



THE UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION
MINUTES- THIRD MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
OCTOBER 18, 2015

The third meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held Sunday, October 18, 2015. Minutes for the meeting were took by Lauren McKearney. Alex Heighington, acting Chair of Council, called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

PRESENT:

Nathan Hood	Sarah Outram
John Rix	Emma McDermott
Owen Shaw	Jack Stultz
Stephen Wilfeard	Kiley Kim
Julia Ross	Zac Jarvis
Tayte Willows	Halen Sky
Ellen Boyd	Jane McCorriston
Pierce Smith	Connor Mayhew
Teresa Tu	Kaylee Blackett
Megan Rix	Andrew Simmons
Brandon Derry	Joel Hansen
Selvi Roy	

ABSENT:

Dana Kenny	Luke Poirier
Kamran Omar	Bob Déziel

ALSO PRESENT:

Alex Heighington	Zach Tweel
Lauren McKearney	

1-1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm.

2-1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Rix/Willows: to approve the agenda for the October 18, 2015 Student Union Meeting.

Motion: Carried

3-1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion: Stultz/Willows: to approve the SU Meeting Minutes from September 27, 2015.

Motion: Carried

Abstain: One

4-1 ELECTION RESULTS

Motion: Hood/Stultz: to give the CRO, Megan McNeill, speaking rights.

Motion: Carried

The results from the Student Union Fall Elections were presented. There was a 30% voter turn out during the Fall Election.

Motion: Rix/Smith: to approve the election results as presented.

Motion: Carried

5-1 COUNCILLOR SWEAR-INS

Connor Mayhew (Ombudsman), Andrew Simmons (Engineering Representative), Megan Rix (Arts Representative), Zac Jarvis (Senate Representative), Owen Shaw (Senate Representative), Jane McCorrison (Residence Representative), Halen Sky (First Year Representative), Teresa Tu (International Representative), Kaylee Blackett (Accessibility Representative) were sworn in.

6-1 REPORTS

6-2 PRESIDENT

Hi Council,

I hope you've all had an enjoyable and productive three weeks! On my end, much has transpired both inside and outside of the office, so I will attempt to be concise with my report. Much of my time was spent at meetings for the Board of Governors and the Senate and their subsequent committee meetings. I won't go into great detail, as BoG Rep and Senate Reps will surely highlight important pieces from those meetings in their reports. I also attended an Alumni Association meeting, (the last time we'd met was for the AGM in June) but it was more of an orientation, as many of the new members joined us at this meeting. Along with a few other SU representatives I attended the ERP kickoff, where the official project name was unveiled -- "Project Beacon"! Our interim VP-Finance, Zachary, could surely shed some more light on details surrounding this project as he helped with it's development over the summer. It will certainly enhance the student experience at UPEI as it promises to facilitate far-better communication and systems throughout all areas of our campus.

The GOTV campaign is going incredibly well - I applaud VP-Academic & External, Johnathan, and his team for their efforts! I encourage anyone who is able to attend the election party at The Wave tomorrow -- to come on out and bring a friend!

Kudos to VP-Student Live, Nathan and his team for the successful launch of "Voluntinder"! It has received much praise and attention, and I hope many of you have become well versed with the program so that you can spread the word to others and make good use of it too.

The unofficial election results were incredibly encouraging and I believe it is thanks to all of our efforts at the SU! I can't wait for the CRO's report so that if approved we can officially celebrate the incredible voter turnout just shy of 30%! An incredible leap from the more or less 10% turnout in previous years. We can also look forward to an exciting transition in communications for the UPEISU; I look forward to the process and the work to be accomplished by Alexandra, VP-Communications.

I imagine those of you who had the opportunity to attend Founder's Day on October 2nd would agree that it was an incredible event! It was also the launching of UPEI's \$50 million Inspire campaign. The university invited the UPEISU president to be a part of the campaign cabinet, I happily accepted the invitation and hope that my successors do the same as the money raised from the Inspire campaign will have an incredible impact on UPEI students.

I do wish I could be at council this evening, unfortunately I find myself in sunny Saint John's Newfoundland -- the weather has actually been unseasonably beautiful. Alongside Dr. Shannon Murray I gave a session/presentation at the AAU Teaching Showcase hosted by Memorial University. Given my current location, I was also unable to attend the SU charity event, Outrun Stigma, but I would like to acknowledge Julie MacWilliams for taking much of the organizational duties for the event!

