



UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT COUNCIL
MINUTES- FOURTH MEETING
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NOVEMBER 1, 2015

The fourth meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held Sunday, November 1, 2015. Minutes for the meeting were taken by Lauren McKearney. Bob Déziel, Chair of Council, called the meeting to order at 6:02 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	Jane McCorriston
Ellen Boyd	Kaylee Blackett
Pierce Smith	Andrew Simmons
Teresa Tu	Joel Hansen
Megan Rix	Kamran Omar
Brandon Derry	
Selvi Roy	
Luke Poirier	

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Bob Déziel	Alex Heighington
Lauren McKearney	Zach Tweel
Connor Mayhew	

1-1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

2-1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Rix/Willows: to approve the agenda.

Amendment: Rix/Shaw: to include the 12-Month Course Calendar to the agenda.

Amendment: Carried

Motion: Carried

3-1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion: Poirier/Jarvis: to approve the minutes from Sunday, October 18, 2015.

Motion: Carried

4-1 REPORTS

4-2 PRESIDENT

Hello council,

I trust you are well, given that midterms have wrapped up, I certainly feel a lot better.

A lengthy recap of the last two weeks begins with the conference that I attended on October 17. On both a personal and professional level the Atlantic Association of Universities *Teaching Showcase* at Memorial University was excellent. I had the opportunity to present on the value of E-Portfolios and I also gathered a lot of great material from other presentations which will be implemented into the development of UPEI's School for Communication, Leadership, & Culture. The development meetings for this school have been taking up a fair bit of time but the team hopes to have the proposal sent to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission by December. Three students at large have agreed to be a part of the project: Maggie Grimmer, Nick Scott, and Elizabeth Iwunwa.

As the federal election took place on October 19, our Get Out The Vote campaign has come to a close, and our lobby efforts on a provincial level are once again moving at full speed. Every time I sent the SU graphic designer another half dozen edits for this year's Policy Priorities document she somehow smile -- and I'm happy to say the document turned out beautifully. We already used it on October 28 when the UPEISU hosted the Hon. Richard Brown, Minister of Workforce & Advanced Learning. I'm sure John will provide more insight into this meeting, which was a follow up to a meeting that we had minister in August.

The committee that was struck by the university administration, to review the UPEI Tobacco Use Policy met on October 30 for the first time since our initial meeting in July. We have drafted questions and pending approval from *Ethics*, they will be distributed to the UPEI community and the process to update the police will continue.

A couple of other things to take note of are the "Inclusion Fair" and the "Mock Refugee Camp". Both of these initiatives received support and resources from the UPEISU and having attended both I can say they went

well and received a lot of good feedback given it was the first time that either had ever happened.

The “Maclean’s Rankings” were also released on October 27, and I believe UPEISU’s efforts in promoting the survey back in July & August are partly what helped UPEI to move up of two spots. I understand that many people will challenge these reports given that the difference from first to last place is often minute, but having moved from tenth to eighth position (among primarily undergraduate universities in Canada) is something that we as students should be proud of at UPEI.

On October 29 I had the privilege of attending the Red Cross Humanitarian Awards Ceremony, where a recent UPEI Alumni, Allyson Trainor, was honoured and recognized for her contributions to the community.

I’m completing a review and report of *Outrun Stigma* for the PEI Marathon. My recent conversations with them have been encouraging, they were quite pleased with our contribution and involvement, and they see a lot of room for continued growth with this SU initiative. Meaning the Outrun Stigma charity event, which took place on October 17 & 18, can become an annual event. This is good news as it will continue to help with the replenishing of the UPEISU Mental Health Initiatives Fund (MHIF). On that note, the MHIF committee will be soliciting proposals later this month and I look forward to seeing what projects become realities in the winter semester.

As most of you are aware the “Sexual Assault Awareness” poster series was completed in September and I can now confirm that it will be displayed around campus in small galleries in the next week. It will be used to help promote and engage interest in a day-long workshop entitled, “How to not be That Guy”, which will be offered on November 21. In addition to this event, Student Affairs is continuing to offer “Bringing in the Bystander” a widely recognized training session that have given to several student groups. Students who have already received this training include: campus life advisors, NSO captains and leaders, and residence life advisors, and some sports teams, Student Affairs would like to facilitate sessions for Student Union staff and councilors. I will be in touch with you to help facilitate this for those of you who are interested. I’m also proposing that this training become a positive credential for individuals who may be applying for employment within the Student Union in the coming year.

