



UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION
MINUTES- SEVENTH MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
JANUARY 10, 2016

The seventh meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held January 10, 2016. Lauren McKearney took minutes for the meeting. Bob Déziel, Chair of Council, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT:

Dana Kenny	Sarah Outram
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
Teresa Tu	Michaela Kennie
Megan Rix	Kate Rundle

ABSENT: Kamran Omar

ALSO PRESENT: Bob Déziel Zach Tweel
Lauren McKearney Connor Mayhew

1-1 **CALL TO ORDER**
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

2-1 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
Motion: Willows/Tweel: to approve the agenda.

Amendment: Kenny/Jarvis: to add Hiring Board Recommendations to the agenda.

Amendment: Carried

Motion: Carried

3-1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion: Jarvis/Skye: to approve the minutes for November 29, 2015.

Motion: Carried

4-1 REPORTS

4-2 PRESIDENT

Hi Council,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had an enjoyable break and have eased back into the swing of things with the new semester upon us! The last week was quite busy as three students came to me for assistance pertaining to different issues. I'm currently in the midst of helping them navigate the university and advocating on their behalves. On Monday I finalized a letter addressed to Maritime Provincial Higher Education Commission advocating for the Communication, Leadership, and Culture program on behalf of UPEI students. Most of Friday was dedicated to the hiring board for the Director of Communications, and I will present the board's recommendation later in the meeting. This past weekend was spent with 25 students in Rustico for the annual UPEI Chaplaincy Centre Retreat, a big thank you to the organizers and supporters for the wonderful weekend. Reflecting back on December, among finals and holidays the month was dedicated to the planning and mapping out the final 4 months of my term in the office of president. There are a number of items in progress and on the horizon that I will dedicate much of my time to this semester, in no particular order they include:

- Regular meetings and committee meetings with the Board of Governors, Senate, Alumni Association, and Graduate Council
- Gathering input regarding: Teaching Evaluations and Smoking on Campus
- Director of Coms Transition
- SuperCon: Advocacy Week and Annual General Meeting
- Policy Com: Several items tasked to committee by council to be completed
- Set standards and provide feedback to employees
- NIFD: Outreach week, Contingency Plan, External membership review, strategic plan score card.
- Spring General Elections
- Signage: Organizational Chart in Concourse
- Culture Leadership and Communication UPEI program Development
- Society Strat plan - Society town hall
- Mental Health Week: MH Initiatives Fund access
- Bell Lets Talk Concourse Wi-Fi Donation (preliminary stages)
- SMILE bursaries: Sensory Motor Instructional Leadership Experience
- Pre-Budget Consultations with Government
- PEI's 1st Postsecondary Education Advocacy Week
- Video describing jobs and what we do at the SU: Featuring current employees.

- End of Year Banquet
- Transition Week

This coming week will bring the first NIFD and Policy meetings of the year. I will also be attending Senate this Friday with the senators and serving the senate on the honorary degree committee. I have a meeting with legal council this week to follow up with regards to items formally discussed in-camera. Tomorrow I will be meeting with the Minister of Workplace and advanced Learning to discuss SMILE a project that he would like to launch here at UPEI. As this project strongly involves accessibility, I've invited the accessibility rep, Kaylee Blackett, to attend and we look forward to updating you on that in a couple of weeks. As always, if you have any questions or would like to talk, please do not hesitate! Wishing you all the best with your studies this semester and I look forward to continuing to serve with you all on council for the next 4 months!

Dana

4-3 VP ACADEMIC AND EXTERNAL

Hello Council,

I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday breaks and got to spend plenty of quality time with friends and family. The break although short was nice and relaxing.

Prior to the break and this week - most of the work I had completed was preparing for our first ever provincial advocacy week. The purpose of advocacy week is to meet with as many politicians in one week as possible - this could be up to 27 MLAs, way too much work for Dana and I to handle by ourselves, so we will be relying on Councilors from AxComm and Advocacy Team, plus student volunteers to sit through the majority of the lobby meetings. Advocacy Week has the potential to have a huge impact on whether our policy priorities make it into the upcoming 2016-2017 provincial budget. Dana, Zach, and myself will also be looking to attend a pre-budget consultation along side advocacy week. If any of you that aren't on those committees but would like to get experience lobbying politicians - feel free to reach out to me and I will have you included.

Besides that I had worked on some academic grievances (typical for the time of year given exams) and had looked into some divestment research given the petition that was circulated in December, but we will talk about that later this evening.

The Advocacy Team will be rolling out with presentations to classes starting this week on our policy priorities. I would like to throw a huge thanks out to Councilor Willows for making a presentation far better than I could have. The

presentation gives a brief overview of what the UPEISU does when we advocate to the government, what we are talking about, and why it matters to students/how it effects them.