On a personal note, I threw out my back for about a week, which reduced my ability to be around as much as I like to be. I actually skyped in for a few meetings as my back wouldn't let me get out of bed. Happy to say I'm recovering! Although I was out of commission for some time, I somehow was able to attend the first ever staff meeting for all 21 employees that use the SU office space. I believe this meeting was incredibly beneficial to the organization as it continues to grow, and I would like to institute these meetings on a regular basis (2-3 times/semester) to ensure proper communication and feedback for all SU office employees. On one final and positive note, the UPEISU's presence and visibility has been very strong these last few weeks in the media. With several interviews, articles, and TV/Radio reports by different media outlets concerning: the GOTV campaign, the Volunteer List, Mental Health & Outrun Stigma efforts, the Fence issue at Brown's, T3 Transit improvements for the UPass, and an SU open letter to the CEO of Universities Canada.

Hopefully my plane can land in the forecasted snow for Charlottetown

tomorrow morning! If you haven't yet and you are able - I encourage you to get out and vote in the federal election tomorrow!

Cheers,
Dana

6-3 VP ACADEMIC AND EXTERNAL

Hello Council,

The last three weeks have consisted of a lot of work around the Get Out The Vote campaign. It kicked off with our GOTV BBQ in which over 200 students had pledged their support for hot dogs. The following night we also had federal election trivia, which was fun. On October 5th we had polling stations on campus and they continued daily until the 8th. To mobilize our students we had sent out a text and email blast that morning. We had received plenty of good feedback from students on our Nationbuilder program about this. We also had excellent media coverage on the Monday that the polling stations opened.

In terms of policy development, myself and our Policy and Research Coordinator had got all the work done to be able to present the final draft of the external policy titled "Adopting a 12 month course calendar". I am very excited to present this policy to you tonight because this is something I had promised to deliver when I had run for this position in the Student Union. We also had to write a very fast policy response to the C.E.O. of Universities Canada because when he had visited UPEI for a symposium, he had made statements about student debt not being as big of an issue as student groups make it out to be. We had responded after 3 days of research and editing with a short policy paper that was well received by many I had spoken with both students and university administration.

The Senate had met on the Friday that just passed and I am pleased to inform all of you that the Academic Plan was adopted by the Senate after a long discussion and is now being handed off to the Board of Governors. There is a tremendous amount of initiatives in the Academic Plan that will be good for our students and our academic advocacy.

I have begun planning our post GOTV advocacy efforts and will be lobbying the provincial government prior to the opening of the legislature. I had requested a meeting in the coming weeks with Mike Redmond and Gord McNeilly from the NDP, and Peter Bevan Baker from District 17. I had submitted a request to give a presentation to the Liberal Caucus and am waiting on a response.

The Academic and External Affairs Committee met for this first time and we discussed the 12 month course calendar, we picked November 16th and 17th

to run our Student Complaints at UPEI launch (This was a project that is carrying over from last year). We had also discussed having consultations with students about the George Coles bursaries. We will be having physical classroom consultations, and we will have an emailed questionnaire sent out. We are also exploring the possibility of asking Grade 12 students who intend on going to UPEI or HC next year what their thoughts are on the topic.

Other work I have taken on is a review of CASA's youth unemployment policy - recently adopted but it needs to grow as we prepare to take it on as a major priority. I have also been working on a number of academic issues raised by students and consulting with the University about the timing of the exam schedule for future years.

6-4 VP STUDENT LIFE

Hi Council,

A quick snapshot of the past few weeks:

-I met with Tara Judson regarding Pub Crawls on campus. Because a certain pub crawl was visibly advertised on campus, the University decided to crack down and attempted to stop the pub crawls that were currently planned. The University's rationale was based on the UPEI Alcohol Policy; in it, pub crawls are not approved by the University and are not to be promoted on campus. With all that being said, I proposed that, rather than enforcing a pub crawl prohibition, we should recognize that they will happen regardless of any policy and should focus on risk reduction. To do this, we would create a framework to support the education of society executives. This framework would include workshops on risk management and alcohol safety, as well as any other measures that are deemed appropriate. To establish this framework, the UPEI Alcohol Safety Advisory Committee would be struck once again. The committee would also review the UPEI Alcohol Policy.

-I had a Health & Safety Steering Committee meeting. I can confirm that the University is aware of the incidents involving aggressive crows, and is looking for a solution to the problem.

-The Volunteer List launched on October 6th. So far, I would estimate that we have had at least 200 matches. The story was picked up by CBC and made the front page of the Journal Pioneer.

-I've been keeping busy with society work. I held a few FED workshops, I finalized interview questions for the Clubs Coordinator hiring board, I met with SAVS in regards to AVC clubs, and I am currently involved in overseeing/administering the SIS elections and trying to set up Residence Society Elections.

-The PIT Events Committee started meeting. If you have any event ideas or are interested in helping out, let me know!

-Halloween Pub will be announced this week. Councilors get in free to one event each semester; if you would like to use this as your free event, send me a message.

