



UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STUDENT UNION
MINUTES- SECOND MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

The second meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held Sunday, September 27, 2015. Minutes for the meeting were taken by Lauren McKearney. Bob Déziel, Chair of Council, called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Julia Ross	Kamran Omar
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ALSO PRESENT:

Bob Déziel	Alex Heighington
Lauren McKearney	Zach Tweel

1-1 **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.

2-1 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion: Kenny/Stultz: to include an additional item to the agenda: Introduction of Candidates for Fall Election 2015.

Motion: Carried

The agenda was approved.

3-1 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion: Hansen/Rix: to approve the SU Meeting Minutes from September 13th, 2015.

Motion: Carried
Abstain: Smith
Willows

Motion: Rix/Outram: to approve the SU Meeting Minutes from September 20th, 2015.

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Smith

Poirier

Boyd

The minutes were approved.

4-1 REPORTS

4-2 PRESIDENT

Hi Council:

The last couple of weeks have been quite busy, but the dust seems to be settling with the academic year now well underway!

-It was great to see some of you at the "Youth Engagement Panel" and the "Meet the Candidates" events. There were equally good turnouts at both "Get Out The Vote" events held by the SU & Young Voters of PEI and there was coverage by the media at both events. I'm also in touch with Radio Canada to do a French interview regarding the SU GOTV campaign. Hope to see you at the GOTV BBQ this Tuesday at noon -- an excellent opportunity to meet the students you represent and encourage them to vote in both upcoming elections (SU & Federal). On another advocacy note, John and I met with members of the opposition to discuss SU policy priorities, I'm sure he'll go more into depth with his report.

-The SU Council campaign period is in full swing! I'm thrilled to say that 21 students have submitted their nominations for the upcoming election. Unfortunately the education and graduate rep positions do not have candidates, but nearly every other position has more than one candidate running for it -- let the campaigning begin!

-I was able to help the SU Campaigns Coordinator, Kaylee Jabbour, lug a lot of dollars from the SU to an escape vehicle headed for the bank. Considering the entire fund raising events, Kaylee estimates we've raised approximately \$10,000-15,000 for Shinerama. There is still one more even the Moonshinerama pub-crawl with will be on Oct 16. And apparently the title this year will be "Winerama"!

-I also met with Julie MacWilliams, a student at large, who has taken on the role of helping to coordinate Outrun Stigma. I'm happy to say that we've had some media coverage regarding this exciting new charity event -- and I look forward to seeing how well it does in its first year! If you can't participate or volunteer, consider contributing

by buying a Vacation raffle ticket at Mickey's Place.

-Our DVM Rep, Ellen Boyd, and myself had an interview with the CBC regarding "parking" on campus. The University announced that they do oversell the passes but that they have a "formula" for determining the appropriate number they should sell. I strongly believe this "formula" should be revised.

-Enjoyed a few Panther Soccer Events at the Alumni Field this weekend and last weekend -- I encourage you to get out and cheer on our athletes!

-The UPEI Senate, (I'm happy) had quite a long agenda -- the Academic Plan was on the agenda and discussion on this important item had to be postponed until the next Senate meeting. This is good news because the next senate meeting we'll have full student representation -- and the student voice with regards to the Academic Plan will be heard loud and clear.

-Executive members of the UPEI (WUSC) World University Services of Canada, Hannah Dawson & Katie VanLeeuwan came by the SU offices to discuss the possibility of increasing the WUSC fee at UPEI. They are doing their homework first and have decided to begin with "education and consultation" for the student body before proposing an increase.

-Along with the executive, admin assistant, and general manager, I attended the Donor's Picnic in MacMillan Hall -- our VPSL, Nathan, gave a fantastic address regarding the importance of Donors and what receiving a financial award has done for him and his own education. He was then told by a member from the class of '45 to cut his hair!

-On Friday I represented UPEI Students at the day-long gathering "UPEI Symposium to Discuss Developments in Communication, Leadership, and Culture Programming within the UPEI Faculty of Arts". It was a day dedicated to pursuing programming associated with communications, leadership, and culture within the Arts that both anticipates and addresses our changing world. In doing so, we focused on students (our current students and our future students) and the needs of our larger communities in an attempt to better understand how UPEI can continuously build better student learning and experience opportunities.

That's all for now! On a contact and connection note -- some of you have been around the office more than others, which is awesome! Feel free to stop by anytime - lunch is usually a good time to catch me!

Hope your respective semesters are all going well! Looking forward to a productive meeting!

Dana

4-3 VP ACADEMIC AND EXTERNAL

A large chunk of the workload the last couple of weeks was put into preparing the Lobby Doc that will be used in advocacy efforts for the remainder of the year. The text of the document has been finalized and I assigned creating the final copy to our graphic designer. We are looking at a deadline of mid-October.

Dana and I met with James Aylward (Opposition House Leader), Sydney MacEwen (Critic for Workforce and Advanced Learning), and Rob Lantz (now former PC leader) to discuss the policy priorities that were passed by Council last time we met.

