



Students Representative Council – Meeting Minutes
September 18th, 2025 @4:00 pm ADT

In the Acadia Students' Union, we acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. We recognize that we are all treaty people and have commitments to each other and the land in which we live, learn, work, and play upon. As a Students' Union, we commit ourselves to continuous learning about how we can engage in meaningful action towards truth, reconciliation, and justice.

Present

Akhil Akhil **P**
Muhammed Ali **P**
Elizabeth Bettenson **P**
Tove Biskop **P**
Emma Boles **P**
Zahide Çam **P**
Yas Jawad **P**
Eren Burhan Narinoglu **P**
Treyvon Nicolls **P**
Carmen Peng
Sruthika Saravanan **P**

Regrets

Gretchen Archibald
Carmen Peng

Resources

Gretchen Archibald
Genna Beed **P**
Alex Dulay **P**
Macy Hill **P**

Agenda

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM ADT.

2. Approval of Agenda and Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

BIRT the meeting minutes from the April 11th, 2025 SRC meeting be approved as presented
Moved by Zahide
Seconded by Treyvon
Motion approved

BIRT an amendment be made to the proposed September 18th, 2025 agenda to include the appointment of Ryan Gallant to the Search Committee for the next Director of the School of Education
Moved by Zahide
Seconded by Emma
Motion approved

BIRT the amended September 18th, 2025 agenda be approved as presented
Moved by Yas
Seconded by Tove
Motion approved

3. Presentations

- a) Welcome to SRC – Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson
 - Genna gave a brief explanation of the goals and operations of the SRC

4. Standing Items

a) Updates

VP AE

- Zahide gave an update on what she worked on over the summer. These projects include:
 - Internal and external advocacy projects
 - Changes to the ASU website
 - Helped to find students to sit on Senate and other University Committees
 - Worked on academic appeals
 - Sat on Students Nova Scotia (SNS) and the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)
 - Attended the Maritime Student Congress (MSC)

VPEP

- Tove gave an update on what she worked on over the summer. These projects include:
 - Planning Welcome Week – Welcome Week had a record number of attendees with 250 students at an event predicted for 50 and 500 students at the tailgate
 - Implementing new, interactive elements to Welcome Week (for example, passports, conversation starters, tote bags for the first 50 students to attend events)

- Planned Homecoming activities which will be shared with the SRC in the coming weeks
- Created an action plan for the Axes in Action initiative
- Managed and handled all ASU social media platforms – grew the ASU Instagram page by over 500 new followers and shared over 80 new posts, relaunched the LinkedIn page, built a new marketing strategy
- Spoke with potential local and national sponsors
- Worked with the Acadia marketing team, Residence Life, and other faculties throughout the University
- Was appointed to the Acadia Board of Governors (BOG)
- Sat on the Acadia marketing committee
- Attended the MSC
- Worked to redevelop the ASU Director positions
- Met with MLA Julie Vanexan

VPFO

- Emma gave an update on what she worked on over the summer. These projects include:
 - Created the 2025/26 sponsorship package
 - Created ASU funding application and budget guidelines for clubs (this can be found on the ASU website and outside of her office)
 - Hosted a finance session during Club Training
 - Planned and launched a Political Literacy Week
 - Prepared to assume official responsibility to sit on the University Budget Committee
 - Appointed as the ASU primary delegate on CASA and attended their Policy and Strategy meeting
 - Met with MLA Julie Vanexan and MP Kody Blois to establish a working relationship
 - Attended the MSC

VPSL

- Treyvon gave an update on what he worked on over the summer. These projects include:
 - Strengthening student engagement
 - Creating programming for summer residents
 - Sat on the Welcome Week planning committee
 - Organized the Club Extravaganza
 - Assisted clubs in the ratification process
 - Advocated for ASU events to be added to the Acadia events calendar
 - Implemented an ASU suggestion box in the Union Market
 - Worked with the Athenaeum to strengthen their organization
 - Met with MLA Julie Vanexan and MP Kody Blois
 - Appointed to the SNS BOG and Vice Chair for the SNS Governance Committee
 - Worked on Amendments to the University Protest Policy

- Developed a Cyber Security Month with Technology Services
- Developed a Laundry Package for on-campus students – to be rolled out during the Winter semester

President

- Yas gave an update on what they worked on over the summer. These projects include:
 - Making amendments to the University Protest Policy
 - Appointed as the Chairperson of the SNS membership committee
 - Advocacy for food security and sovereignty
 - Developed a food security resource package
 - Collaborated with the Wolfville Farmer's Market to organize a fresh vegetable drop off for the ASU Food Cupboard
 - Worked on the Acadia Food Sharing Breakfast Program
 - Worked on four harm reduction initiatives (at home fentanyl tests, safe snorting, safe weed consumption, and safe self-harm)
 - Met with University and Government
 - Met with campus stakeholders about bursaries
 - Worked on two initiatives with the Wolfville Community Oven officials

Questions:

- Zahide asked Tove how much money Axes in Action has raised thus far. Tove will bring the answer back to the SRC
- Tove asked Treyvon to elaborate on his position on the Welcome Week planning committee, and on how he has been strengthening student engagement. Treyvon provided the student perspective on Welcome Week Events, and has been engaging with students on his VPSL Instagram account via posts and questions
- Sruitha asked for more information regarding SRC member office hours. SRC members should email Cristian with the hours they intend on being available in the SUB so he can put them on the website
- Alex asked for clarification on the funding resources and marketing. Emma provided more information regarding the SAF/SWF application guidelines and the sponsorship packages

5. Unfinished Business

6. New Business

- a) Oaths of Office
 - i) Genna read the SRC Commitment Letter and all present SRC members confirmed they understood the conditions of the oath
 - ii) All SRC members took the oath of office
- b) Amendments to the Course Enrollment Limits for the VPAE and VPEP

- i) Zahide requested that she be approved to overload (per ASU executive member guidelines) this semester and take seven courses (five in person, one continuous intake, and her thesis). Emma, Yas, and Treyvon all stated their support and confidence in this decision
- ii) Tove requested that she be approved to overload (per ASU executive member guidelines) this semester and take five courses required for graduation. Zahide and Emma stated their support and confidence in this decision

BIRT the VPAE be permitted to overload and take seven courses during the Fall 2025 semester

Moved by Zahide

Seconded by Yas

Motion approved

BIRT the VPEP be permitted to overload and take five courses during the Fall 2025 semester

Moved by Tove

Seconded by Zahide

Motion approved

- c) SRC Committee Appointments
 - i) All present SRC members have selected their SRC Committees. Seats have been left vacant for remaining and future (to be elected during the bi-election) SRC members
- d) Selection of SRC Training date
 - i) Monday, September 29th from 5:30-8:00pm has been selected as the date for SRC training Monday 29th 5:30-8pm
- e) Appointment to the Search Committee for the next Director of the School of Education
 - i) Zahide brought forth Ryan Gallant as the student suggested by the Acadia Education Society to sit on the search committee

BIRT Ryan Gallant be appointed to the Search Committee for the next Director of the School of Education

Moved by Zahide

Seconded by Elizabeth

Motion approved

7. In-Camera

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM ADT.