6-5 VP COMMUNICATIONS

Good Evening Council,

Busy two weeks like always!

Since the last meeting we had many news releases go out. One regarding the fence and a letter to CEO of Universities Canada.

Email blast on all things GOTV. John has all the GOTV updates. Super happy and proud of how it's been going.

Classroom visits went really well. Thanks to everyone who helped out.

Street team is about to start this Wednesday can't wait to get this up and running. Big announcements coming to them and the rest of council soon.

Very short report and late but got it done!

Cheers,
Alex

6-6 VP FINANCE

Good evening everyone,

Things are picking up as grad, undergrad, and society funding applications continue to roll in. It will be awesome to get the funding committee up and running soon to help out with these. As I was not here this summer I have begun to look at different options for putting together a year-to-date picture of budget. There were some employees in senior roles that were taken out of each department to work on the ERP project that is going on, so the Accounting Office is a little behind and we have not yet received confirmed enrolment numbers for this year, but we are hoping to get these soon. I have begun to put together the financial reports for The Wave and Mickey's place for September, as well as a list of the major expenditures for the month, but am just waiting until all the VISA statements are posted.

Besides that, I am studying hard in hopes of surviving mid-semester exam season and am also in the process of applying to stay on for the rest of the year.

Cheers,
Zachary Tweel

6-7 SENATE

The second Senate meeting was held on Friday, October 16, 2015. The meeting was primarily a discussion of the Academic Policy draft, and the document was approved. A couple highlights from the rest of the meeting include Dr. Malcom Murray from the Department of Philosophy being appointed into his 3-year term, as well as new Senate Representatives Owen Shaw and Zak Jarvis attending their first Senate meeting. Information was also presented showing student appointments on Senate committees, including: Alex Heighington – Honorary Degree Committee, Jane McCorrison – Senate Academic and Student Discipline Appeals Committee, Stephen Wilfeard – Senate Research Advisory Committee, and Owen Shaw – Board-Senate Liaison Committee. Dr. Rabin Bissessur has also been elected as one of the Senate Representatives to sit on the UPEI Board of Governors for a 3-year term.

6-8 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The first Board Of Governors Meeting was held Thursday, October 8, 2015. The Board of Governors discussed the progress on the new School of Sustainable Design Engineering. The board also shared information on the purchase of land by the University of Prince Edward Island to be used for residence expansion. As well, new members to the Board of Governors were introduced.

7-1 GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT

An open call was extended to Graduate students to put their name forward in order to run for Graduate Student Representative for the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union Council.

Motion: Hansen/Stultz: to give Selvi Roy speaking rights.

Motion: Carried

Selvi Roy discussed her experience as an international student at the University of Prince Edward Island. As well, she explained her experience as a Graduate student. A concern mentioned by Selvi was the issue of disconnect between Graduate students and UPEI population.

Motion: Hansen/Stultz: to move into camera.

Motion: Carried

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

Motion: Carried

A vote to elect the Graduate Student Representative for the UPEISU was conducted. Selvi Roy won the position of Graduate Student Representative with 9 votes, followed by Kate Rundle with 7 votes and 4 abstained from voting.

8-1 EDUCATION REP APPOINTMENT

Motion: Willows/Hansen: to approve the appointment of the Education Representative forwarded by the Education Faculty.

Motion: Carried

Brandon Derry was sworn in as a councillor of the UPEISU.

9-1 E-CHUG PRESENTATION

Motion: Stultz/Willows: to give Robin speaking rights.

Motion: Carried

Robin presented to the UPEISU her plan to implement a program around alcohol consumption specifically for the University of Prince Edward Island student body. An online prevention program labelled E-CHUG is being considered as a method to decrease alcohol consumption on the UPEI campus. E-CHUG is an evaluation and educational tool based on drinking patterns. Robin expressed that she is looking for 50 students to complete the intervention program and provide feedback regarding the E-CHUG program. Robin is hoping to have a variety of students who are aware of the counselling resources on the UPEI campus to, such as UPEI Student Union Councillors, UPEI Residence Life Advisors and New Student Orientation Leaders. Robin urged SU Councillors to consider completing the intervention tool by November 6, 2015.

Questions regarding the anonymity of the students completing the program, how Robin plans to obtain 50 student volunteers to complete the program, and how the E-CHUG program works as a whole were brought to the Robin's attention.

10-1 BY-LAW PRESENTATION AND VOTE

Motion: Rix/Jarvis: to approve the changes to the UPEISU Standing Committee By-Law changes.

