



UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION  
MINUTES- FIRST MEETING  
STUDENT COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

The first meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held September 13, 2015. Minutes for the meeting were taken by Lauren McKearney. Bob Déziel, Chair of Council, called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

**PRESENT:**

Dana Kenny	Sarah Outram
John Rix	Emma McDermott
Nathan Hood	Jack Stultz
Stephen Wilfeard	Kiley Kim
Julia Ross	Joel Hansen
Luke Poirier	Tayte Willows
Ellen Boyd	Kamran Omar
Pierce Smith	

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Bob Déziel	Alex Heighington
Lauren McKearney	Zach Tweel

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1-1 **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

2-1 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Amendment:** Rix/Kenny; to include a Conflict of Interest section onto the meeting agenda

**Amendment:** Carried

**Amendment:** Rix/Kenny; to include Committee Creation section onto the meeting agenda

**Amendment:** Carried

The agenda was approved with amendments

3-1 **COUNCILLOR SWEAR IN**

Lauren McKearney (Deputy Chair), Zach Tweel (Interim VP Finance), and Alex Heighington (Interim VP Communications) were sworn in.

#### 4-1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST IMPLEMENTATION

In order to make decisions to the best ability by the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union it was decided that each councillor should notify the council of any possible conflicts, including work or societies, which could lead to partial opinions when debating and deciding on issues relating to those areas.

#### 5-1 REPORTS

##### 5-2 PRESIDENT

Good Evening Council.

I have uploaded a seven-page report to the SU site that I will not be going into detail on. I will be giving you an intro, but not the full seven pages.

With respect to the last four months, so much has transpired at the Student Union. For example, I inherited a presidential fish, babies were born, and the SU's efforts on all levels continue to be advanced. As UPEISU councilors, it is your duty to be well informed regarding the work your executive is doing so that you may hold us accountable. Therefore I will not ask you to excuse my lack of brevity for this report and it encompasses one third of my tenure as your president. But I do promise you that future reports will be less lengthy as they will only concern two weeks of work and not 19 weeks. With that being said, I imagine you are familiar with the concept of only retaining so much of what you hear. Therefore, I strongly encourage you to get in the habit of reading over the reports on the Google site so that you are well informed when the people who elected you ask you about the Student Union.

#### MAY

Leading up to May 1st the outgoing and incoming executive teams worked together to transition important organizational information, ensuring the UPEISU would continue to flourish and achieve its goals and purpose. With that said, the incoming executive agreed the transition week could be more effective and this year I would like to work with NIFD to explore, develop, and improve the SU's transition week.

On the immediate horizon for the SU was the Provincial election, the executive assumed leadership roles for the SU's GOTV (Get Out The Vote)

campaign, and more than anything it gave us a taste of how to prepare for the federal GOTV campaign.

Following GOTV, I had the opportunity to present to UPEI deans, directors, and administration regarding the validity and use of E-portfolios for university students. This is something administration would like to institute at UPEI and the discussion is ongoing.

With a delegation of about 15 staff, students, and admin, I attended the Association of Atlantic Universities' Making Connections conference concerning Mental Health. The three-day conference revealed that UPEI is in fact a leader for mental health and wellbeing in a campus community. With that said, the delegation not only offered a lot of ideas and insight to schools at the conference, but we took much away from the conference and are continuing to meet and find ways to implement mechanisms and initiatives that focus on mental health and wellbeing.

I've initiated meeting with Valerie Campbell, President of the GSA (Graduate Students Association). According to our General Manager, this is the first time regular contact between the SU and GSA has occurred in her memory. The SU represents 400 full-time graduate students at UPEI and I feel it is important to develop a strong and healthy relationship with the GSA.

The executive had lunch with the Member of Parliament for Charlottetown, Mr. Sean Casey.

I gave a welcoming address to the Canadian Catholic Campus Ministers conference, hosted by UPEI Chaplain Sister Susan Kidd.

Released a statement regarding the provincial budget and how unfortunately it did not address any of the election promises to post-secondary education. CBC came to the SU for an interview and presented the story.

John and I collaborated with the Young Voters Of PEI and presented an event at The Guild called, "Heads or Tails a panel on electoral reform for PEI"

Oversaw the completion of a project for ongoing upkeep to the student centre, there is now new furniture in the day lounge and new built-in study space installed in the concourse.

Served with John and Nathan at the Grad Week BBQ.

