



Students' Representative Council - Meeting Minutes  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024  
Beveridge Forum

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**

President, Sadie McAlear (voting) **P**  
Vice-President Student Life, Genna Beed (voting) **P**  
Vice-President Academic and External Affairs, Ben Morris (voting) **P**  
Vice-President Events and Promotions, Sam Taylor (voting) **P**  
Arts Senator, Isabel Drouin (voting) **P**  
Science Senator, Julia Shirokov (voting)  
Councilor-at-large, Axel Escholz (voting) **P**  
First-year Representative, Emma Boles (voting) **P**

**Absences**

Graduate Studies Senator, Alexandria Delaney (voting)  
Councilor-at-large, Zainab Abdurraheem (voting)  
Vice-President Finance and Operations, Bradley Thibeau (voting)

**Resources**

Chair of Council, Ben McCulley (non-voting) **P**  
Vice-Chair of Council, Esther Uhlman (non-voting) **P**  
Chief Returning Officer, Ruth Amoo **P**

**Agenda**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 5:37 PM ADT.

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Adoption of Agenda and Previous Minutes**



**BIRT** the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by Sam

Seconded by Isabelle

Motion Approved

**BIRT** the agenda be amended to remove the Athenaeum presentation and constitution amendment decision.

Moved by Sadie

Seconded by Emma

Motion Approved

**BIRT** the March 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

Moved by Sam

Seconded by Isabelle

Motion Approved

#### **4. Presentations**

##### a. Governance Committee

The governance committee presented information on the strategic action plan that the committee is creating.

Sadie explained that the plan provides foundation to build on. The committee has been meeting biweekly to make this plan. She explained that this provides guidance and a framework with governance priorities. There are 11 or 12 priorities. We will present a finalized version of the plan at the next council meeting. The plan is supposed to identify needs surrounding governance for the ASU. The ASU has a very high turnover, and a strategic plan will help to ensure that ongoing projects extend between executives, and the student council members. This plan is important in helping the ASU recover from the pandemic and respond to the current needs in the ASU.

Axel, Julia, and Sadie explained the key pillars of the plan.

Axel explained that feedback is welcomed about the plan.

Section 1: equity, diversity and inclusion

Section 2: Policy development (hiring policy, election policy)

Section 3: Constitutional reform

Section 4: Bylaw reflection and revision (governance committee, review board, nominating committee, executive board, executive board portfolio update)

Section 5: Student representative council engagement (annual transition between positions)

Section 6: Annual plan (risk mitigating factor, and enables students to see what ASU is doing)



b. Budget Presentation

This agenda item will be pushed to the next SRC meeting.

**BIRT** the Students' Representative Council tables the budget presentation.

Moved by Sadie  
Seconded by Sam  
Motion Approved

CRO left at 6:30

Julia left meeting at 6:45

**5. Standing Items**

a) Committee Chairs

Emma explained that the finance committee met and approved student activity fund funding. They will meet again before the end of semester.

b) President

Sadie explained that she attended committee meetings. had CASA's AGM and anticipated in students NS transition. She is also graduating and is planning transition.

c) Chair of Council

Election committee, review board and governance committees met.

**6. Unfinished Business**

**7. New Business**

**For Discussion**

a) Senate Committee Appointments

Will be covered next year.

b) Governance Strategic Plan

Covered in presentation

**For Decision**

a) Approval of the Spring 2024 By-Election Results

**BIRT** the Students' Representative Council approve the results of the Acadia Students' Union 2024 Spring By-Election.



Moved by Sadie  
Seconded by Axel  
Motion **Approved**

Emma Boles abstained from vote due to conflict of interest.

## **8. In-Camera**

a) Vacant President Position

**BIRT** the Students' Representative Council move in camera.

Moved by Sadie  
Seconded by Gen  
Motion approved

**BIRT** the Students' Representative Council move out of camera.

Moved by Sam  
Seconded by Axel  
Motion Approved

Moved in Camera at 7:00

Moved out of Camera at 7:11

## **9. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM ADT.

Next Meeting Scheduled for: