



UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION
MINUTES- MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
MARCH 13, 2016

The eleventh meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held Sunday, March 13, 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	Megan Rix
John Rix	Julia Ross
Babafela Babalola Awosile	Kate Rundle
Kaylee Blackett	Owen Shaw
Joel Hansen	Andrew Simmons
Zak Jarvis	Halen Sky
Kiley Kim	Pierce Smith
Michaela Kennie	Jack Stultz
Alyssa Mackinnon	Teresa Tu
Emma McDermott	Stephen Wilfeard
Nicole Mann	Tayte Willows

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Bob Déziel	Zach Tweel
Lauren McKearney	Connor Mayhew

1-1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

2-1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Willows/Sky: to approve the agenda for Sunday, March 13, 2016.

Motion: Carried

Abstain: One

Motion: Sky/McDermott: to add 2014/2015 financial statements to the agenda.

Motion: Carried

3-1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion: Willows/McDermott: to approve the meeting minutes from Sunday, February 28, 2016.

Motion: Carried

4-1 REPORTS

4-2 PRESIDENT

Hello Council:

A lengthy update lies ahead as much has transpired since the last report I delivered. I'll attempt to keep each point brief but as always I'm happy to elaborate in further detail should you have any questions.

Regular Meetings:

- Faculty Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiators
- Senate Honorary Degree Committee
- Tobacco-Use Policy Review Committee
- Graduate Student Association
- Alumni Association Board
- Carr, Stevenson, MacKay, legal meetings
- NIFD Committee
- Alumni & Development
- Budget Committee
- Finance & Audit Committee
- World Universities Services Canada Group

Conferences & Events:

- UPEISU Outreach Week
- CASA Lobby Week
- CASA Annual General Meeting
- Mental Health Week
- Spring Election
- OPEN CLASS DAY UPEI

Ongoing/Completed Projects:

- Services & Opportunities Video
- New Website
- UPEI School of Arts Innovation: Communication, Leadership, & Culture

In the News (The Guardian, CBC, Radio Canada, Academica Top 10):

- Provincial Advocacy Wins
 - Repayment period & increased loans indexed to CPI
- Mental Health Initiatives Fund

- Ontario Postsecondary Tuition

There is much to do in the remaining 7 weeks of my term as president and I very much look forward accomplishing all that I can before handing over the keys and transitioning the incoming president. As always, please don't hesitate to touch base should you need anything.

Dana

4-3 VP ACADEMIC AND EXTERNAL

Hey Council,

Faculty Association Meeting

Dana and I met with the Faculty Association to discuss their priorities heading into the collective bargaining process. We stressed the importance of the SOTS being reviewed and becoming more accountable. We also discussed student representation on the University Review Committee - both without much success. At this point, we need to meet with the University's bargaining team.

Provincial Lobby Meetings

We gave two Caucus Presentations in a span of a week, and two lobby meetings in the span of a week. The first meeting we had was with the Leader of the Official Opposition, Jamie Fox. We had not met with him yet since he had taken over the role so the meeting was more of a meet and greet rather than an official lobby meeting. Later that afternoon, we gave a presentation to the entire PC Caucus. We had a meeting with Peter Bevan-Baker as well, a lengthy discussion that actually lasted over an hour. The final presentation was given to the Government Caucus. The presentation went well and we received plenty of positive feedback. Special thanks to the students who helped out with these meetings - Owen Shaw, Taya Nabuurs, Casey O'Sullivan, and Sam Ferguson, your presence was greatly appreciated.

Advocacy Wins

Following our Caucus Presentations, I was informed that one of our advocacy asks, to raise the student loan weekly maximums with an indexation to rise with the provincial inflation rate would take place. This is huge news and is the first advocacy win for the UPEISU advocacy portfolio. It took 2 and half years to get there, but the long term thinking of our predecessors is finally beginning to pay off with our students getting a return on their investment.

CASA Advocacy Week/ AGM

Dana and I had attended Advocacy Week and AGM. CASA was able to get meetings with almost 160 MPs and Senators on the Hill. We were covering topics such as Canada Student Grants and Loans, investing in Co-ops/internships, protections around unpaid interns, research, repayment

assistance, and investing in aboriginal education through the PSSSP. I myself had 9 meetings including a meeting with the Program Coordinators of the Canada Student Loan Program. Following the lobby meetings, we had some blue-sky discussions about CASA as an organization and future directions we would like to see.

Press Conferences

I attended two press conferences; the first was Sean Casey announcing the report from the Un and Underemployment committee that was struck here. There are a number of recommendations made from that committee to the federal, provincial, and municipal levels of government that I am very interested in and could aid our advocacy efforts in the future. I had also attended a press conference given by Sean Casey and the Honourable Richard Brown, announcing a youth commons and 60 youth internships.

Policy Synopses Project

I have finished adding a policy synopsis to every single policy. This will be discussed more in-depth later in this meeting.

Fall Reading Week

Huge thanks to Owen Shaw for researching and developing the policy proposal on a Fall Reading Week at UPEI. This will be given its first reading later this evening.

Kids These Days Feedback Session

Kids These Days Feedback Session, our new way we are going to approach our policy consultation is going well. We have the evening planned out and how it will flow. We have panelists confirmed for the discussion on Kids These Days. We have Jesse Hitchcock, Tayte Willows, Susan Graham, Brenton Dickieson, and Anne Bartlett as our panelists. I've been with the Director of Communications, the Graphic Designer, and the SU photographer to prepare our promotional materials, which should be rolled out later this week. The event will be March 31st from 7-9.

Review of EPD Bylaw

I made some changes to the External Policy Development Bylaw, clarifications on what the Academic and External Affairs Committee should handle and what Council should consider when voting. I added a structure section so we can ensure consistency in our policy statements, and I added a section about the External Policy Book, our centralized document for all of our policies.

Workforce Engagement Session

The Department of Workforce and Advanced Learning is writing a strategic plan because it's a new department. This will help chart the directions for its purpose in the province. There are a number of key priorities that relate to

post-secondary education and youth employment that will be useful for us in the future. We are very thankful to have been invited to the table as a key stakeholder that the Province wants to lean on for advice.

4-4 VP STUDENT LIFE

Hi Council,

Here is a snapshot of the past two weeks:

-A huge shoutout to everyone who helped out with Beach Blast! We had over 120 people participate in our volleyball tournament, and we either sold out or came very close to selling out the beach party. While the event was largely a success, we were issued a warning from the liquor commissioner regarding an incident that happened backstage. I'm looking at developing a green room policy to further clarify rules and expectations surrounding the use of that space.

-The Diamond Awards adjudication committee met for the first time to review applications. It was incredible to see the accomplishments and initiatives started by the students who applied. We are meeting again this week to solidify the recipients for the awards.

-I was hit with presentation fever this past week. I gave two 45 minute presentations to grade 3-6 students on money and business as a part of the UPEI Math Achievement Program, which was developed and spearheaded by the UPEI Math Society. I also presented to a group of grade 12 students with Dana and John on the work of the SU. Finally, I presented to a UPEI HR Class on the advocacy we do and the services we provide.

-I attended a Project Beacon student input session. The project will eventually replace the Campus Login. One of the things I am interested in pursuing is a framework for societies to set up and recruit and track members.

-The executive had a presentation from WUSC about their vision for the future of the program at UPEI. I also had a meeting with the UPEI Cheer Team about ratification and ways to grow the team.

-Finally, congratulations to Kaylee Jabbour on being elected as the new VPSL. I look forward to working with her next year on student life issues.

If you have any questions, let me know!