Acted as master of ceremonies at the Senior Class Awards Ceremony.

Read a citation for the recipient of an honorary degree at the afternoon convocation.

John and I attended the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Foundations conference, and assumed the role of primary delegate as John was elected to the national board of directors.

Along with the executive, improvements and increases have been made to our Campus Trust Health and Dental Plans. Coverage for oral contraceptives and dental appointments have been increased.

With the executive and Candice, the SU Administrative assistant, we finalized the design for the UPEU handbook. Come pick yours up at the office!

And according to our General manager, we are the first executive to initiate weekly executive meetings in the summer, and have attendance from the 2 vice presidents who do not work in the office during the summer months.

## **JUNE**

We entertained the idea of investing in the development of an SU app with a company called MODO Labs, but we deemed too costly at the moment, as the quotes were over \$10,000.

#OurUPEICommunity, is a poster series that addresses the very real fact that sexual assault does occur in our UPEI community. These 10 posters came together over the summer, with different UPEI students as subjects in the posters and a quote from the groups regarding sexual assault. The groups of people represent the diverse community we have at UPEI and that Sexual Assault can affect anyone in our community. This project complements a few other up and coming initiatives on our campus, including: Bystander Training and "Don't be a Dick". The poster series will hopefully be up by the end of the week, the graphic designer is just putting the finishing touches on them.

Mount Allison Student Union's executive visited and we had a very productive discussion and exchange regarding variety subjects.

I was approached by a group of individuals from different parts of the UPEI community who would like to review the Tobacco Policy, this has been mandated to the group. And we will begin to consultations with the student body this fall.

John and I attended the Learning Disabilities Association of PEI mixer and gathered from the leaders in that group the UPEI is on the right track and is making advancements in understanding and accommodating learning disabilities those students may have.

#MyAbilities is another poster series we have taken on which will feature 8 students highlighting their disabilities and how these disabilities aren't what define them. This project was brought to us by a student who works at Student Affairs as a CLAs (Campus Life Advisors). This series should be released in October, and like the Sexual Assault Awareness posters, it also aims to facilitate a discussion and eliminate stigma at UPEI regarding the subject of disabilities.

Attended a WUSC (World University Service of Canada) BBQ and they are looking to possibly increase the fee that they collect, this in turn would allow them to bring more refugee students to UPEI.

A very exciting discussion regarding the Arts Program at UPEI was initiated in June. The discussion is looking at developing a new program in the Arts concerning "Culture, Leadership, & Communication". Specific details are still limited, but the SU is involved in the process which entails a symposium similar to that of what helped launch the engineering school. The symposium will be on September 25, and I've been asked to open it with Dr. Shannon Murray, we will discuss the current state of Liberal Arts from our perspective and the potential for E-portfolios.

I also had a "GET REAL" meeting for UPEI with Zak Court and Elyse Cottrell, this project will occur again this year with the aim to help eliminate homophobia. We also began discussions regarding an Inclusion Fair which will be on October 22.

John, Nathan, and I attended Mental Health First Aid for 2 days in June, it is an excellent course facilitated by Student Affairs councilor, James Reddin, and if you are interested you should speak with Student Affairs. We helped facilitate a Health Centre Survey for UPEI, they are looking to make improvements to the health centre. I was surprised and encouraged by a very high response rate, in the middle of summer.

As I serve with the UPEI Alumni Board, I attended the AGM in June and had the opportunity to present a UPEI SU update.

This summer the UPEI SU made a financial contribution to Pride PEI. If you saw the photo, Nathan was the one in the Pride the Panther costume.

John, Nathan, and I also attended the Strawberry Social hosted by Sean Casey at Queen Elizabeth Park.

I attended the daylong Board of Governors retreat/meeting in June.

John and I attended the Alumni Golf tournament and served complimentary panther punch.

## JULY

Melissa I began the transition of the office of general manager. Melissa and Heather had a month long transition and Melissa had a beautiful baby girl in August.

I met with our banker, Marge, at CIBC to review our current financials.

John, Nate, and I read citations for award recipients at the Distinguished Alumni Luncheon.

Gave a general address, update, and welcome at the Class of 65 president's reception.

A new event, Out Run Stigma, came together with Student Affairs, Marathon PEI, and the UPEI SU. This event aims to raise money for the UPEI Mental Health Initiatives Fund, and facilitate discussion to help eliminate stigma surrounding Mental Health.