Including: the addition of Policy and Research Coordinator to the Academic & External Affairs Committee, the addition of a new committee labeled UPEISU Advocacy Team, the removal of events from assisting the VP Academic & External with any special projects from committee roles of Academic & External Affairs Committee, the removal of coordinate any events relating to Post-Secondary Education from committee roles of Academic and External Affairs Committee, addition of UPEISU Advocacy Team committee roles.

Motion: Carried

11-1 12-MONTH COURSE CALENDER POLICY

Motion: Rix/Derry: to discuss the 12-Month Course Calendar Policy.

Motion: Carried

The 12-Month Course Calendar Policy statement is asking the University of Prince Edward Island to adopt a 12-month academic calendar, such as April to April. This policy is urging UPEI to implement a 12-month academic calendar to allow students to plan their academic schedule for a full year, instead of just fall and spring semester schedules.

Adopting a 12-month Course Calendar at UPEI Policy Statement will be voted on at the next SU Council Meeting to happen November 1, 2015.

12-1 SOCIETY RATIFICATION

Motion: Hood/Willows: be it resolved that the UPEI Biology Society be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU.

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Three

Motion: Hood/Willows: be it resolved that Ducks Unlimited UPEI Chapter be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU.

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Four

Motion: Hood/Smith: be it resolved that the Association of the Caribbean Society be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU.

Motion: Carried

Abstain: One

Motion: Hood/Jarvis: be it resolved that the Applied Human Science Society be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU.

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Three

Motion: Hood/Willows: be it resolved that the Engineering Society be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU.

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Two

Motion: Hood/Rix: be it resolved that the UPEI Soc/Anth Society be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU

Motion: Carried
Abstain: Three

Motion: Hood/Sky: be it resolved that the UPEI Baja SAE be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU

Motion: Carried
Abstain: Two

Motion: Hood/Jarvis: be it resolved that the UPEI Business Society be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU

Motion: Carried
Abstain: Three

13-1 REVOLUTIONARY STUDENT MOVEMENT SOCIETY RATIFICATION APPEAL

Motion: Rix/Shaw: to move into camera.

Motion: Carried
Abstain: One

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

Motion: Carried

Motion: Hood/Smith: to approve the appeal of the Revolutionary Student Movement Society to be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU.

Amendment: Hansen/Smith: to approve the appeal of the Revolutionary Student Movement Society to be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU by private ballot.

Amendment: Carried

Motion: Hood/Smith: to approve the appeal of the Revolutionary Student Movement Society to be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU by private ballot.

Motion: Denied
Abstain: Three

14-1 SUMMER 2000+ EXPENDITURES

The 2000+ Expenditures from May to August 2015 were presented to the UPEISU Council.

May 14	\$3,139.56	Clothing (StayGolden)
May 14	\$5,000	RBC VISA

May 28	\$2,000	ATM Filling
May 28	2,000	ATM Filling
May 28	2,500	ATM Filling
May 28	\$2,500	ATM Filling
May 31	\$4,677.66	Revenue Canada - Income Tax
June 6	\$3,963	CASA Fees
June 11	\$23,935.23	UPEI Accounting Office Fee (building maintenance)
June 29	\$90,570.09	Campus Trust Insurance Fee
June 29	\$2,000	ATM Filling
June 29	\$2,000	ATM Filling
June 30	\$4,851.67	Revenue Canada - Income Tax
July 9	\$9,841.05	New Day-Lounge Furniture
July 23	\$92,156.38	Campus Trust Insurance Fee
July 23	\$24,738.92	UPEI Accounting Office Fee (building maintenance)
July 23	\$5,000	RBC VISA
July 23	\$5,000	RBC VISA
August 24	\$3,077.39	Campus Trust Insurance Fee
August 24	\$3,000	ATM Filling
August 24	\$3,000	ATM Filling

August 24	\$2,000	ATM Filling
August 24	\$2,000	ATM Filling
August 24	\$23,754.66	UPEI Accounting Office Fee (building maintenance)
August 24	\$6,360.39	New Wave Stove
August 24	\$15,000	RBC VISA
August 24	\$5,000	RBC VISA

August 24	\$5,319.14	Revenue Canada - Income Tax
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15-1 LIBRABRY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

The library council is looking for a Student Union representative to sit on their council and attend monthly meetings. The library council typically meets once a month on a Thursday from 1pm-3pm.

16-1 NEW BUSINESS

Council Retreat on Saturday, October 24, 2015. Everyone needs to be at Mill River Resort at 8:30am.

New Councillors need to present council their conflicts of interests.

New Councillors also need to be assigned to a UPEISU Standing Committee.

Happy Birthday 29th Zac Efron!

Dana Kenny now has Instagram, @DanaRKenny.

17-1 ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Outram/Smith; to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33pm.

Signatures

President

Chair of Council