



Students' Representative Council - Meeting Minutes
October 22nd, 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, Sam Taylor (voting) (Interim) **P**
Vice-President Student Life, Sterling Shannon (voting) **P**
Vice-President Events and Promotions, Zahide Çam (voting) **P**
Vice-President Finance and Operations, Archit Singh (voting) **P**
Arts Senator, Genna Beed (voting) **P**
Science Senator, Julia Shirokov (voting) **P**
Professional Studies Senator, Sophia Carpenter (voting) **P**
Councilor-at-large, Treyvon Nicolls (voting) **P**
Sustainability Representative, Carmen Peng (voting) **P**

Absences

Diversity and Inclusion Representative, Danielle Dullay (voting)
Community Relations Representative, Cyenna Link (voting)
Councilor-at-large, Emma Boles (voting)

Resources

Chair of Council, Ben McCulley (non-voting) **P**
Deputy Chair of Council, Gretchen Archibald (non-voting) **P**

Agenda

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM ADT.

2. Roll Call

3. Adoption of Agenda and Previous Minutes



BIRT the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by Treyvon

Seconded by Archit

Motion Approved

BIRT the September 24th Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

Moved by Sterling

Seconded by Genna

Motion Approved

4. Presentations

5. Standing Items

a) Committee Chairs

Archit talked about how the Financial Affairs committee met a few weeks back and that they approved requests for funds from many clubs. Archit said they are meeting soon near the end of October. Archit also said that he attended the business banquets and got some insights about new people involved in the committee.

Zahide talked about how the Events and Promotions committee has met and said they had a great meeting. Zahide said they discussed axes in actions and general promotions and will be meeting again to finalize some events. Zahide said they also have some executive members helping with axes in action which is great to see.

Ben said the nominating committee has met since the last council meeting to discuss the hiring of the Deputy Chair. Ben said the nominating committee recommended Gretchen Archibald for the Deputy Chair position.

b) President

Sam talked about being sick and being away from work and school and is now back in it as of today, senate met, board of Governors met about a strategic research plan gearing all programs towards climate change and the environment – many programs will require some course to be taken regarding the climate or the environment for the next 5 years or so to focus research efforts towards climate change – big focus of research at the university.

Other things going on that are confidential or some not but are not relevant to Student Union, other Executives can speak about HOCO, great success over the past weekend. There are important committee meetings coming up – one goal is up to the next meeting, next draft for the strategic plan for the student union. Sam also spoke about the elections kicking off.



c) Chair of Council

Ben talked about how the nominating committee met and how he has been working on AGM things. 4 Candidates for each position for Elections, campaigns started today, and voting starts next Tuesday.

Sterling asked if we get to know names. Ben read off the names of the candidates for the election. Ben then asked for questions about elections.

Sam asked if there were any planned events, and there are not that Ben knows of. He is not privy to any information about that yet but will reach out.

Ben talked about some candidates asking about endorsements from elections committee, this is frowned upon, and best practice is not to do it. Ben gave reasoning for not endorsing candidates. Another thing that was asked is if members of council can share their election promotion materials, Ben then advised against this.

Archit had a question about how the President and First year rep will be paid. The review board will be meeting about this. The decision about it has not been made yet.

Treyvon asked if members of council could have run for President. This is the grey area. Ben said you could technically but said that you would have probably had to resign in advance.

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

For Decision

a) Deputy Chair Hiring Recommendation

BIRT the Students' Representatives Council approve the appointment of Gretchen Archibald as Deputy Council Chair for the duration of the 2024-2025 School Year.

Moved by Sam
Seconded by Archit
Motion Approved

b) 2024 ASU Annual General Meeting



AGM – Has to be held before November 30th

Ben talked about a few items that have to be on the AGM agenda based on the bylaws. We need to approve an agenda at least 15 days in advance and distribute the agenda within 10 days of the meeting. Sam explained what AGM is, how decisions can be made if you have quorum, but it is basically an update for students about what is going on in the ASU.

Mandatory Agenda Items

- Presentation of Financial Audit – there will be an update on this when it is ready – Archit said the audit for 2023-24 has not been started yet but will be coming soon and then council will receive an update.
- Exec Board Reports – Each Exec will report on their year to date and their forthcoming goals, give updates on what you have been up to
- Question Period – We will decide on the rules for this, how long people have, etc., but it will give students a chance to ask us questions.

Sam is here for the week of the 18th, not here for the week of the 25th. Ben and Alicia talked about doing the AGM around November 15. Asked for thoughts of when it would like to be.

Genna asked what time of day. Ben said it would most likely be at night, Genna said there is an event happening with the Women's center either the 14th or 15th. Ben said last year it was around 6pm but we did not meet quorum which is important for this year. Sam mentioned we could get good turnout on Tuesday or Thursday evening. Doors would open at like 5 or 5:30pm, then plan for a 6pm meeting to start that way we can run and end at 8pm. Sam wanted to reach out to Luke at the bar to see if we could offer free apps to the first 50 or 100 students to show up at the AGM then that might motivate people to go (100 students is the quorum).

Ben reiterated that the main thing for tonight is to approve the agenda. Zahide suggested the 12th or the 19th of November. Ben mentioned that the 21st could be ideal, no one seemed to have any conflicts. It was decided the 21st unless anyone had any objections. Carmen would have to leave early for the 21st but we only have 3 things on the agenda at the moment so that should be okay. We would plan to open doors at 5:30pm for a 6pm start. Archit has a class that might be extended that day but is good to start at 6 or 6:15pm. Sam said we should be done by 8 the latest. There is a really good chance we end at 7:15 and people are going to hang out. Sophia mentioned that Axe nights are on Fridays, so a Friday could be considered to get people there.

Sam reiterated that the AGM is an update to the student body about what we have been up to and our plans for the future. Ben solidified we aim to open doors at 5:30, start for 6 or 6:15pm. We do not have to confirm an exact date until next meeting (November 5) if we're aiming for an AGM on the 21st.



Sam discussed the possibility of making this an event with the AGM first, then at 8:30 or 9pm (once the AGM was over) an Axe wet event could start. During the AGM it would be a dry event, after we wrap up, it could turn into a wet event. Many councillors spoke about this idea and gave ideas for this event. Discussion has moved towards us making it a Friday. Sam will check with Luke to make sure there is nothing planned. This will be solidified at the next meeting on November 5.

BIRT the Students' Representatives Council table this item until November 5.

Moved by Sophia

Seconded by Treyvon

Motion Approved – Item tabled

Genna left at 7:54pm

8. In-Camera

9. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:57 PM ADT.

Next Meeting Scheduled for: November 5th, 7pm