The results from the George Coles survey made by the Academic and External Affairs Committee are in and over 500 students had taken the time to review the questions we asked them - this is an incredibly good sample size for us to work with on our provincial and university advocacy.

Thanks,
John

4-4 VP STUDENT LIFE

Hi Council,

A few highlights from the past month:

Clubs & Societies

Work continues on the Society Strategic Plan. I'm hoping to have a draft ready for committee review by the end of the month. Work also continues on a society survey that will be sent out later this month. We want to gather data from our ratified societies to better understand their situations and also to establish benchmarks for initiatives in the society strategic plan.

I had a two-hour phone call with one of the COCA East reps over the break. Among the things discussed were society initiatives happening on our campus, establishing a nationwide event plan bank for societies to access, and the possibility of the COCA National Conference coming to Charlottetown in a few years.

Megan and I researched various alcohol policies from Atlantic Canada and presented recommendations to the university on its own alcohol policy. The majority of the recommendations were related to pubcrawls.

I had a number of meetings with various society executives.

Programming

Thanks to everyone who came out to Two Year's Eve on Thursday. It didn't sell out but ticket sales for the event should be similar to last year's event. I spoke with the liquor commissioner after the event and he said that everything seemed good, so shout out to the Wave staff on another great job.

A few dates to keep in mind for the next two weeks: January 21st will have Craig Cardiff and Laurent Bourque at the Wave, which will be a free show. January 22nd will be the Frozen Four hockey tournament at the CARI, followed by Winter Whiteout, an after-party with Skratch Bastid at the Wave.

Other

I attended the Dean of Art's first-year engagement event on Friday with John to talk about the SU and the services we provide. I also attended the International Student Orientation with Zach yesterday to talk about clubs, events, volunteering, and our advocacy work.

There will be an announcement regarding the new awards program this month. Stay tuned!

4-5 VP FINANCE

Good, evening council,

I'm not sure if it feels like more or less than two weeks ago that we were last together. As usual, I will try to keep my report short and straight to the point. Since we last met I was officially sworn in as a board member for the Campus Trust. We had a teleconference meeting to discuss dates for the conference in Toronto, which will be the first Campus Trust Conference that I will be attending as a board member.

Funding committee met again and we have come up with a proposed coat check policy application for you to vote on that could be used to eliminate bias when deciding which society will do the coat check.

Getting back to the actual dealing with numbers part of my job, the business report for September/October for Mickey's Place is finished and will be presented to you later on in council. A big focus at our last executive meeting was money and I have done up a proposed amended budget for you to all to vote on later tonight.

Cheers,
Zachary Tweel

4-6 SENATE

Nothing to report. The next Senate meeting will be held Friday, January 15, 2016.

4-7 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Nothing to report. The next Board of Governors meeting will be held Thursday, January 28, 2016.

5-1 BY-ELECTION REPORT AND VOTE

Motion: Jarvis/Shaw: to go into camera.

Motion: Carried

Motion: Jarvis/Hansen: to move out of camera.

Motion: Carried

Motion: Jarvis/Shaw: to approve the By-Election results.

Motion: Carried

6-1 COUNCILORS SWEAR INS/ DECLARATIONS OF OFFICE

Michaela Kennie (Business Representative), Kate Rundle (Graduate Student Representative), and Babafela Babalola Awossile (Graduate Student Senate Representative) were sworn in as UPEISU Councillors.

7-1 HIRING BOARD REPRESENTATION

Motion: Kenny/Shaw: to move into camera

Motion: Carried

Motion: Jarvis/Willows: to move out of camera.

Motion: Carried

Motion: Kenny/Willows: to approve the Hiring Board Recommendations as presented.

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Sky
Smith

8-1 DIVESTMENT

The VP Academic and External is looking for some direction from council as to how the UPEISU should tackle the rising issue of divestment from energy industries by universities across the country. During the Fall 2015 semester, a petition urging the University of Prince Edward Island to stop investing in fossil fuel companies gained support from over 100 UPEI students.

Motion: Rix/Jarvis: to have the Academic and External Affairs Committee explore the divestment of fossil fuels at the University of Prince Edward Island.

Motion: Hansen/Shaw: to call the question.

Motion: Carried

Motion: Carried

Opposed: One

9-1 2000+ EXPENDITURES REPORT FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

VP Finance presented the 2000+ Expenditures from October 2015 and November 2015.

