MRS to go over a draft of our last year's financial statements. Our auditor wanted me to note that we seem to have been lucky to have such a great group of councilors over the years that seemed to have had the best interest of the UPEISU in mind when deciding upon financial decisions. The draft financials will be presented to you at the next council, but things looked good.

Zachary

4-6 SENATE

Nothing to report. The next Senate meeting will be held on Friday, February

4-7 BOARD OF GOVENORS

The Board of Govenors met on Thursday, January 28, 2016. Some of the highlights from the meeting include:

Chairs Report: The chair reported that they were pleased to see the engineering building so far ahead and developed. The Chair also noted the excitement over the new school of mathematics.

President's report: applications for this year are up in numbers based on previous years, although UPEI expects a lower number of students to be attending.

Some changes to criteria for appointment of board members.

The board is looking at making a transparency policy.

Faculty bargaining began February 4, 2016.

ERP program is being carefully monitored.

Increase in tuition for incoming international vet students by 22%.

Eastlink has taken over the landline services on UPEI.

5-1 COUNCILOR IMPEACHMENT APPEAL

Councillor Omar does not wish to appeal his impeachment. Due to Article 17, Point D councillor Omar has been impeached from his position as Business Representative.

6-1 WRITTEN RESIGNATIONS REPORT

The Ombudsman's report on Councillor Resignation has been distributed to all council members in hardcopy form.

7-1 ELECTIONS BY-LAW VOTE

Proposed changes include: Section V, Article 1: If a non-Executive position is vacated **prior to December 31st**, and that position has only one dedicated representative on council, an election shall be called to fill the vacated position.

Section V, Article 2: If a non-Executive position is vacated after **December 31st**, council reserves the right to appoint a representative to that position from its constituency on an interim basis.

Motion: Stultz/Willows: I move to vote on the changes to the Elections By-Law to be in effect as of May 1, 2016.

Amendment: Rix/Shaw: to have the Election By-Law changes to be in effect as of May 1, 2016.

Amendment: Carried

Motion: Carried

8-1 SOCIETY RATIFICATIONS

Motion: Hood/Smith: to ratify the societies listed on the board.

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Rix

Hood

Approved Societies Include:

African Society

Pre-Law Society

Young Liberals of UPEI
Atlantic Veterinary Business Society
AVC Christian Veterinary Fellowship
AVC Health Club
Exotics/Lab Animal/Wildlife Club
Equine Club SC-AAEP

9-1 **NEW BUSINESS**

Reminder that this week is Outreach Week! Make sure to sign-up for a slot!

VP Academic and External stated his conflicts of interest, which includes being President of the Pre-Law Society.

VP Finance stated his conflicts of interest, which includes being an executive member of the Pre-Law Society.

Happy Birthday Chris Rock and Aston Kutcher!

Super Bowl Event in Blanchard Hall!

Candy Grams are on sale tomorrow 10:30-1 in the Student Center! Councillor Sky serenaded the Chair of Council on behalf of the UPEISU Council!

Happy Chinese New Year!

10-1 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Rix/Kenny: to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm.

Signatures

President

Chair of Council