Nate

4-5 VP FINANCE

Good evening council,

Congratulations to all of those who spent the last few weeks campaigning the last few weeks. Since we met last the Funding Committee met again to

continue to work on a policy, which is coming along well. We still have a bit of Graduate and Society Funding left, so if you or anyone you know are eligible to apply you should do so soon. The Cadre Board of Directors also had our monthly meeting to discuss website and equipment options for the Cadre moving forward. I have also been appointed to oversee and act as an administrator for a few Mental Health Initiatives taken on by students who were approved for funding, so I have begun meeting with these individuals to get the ball rolling and see how I can help out in any possible way. Beyond that, I have more financial reports to go over with you tonight, including the financial report from our auditors regarding the UPEISU 2014-2015 financials.

Cheers

4-6 SENATE

Nothing to report. The Senate meets next on Friday, April 1, 2016.

4-7 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Nothing to report. The Board of Governors meets next on Thursday, April 7, 2016.

5-1 UPEISU GENDERL ELECTION RESULTS AND REPORT

Motion: Jarvis/Shaw: to go into camera.

Motion: Carried

Motion: Shaw/Jarvis: to move out of camera

Motion: Carried

Motion: Shaw/Jarvis: to approve the election results from the 2016 Spring General Election.

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Kenny

Hansen

Blackett

Tu

Mann

Rix

Kennie

Hood

Sky

McDermott

Willows

Outram

Ross

6-1 COUNCIL STRUCTURE REVIEW

Motion: Kenny/Stultz: to grant Travis Gordon speaking rights.

Motion: Carried

Travis Gordon gave a presentation regarding his review of the UPEISU Council size and structure.

Mr. Gordon has proposed the following structure for the UPEISU Council:

- Seven Faculty Representatives (one representative from Business, Arts, Science, Business, Education, Engineering, Nursing, Veterinary Medicine)
- Five Student At-Large Representatives
- One Graduate Student Representative

Proposed Total: Thirteen UPEISU Councillors.

- Three Council Officers (Chair, Deputy-Chair, Ombudsperson)
- Four Executive(s) (President, VP Student Life, VP Academic & External, and VP Finance)

Note: Representatives to external bodies, including the University Board of Governors and Senate, should be chosen by and from within Council.

Proposed Total: Twenty UPEISU Council Members.

Questions regarding the student at-large positions, disadvantages of a smaller Council, committee sizes, the exclusion of Residence and First Year Representative(s) were asked by various Council members.

Motion: Rix/Shaw: to strike an ad-hoc committee to initiate a comprehensive governance review, with the goal of providing changes to be voted on by the student body in referendum in the 2016 Fall Election.

Motion: Carried

Amendment: Smith/Hansen: to strike an ad-hoc committee to initiate a comprehensive governance review, with the goal of providing changes to be voted on by the student body in referendum in the 2016 Fall Election.

Amendment: Carried

Motion: Smith/Rundle: for the structure of this committee to be presented at council by VP Academic and External at our next meeting on April 10th, 2016.

Motion: Carried

Amendment: Smith/Stultz: Rix/McDermott: for the structure of this committee to be presented at council by VP Academic and External at an extraordinary meeting, to be held on either March 20th or April 3rd 2016.

Amendment: Failed

Amendment to Amendment: Rix/McDermott: for the structure of this committee to be presented at council by VP Academic and External at an extraordinary meeting, to be held on either March 20th or April 3rd 2016.

Amendment to Amendment: Carried

Opposed: Nine

7-1 SUGGESTED POLICY, BY-LAW, AND FORM CHANGES

The suggested Policy, By-Law, and Form Changes are regarding Councillors holding employed positions within the UPEISU.