\$2000+ Expenditures October (2015)

October 1	\$3,000	ATM Filling
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October 1	\$5,316.90	Revenue Canada - Income Tax
October 15	\$106,571	Trius Transit Payment
October 15	\$15,000	RBC VISA Payment
October 15	\$5,000	RBC VISA Payment
October 15	\$24,495.16	UPEI Accounting Office - Building Fee
October 15	\$94,231.71	Campus Trust Insurance Fee
October 15	\$3,000	ATM Filling
October 15	\$3,000	ATM Filling
October 26	\$3,000	ATM Filling
October 26	\$3,000	ATM Filling
October 29	\$3,000	ATM Filling
October 29	\$3,000	ATM Filling
October 29	\$6,000	ATM Filling
October 29	\$6,000	ATM Filling
October 29	\$20,475.88	UPEI Accounting Office - Building Fee (November)
October 29	\$5,686.53	RRSP Contribution Payment

\$2000+ Expenditures November (2015)

November 9	\$9,262.18	Revenue Canada - Income Tax
November 9	\$2,478.22	Revenue Canada - HST
November 9	\$94,231.71	Campus Trust Insurance Fee
November 23	\$14,250	Student Agendas
November 23	\$2,850	House Front Production - Entertainment
November 23	\$6,000	ATM Filling
November 23	\$6,000	ATM Filling
November 23	\$77,473.17	Campus Trust Insurance Fee
November 30	\$2,260	KVS On Tour Inc. - Entertainment
November 30	\$5,000	RBC VISA Payment
November 30	\$19,971.15	UPEI Accounting Office - Building Fee
November 30	\$6,015.24	Revenue Canada - Income Tax

10-1 HALOWEEN PUB FINANCIAL REPORT
Appendix C.

11-1 M.O.V.O FEST FINANCIAL REPORT
Appendix D.

12-1 TONY LEE FINANCIAL REPORT
Appendix E.

13-1 THE WAVE BUSINESS REPORT- OCTOBER

The Wave
Month of October 31, 2015

Comparisons
2014/2015 to 2015/2016

	<u>October 2015</u>	<u>October 2014</u>
Sales	31,071.12	18,440.28
Outstanding		10,996.76
Total	<u>31,071.12</u>	<u>29,437.04</u>
Expenses		
Food	9,245.70	6,347.49
Liquor	7,026.19	10,771.36
Wages	10,369.08	19,766.64
Mat. & Supplies	1,485.84	785.00
Entertainment	3,173.21	2,660.54
Other Exp.	5598.66	3,964.17
Equipment Depreciation	929.88	
Total Exp.	<u>37,828.56</u>	<u>43,641.20</u>
Net Loss	6,757.44	14,204.16

*Note - New Wave stove completed in late August. Depreciated over 6 months = \$929.88 (\$5,579.29/6)

14-1 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT

Motion: Tweel/Shaw: for council to approve Louise-Marie Roux to sit as a student at large on the Funding Committee.

Motion: Carried

15-1 ELECTIONS BY-LAW VOTE

Motion: Kenny/Jarvis: to approve the changes to the UPEISU Elections and Referendum By-Law.

Motion: Denied

Motion: Rix/Jarvis: to refer this document back to Policy Committee and VP Finance.

Amendment: Shaw/Willows: to refer this document back to Policy Committee and VP Finance to come up with a guaranteed amount of money for By-Elections.

Amendment: Carried

Amendment: Kenny/Shaw: to refer this document back to Policy Committee and VP Finance.

Amendment: Carried

Motion: Carried

16-1 SUB-ORGANIZATION BY-LAW VOTE

Motion: Hood/Shaw: to approve the proposed changes to the UPEISU Sub-Organizations By-Law.

Motion: Carried

17-1 POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Policy Committee has numerous agenda items to cover currently. Due to the variety of topics tasked to Policy Committee it will take numerous meetings to go over them all. Policy Committee asks that council be patient as the committee works through these items.

18-1 NEW BUSINESS

Congrats to Councillor Willows on her engagement!

The NIFD Committee is in need of a UPEISU Councillor. Councillor Jarvis was nominated and acclaimed to the NIFD Committee.

The Budget Committee is in need of a UPEISU Councillor. Councillor Kennie was nominated and acclaimed to the Budget Committee.

The Funding Committee is in need of a UPEISU Councillor. Councillor Rundle was nominated and acclaimed to Funding Committee.

Council hopes to discuss Travis Gordon's report to council in the near future!

Happy Birthday Candice!

Questions regarding how the position of Education Representative will be filled were brought to council.

Councillor Blackett is planning a Bystander Training session for UPEISU employees! Contact her if you are interested.

Welcome new councillors!

Happy Birthday Rod Stewart!

19-1 ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Shaw/Outram: to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Carried
Opposed: Two

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Signatures

President

Chair of Council