



Student Union of NSCAD
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July 24th, 2019

Executive Meeting Minutes

Present: Peri, Cassidy, Olivia, Asha, Liam

Absent: Asha (5:18)

Regrets:

Chair: Cassidy

Secretary: Liam R.

Call to order 5:10PM.

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:

President

Resource Coordinator

Reports

Kassidy Bernard, She/Her // President // president@sunscad.org

- Attended the CFS-NS Provincial Executive Meeting
- Held office hours
- Met with students during office hours
- Email correspondence
- Began Collective Space Proposal template
- Prepared this week's agenda
- Updated website with new executive and council information
- Edited drafts for social media posts
- Purchased fan for office
- Responded to handy bag applicants

Peri McFarlane, She/Her // VP Finance // finance@sunscad.org

None at this time.

Olivia Fay, She/Her // VP Internal // internal@sunscad.org

None at this time.

Asha Galloway, She/Her // VP External // external@sunscad.org

None at this time.

General Discussion

New Business

(EDIT 31/07/19: Title change) Anti-Racism Inquiry Report

What can we do short term, mid-term, long term with what we learn from this? What are we doing internally to combat racism? How can we improve?

It is important that all members of the council engage with with the Anti-Racism toolkit. A book club format is suggested, so that everyone can keep up and discussions can be timely. (EDIT 31/07/19: Section moved to *MMIWG Inquiry Report*) A digital edition is available that Asha can access.

MMIWG Inquiry report

This Inquiry will be engaged with in much the same way as the Anti-Racism toolkit will be. A book club format, with the possibility of inviting other students and faculty to encourage discussion. The possibility of inviting other students to discuss/review the inquiry was raised. Carla Taunton (phone: 902-494-8319 email: ctaunton@nscad.ca) could be involved, or have her students be involved. Everyone on the Council should use spare office hours or off time to review the inquiry. (EDIT 31/07/19: Addition) Cassidy will contact Indigenous students to be involved in decisions regarding this matter.

CFS Campaigns materials

SUNSCAD still has a surplus of materials left over from the 2015 election that can be used this fall - buttons, stickers, and material related to the MSM Blood Ban and United for Equity. Materials that the council discussed and is interested in ordering include: Fairness for International Students, Support Student Parents, Consent is Mandatory, Challenge Ableism, and End Islamophobia Now. Cassidy does not like the Reproductive Justice posters, but the issue is important, so the council will discuss creating something locally that looks better. Regarding the Union Solidarity campaign, written material can be printed off and council members can familiarize themselves with it. (EDIT 31/07/19: Addition) Olivia asked if Anti-Corporatization campaign materials can be displayed in the Board Room at Port Campus, and Cassidy offered the possibility of using external door hangers. "Know Your Rights" booklet for Muslim students are also being considered.

Campaign materials must be ordered by August 2nd in order to have them available in September. All of the campaign items are free to order. Peri motions to order items, Olivia seconds.

2019 Federal election

The Council need to start deciding now what we want to do for the Federal election this fall, and specifically how it can engage three parts of the student body. They are listed, with engagement techniques, below:

1. Students who are voting for the first time

Workshops on knowing how to vote, (EDIT 31/07/19: Section moved) and providing Vote stickers. Olivia and Asha can have regular table hours in the commons where they are present and people can sit with them and ask questions about how voting works. Olivia highly prefers set, regular hours and times for this. Cassidy is coordinating with (EDIT 31/07/19: correction) Lianne and Grant for tabling, but Peri would like to handle our operation separately from theirs.

2. Students who are away from their home riding

Advanced polling would let students vote for their home riding.

3. International students who are not able to vote

It is important that International students are able to access information on social and political topics being discussed in Canada. The idea to hold an “Issues Vote” was suggested, where international students could take part in a vote that would let their voices be heard regarding issues on campus. CBU is holding a similar Issues Vote, and we can talk to them about how to move forward with it.

Kenya from (EDIT 31/07/19: correction) MSVUSU is in contact with Cassidy about including NSCAD stops on a route for their bus which will be taking students to a polling station. Whether only one stop is offered, or one for each of the three NSCAD campuses, is still being decided.

Peri raised the question of having an accessible polling station on campus, like many other universities in Halifax are. The entryway on Granville Street (where the Fallow Gallery is) is being considered as a location for this.

The option of hosting debates on campus was raised, but ultimately decided against.

Other professional training

Professional training was briefly discussed. Olivia and Peri have food handling certification relevant to their home provinces. The option of further training will be discussed at a later date.

Old Business

Potluck

Security will be present during the Potluck to make sure no one is drinking. Cassidy requests that they are dressed as civilians so that they remain inconspicuous. Olivia will arrive at 12pm on Friday to start setup. Peri will assist. Olivia wants to finish before the event.

Olivia needs better lights for the Potluck. Peri motions to allow a \$15 budget for lightbulbs, Olivia seconds. Olivia will purchase.

Announcements

Skills 2019 (CFS) is being hosted on the last weekend of September. (EDIT 31/07/19: Clarification) It was decided that Olivia will not be required to attend the first day of the event with Peri and Cassidy due to scheduled classes, but will attend the second and third day. Cassidy wants Tara to attend, but she will be busy. Cassidy would like her to go to a future CFS event.

Christina Warren, NSGEU President at NSCAD, has asked for us to set up a meeting with her sometime in the coming weeks. She also said that the president of the entire NSGEU is coming for a meet and greet on campus on October 1st from 11:30am-1:30pm. She would also love to be a part of community table day to represent the NSGEU at NSCAD.

Tara wants Olivia to talk to Khyber about Table Day. Cassidy wants it to happen at orientation when everyone is already here. Peri will take on Asha's responsibilities if she cannot work until August. Table activities could take place during breakfast.

Peri motions to adjourn.

Meeting adjourns at 5:54pm.