



UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION
MINUTES- EIGHTH MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
JANUARY 24, 2016

The eighth meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held Sunday, January 24, 2016. Lauren McKearney took minutes for the meeting. Bob Déziel, Chair of Council, called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Kamran Omar	Kiley Kim
Andrew Simmons	Joel Hansen

ALSO PRESENT:

Bob Déziel	Zach Tweel
Lauren McKearney	Connor Mayhew

1-1 **CALL TO ORDER**
The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

2-1 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
Motion: Stultz/Rundle: to approve the agenda for January 24, 2016.

Amendment: Hood/Stultz: to add society ratifications to the agenda.
Amendment: Carried

Amendment: Kenny/McDermott: to move By-Election Results and Council Swear Ins to point four and five on the agenda.
Amendment: Carried

Motion: Carried

3-1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion: Willows/ McDermott: to approve the meeting minutes from January 10, 2016.

Motion: Carried

4-1 BY-ELECTION RESULTS

Motion: Kenny/Jarvis: to grant the CRO speaking rights.

Motion: Carried

Motion: Rundle/Stultz: to go into camera.

Motion: Carried

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

Motion: Carried

Motion: Stultz/Sky: to approve the By-Election results as presented in camera.

Motion: Carried

5-1 COUNCILLOR SWEAR-INS

Alyssa Mackinnon (Residence Representative) and Nicole Mann (Veterinary Medicine Representative) were sworn in as UPEISU Councillors.

6-1 REPORTS

6-2 PRESIDENT

Hi Council,

A quick recap of the past two weeks includes:

Accessibility Rep, Kaylee Blackett, and I have met with the minister of workplace and advanced education to discuss the opportunity of the SMILE program at UPEI. SMILE is the Sensory Motor Instructional Leadership Experience. We are hopeful that this program could be launched at UPEI for the Fall.

UPEISU budget committee has met twice and we are in the midst of understanding the proper process that is undertaken to develop the budget.

Policy committee has met twice and our Chair, Bob will present the committee proposals later this evening.

Senate met but I'll leave the update to our senate reps. I was very excited to

see the official launch of the UPEI School for Math and Computational Sciences, this is an exciting step for our school. The School of Communication, Leadership, and Culture will be presented at the next gathering of senate and I will be speaking in favor of this new initiative.

The Board of Governor's Honorary Degree Committee has me, I will serve this committee alongside fellow student Alex Heighington.

Two mental health week meetings were held, I'm excited to see how the student center day lounge comes together, this space will be used for the week and will be organized by the UPEISU campaigns coordinator, Kaylee Jabbour, and the Accessibility Rep, Kaylee Blackett.

UPEI Rainbow Alliance and Pride PEI and the met with the SU to discuss hosting a high school GSA 1-day conference gathering this spring. We were happy to offer our help and services to the organizers.

Steve McQuaid, President of the PEI Community Foundation met with the SU to discuss bringing youth stakeholders around the same table to discuss pressing issues that concern youth on PEI. We hope to bring together the UPEISU, young voters of PEI, the Charlottetown youth advisory board, and Holland College SU to discuss the potential for a forum in which we could tackle these issues.

NIFD has met twice and has set Outreach Week for Feb 1-5. We've also revised the Executive performance feedback surveys and those will be distributed to council this week with the goal to present the results at the next council meeting on Feb 7.

Director of Communications transition has gone very well. Brenna Doucette has really taken well to her office, and is accomplishing a great deal of work. I've invited her here this evening to give council an update on her projects.

I attended a Board Finance & Audit last week, and have a regular alumni board and board of governors meeting this coming week.

UPEI's Tobacco Policy Review Committee, which I co-chair with Karen Samis, is very excited to be launching the Smoking Survey tomorrow. We look forward to the results of the survey so that we make the appropriate recommendations to the UPEI administration.

I have some updates for you with regards to ongoing UPEISU legal matters as I met with our lawyer twice since the last council meeting.

We've begun moving into the largely unused office space at the UPEISU, formerly occupied by mountains of clutter, and home to the NSO coordinator

for the summer months. I'm very happy that we're reclaiming it for UPEISU employees. This transition, like any, has its challenges but now that employees have moved into the space we can finally begin to identify how to properly make the space functional.

I know I always say it's a going to be a quick recap... believe this was not the long version!

As always, please do not hesitate to come forward with questions or suggestions.

Best,
Dana

6-3 VP ACADEMIC AND EXTERNAL

Hello Council.