Hiring Board Procedures Policy Proposed Changes: **Section 2, Article B, Point 3: If a student holds a position as a councillor on the UPEISU council, they are not eligible to apply for any position within the SU under the direct supervision of an executive member, unless a previous hiring board has already been held and no qualified full time students were found to fill the position advertised.**

By-Law Proposed Changes: **Section 7, Article 9:** Should a candidate be declared elected, and that candidate holds a hired position under the direct supervision of an executive member of the UPEISU, they must resign from their hired position

Form Proposed Changes:

Councillor Form: **By signing this nomination form, I also understand that if I am elected while holding a staff position under direct supervision of an executive member I must resign from my position under the executive member.**

Employment Application Form: **(i) If I currently hold a position as a councillor on the UPEISU council, and am successful in being offered a job that is directly supervised by a member of the UPEISU Executive Team, I must step down from my position on council, or decline the offer of employment**

(ii) If I am successful in being offered a job that falls under the direct supervision of a member of the UPEISU Executive, and I choose to run in an election for a position as a councillor on the UPEISU council. I must resign from my position under the Executive member if I am elected and choose to serve on council.

8-1 CELL PHONE REMUNERATION POLICY

The Cellphone Remuneration Policy needs to be changed to reflect reimbursement for the Director of Communications.

Motion: Kenny/McDermott: to move Director of Communication from Section 11, Article B, Point 2 to Section 11, Article B, Point 1 and to remove VP Communications from Section 11, Article B, Point 1 from the Student Union Operational Policy.

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Rix

Amendment: McDermott/Willows: to add Director of Communications to Item 11, Point 2 and to remove VP Communications from Item 11, Point 1 from the Student Union Operational Policy.

Amendment: Carried

Amendment: Blackett/Smith: to move Director of Communication from Section 11, Article B, Point 2 to Section 11, Article B, Point 1.

Amendment: Carried

Abstain: Rix

McDermott

Motion: Ross/Willows: to grant speaking rights to our Director of Communication.

Motion: Carried

Opposed: One

Motion: Smith/Kenny: to have a five-minute recess.

Motion: Carried

9-1 COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The President would like to nominate the Residence Representative and the DVM Representative for the Street Team.

Both the Residence Representative and the DVM Representative were acclaimed to Street Team.

10-1 FALL READING WEEK POLICY STATEMENT

The UPEISU believes that the second semester reading week has been successful in reducing stress for students. Following suit with many Canadian campuses, it's time students are given a similar break in the fall semester to catch up on school, focus on their mental health, and relax.

The UPEISU recommends that the University of Prince Edward Island implement a fall reading week in the month of October, for a three-year pilot, to be reviewed by the UPEI Senate at the end of the third year.

Motion: Rix/Jarvis: to approve the Fall Reading Week Policy as presented.

Motion: Failed

Motion: Hansen/Sky: to call the motion to question.

Motion: Carried

Motion: Stultz/Simmons: to task the VP Academic and External and the Policy and Research Coordinator with drafting a poll or survey including the benefits and repercussions of a Fall Reading Week to be presented to councillors at the April 10th, 2016 meeting that they can then distribute to their constituents.

Motion: Rescinded

Amendment: Jarvis/Outram: to task the VP Academic and External and the Policy and Research Coordinator with drafting a poll or survey to be presented to councillors at the April 10th, 2016 meeting that they can then distribute to their constituents.

Amendment: Carried

Abstain: Shaw

Amendment: Stultz/Simmons: to task the VP Academic and External and the Policy and Research Coordinator with drafting a poll or survey including the benefits and repercussions of a Fall Reading Week to be presented to councillors at the April 10th, 2016 meeting that they can then distribute to their constituents.

Amendment: Carried

Abstain: Shaw

Amendment to Amendment: Stultz/Simmons: to task the VP Academic and External and the Policy and Research Coordinator with drafting a poll or survey including the benefits and repercussions of a Fall Reading Week to be presented to councillors at the April 10th, 2016 meeting that they can then distribute to their constituents.

Amendment to Amendment: Carried

11-1 NIFD EXECUTIVE REVIEW

Motion: Kenny/Outram: to move into camera.

