



Student Union of NSCAD  
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August 30th, 2019

## Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Kassidy, Olivia, Liam, Peri, Kris, Ye, Asha, Katrina, Ali, Melissa

Absent:

Regrets: Eric (Peri as proxy), Emma, Lilly

Chair: Kassidy

Secretary: Liam

Call to order 5:13 PM.

Olivia motions to approve the agenda. Peri seconds.

Olivia motions to approve the last three meetings' minutes. Peri seconds.

Kassidy begins the meeting by recognizing we are situated on unceded and unsurrendered Mi'kmaq territory, which is covered under the Peace and Friendship Treaties since 1725. It is our responsibility to understand our relationship with the land as stewards, arrivants, and settlers.

Signatures:

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President

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Resource Coordinator

## Reports

**Kassidy Bernard, She/Her // President // [president@sunscad.org](mailto:president@sunscad.org)**

- Updated SUNSCAD Website
- Fixed Orientation Presentation
- Met with a student

**Peri McFarlane, She/Her // VP Finance // [finance@sunscad.org](mailto:finance@sunscad.org)**

- Met with finance and physical resource committee
- Emailing students about clubs

**Olivia Fay, She/Her // VP Internal // [internal@sunscad.org](mailto:internal@sunscad.org)**

- Worked on orientation.
- Grocery shop confirmed for 31st
- Vendors and venues confirmed
- Got a disco ball

**Asha Galloway, She/Her // VP External // [external@sunscad.org](mailto:external@sunscad.org)**

None at this time.

## **General Discussion**

### **New Business**

### **Ratifications**

Indigenous rep - Kris. All in favor, motion passed.

Master of Design rep - Ye. All in favor, motion passed.

Painting rep - Melissa. Olivia motions. All in favor, motion passed.

### **Kitchenette: Contract and Use**

The council wants to renegotiate the contract it has with the school regarding how the kitchenette in the student lounge can be used. There are rules in it that seem unreasonable, such as a ban on preparing food for anyone except oneself. The council should speak with students and figure out what kind of use students want to get out of the kitchenette space, so that a proposal can be put forward at the start of the school year. Kris mentioned a student who wanted to hold collective meals once a week, and Cassidy got a message from a student who is personally interested in revamping the communal eating space and making it more welcoming. Cassidy reiterates that the factor of liability in case of an accident is the impetus for many of the rules. Olivia mentions that the kitchenette space would need to see more personal responsibility be exhibited by the people using it (cleaning up after oneself, not leaving out perishable items, etc.) and that the budget might not have funds to employ a dedicated kitchenette steward. Ali volunteers to help manage the food bank.

Kassidy states that discussions on the Kitchenette matter will be held in the future.

### **Collective Space**

Kassidy explains: The wellness space on the 2nd floor used to be a collectives/clubs meeting room. When it was used as such, the clubs were noticeably more engaged and active, because there was a dedicated space for them to operate through. SUNSCAD has inherited the old Food Bank room, but nothing has been done with it so far due to a lack of feedback from students. SUNSCAD aims to launch a bigger, more involved collectives space this year, using a large complex of rooms in the basement of Fountain Campus that we have been offered. Olivia notes

that the space can be made accessible. Anne Barbara was accepting of the draft renovation budget that would be required to bring the space up to working order. The proposal will be presented to the University President in two weeks time to obtain funds and grants.

Olivia suggests that the furnishing of the new Collective space - furniture, wall painting, decoration, etc. - be done by NSCAD students as an opportunity to get them involved and using fine art skills in a practical manner.

The council was receptive to this plan on all points.

### **Federal Election**

SUNSCAD is a member of the CFS, who help us run campaigns, get training on political issues, and take action. Peri notes that Sara will be at internal table day as a representative of CFS.

SUNSCAD is working with them on “Time To Be Bold”, a campaign to get students excited about voting and being educated on Canada’s political parties and their policies. Cassidy notes that CFS is a non-partisan organization.

NSCAD cannot hold an advanced polling station, due to the small size of the student body, but Dalhousie University will have one. NSCAD’s main goal is to make sure everyone is informed. The possibility of a political cartoon competition was raised to engage the student body.

Council members should come up with ideas for the next meeting about what can be done to foster engagement. The election will take place in October.

### **Old Business**

None at this time.

## **Announcements**

### **Notice of Motion to Amend Standing Resolution**

SUNSCAD is looking to change the way payment within the union works, for both executive positions and honorarium-based positions. Under our bylaws, standing resolutions can be changed by the council if notice is given one week in advance. Executive members are currently paid minimum wage, which would be increased to \$15/hr, with an offset of reducing the SUNSCAD President's maximum working hours per week to make the proposal feasible. Peri is still developing scenarios for changing the honorarium system. The primary goal through all of this is to ensure that SUNSCAD fairly compensates the people who work for it.

This matter will be discussed in the next meeting.

### **Period Poverty Summit**

Students are encouraged to attend the Period Poverty Summit. SUNSCAD has made space for 10 students to attend on October 29th. Council members should communicate with the student body about this opportunity.

### **CFS SKILLS Summit and Activist Training Day**

This training day teaches people how to successfully operate a student union. The seminar is on the last weekend in September, lasting three days. SUNSCAD has five spots open, four of which are already filled. The last spot is for any one council member who wants to attend.

The Activist Training Day is an event that anyone can sign up for. Cassidy wants this fact to be made very well known amongst the student body for anyone who would be interested in attending.

### **Olivia motions to adjourn.**

Meeting adjourns at 5:59pm.