On Monday, January 11th - I had mailed out 27 letters to the 27 MLAs across the province and sent them an electronic copy - we immediately begin setting up lobby meetings for Advocacy Week but then a call came and the Premier, Wade MacLauchlan, had offered us the opportunity to give a Caucus presentation. After consultation with Matthew Rios, the Government Relations Officer at CASA, he suggested we take the Caucus presentation rather than do individual lobby meetings. A few days later, James Aylward, the Opposition House Leader made us the same offer, and we accepted that. So the idea of advocacy week, in the traditional sense, was short lived at the UPEISU - I have since concluded that this is too small of a political jurisdiction for a large-scale advocacy week. Nonetheless, our efforts have landed us the opportunity to ensure every single decision maker in the provincial legislature here's why they should invest in students in the 2016-2017 budget. Our hope is that when the budget is delivered this year, you will all be able to go to your constituents and say that the Student Union efforts led to more money in their pockets.

There was a Senate meeting on January 15th, but I will leave the details of that to Stephen, Owen, and Zak.

The Academic and External Affairs Committee had discussed the Divestment topic going forward - we will be receiving a presentation from Mitchell Crouse, the student who had started the petition last week, that committee will then decide whether we would like to pursue this as a research project.

The Advocacy Team had met to prepare classroom presentations on our advocacy priorities - which have already begun to roll out. The team is also currently being divided into smaller teams to tackle the two caucus

presentations.

Excellent news to bring to Council is that our Policy and Research Coordinator, Owen Shaw, is taking over two files - the EAP changes, and the 12-month course calendar. 6 policy priorities can be tough to handle by one VP, but with the aid of the Policy and Research Coordinator, this should no longer be an issue. I am grateful that he has stepped up to the plate to handle the relations with the University on those topics and I am more than confident that he will handle them beyond expectations.

I had 2 stakeholder relations meetings, first with the Holland College Student Union. We met to discuss our ongoing advocacy activities with the provincial government - right now we set up a meeting with our priorities, and they set up a meeting with their priorities and there has been no communication or dialogue. Going forward, their President and myself will be having monthly meetings to collaborate on our advocacy efforts to ensure that we are not defeating each other in different meetings. The other was with Steve MacQuaid, the President of the Community Foundation of PEI, the topic discussed was the formation of a youth retention strategy and the role the UPEISU could play in that.

I have been attempting to set up meetings with the Faculty Association Bargaining Unit and the University Bargaining Unit as the Collective Bargaining process has begun - for those who don't know, this is a written legal agreement that lays out the employment conditions between an employer (the University) and a Union (the Faculty). This agreement expires in June of 2016. There is a potential for this time period to have an effect on students, so we want to be aware of both sides wants/needs so we can be a mediator, and that we can also have awareness campaigns so that students understand what exactly is happening.

Finally, I had done a considerable amount of work on the Federal level over the last 2 weeks - I am preparing to attend SuperCon (a combination of our AGM and Advocacy Week that creates a week long conference, caused by the need for a GOTV conference) in Ottawa at the end of February. As the Director of Policy, I will be bringing forward policies on youth employment, undergraduate research, truth and reconciliation commission recommendations for PSE, and the very first sexual assault policy - which address how the issue can be tackled on a federal level (as far as we aware, the first of its kind). I myself have put a considerable amount of research and development into the youth employment policy, particularly in the area of transitioning to the workforce.

Last item, I would like to throw out a massive congratulations to Councilor Stulz for knocking VP Hood out of the lead in fantasy hockey - we are all rooting for you at this point.

6-4 VP STUDENT LIFE

Hi Council,

Here are some highlights from the past two weeks:

Programming

The Craig Cardiff and Laurent Bourque show was fun! Thank you to those who came out for it. It was great to watch how Craig interacted with the audience.

Bieber Fever is coming up this Thursday. I've been seeing some positive reactions on social media so I'm looking forward to it. The cost is \$5 dollars. As per our policy, councilors get in free to this event.

I had a number of meetings regarding Sex Week over the past two weeks. A full schedule should be available later this week.

I attended three meetings regarding Mental Health Week.

I had a meeting with the Rainbow Alliance and Pride PEI to chat about a potential dance at UPEI and related expenses.

I was asked to sit on the COCA National Programming committee. This committee is tasked with researching and reaching out to artists and music associations to have them showcase at the COCA National Conference and will adjudicate any sonic bids.

Clubs:

I had a meeting with Dave Cormier about the Society Strategic Plan. We discussed the format of the plan and how the initiatives in the plan could be prioritized and presented.

Other:

I had a number of meetings regarding the Buddy Program since our last Council meeting, and will be presenting a recommendation later tonight.

I have a few meetings to tie up some loose ends for the awards program this week. Wish me luck!

I gave a classroom presentation about the SU with John.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch!