Nate and I met with Haley & Kelton at residence to determine how to help strengthen the relationship between the SU and residence, and a few simple ideas came from those discussions.

Attempted to meet with the Holland College Executive, unfortunately the meeting never occurred.

The executive spent 2 days on a work road trip to 3 Student Unions in New Brunswick: MASU, UNBSU, STUSU. Just like when MASA visited the UPEISU, we had a very productive discussion and exchange regarding a variety subjects.

John and I had an initial lobby Meeting with MLA, Richard Brown, regarding our priorities for the upcoming year.

John and I met with New Brunswick Student Alliance Executive Director Lindsey Hendren and initiated a relationship that will allow us to share resources, in particular resources regarding research and policy development.

John and I met with administration and staff regarding the Academic Plan and the importance of including (SOTS) Students' Opinion on Teaching Surveys.

Attended the SLA (Student Life Awards) pitch to President Alaa Ab-Del-Aziz and Nathan hit a homerun.

Attended the Atlantic GOTV conference with John and Kaylee, our campaigns coordinator.

Provided SU support and backing to SMILE (Sensory Motor Instructional Learning Experience), which will be launched on the UPEI campus by Amy Shephard.

Attended Pints for Politicians at the Factory hosted by NDP candidate, Joe Byrne.

## **AUGUST**

Hosted an Executive Work Retreat at my parents' cottage. The executive had a lot of great discussion and the weekend was a bit of a touchstone for the summer, which allowed us to review the work we've accomplished, and the work we have yet to complete.

Sat on hiring boards: Graphic designer, Policy & Research, Deputy Chair, Student office assistant.

Attended Green Party candidate, Becca Viau's, meet and greet.

Councilor Transitioning Program

Attended the GOTV Ottawa Conference with John and Kaylee, Week of learning about how to best execute this campaign and produce our desired results, which is having youth engaged in this electoral process.

UPEI SU VP Communications, Nouhad Mourad, delivered her resignation.

John and I had a lobby meeting with PEI Conservative party leader, Rob Lantz.

Began collaborations with Young Voters for our respective GOTV campaigns.

Attended Residence Life Advisor training and presented on the UPEISU with the executive.

The full GSA & SU Executive teams came together for a meeting to best see how we can work together this year.

UPEI SU VP Finance, Dmitri Zhukalin, delivered his resignation.

Trius Transit announced that after working with the SU, the city, and UPEI Admin, they will now provide Sunday transit & increased transit on Saturday

evenings.

Released an open letter to the mayor of Charlottetown regarding a fence that is blocking a pathway in Brown's Court.

## **SEPTEMBER**

Gave the welcoming address on behalf of the UPEI SU and the university at the JS Palmer conference.

Attended International Student Orientation and presented on the UPEISU with the executive.

At Welcome Day on Sept 5, the UPEI SU table provided information regarding the health and dental plan, provided handbooks, collected pledges, introduced the volunteer list, sold tickets to the back to school pub, and had a prize draw for a Fitbit. We also introduced new students to our businesses by having Mickey's and the Wave open.

Facilitated the NSO Kick off with Sara Reeves.

Served 500+ people at the NSO BBQ in less than 45 minutes.

NSO UPEISU 101 session had a small but engaged audience.

Sitting on the VP Academic Search Committee and the VP Admin & Finance Review for the university.

Welcome Back Wednesday BBQ was a success. Thank you to the councilors who were able to come out, we gave away close to 1000 hot dogs, and were accompanied by Rob Mitchell.

Shinerama was a rainy day but my sources tell me they still collected over \$10,000 - the official number will be announced this week.

Back to School Pub went very well and I'm sure Nathan will provide you with more details.

Two final notes, new signage is in development to display the faces of our organization and the council retreat will be on October 24/25.

Finally, somehow the presidential fish I inherited is still alive..

It's going to be a great year!

**5-3 VP ACADEMIC AND EXTERNAL**



### **External Policy Development**

Over the summer I had conducted a large amount of research and development as assigned by Council at the last meeting.

Given the fact that most of the policies that were approved prior to the completion of the provincial election, some of them did not seem politically opportune for us to pursue. The Liberal Party had promised UPEI students a commitment to review parental income in student loan assessments, raising the weekly maximums in student loan assessments from \$165 to \$175 and then capping the limit increases to inflation, plus a multi-year funding agreement between UPEI and the province.