Motion: Carried

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

Motion: Carried

12-1 BUSINESS REPORTS

Business Updates

The Wave Month of December

The Wave closed for the Month on December 11 and did not reopen until January. Josh noted that it might be worth closing The Wave during exams moving forward

Comparisons 2014/2015 to 2015/2016			
Liquor sales (gross sales)		Food Sales (gross sales)	
2015	\$3,032.23	2015	\$3,808.65
2014	\$	2014	\$

	December 2015	December 2014
Sales	5,682.62	
Outstanding		
Total	5,682.62	
Expenses		
Food	1,784.65	
Liquor	0.00	
Wages	6,484.63	
Mat. & Supplies	25.67	
Entertainment	500.00	
Other Exp.	3,217.61	
Equipment Depreciation	929.88	
Total Exp.	12,942.44	
Net Loss	7,259.82	

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

Business Updates

Mickey's Place Month of January

Starbucks order was done in December, so supplies expense was a lot less resulting in a profitable month

Comparisons 2014/2015 to 2015/2016			
	January 2016	January 2015	
Sales	6,270.74	6,978.72	
Outstanding			
Total	6,270.74	6,978.72	
Expenses			
Wages	1,928.39	2,124.47	
Mat. & Supplies	3,729.52	8,073.41	
Repairs & Maintenance			
Other Exp.	183.64	88.30	
Total Exp.	5,841.55	10,286.18	
Net Loss	429.19	3,307.46	

13-1 GRADUATE STUDENT FUNDING

Graduate Students feel as if student funding directed towards them should be increased to help with travel expenses associated with conferences and research. The Graduate Student Association would like to see that the funding for graduate students is doubled.

Motion: Rundle/Kenny: I move that the UPEISU Budget Committee examine the feasibility and consider raising the amount of funding available for UPEI graduate students.

Motion: Carried

14-1 COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITIES BYLAW PROPOSAL

Councillor Jarvis asked for Council's opinions regarding the responsibilities they feel they have as a UPEISU Council member.

Addition to the Individual Duties and Responsibilities of a Councillor By-Law: "Be aware and abide by Board Governance Principles; duty of care, duty of confidentiality, duty of loyalty, duty of due diligence, duty of teamwork and trust". This should be applied to the Responsibilities and Duties of every councillor.

Concerns regarding how Council can keep councillors accountable were brought up for consideration. As well, questions regarding if a restructure of Council were to happen, how would this by-law need to be modified.

Motion: Shaw/Willows: to refer this proposed by-law back to Policy Committee to look into making a section on accountability and councillor supports.

Motion: Carried

Amendment: Hood/McDermott: to refer this proposed by-law back to Policy Committee to look into making a section on accountability and councillor supports.

Amendment: Carried

Amendment: Shaw/Willows: to refer this proposed by-law back to Policy Committee to look into making a section on accountability and councillor supports and to include Councillor Jarvis in this meeting.

Amendment: Rescinded

15-1 EXTERNAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT BY-LAW PROPOSED CHANGES

Proposed Changes: Section 2, Article D: Upon receipt of the final draft of a policy statement, Council shall discuss the **content recommendation** and either approve or disapprove of the policy statement at the subsequent

meeting of Council. **The statement shall be the bold recommendation at the bottom, not the document as a whole.**

Section 2, Article E: From time to time, the background information in the body of the external policy statement will need to be updated to ensure accuracy. Any changes made to the body will be voted on by the Academic and External Affairs Committee. Once this is complete, Council will be issued a notice by the committee. Council must only vote on the bold section at the bottom of the policy statement, as this is the official stance of the UPEI Student Union. The body of the statement is simply the information supporting the stance.