Nate

6-5 VP FINANCE

Good evening council,

I hope everyone's semester is going well. The funding committee met for the first time this semester and approved requests funding for a variety of undergrad students, grad students, and societies. The Cadre Board of Directors was also able to meet and discuss some operational options that would ensure the newspaper's continuity. We are hoping to keep these meetings go every few weeks. This evening, I have an updated version of the budget for you all to look at with the director of com changes, as well as a business update for The Wave. I will be leaving for Toronto tomorrow evening for the Campus Trust Annual General Meeting being held on Tuesday and will return on Wednesday.

Cheers,
Zach

6-6 SENATE

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Business arising

Academic plan update regarding Aboriginal initiatives

- Committee in place
- Looking at incorporating aboriginal affairs and history into all aspects of the academic fields

President's Report

January enrolment Numbers

- 4,2149 up to 42157
- Full time down
- Part time down
- 384 grad students (13 more students)
- 855 international students
- 20.1%
- Course registration down
- Arts (-41 students)
- Business (-1 student)
- Science (-47 students)
- Nursing (-14 students)
- Education (+3 students)
- DvM (-1)
- Unclassified (up)
- Graduate (-45)

- Full time (-125)
- Part time (+47)

Math and computer science are now reorganized as one department
Senate reports

Senate Steering and Nominating Committee Report

- Information
- New senators were announced

Senate Academic Planning and Curriculum Committee Report

- 5th report
- Motions made to the faculties of arts, science, business and veterinary medicine

Senate Scholarship and Awards Committee Report

Senate Honorary Degrees Committee Report

- Committee will come to senate with choices in March

Decanal Search Committee Update

- Committee Met, and are negotiating an offer
 - Report was limited to do confidentiality issues

Other Business

VP academic committee is still ongoing

- Discussion with Board to take place

6-7 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Nothing to report.

7-1 LEGAL-AID UPDATE

Motion: Kenny/Stultz: to move into camera.

Motion: Carried

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

Motion: Carried

8-1 RESIGNATIONS REPORT

The most common reason as to why councillors have resigned was due to their inability to fulfill the time commitment of council as three out of ten cited this. Other common reasons for resignation included increased

employment commitments, ineligibility to attend council, health issues, and feelings of not being respected as a UPEISU executive member.

Any questions regarding the resignation of Alex Heighington should be directed to her, as this has been her request.

Motion: Kenny/Stultz: to have our Ombudsman provide our council with a hard copy report to be distributed by the Chair of Council.

Motion: Carried

9-1 DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS TRANSITION UPDATE

Motion: Kenny/Sky: to grant Brenna Doucette, the Director of Communications, speaking rights.

Motion: Carried

Brenna discussed with Council her three main priorities as Director of Communications:

- 1) Website Redesign
- 2) Reframing of Street Team
 - Info Distribution (Traditional Street Team)
 - Communications Steering Committee
 - Programming
- 3) General Professionalization of Communications from the UPEISU
 - Creating an action plan that will serve as a guide for succeeding Director of Communications

Concerns about dividing street team into sub-committees and not having VP Student Life as a street team co-chair were voiced.

The President thanked Brenna for all her hard work as she has entered the position late in the school year.

10-1 ELECTIONS BY-LAW UPDATE

Changes to the Election By-Law were discussed

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.

11-1 INCLUSION POLICY

Motion: Blackett/Shaw: to have the Policy Committee with the Accessibility Representative, review and examine the drafted Inclusion and Accommodation Policy proposal prepared by the Accessibility Representative and to report back to council with their recommendation at the February 21, 2016, meeting of council.

Amendment: Kenny/Jarvis: to have the Policy Committee with the Accessibility Representative, review, and examine the drafted Inclusion and Accommodation policy proposal prepared by the Accessibility Representative and to report back to council with their recommendation at the February 28, 2016, meeting of council.

Amendment: Carried

Motion: Carried

12-1 INTERNATIONAL BUDDY PROGRAM FUTURE DIRECTION

VP Student Life gave a presentation regarding what the UPEI Buddy Program is and his recommendations for the future of the program.

It is difficult to establish a long-term plan for the program because the UPEISU employment terms are set at one year, due to this VP Student Life recommended that the UPEI Student Union change its role in the program from *supervisory* to *advisory* and transition the program to 100% International Relations Office supervision. The International Relations Office is interested in supervising the Buddy Program, which will be supervised by a full-time, permanent IRO staff member.

Motion: Hood/Shaw: I move to accept the recommendation to move complete supervision of the Buddy Program to the IRO and begin the associated transition process.

Motion: Carried

Motion: Rix/Jarvis: to grant Drew MacEachern speaking rights.

Motion: Carried

13-1 GRADUATE STUDENT SUPPORT

UPEISU Graduate Student Representative attended the Graduate Students' Associations town hall on graduate student issues. One of the main issues discussed was the lack of support for incoming and current graduate students at UPEI.