The UPEISU AGM which has unfortunately been delayed, will now take place on Wednesday, November 25 at 7pm in the Wave, we are planning on having an awards for the 3 best first years, free food, and updates with regards to our mandates.

Finally, as it’s November 1st -- I’m clean-shaven -- Movember has arrived!

Hope to have your support with our online efforts and on-campus efforts for this fun and great cause!

That is it for my lengthy recap!
Dana

4-3 VP ACADEMIC AND EXTERNAL

Hello Council,

The last two weeks of work had begun with the Election Day. I had assisted students over the phone with arriving at their polling stations throughout the day. It ended with the Election Results Party at the Wave, which had an excellent turnout. The night ended with a Liberal majority government - based on the platform - this has enormous implications for our advocacy in the coming years. The Liberals had promised to raise the ceiling for low and middle income Canada Student Grants, while raising the maximums to \$3000 for low-income students, and \$1800 for middle-income students. They also plan to implement a repayment process where repayment doesn't begin until graduates secure an income of \$25,000 a year. That alongside one of the largest investment announcements in aboriginal post-secondary education. I have already begun to familiarize myself with where CASA stands on these issues. I will be lobbying the federal representatives here in Prince Edward Island to ensure these type of things are delivered on when the new cabinet is selected and the Government returns to the House of Commons.

After the election was over though, it was time for me to return to my primary role with the Student Union: provincial advocacy and policy. Dana, our Graphic Designer, Hannah Gibson, and myself had finalized our 2015-2016 Lobby Doc. We took the document with us to lobby meetings with Richard Brown, the Minister of Workforce and Advanced Learning; Peter Bevan-Baker, Leader of the Third Party; and Gord McNeilly, the Deputy Leader of the NDP. I have put in a request to present to the Liberal Caucus in the near future and am waiting on a reply. We are hopeful that the upcoming session of the Legislature will include something on post-secondary education - the session opens on November 12th.

I have had to put in quite a bit of work with CASA since we are weeks away from our Policy and Strategy Conference where will set out policy priorities for the 2015-2016 year. At the federal level, we will be passing a wide range of policies that cover topics such as student representation on the tri-agency, creating a pan-national data strategy, re-instating the mandatory long form census, and expanding PhD graduate fast-track residency through the federal skilled worker program, among others.

There are two on-going projects being taken on by myself, our Policy and Research Coordinator, and the Academic and External Affairs Committee.

First, we are gathering data on how other schools approach Fall Reading Weeks, and how our own student body feels about them here. We have data so far from social media polling. We are also working on a survey that will be sent out the student body on the George Coles bursaries, and how students would like to see those dollars distributed. I will be setting up presentations and consulting with incoming grade 12 students as well. I hope that I will be able to have this project on George Coles dollars completed and ready to present to Council sometime in February. Finally, the advocacy team will be meeting soon to do the Launch of the Student Complaints at UPEI Flow Chart Launch. That will be launched on November 16th and 17th and the flowcharts are being distributed now to the VP Academic and Student Affairs.

4-4 VP STUDENT LIFE

Hi Council,

Halloween Pub

Halloween Pub was a huge success: it sold out around 2pm Thursday afternoon. There were some unfortunate incidents, like a window being smashed at McDougall Hall, a hole being punched in the wall at the Student Centre, and the show being shut down a bit early because of constant fire alarms, but it was a great show regardless. I spoke with the liquor commissioner after the event and he said that security did a great job and that he had nothing bad to say, so props to the Wave staff. I'll be sitting down with Zach at some point to complete the budget report; it should be ready next week. Our next event is the X-Rated Hypnotist Tony Lee on Thursday; hopefully I'll see you there!

Societies

There was a FED workshop on sponsorships with Myrtle Jenkins-Smith, the executive director of Development and Alumni Engagement. Hiring boards were held for the clubs coordinator position, which will be discussed later this evening.

Awards Proposal

I met with Jackie Podger about my awards program proposal, who will be bringing it to Dr. Abd-el-Aziz to discuss it. I will share more updates when I have them.