Section 9: POLICY STATEMENT STRUCTURE:

- 1. For the purposes of consistency and developing a brand, each policy statement must consist of the following:**
- 2. Title: The title of policy must be in the official header font of the Student Union, Ultra**
- 3. Logo: The policy must have the official Student Union logo in the top right hand corner of the policy.**
- 4. Policy Details: Every policy must have a category (see section X of this bylaw), it must have its status (whether that be active or repealed), the date of ratification, and the date of review. The policy details must be in the official sub-header font of the Student Union**
- 5. Policy Synopsis: Each policy statement must have a synopsis that states the purpose of the policy and how it benefits students in italics. The policy synopsis must be in the official font of the Student Union.**
- 6. Body: The body of the policy statement will consist of background information that will support the asks at the end of the document. Citations are a must wherever necessary. The body must be in the official font of the Student Union.**
- 7. Ask: These are the recommendations that are the purpose of the document. This will be what we advocate on. These must be in the official font of the Student Union and bolded.**

Section 10: EXTERNAL POLICY BOOK:

- 1. All the external policies passed by the UPEI Student Union Council will be organized in an external policy book.**
- 2. The Policy and Research Coordinator will be responsible for updating the external policy book and ensuring its accuracy.**
- 3. After Council approves, amends, or repeals a policy, the latest version of the external policy book will be placed on the website within 48 hours.**

16-1 ADDITION OF POLICY SYNOPSES

Accessibility

A01 – Creating a Needs-Based Provincial Student Grant Program

The UPEI Student Union believes that in order for a grant system to address increasing access to post-secondary, it needs to have a needs-based test.

Amending the program to provide more funding to those who really need it would be a major step towards addressing financial need for post-secondary education in the province.

A02 – Expansion of the Eligibility Requirements for the Graduate Mentorship Program

The UPEI Student Union believes that the Graduate Mentorship Program eligibility should be expanded so that all graduates from UPEI can benefit from the program, not just island students. Allowing this to be retention and a recruitment tool will be allowing the province to address the growing demographic concerns of the province.

A03 – Ensuring the Availability of Gender-Neutral Washroom Facilities at UPEI

The UPEI Student Union believes that all students deserve the right to feel safe and accepted on campus. By providing at least one gender-neutral washroom in every building on campus, UPEI can provide students with an equitable atmosphere to meet their diverse needs.

A04 – Establish a Multi-Year Funding Framework That Allows UPEI To Plan Long Term

The UPEI Student Union believes that UPEI being aware of its finances only on a one year basis creates significant issues for its planning. This also creates a level of uncertainty for students because they can't predict how much their tuition will rise every academic year. To address the importance of long-term planning at the University, the Government should create a 4 year rolling budget for the University.

A05 – Providing Credit for the Completion of the English Academic Preparation Program

The UPEI Student Union recognizes the large costs to international students who must enroll in the English Academic Prep (EAP) program while they attend UPEI. When domestic students take courses, such as Spanish or French, they receive credit for the work they put in. The UPEI Student Union believes that these international students should be granted credit as well upon completion of the EAP program for the work they put in.

A06 – Adopting a 12-Month Course Calendar

The UPEI Student Union believes that the University of Prince Edward Island should implement a 12-month-course calendar. The number of students taking a

full course load in the fall and winter sessions has steadily decreased, and more students are relying on summer sessions to complete their degree. A 12-month-course calendar would aid students with the long-term planning of their postsecondary education

Accountability

C01 – Ensuring UPEI’s Tobacco Use Policy is Enforced

The UPEI Student Union believes that the University of Prince Edward Island should enforce regulations regarding to smoking on campus for the overall benefit of student health.

C02- Academic Consultation on Course Offerings at UPEI

The UPEI Student Union believes that departments should ask students, prior to the timetable coming out, what classes they would like to see offered in the next academic year. Including students on the course selection process allows them to have more options, be more engaged with the departments, and could increase course enrolment.

C03 – Freedom of Information at UPEI

The UPEI Student Union believes that due to the amount of tax dollars that go to the University’s annual budget, the University should be subject to the provincial Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP). FOIPP provides an avenue for students to request information about their University if they cannot find it on their own.