The Get out the Vote campaign is coming along smoothly but the amount of pledges we have received has begun to taper off. We are now around the 650 mark but we were at 500 around the first week of school. I am working on plan to send volunteers to key areas on campus this week during high traffic times. I am also exploring the option of paying for advertising on Facebook since we received more money from CASA than expected and came in under budget on several events. We had several successful events though in partnership with the Young Voters of PEI which included a panel on why youth engagement is important, a live screening of the Globe and Mail debate on the economy, and a meet the candidate's social. I also met with the Chief Returning Officer, Kay Atkinson, to go over the details of how polling stations on campus from October 5th-8th will work.

The Senate had its first meeting of the year and we discussed enrolment at UPEI, results of a student engagement survey (UPEI is pretty average), and a number of academic calendar changes. The discussion of the Academic Plan had to be put off until the next Senate meeting.

An update on the 12-month course calendar, the institutional research officer that was doing some number crunching for us said that she should have the data to us by the end of the month. I have tasked our Policy and Research Coordinator with finalizing the other research that will be considered in the development of the external policy.

4-4 VP STUDENT LIFE

Hi Council,

Some highlights from the past two weeks:

-I attended Showcase PEI, where I got to see some of PEI's best bands perform. While there, I met with an agent about bringing in a band for second semester. I also had a few meetings regarding Halloween Pub, which will be on October 29th.

-I attended and delivered an address on the importance of donors from a student perspective at the annual Donor's Picnic. I also attended the Buddy Program Meet & Greet, where returning students met their new international students for the first time.

-The Future Executive Development Program got underway this week, with our first workshop focusing on idea generation and critically thinking about the purpose and goals of events we host.

-I met with Athletics and Recreation twice over the past two weeks. In regard to the issue of AVC students having difficulty accessing the gym, I was told that it was likely the result of miscommunication. A&R said that AVC students were supposed to be able to give their name and student ID at the front desk, and this would have given them access to the gym facilities. This process is similar to what happens around Convocation, where A&R allows graduating students to sign their name and ID to access the gym facilities despite the fact that the student memberships to the gym are technically no longer valid.

-Met with ITSS about the Volunteer List. We're working out the final kinks in the code, and are looking set to do the full launch on October 6th.

4-5 VP COMMUNICATIONS

Good Evening Council,

It was a busy couple weeks as you will see from the report, but I kept it short and to the point.

University 101 Classroom Visits

Since the last meeting a few things have been happening. We have more professors reaching out to us about talking in University 101 classes. The exec is pretty busy so I'm going to start reaching out to you guys to see if you can take on some of the classroom visits.

Photos

FB albums and pictures have been gaining lots of attention and looking really good thanks to our photographer Ryan Boudreau!

September photos have been put up as well as candidate photos for the fall election (including a photo of the referendum question). Please keep pushing and letting student know about that.

Elections

Lots of nomination advertising went on and I emailed individual people on campus and got them to reach out to particular groups as opposed to mass emails/advertisement efforts. This seemed to be really effective as we have many contested positions for this fall election! I also attended the candidate meeting that happened on Friday.

Mickey's Place

Mickey's Place promotion - I decided to use the coffee tumblers we have for the SU in a promotion for Mickey's Place. I don't have an update as to how that's going but how it works is that if you redeem your Mickey's Place loyalty card you get a free SU tumbler. So spread the word!

Communication Professionalism

This past Friday I sat down with Nicole, Neal and Dave in IC to chat about communication professionalism and how to go about teaching that. I'll be working on an informative session that you will be seeing and participating in at council retreat.

SU in the Media

Media has been good. There has been lots of pick-up on the Outrun Stigma partnership with PEI marathon. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this or want to sign up! Would be great if we could have a few of us participating in this event.

We had a couple issues regarding young voters and UPEISU, where we weren't getting recognition but that was worked out, and the partnership has been great so far, and we have an exceptional GOTV team!

Advocacy

External policies that were approved by council are on the website. I'm hoping to get those advertised to students in the next two weeks.

Prosocial Bystander Training

This morning (Sunday) I attended the Prosocial bystander training. Quick, two hour, very informative training session. I recommend everyone interested to contact Zak Court about upcoming sessions. As student leader it's very important and beneficial to have these sorts of trainings and certificates. Some can be long and boring and perhaps not useful, but this was none of those, so if you can please sign up.

Support your Panthers!

Panther green Fridays. Try to wear green on Fridays when we have home games to start the trend and get people interested and Proud of UPEI panther athletics!

Emails

Finally have the email list so expect some emails about GOTV and elections going out to students this week and the bi-weekly newsletter will be starting again this Wednesday. Please email me if you have anything important to add.

That's all for me,
Alex

4-6 VP FINANCE

Good evening Council,

There have been a lot of applications for graduate and undergraduate funding, which is fantastic because it means a lot of students are taking the opportunity to get involved with their education outside of the classroom. If things continue like this, then this section of the budget may have to be reworked for next year. I have also completed the \$2000+ expenditures report for the summer. There were only three major expenses that were out of the ordinary.

1. A clothing purchase from StayGolden
2. A new stove for The Wave
3. New furniture for the day-lounge

Other than that, I had my weekly meeting with Heather Love to continue my orientation of the position. This week we went through the budget line-by-line and discussed each item and what it means.