To tailor the Student Union asks to ensure the government follows up on the things they promised during the campaign, the Executive decided to make a change in direction for the policies. We made our policies reflect the Liberal government elections promises.

“Exempting Parental Income from Student Loan Assessments” was updated with current stats, “Ensuring Adequate Student Loan Funding Availability”, amendments were made to “Tuition Regulation at UPEI” and “Establish a Multi-Year Funding Framework that allows UPEI to plan long-term” is our new policy.

On the Academic side of the portfolio, I updated our “Professorial Accountability at UPEI”, I wrote a new policy called “Providing credit for the completion of English Academic Prep” which addresses making the academic situation for International students a little easier. We are waiting on some number crunching from a University researcher before we can finalize the 12-month course-calendar policy.

### **Advocacy Work**

Over the summer, I had several meetings with the Executive Director of PSE and Continuing Education. I also had frequent meetings with the VP Academic.

Dana and I had lobby meetings with Richard Brown, Minister of Workforce and Advanced Learning, and PC Leader Rob Lantz. We also attended several events with Liberal MP Sean Casey, NDP candidate Joe Byrne, and Green candidate Becka Viau.

### **CASA Work**

I ran for the Board of Directors at CASA Foundations and successfully became the Director of Policy

I have done a lot of CASA work over the summer preparing for the Get Out

The Vote campaign, which has gained 500 pledges since its launch. I oversaw several policy initiatives with CASA over the summer and passed policies at our last conference that addressed post secondary concerns around open educational resources, interest free grace periods for student loan repayment, and addressed education related recommendations from the TRC report that came out earlier this year.

### **Community Involvement**

The Student Union had partnered for a community event called Heads or Tails, which discussed electoral reform on PEI. We had partnered with the Young Voters of PEI.

We also became corporate sponsors of Pride PEI during their summer Pride Week.

### **Internal Policy Development**

A good chunk of my summer was also devoted to addressing two very long needed policies to strengthen the integrity of the organization. We now have a Conflict of Interest Policy, which we can discuss later, that will reach out to Council and all the businesses and services we offer.

Second, I'm very pleased to tell you we passed our Executive Non-partisanship policy and have finally taken the last step in removing the partisan politics from the Student Union offices.

### **5-4 VP STUDENT LIFE**

It's great to be back for another year! Here are some highlights from my summer:

I attended the COCA National Conference in June. COCA stands for Canadian Organization for Campus Activities, and the conference brings together programmers, clubs coordinators, and entertainers from across the country for showcases and education sessions. I was able to meet most of the other programmers from Atlantic Canada, some clubs coordinators from the other provinces, and some entertainers who will be coming to the Wave this year. I was also able to present Beach Blast during the Steal This Idea Session and received lots of great feedback.

A major project I worked on this summer was the Volunteer List. It basically functions as a volunteer matchmaker (or Voluntinder, as I like to affectionately call it) that matches students with volunteer opportunities based on interests. We soft-launched the matchmaker earlier this month for first-year students, and we will be doing the full launch on October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Volunteer Fair.

Another major project I worked on was the Future Executive Development Program. One of the most common issues in clubs/societies across Canada is the transition between executives. New executives often come in with no experience or previous knowledge in regard to operating a club, and this ultimately hampers their ability to have their club reach its full potential. The Future Executive Development Program is designed to tackle this problem by teaching first-year students the skills they would need to run a club. The program is made up of six workshops, which will cover sponsorships, financial management, club social media, risk management, event execution, and idea generation. At the end of the workshops, the students are expected to host an event of their own using the skills they've learned. We've also been asking societies/clubs to endorse students for the program, and if someone they've endorsed completes the program, the society/club in question will receive a \$200 operation grant. To my knowledge, there is only one other school in Canada that has a similar program, and they are planning to launch it this year, which would make us one of the first schools in Canada with this kind of program. I am trying to put a lot more focus on our societies and clubs this year because I see a lot of potential for our clubs system to grow. There is also no student union in Atlantic Canada that is the clear-cut societies "leader" or innovator, but I am very interested in making the UPEI SU the student union that everybody comes to for advice on how to run their clubs system.