C04 – Student Complaints at UPEI

The UPEI Student Unions believes that when a student comes to UPEI and accepts the Students’ Rights and Responsibilities Code, they should be informed on how to lodge a complaint against a University official. The current policy only informs students how they will be punished if they don’t follow the rules. This would create a system of two-way accountability that would benefit the University community as a whole.

C05 – Student Consultation on Mandatory Non-Instructional Fees

The UPEI Student Union believes that skyrocketing mandatory non-instructional have become a problem at UPEI. These fees rise without student consultation from the students and do not contribute directly to their educational needs. The University should begin consulting with the student body before they raise any non-instructional fees.

C06 – Professorial Accountability & Review at UPEI

The UPEI Student Union believes that the University and the Faculty Association should work together to create a system by which accountability from student feedback can be facilitated. The Student Opinion on Teaching Surveys must have

real purpose and a mechanism for students written comments to be reviewed and considered from year to year.

Affordability

F01 – Increasing Investment in Scholarships for Non-Island Graduates

The UPEI Student Union believes that all UPEI students should have a fair chance at obtaining scholarships. Therefore, the University should do everything it can to ensure that scholarships are open to all UPEI students and remove restrictions that allow only Island students to obtain scholarships.

F02 – Using Open Educational Resources in all First-Year UPEI Courses

The UPEI Student Unions believes that reducing the cost of textbooks is an important part of addressing the cost of an education today. With growing access to Open Educational Resources, and the general survey knowledge taught in 100 level courses, UPEI should try to use Open Educational Resources for all first year courses to reduce financial burden.

F03 – Tuition Regulation at UPEI

The UPEI Student Union believes that tuition should be regulated so that increases are no larger than increases in the cost of living. Students are currently facing tuition increases that are doubling the rise in the cost of living. The government implementing tuition regulation with a cap to the consumer price index would stop tuition rates from becoming unsustainable.

F05 – Exempting Parental Income as an asset for Student Loan Assessments

The UPEI Student Union believes that parent's income should not be factored in when an adult student applies for student loans. It is an unrealistic expectation that many low and middle-income families will be able to contribute to their child's education in the current Canadian economy.

Motion: Rix/Willows: to amend all our external policies to include all these external policy synopses, but the review dates of these policies do not change with the addition of these synopses.

Motion: Carried

17-1 DECISION OF ADEQUATE STUDENT LOAN FUNDING

Motion: Rix/Shaw: to discuss what to do with the Adequate Student Loan Funding Policy.

Motion: Carried

- Adding a “wins” section to the end of the Policy Statements document
- Frame the policy and hang it in the VP Academic and External's office

Motion: Rix/Kenny: to repeal the Ensuring Adequate Student Loan Funding Availability Policy and categorize it as a success within the external policy booklet.

Motion: Carried

18-1 VP FINANCE PROPOSAL FOR SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Motion: Kenny/Rix: to task the UPEISU Budget Committee to allocate the necessary funds in the 2016/2017 budget so that the Vice-President Finance is compensated for full-time summer employment along with the rest of the executive committee.

Motion: Carried

Motion: Shaw/Smith: to call the motion to question.

Motion: Carried
Abstain: Simmons

19-1 LEGAL UPDATE

Motion: Kenny/Willows: to move into camera.

Motion: Carried

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

Motion: Carried

20-1 2014/2015 UPEISU FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Appendix F.

Motion: Tweel/Shaw: to accept the 2014/2015 UPEISU Financial Statements.

Motion: Carried

20-1 NEW BUSINESS

Happy Birthday Harry Melling!

Volunteer Banquet is to be held April 1st, 2016!

Motion: Kennie/Mackinnon: to adjourn the meeting

Motion: Failed

There will be an event for first years to gain insight on how his or her first year at UPEI went with a movie night for everyone to follow after! Date to be announced soon!

AXCOM meeting at 8:00am!

21-1 ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Shaw/Mackinnon: to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36pm.

Signatures

President

Chair of Council