



Student Union of NSCAD
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Halifax, NS B3J 3J6

May 29, 2019

Executive Meeting Minutes

Present: Kassidy, Peri, Olivia

Absent: Asha

Regrets:

Chair: Kassidy

Secretary: Kassidy

Call to order 7:16PM.

Olivia motions to approve the agenda. Peri seconds.

Peri motions to approve the minutes. Olivia 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 Government-Student Roundtable.

- Had troubles connecting Asha, was not able to get her on a call
- Q+A with Minister Labi Kousoulis
 - Isa asked about mental health resources and how they were working on supporting more in-person care.
 - Provincial Health + Wellness Committee
 - Mental Health care on campus: e-mental health tools
 - The Healthcare Authority are the ones who help those in crisis
- Why is the \$1 million cut to support out of province students effective?
 - Higher priority to province funding
 - Phasing out funding, not cutting them off
- Aidan pointed out that it's not fair to decide or assume that students live at home
 - In his view, Labi says "if you're receiving assistance, this funding should go to the province [Nova Scotia]."
 - Says that whether a student stays in Nova Scotia or goes, it's not making a huge change to the university budget
- CBU is funding the public transit service for service to their campus, which is not under their responsibilities, what is the province doing to support this need?
 - Province also funds the public transit, they were helping Sydney because they were not prepared for the influx of students (aka the International student population skyrocketed)
- CBU students need a nursing practitioner
- NSCC debt forgiveness
 - Program exists for debt forgiveness
 - Must graduate in NS to receive it
 - Up front incentives should be considered, even rural areas have higher rent (Clancy, Students Nova Scotia)
- International student was recently arrested for working over 20 hour limit, what is the provincial government doing to protect these students by working with the federal government? Would the minister be willing to show support for the student? (Aidan, CFS)
 - The Minister assumed Aidan was talking about public "call out" of the federal government, rather than letter of support for the student.
 - Used the word "trashing" and "ruining relationship" in regards to this.

- Spoke about tuition fees rising, particularly for International Students at Dal
 - 3% cap on undergrad
 - The word “Sandboxes” was brought up
 - 25% funding increase to post-secondary in NS (where does this appear?)
 - Says he was shocked by difference in International vs. domestic fees at first
 - Says he realized its a commonplace “business decision” on the institution’s part and “comparative” to other institutions in other provinces (also brought up that they are less expensive here)
- What is the role of the NS gov. to battling white supremacy, which is rising on campuses? (Fallen, DAGS)
 - Mentioned there’s a rise in groups such as NS Proud and yellow vests
 - Kept bringing up “hate crimes” specifically
- Fallen reiterates that there are speakers hosted by the university [Dal] and this one example of how it manifests on campus
 - Minister says its a case by case thing, if a hate crime takes place, they suggest getting in touch
 - Looking at hate crimes on social media
 - Are dealing with the “symptom, or the problem”
- Isa (DSU) asked why the current budget does not prioritize students
 - The Minister became visibly upset and started pointing fingers at us, said it was unacceptable to hear they do not prioritize students, etc.
 - Made many of us uncomfortable
 - Had one last question from another student before leaving
 - Aisha (DSU), Aidan (CFS-NS) and Kenya (MSVUSU) all spoke up to support Isa after he left the room and said that it was unacceptable behaviour on the Minister’s part, they expect an apology.
 - One quote from Kenya stuck out: “We should not be afraid to ask the hard questions here. That’s why we come to these meetings, it’s our job.”
- Had a presentation on issues in post-secondary by CFS and DSU
- Provincial Sexual Violence Prevention Committee Update
 - Handed out booklets “Changing the culture of acceptance: Recommendations to address sexual violence on university campuses,” presented by NS and CONSUP.

Wrote job call outs for Secretary, Commissioner (for Fall), and Designer

Wrote and edited minutes for last exec meeting

Spoke with Jade Peek (CFS Deputy Chairperson, former SUNSCAD Exec) for advice on below

Organized call with Mathew R. (FUNSCAD) and Diane Langevin to talk about email from James Rae about the takeover of our SUNSCAD Living Room (D270)

Met with James Rae, alongside Olivia, to speak about D270

Has contacted CFS about incorrect flight return date, and with Fallen and Olivia since we are travelling together, have not received a response yet

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

Cleared out the food bank's produce and cleaned the general kitchenette space.

Signed pay cheques.

Have been in contact with CFS over flights for the NGM, everything should be in order.

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

Research on affordable venues. Was recommended George's Island by a professor. She thinks it would be for Halloween. Research revealed that there were terrible reviews for the island.

Met with James with Cassidy.

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

No report at this time.

General Discussion

New Business

In-Camera

Peri motions to move in camera, seconded by Olivia. Motion passes.

Peri motions to move out of camera, seconded by Olivia.

Ethical Purchasing Order

Last year we got water bottles for Fall Orientation. Olivia says we should order non-plastic if that's an option. We will be sitting down to decide what to order when we receive forms from CFS.

Handbags

We need to ask Anke, one of the instructors in textiles, to do a call out to their students for making handbags. They will pick one to give access to the room to make them. The handbags usually have a screen printed SUNSCAD logo on them.

Kassidy will contact Tara to get in touch with Anke.

Old Business

Food Bank Assistant

We interviewed two applicants before the start of our meeting.

Olivia motions to hire Cat, seconded by Peri. Motion passes.

Kassidy will contact applicants to notify them, and arrange training with Cat.

SUNSCAD Exec Goals

Short term:

Clean and organize our offices and spaces.
Figure out a room for collectives to meet in.
Plan pride event for this summer.
Rebrand mission for SUNSCAD.

Long term:

Student policy
Strike an External committee.
Digitize Free Coffee archives.

Olivia asks if there is a budget for office supplies. Peri explains the process, and how to motion for purchasing items.

Olivia motions to spend up to \$30 on a whiteboard, from the capital purchases budget line. Peri seconds. Motions passes.

Olivia motions to spend up to \$15 on whiteboard markers, from the office supplies budget line. Peri seconds. Motions passes.

Announcements

None at this time.

Peri motions to adjourn.

Meeting adjourns at 8:29pm.