The last major project I worked on was a new awards program at UPEI recognizing students for their involvement on campus and in the community. I presented a proposal to both the President and Vice President Finance and Admin of UPEI and I got the green light for the program. The awards program will be up to twenty awards at \$500 each, for a maximum of \$10,000 a year. There are still some revisions to be made and some criteria to clarify, but students will be able to apply in January/February, with the awards being distributed in March. Keep your eyes peeled!

Finally, some more recent news! Back to School Pub was a huge success; we sold out (which has not happened for a few years at this event), and bar sales noticeably up. The liquor commissionaire said that this was one of the best-run events he's seen in a long time. The budget report for Back to School Pub should be available for the next council meeting. As an FYI, councilors are able to get in free to one event each semester but please remember that this does not make you a VIP at Wave events, so don't act entitled. In other Wave news, the first-week sales have nicely surpassed last year's first-week sales.

The Society Fair was also a great success! I am projecting the number of society ratifications to be in the high-30s, low-40s range this year, which is in line with last year. I'm not too worried about the actual number of societies we ratify; rather, I'm more concerned with the quality of service they receive from the SU. From conversations during my campaign for this position, and

from conversations over the summer, a few society leaders expressed that they felt that the SU was constantly watching them or was encroaching on their operations, so I will be paying special attention to avoid these issues this year.

If you ever have any questions, feel free to stop by my office or shoot me an email!

## 5-5 VP COMMUNICATIONS

Good Evening Council,

Well, can't say I was expecting to be here tonight, but I am both happy and humbled to be back in the position for the time being. It's been a crazy month having just been offered the position one month ago and then only being back on the Island just under two weeks.

### **Council Twitter**

To start off, we do have a @UPEISUCouncil twitter account that it would be great for all of you to follow. This is the account we use to live tweet our meetings. I also need one (or many of you) to volunteer to run the account. Being an executive and having to be involved in many of the conversations makes it harder to live tweet everything that's going on. And if we have many volunteers wanting to run the account then we can do a rotation of people running it.

### **New Positions**

Even though I'm only reporting on the last two weeks, there are some great things to report about. Our online presence has been great. We have hired a graphic designer name Hannah Gibson who is fantastic. She goes to Holland College and has been wonderful to work with so far. I've also been helping Kaylee out and helping her get to know her role as Wave Promotions Coordinator. She has very great ideas for Wave promotions to help out the business. She has brought such a positive and hard working mentality to the position so we are sure to see lots of great things happening for The Wave. One of her initiatives I'd like to highlight would be a letter she is sending out to society executives letting them know the different ways they can use the waves services for their societies and incorporate them into their planning. Even though I'm not the supervisor of the position it is in her job description for us to talk on a regular basis.

### **Speaking in the Classroom**

During the past two weeks I've also reached out to the University 100 professors about organizing times in which the executives could visit their classroom to talk about the SU. The response was very positive but as of now we only have one date set up to speak to a class, but will hopefully set up a

couple more! If you feel like you have a class that would be beneficial to have the SU speak at please let me know!

### **Odds and Ends**

Lots of meetings, helping out the other executives where needed, media releases, photo albums, tweets, snapchatting, BBQ's, and NSO stuff!

Hope everyone has had a good week back. Looking forward to the next few weeks.

Alex

### 5-6 VP FINANCE

Good evening council,

I hope that everyone enjoyed their first week on campus and is settling nicely into their new classes.

It sure has been an interesting start to the year, especially for the SU who have had to try to fill two of their executive positions on the fly after unfortunate resignations. A little over a week ago I settling into the idea of being a SU Business Rep for the year, but when presented with the opportunity to be an executive in the interim it was something that I could not turn away from.

This past week has been a lot on getting oriented and comfortable in the position, with the focus on learning my different roles and responsibilities in the interim for the Student Union. Once I am settled into class I will begin meeting weekly with the general manager to learn more about the technical aspects of the job. Other things that I have been up to over this past week have been helping with back to school student union things such as NSO and Welcome Day barbeques and information sessions.

I am beginning to settle down into the position and am looking forward to performing some of the other responsibilities.

Cheers,

Zach

### 5-7 SENATE

There is nothing to report. The first Senate meeting of the year will be held on Friday, September 18, 2015.

## 5-8 BOARD OF GOVE

There is nothing to report. The first Board of Governors meeting of the year will be held Thursday, October 8, 2015.

## 6-1 EXECUTIVE MANDARES 2015/2016

The executive mandates broadly cover four different pillars, which include Building Community, Reputation & Reputation, Strengthen the Student Union, and Member Engagement and Satisfaction.