Cheers,
Zachary Tweel

4-7 SENATE

Senate met on September 18th, 2015. We went over the updated enrolment numbers, which will not be made official until the last day to drop out of classes on October 15. Senate also went over the NSSE survey; this survey was taken last year to find out information about diversity, student involvement and overall student morale. The overall findings of the survey were both positive and negative in many aspects, including the struggles of diversity, and the strengths of

student-faculty interactions. After this the Senate went over and approved many different course changes for the academic year.

4-8 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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

5-1 NURSING SURVEY

A survey studying alcohol consumption on the UPEI campus was brought forward to Council for review. UPEI Nursing students are completing this survey for a research project as a requirement for one of their courses. It was requested that the UPEISU review the survey and if acceptable distribute it to members of the Student Union.

Motion: Stultz/Hood; to distribute this survey, Alcohol Use at UPEI, to the students of UPEI.

Amendment: Poirier/Willows: to add pending confirmation from the Dean of the School of Nursing.

Amendment: Carried

Motion: to distribute this survey, Alcohol Use at UPEI, to the students of UPEI pending confirmation from the Dean of the School of Nursing.

Motion: Carried

6-1 SOCIETY RATIFICATIONS

Motion: Hood/Hansen: be it resolved that the Public Speaking Club be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU.

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Hood
McDermott

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

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Hood
Outram

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

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Hood

Motion: Hood/Willows: be it resolved that the Fortknights Improve Club be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU.

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Hood

Motion: Hood/Hansen: be it resolved that WUSC be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU.

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Hood
McDermott

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

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Hood
Rix

Motion: Hood/Wilfeard: be it resolved that the Computer Science Society be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Hood

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

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Hood

Motion: Hood/Stultz: be it resolved that jack.org UPEI be ratified as sub-organization within the UPEISU

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Hood
Kenny

7-1 CLUBS COORDINATOR PROPOSAL

The VP Student Life presented the idea of creating a Clubs Coordinator Position to help assist in the advancement of the UPEI clubs/societies system. The Clubs Coordinator will work closely with the VP Student Life to manage and grow the clubs and societies system at the UPEISU. The main responsibilities of this position include exploring and developing new strategies and solutions for issues impacting clubs and societies on the campus of the University of Prince Edward Island. The VP Student Life believes that creating a Clubs Coordinator position is an excellent way for the UPEISU to invest in the clubs/societies system at UPEI.

Motion: Hood/Rix: to approve the Clubs Coordinator position as presented.

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Smith

8-1 PRESIDENT'S COURSE LOAD

The President of the UPEISU asked council to grant him permission to add an addition course each semester, resulting in four courses per semester, for the academic year of 2015-2016 in order for him to complete graduation requirements.

Motion: Kenny/Willows: for Council to allow the President to take four courses each semester for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Kenny

9-1 BACK TO SCHOOL PUB BUDGET REPORT

A report on the Back to School Pub was presented to the UPEISU Council. The revenue of this year's Back to School Pub is \$7073.50.

10-1 BY-LAW CHANGES-SECOND READING AND VOTE

Motion: Hood/Outram: to approve the Sub-Organization By-Law changes as presented.

Motion: Carried

Motion: Hood/Willows: to approve the amendments to the Executive Committee by law as presented.

Motion: Carried

11-1 PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES- STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Changes include: 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,

12-1 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Current UPEISU Council members were allowed to make selections for which Student Union Committees they would prefer to sit on during their time as councillors. Every councillor must select at least one committee to sit on, but can chose to sit on more if they wish.

Committees Include:

- New Initiative & Future Directions Committee
- External & Academic Affairs Committee
- Funding Committee
- UPEISU Street Team

13-1 INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES FOR FALL ELECTION

Motion: Kenny/Rix: to give all Fall Election candidates speaking rights for thirty seconds.

Amendment: Hood/Willows: to give each Fall Election candidate thirty seconds of speaking rights.

Amendment: Carried

Motion: to give each Fall Election candidate thirty seconds of speaking rights.

Motion: Carried

13-1 NEW BUSINESS

Councillors brought additional conflicts of interest to the attention of the UPEISU Council.

The 2000+ Expenditures will be presented at the next UPEISU Council Meeting to be held October 18th, 2015.

Councillors were reminded to book off time for the council retreat to happen on Saturday, October 23rd, 2015.

Councillors were encouraged to come volunteer at the Get Out To Vote BBQ happening on Tuesday, September 29th, 2015.

Notice that the UPEISU is going paintballing on Saturday, October 3rd, 2015 was mentioned.

Council was made aware that the Revolutionary Student Movement- UPEI Chapter will be making a verbal appeal to council during the next scheduled UPEISU Council Meeting on Sunday, October 18th, 2015.

Notice that Chair of Council will be absent at the next scheduled council meeting, Sunday, October 18th, 2015.

Everyone was encouraged to vote in the upcoming UPEI Student Union Fall Election.

Happy 17th Birthday to Google!

14-1 ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Smith/Hansen: to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Signatures

President

Chair of Council