Motion: Rundle/Outram: I move that the UPEISU NIFD committee look into providing an information package, or launching an ad campaign targeted toward graduate students regarding SU services offered.

Motion: Carried

14-1 **UPDATED BUDGET WITH DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS CHANGES**

Motion: Tweel/Stultz: to approve the proposed amended budget for the 2015-2016 year.

Amendment: Hood/Rundle: to move \$1000 from the Event Programing line to the Society Initiative budget line.

Amendment: Carried

Motion: Carried

15-1 **THE WAVE NOVEMBER BUSINESS REPORT**

Business Updates

The Wave
Month of November, 2015

Comparisons
2014/2015 to 2015/2016

Notes from the bar manager: Sales averages per day were down from last year, however, expenses per day averages were down as well. Restaurant/food sales carried continued to grow and become a crucial success factor.

Liquor Sales (Gross Sales)	Food Sales (Gross Sales)
2015 \$11,234.54	2015 \$11,411.74
2014 \$17,166.27	2014 \$10,883.85

	<u>November 2015</u>	<u>November 2014</u>
Sales	18,813.34	26,713.27
Total	<u>18,813.34</u>	<u>26,713.27</u>
 Expenses		
Food	5,227.37	5,830.61
Liquor	3,259.85	4,852.09
Wages	9,608.42	17,786.05
Mat. & Supplies	609.08	849.05
Entertainment	1,700.18	2,050.00
Other Exp.	3,928.20	5,017.99
Equipment Depreciation	929.88	
 Total Exp.	<u>25,262.98</u>	<u>36,385.79</u>
 Net Loss	6,449.64	9,2672.52

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

16-1 POLICY COMMITTEE MOTIONS

Motion: Smith/Shaw: I move that the UPEISU restore the line item for emergency by-elections and referendums within the UPEISU budget for 2016-2017, and that the amount within this line item is to be set for \$300. I also move that the set rate paid to the CRO per by-election or referendum is to be set at \$150.

Motion: Carried

Motion: Smith/Shaw: I move that the UPEISU Policy Committee draft and edit internal documents to disallow UPEISU members from concurrently serving as a council member and holding positions within the organization that are under the direct supervision of an executive member, with one exception, being:

(1) If a hiring board, for a position within the organization that are under the direct supervision of an executive member, fails to choose a candidate who would be suitable for the position in question, existing members of the UPEISU council may apply for said position.

I also move that these drafted and edited documents be presented to council on March 13th.

Motion: Carried

17-1 SOCIETY RATIFICATION

Motion: Hood/Ross: to ratify the AVC societies who have provided the required information.

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Hood

Approved AVC Societies Include:

Animal Welfare Club

Aquatic and Marine Wildlife Club

AVC Equine Club

AVC Radiology Club

AVC Student Chapter of American Shelter Veterinarians

AVC Surgery Club

AVC Theriogenology Club

Bovine Club

Canine Club

Dentistry Club

Emergency & Critical Care

Feline Club

Integrative Medicine Club

Internal Medicine Club

One Health Coalition
Pathology Club
Small Ruminant Club
Teaching Animal Enrichment Club

18-1 NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Omar has missed more than four meetings, which places him at risk of impeachment.

Library committee is looking for an undergraduate student to sit on their committee.

Solid tweets on the Council twitter tonight!

The room for the Council banquet is booked for April 1st, mark your calendars!

Happy Birthday Neil Diamond & Dana's Mom!

Wednesday is Bell Lets Talk Day. Come out to the UPEI hockey game to show your support.

Alex Heighington does not want her reasons for resigning written in a document and distributed to council. However, the ombudsman will be presenting other councillor reasons for resignation in a written document.

Outreach week is happening before the next council meeting. Feel free to get involved!

VP Academic and External clarified that he voted to approve the Director of Communications hiring board results to avoid having the public find out the successful applicant before the unsuccessful applicants were notified.

Councillor Kennie stated her conflicts of interest, which includes being VP Finance of Enactus and Office Assistant at the UPEISU.

Councillor Rundle stated her conflicts of interest, which includes being a member of the GSA and being a teaching assistant in the Biology Department at UPEI.

Councillor Awosile stated his conflicts of interest, which include being a member of the GSA.

Councillor Mann stated her conflicts of interest, which includes being apart of the small animal clubs within the AVC.

Councillor Mackinnon stated her conflicts of interest, which includes working at the UPEI Bookstore and being a member of the UPEI Cheer Team!

Chair of Council stated his conflicts of interest, which includes being a professor in the Department of Biology at UPEI.

Questions regarding UPEISU's revenue were voiced.

18-1 ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Shaw/Willows: to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Carried
Opposed: Two

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Signatures

President

Chair of Council