## 6-2 PRESIDENT

### **Pillar: Building Community- Facilitate Outreach Week in Frist Semester**

The UPEI Student Union plans to facilitate an Outreach Week during the fall semester, which will allow councillors to engage with their constituent groups. The purpose of the Outreach Week is to encourage students to bring forward new and innovative events and activities and develop mechanisms to support student-generated ideas.

### **Pillar: Reputation & Representation- Develop and Implement Councillor Transition Program**

The Student Union hopes that providing councillors with the necessary information and resources will allow them to optimally represent their constituents. This Transition Program will contribute to maintain an active, well known, and engaged UPEI SU Council.

### **Pillar: Strengthen the Student Union- Create SU Financial Contingency Plan**

The UPEI Student Union plans to create a financial contingency plan that will set the direction of the additional revenue that will be coming in after the mortgage on the Student Center is paid off next July. The UPEI SU plans to put this additional revenue towards sustainable initiatives, as sustainability is an essential progressive practice that will determine the success of the UPEI SU in coming years.

### **Pillar: Member Engagement and Satisfaction- Spark Purposeful Dialogues**

The Student Union also plans to spark meaningful discussions with the students of the University of Prince Edward Island around such topics as Outrun Stigma (Mental Health Initiatives Fund), Sexual Assault Awareness, #MyAbilities, and the tobacco policy on campus. The UPEI SU wants to create better mechanisms to communicate and showcase to the student body and the greater community the Student Unions achievements and initiatives to ensure that the highest level of transparency and honesty is achieved.

### 6-3 VP ACADEMIC AND EXTERNAL

#### **Pillar: Building Community- Student Life**

The Student Union announced their hopes to create an Advocacy Team in order to have a new platform for students to relay student-generated ideas to the UPEI SU.

#### **Pillar: Reputation and Representation- Advocacy**

The Student Union wants to continue to be a prominent voice in the world of post-secondary education and plans to achieve this through meeting with thirteen MLA's, engaging in Caucus presentations with all political parties, and continuing monthly meetings with the departmental staff at the Department of Workforce and Advanced Learning.

#### **Pillar: Reputation and Representation- Community Outreach**

The UPEI SU plans to continue enhancing their relationship with the community this year. They plan to achieve this through attending off-campus events in the community, contributing to four charities throughout the year, and adding three like-minded organizations for partnership.

#### **Pillar: Member Engagement, Satisfaction, and Success- Communication**

The Student Union plans to use media coverage as a way to inform the students of the University of Prince Edward Island and the larger community about activities on campus. Monthly press releases, ten interviews with PEI media, and at least six on-camera interviews plan to be completed in order to update students and the community.

### 6-4 VP STUDENT LIFE

#### **Pillar: Building Community- Volunteer Opportunities**

Provide and facilitate outstanding external and internal volunteering experiences by working in partnership with the University and the greater community to provide clear information on existing volunteering opportunities.

#### **Pillar: Building Community- Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteer Matchmaker. Using the interest of students, the matchmaker will pair students with community organizations, which reflect their interests.

#### **Pillar: Building Community- Student Life**

Review all events, programs, and services to ensure their fiscal responsibility and continued relevance to students.

Develop a system for the Student Union to collect feedback from students about particular events. The current VP Student Life and any future VP Student Life representative can use this feedback.

### **Societies and Clubs**

A goal to make the University of Prince Edward Island a frontrunner in Atlantic Canada for societies and clubs was announced. Through initiatives such as the Future Executive Development Program, Clubs Coordinator, Society Council/Committee, and Society Strategic Plan the UPEI SU plans to achieve this.

### **Student Life Recognition**

A plan to implement a New Awards Program that will recognize students involved on and off campus was introduced. There will be up to twenty awards valued at five hundred dollars each.

### **6-5 VP COMMUNICATIONS**

Currently no mandate to present to council due to being hired for the VP Communications position on short notice.

### **6-6 VP FINANCE**

Currently no mandate to present to council due to being hired for the VP Finance position on short notice.

## **7-1 BY-LAW PRESENTATION**

Changes to the UPEI SU Executive Committee By-Law were made; these changes will be submitted to the Cadre for advertising and voted upon in two weeks time.