Miscellaneous

I meet with an AVC Student regarding a food bank fundraiser. Pat Maloney was in for a show last week. He said he had a super great time performing, winning second place in diversity trivia and seeing Swift Kick perform as well. From the feedback I heard, people enjoyed the show, which is great!

As always, if you have any questions let me know!

4-5 VP COMMUNICATIONS

Good Evening Council,

Here is a recap of my last two weeks.

GOTV

Call outs and advertising went on and finished with major successes

VP Finance Hiring Board

John and I sat on the VP Finance hiring board, which you will be hearing more about later on in the meeting.

Street Team

Street Team is wonderful and it's great having in out and help. We've been talking about Movember, ticket giveaways, street team clothing and etc.

Website

Meetings with Norex and a business proposal regarding the new website will be given to me on Tuesday. From there I will consult professionals about pricing and what not to make sure we are picking and getting the best possible deal. Then I have a meeting Wednesday with one of their business folks who will be in PEI Wednesday. Hope to have it by January/February.

Movember

Movember UPEI 2015 was launched. Please join! We are hoping to do offline fundraising so that half the proceeds can go to local charities and half towards Movember.

I'm Off to Alberta!

This Friday I'm heading to Alberta (thanks to Dana & Alaa) to attend meetings regarding the inspire campaign and my own scholarship dinner. I'll also get to be with my mom for her birthday :)

4-6 VP FINANCE

Good evening Council,

It has certainly been a busy last couple of weeks. The Finance Committee held our first meeting in which some interesting points were raised on various issues such as coat check and student funding applications. We're hoping to look into these points of interest further and possibly make some policy recommendations. The executive was also able to meet with Paul from the Campus Trust to go over last year's performance of the trust and how we compare to other schools. Next up was a fun night in Mill River, bonding with the rest of the executive team before spending Saturday with most of you

guys. It was an awesome weekend and I feel as though we have taken a lot of steps forward as a group.

After council retreat, I had a few exams, which took up some of my time, but once they were done it has been full speed ahead. I met with Melissa Morrow who helped to walk me through my first bank requisition and will be possibly meeting with her again sometime this week to help out with questions that I have regarding amendments to the budget as well as to clarify things regarding the Wave's Financial reporting, which I was also able to get a good start on, but is not quite ready yet. Finally, I compiled the \$2000+ expenditures report for September and met with John to complete a final budget report for the GOTV campaign.

Cheers,
Zachary Tweel

4-7 SENATE

Nothing to report. The next Senate meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 6, 2015.

4-8 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Nothing to report. The next Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 26, 2015.

5-1 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

As a UPEI Student Union Councillor, each member is required to sit on at least one UPEISU standing committee.

Motion: Willows/Outram: to proceed onto the following point on the agenda.

Motion: Carried

6-1 2000+ EXPENDITURES

\$2000+ Expenditures September (2015)

September 3	\$6,000	ATM Filling
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September 3	\$5,067.89	Revenue Canada - Income Tax
September 14	\$6,000	ATM Filling
September 23	\$3,539.99	Starbucks Coffee Order
September 23	\$4,677.66	ATM Filling
September 23	\$3,963	ATM Filling

September 23	\$9,247	CASA Fee
September 23	\$90,227.17	Campus Trust Insurance Fee
September 23	\$92,119.09	Campus Trust Insurance Fee - October
September 23	\$19,971.30	UPEI Accounting Office - Building Fee

7-1 GOTV EXPENITURES REPORT

Appendix A.

8-1 TWELEVE MONTH CALENDER- EXTERNAL POLICY

Motion: Rix/Hood: to approve "Adopting a 12-month Course Calendar at UPEI" External Policy.

Motion: Carried

9-1 AD HOC YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

Suggestion to form an Ad Hoc committee to review the yearbook was brought to council. An Ad Hoc Committee is simply a committee brought together for a certain issue.

Motion: Kenny/Jarvis: to strike an Ad Hoc Committee including the UPEISUs two general managers, the yearbook editor, VP Communications, VP Finance, one UPEISU Councillor, and one student at large to review the yearbook.

Motion: Carried

10-1 CLUBS COORDINATOR HIRING BOARD

Motion: Hood/Kenny: to move into camera.

Motion: Carried

Motion: Hood/Wilfeard: to move out of camera.

Motion: Carried

Motion: Hood/Wilfeard: to approve the recommendation of the hiring board results for Clubs Coordinator.