Including: all executive members shall remain publically non-partisan for the duration of their term with the UPEI SU, VP Student Life shall act as the primary delegate to the Canadian Organization of Campus Activities, VP Student Life shall be responsible for advocacy efforts on campus pertaining to non-academic issues, and a section on evaluation of the executive members has been added.

Changes to the UPEI SU Sub-Organization By-Law were made; these changes will be submitted to the Cadre for advertising and voted upon in two weeks time.

Including: A Definition section was added, A Purpose section outlining the purpose of sub-organizations, A Sub-Organization Recognition section was added, A Membership section was added, A Procedures For Ratification section was added, A Procedures For Sub-Organizations were removed,



Revocation of Ratification and Suspension of Privileges section was added,  
Responsibilities of Ratified Sub-Organizations section was added.

## 8-1 NOTICE OF REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

A referendum question regarding amending the UPEI Student Union Constitution to reflect a change in the executive structure of two hired positions to one hired position was brought forward to council. This question will be voted on during an extraordinary council meeting to be held September 20, 2015.

## 9-1 SOCIETY RATIFICATIONS

**Motion:** Rix/Heighington; to move into camera

**Motion:** Carried

**Motion:** Heighington/Smith; to move out of camera

**Motion:** Carried

**Motion:** Hood/Stultz; be it resolved that the Campus Alliance for Reproductive Justice be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU

**Motion:** Carried

**Abstain:** Hood

**Motion:** Hood/Hansen; be it resolved that the Canadian Catholic Student Association be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU

**Motion:** Carried

**Abstain:** Hood

**Motion:** Hood/Smith; be it resolved that the Chess Club be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU

**Motion:** Carried

**Abstain:** Hood

**Motion:** Hood/Wilfeard; be it resolved that the Chinese Knot be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU

**Motion:** Carried

**Abstain:** Hood

**Motion:** Hood/Stultz; be it resolved that Enactus be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU

**Motion:** Carried

**Abstain:** Hood

**Motion:** Hood/Kenny; be it resolved that Get Real UPEI be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU

**Motion:** Carried

**Abstain:** Hood

**Motion:** Hood/Stultz; be it resolved that the International Student Christian Fellowship be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU

**Motion:** Carried

**Abstain:** Hood

**Motion:** Hood/Rix; be it resolved that PASS be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU

**Motion:** Carried

**Abstain:** Hood

**Motion:** Hood/Willows; be it resolved that Pre-Med be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU

**Motion:** Carried

**Abstain:** Hood

Hansen

McDermott

Stultz

Smith

**Motion:** Hood/Wilfeard; be it resolved that the Rainbow Alliance be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU

**Motion:** Carried

**Abstain:** Hood

**Motion:** Hood/Poirier; be it resolved that the Revolutionary Student Movement be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU

**Motion:** Declined

**Abstain:** Hood

Hansen

**Motion:** Hood/Kenny; be it resolved that SAVS be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU

**Motion:** Carried

**Abstain:** Hood

**Motion:** Hood/Smith; be it resolved that the UPEI Panther Pantry be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU

**Motion:** Carried

**Abstain:** Hood

**Motion:** Hood/Rix; be it resolved that UPEI Philosophy Society be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU

**Motion:** Carried

**Abstain:** Hood

**Motion:** Hood/Stultz; be it resolved that UPEIPROLOL be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU

**Motion:** Carried

**Abstain:** Hood

Rix

#### 10-1 YEABOOK FEE REIMBURSEMENT

A concern regarding the minimal inclusion of Atlantic Veterinary College students in the Nexus Yearbook was discussed in council. It was suggested that the money paid by Atlantic Veterinary College students for the Nexus Yearbook instead be allocated to a separate veterinary student only yearbook, or the money paid for the Nexus Yearbook by veterinary students be reimbursed to them.

#### 11-1 HEALTH/SPORTS CENTRE ACCESS

Council discussed the issue of Atlantic Veterinary College students being unable to access the health/sport centre during their first week of study, which tends to occur a week before the majority of the student body returns to the University of Prince Edward Island for schooling. Although the health/sport centre is included in Atlantic Veterinary College students' tuition fees many were unable to gain access into these facilities without paying an extra fee during their first week of study. It was suggested that the UPEI Student Union clarify with the health/sport centre staff that veterinary students return to begin classes earlier than the majority of the student body and that they be granted access to the health/sport centre as this is a service paid for in their tuition.