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Rix

Jarvis

Rix

11-1 VP FINANCE HIRING BOARD

Motion: Rix/Willows: to move into camera.

Motion: Carried

Motion: Smith/Poirier: to move out of camera.

Motion: Carried

Motion: Rix/Stultz: to approve the recommendation of the hiring board results for VP Finance.

Motion: Carried

12-1 AVC SAVS PRESENTATION

The UPEISU Veterinary Medicine Representative discussed with council what the SAVS Society does within the Atlantic Veterinary College.

SAVS, as a ratified society of the UPEI Student Union, is currently looking to have their sub-organizations acquire insurance through the Student Union. As well, SAVS is also wanting for their sub-organizations to have the opportunity to apply for funding from the UPEI Student Union. SAVS is hoping to achieve all these goals without having their sub-organizations ratify through the UPEISU.

Motion: Boyd/Poirier: to examine if sub-organizations of SAVS can apply for insurance through the UPEI Student Union.

Amendment: Stultz/Willows: for Policy Committee to examine if sub-organizations of SAVs can apply for insurance through the UPEI Student Union.

Amendment of Amendment: Hood/Stultz: for Policy Committee and VP Student Life to examine if sub-organizations of SAVs can apply for insurance through the UPEI Student Union.

Amendment of Amendment: Carried
Opposed: One

Motion as Presented: Hood/Stultz: for Policy Committee and VP Student Life to examine if sub-organizations of SAVs can apply for insurance through the UPEI Student Union.

Motion as Presented: Carried

13-1 FALL READING WEEK DISCUSSION

Motion: Rix/Jarvis: to discuss a Fall Reading Week.

Motion: Carried

Motion: Rix/Jarvis: to have a straw poll on a UPEI Fall Reading Week.

Motion: Carried

Are you in favour of a Fall Reading Week at UPEI?

Yes- 15
No- 10

14-1 **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion: Kenny/Shaw: to recess for 5 minutes.

Motion: Carried
Abstain: One

Committee assignments were completed:

New Initiative and Future Directions Committee:
Councillors Stultz, Outram, and Boyd were all acclaimed to this committee.

Academic and External Affairs Committee:
Councillors Willows and Outram were acclaimed to this committee.

Funding Committee:
Councillors Derry, Simmons, and Blackett were all acclaimed to this committee.

UPEISU Street Team:
Councillors Tu, Rix, McDermott, Kim, Hansen, McCorrison, and Omar were all acclaimed to this committee

Volunteers for this committee will include Stephen Wilfeard, Brenna Doucette, Zak Jarvis, Owen Shaw, Dana Kenny, Sam Ferguson, and Rebecca Dawson.

Advocacy Team:
Councillors Ross and Willows were acclaimed to this committee.

Volunteers for this committee will include Sam Ferguson, Michael Ferguson, Taya Nabuurs, and Casey O'Sullivan.

Wave Management Committee:
Councillor McCorrison was acclaimed to this committee

Policy Committee:
Councillors Shaw, Stultz, and Smith were acclaimed to this committee.

Motion: Kenny/Rix: to elect a councillor to sit on the Ad Hoc Yearbook Review Committee.

Motion: Carried

Heighington nominated Smith for the Ad Hoc Yearbook Review Committee.
McCorrison nominated Sky for the Ad Hoc Yearbook Review Committee.

Rix nominated Rix for the Ad Hoc Yearbook Review Committee.

Motion: Shaw/Jarvis: to table the vote on the Ad Hoc Yearbook Review Committee.

Motion: Carried

Motion: Rix/Hansen: to amend the committee structure to include two student councillors on the Ad Hoc Yearbook Review Committee.

Amendment: Jarvis/Shaw: to amend the committee structure to include three student councillors to the Ad Hoc Yearbook Review Committee.

Amendment: Denied

Motion: Carried

Motion: Willows/Shaw: to take from the table the vote for the Ad Hoc Yearbook Review Committee.

Motion: Carried

Councillor Smith revoked his nomination to sit on the Ad Hoc Yearbook Review Committee. Councillors Sky and Rix were acclaimed to the Ad Hoc Yearbook Review Committee.

Flag Football next Sunday!

Good job posting your reports councillors!

15-1 ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Willows/Boyd: to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Signatures

President

Chair of Council