#### 12-1 EXTERNAL POLICY DOCUMENTS

**Motion:** Rix/Hood; to approve amendments to the *Ensuring Adequate Student Loan Availability* Policy Statement.

Including: A statistic reflecting how many students are hitting the limit for their weekly maximums.

**Amendment:** Rix/Stultz; PEI student loan program is run in tandem with the Canada Student Loan Program, and the Province of Prince Edward Island

provides \$165 per week and the Government of Canada \$210 per week of assistance to fulltime students.

**Amendment:** Carried

**Abstain:** Hood  
Hansen

**Motion:** Carried

**Motion:** Rix/Smith; to approve amendments the *Exempting Parental Income as an Asset for Student Loan Assessments* Policy Statement.

**Motion:** Carried

**Motion:** Rix/Kenny; to approve changes to the *Professional Accountability and Review at UPEI* Policy Statement.

Including: adding a section to address the Collective Bargaining Agreement. It is noted that a professor has the ability to conceal Student Opinion on Teaching Surveys from faculty, staff, and students if they choose. It is also suggested that a student representative should be added the University Review Committee.

**Motion:** Carried

**Motion:** Rix/Stultz; to establish a *Multi-Year Funding Framework that allows UPEI to Plan Long-term* Policy Statement.

Including: recommends that the Government of Prince Edward Island should create a four year “rolling-funding” agreement with the University of Prince Edward Island, so the University of Prince Edward Island and students of the University will be better able to financially plan.

**Motion:** Carried

**Motion:** Rix/Smith; to approve an amendment to the *Tuition Regulation at UPEI* Policy Statement.

Including: recommends that the Government of Prince Edward Island should implement a tuition ceiling for post-secondary institutions in order to restrain institutions from raising tuition costs by more than the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index each year.

**Motion:** Carried

**Motion:** Rix/Willows; to establish *Providing Credit for the Completion of the English Academic Preparation Program* Policy Statement.

Including: International students should be granted a credit for the completion of the English Academic Preparation Program

**Motion:** Carried

**Motion:** Rix/Smith; to extend the discussion date of the twelve-month academic course calendar

**Amendment:** Hansen/Stultz; the discussion regarding the twelve-month academic course calendar will be moved to UPEI SU Council Meeting to occur on Sunday, October 19, 2015 to allow for the proper collection of information.

**Amendment:** Carried

**Motion:** Rix/Smith; to extend the discussion date of the twelve-month academic course calendar to Sunday, October 19, 2015 to allow for the proper collection of information.

**Motion:** Carried

#### 13-1 ADVOCACY TEAM COMMITTEE

**Motion:** Rix/Willows; to discuss the Advocacy Team Proposal

**Motion:** Carried

Including: the Advocacy Teams main objectives would be to promote awareness of student issues on-campus and off-campus, as well as to facilitate student input into the UPEI SU's advocacy efforts.

#### 14-1 COMMITTEE CREATION

Due to new incoming councillors the UPEI Student Union Standing Committees, which include New Initiatives and Future Directions Committee, External and Academic Affairs Committee, Funding Committee and the UPEISU Street Team, were introduced and explained to councillors in order for them to make informed decisions as to which committees they will joining as part of their role as councillors.

#### 15-1 NEW BUSINESS

It was brought to the attention of council that the Cadre domain name for the newspapers website has expired. Arrangements to pay the bill for the domain name were arranged.

It was noted that the policy committee will need to update the UPEI SU Policy Manual and UPEI SU Standing Committee By-Law, as the position of the promotions coordinator is no longer a position of the UPEI SU.

**Motion:** Boyd/Smith; to grant speaking rights to Chris White

**Motion:** Carried

**Motion:** Heighington/Kenny; to grant speaking rights to Owen Shaw

**Motion:** Carried

International tuition fees were discussed, specifically Atlantic Veterinary College international student tuition fees. A topic of interest debated was the difference between international and domestic tuition fees. Concern was expressed about the services once provided to Atlantic Veterinary College students that have since been reduced or cut over the past few years, especially services regarding tutoring. Questions in regards to where the extra tuition money paid by international Atlantic Veterinary College students went was discussed. It was once again reiterated that the services previously provided to Atlantic Veterinary College students should be reinstated.

The idea of a smoke free campus was brought to the attention of councillors. More discussion regarding this issue will be continued at a later date.

Information regarding the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) organization was mentioned.

## 16-1 ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Hansen/ Stultz; to adjourn the meeting

**Motion:** Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.