



Students' Representative Council - Meeting Minutes
October 11th, 2023
Conference Room 607

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) **P**
Councilor-at-large, Axel Escholz (voting) **P**

Regrets

Resources

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

Guest

Esther Uhlman
Ruth Amoo
Ryan MacIntyre

Agenda

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM ADT.

2. Adoption of Agenda and Previous Minutes

BIRT the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by Ben Morris

Seconded by Axel Escholz



An amendment to the agenda was requested to add an item under item 6, for decision, “2023 By-Election Timeline”.

Moved by Sadie McAlear
Seconded by Axel Escholz
Motion Approved

Motion approved.

BIRT the September 25, 2023 meeting minutes be approved.

Moved by Julia Shirokov
Seconded by Sadie McAlear
Motion Approved

3. Presentations

No presentations on the agenda today.

4. Standing Items

a) Committee Chairs

The nominating committee met last week and will report later in the agenda.

b) President

Has commenced regular bi-weekly meeting times with the Chair of Council as well as each individual executive member, alongside bi-weekly executive board meetings. Schedules were difficult to combine but we’ve found meeting times now. Sadie recently spoke at a Press Conference at Parliament regarding the importance of graduate student funding through her position as Chair of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. Homecoming planning is in the midst of execution with events coming up this weekend. The executive team, specifically VP Events & Promotions, have been working diligently with the University’s Homecoming planning committee since May/June to collaborate on programming and are grateful for the community oriented and partnered planning process we’ve taken to execute an engaging Homecoming weekend. The ASU supported the University bringing in an external housing consulting group as they investigate supports



for student housing on and off campus alongside student focus groups to inform research on students' lived experiences with housing throughout their time at Acadia.

- c) Chair of Council
Had the nominating committee meet last week to initiate the selection process of appointed positions to council.

5. Unfinished Business

6. New Business

For Discussion

- a) Appointment of Diversity and Inclusion Representative

BIRT the Students' Representative Council move in-camera.

Moved by Axel Escholz
Seconded by Genna Beed
Motion Approved

BIRT The Students' Representative Council move out of camera.

Moved by Sadie McAlear
Seconded by Ben Morris
Motion Approved

For Decision

- a) Recommendations of the Nominating Committee

BIRT the Students' Representatives Council approve the appointment of Esther Uhlman as Deputy Chairperson for the duration of the 2023-2024 School Year.

Moved by Sadie McAlear
Seconded by Ben Morris
Motion Approved

BIRT the Students' Representatives Council approve the appointment of Ruth Amoo as Chief Retuning Officer for the duration of the 2023-2024 School Year



Moved by Ben Morris
Seconded by Axel Escholz
Motion Approved

BIRT the Students' Representatives Council approve the appointment of Ryan MacIntyre as Deputy Chief Returning Officer for the duration of the 2023-2024 School Year

Moved by Isabel Drouin
Seconded by Ben Morris
Motion Approved

b) 2023 By-Election Timeline

In the interest of seeing the 2023 fall by-election happen sooner rather than later, Sadie presented the idea that council approve the election committee's development of an election timeline in advance.

BIRT the Students' Representative Council approve the Elections Committee, alongside the Chief Returning Officer and Deputy Chief Returning Officer, to develop and implement a timeline for the ASU's 2023 Fall By-Election.

Moved by Sadie McAlear
Seconded by Axel Escholz
Motion Approved

7. In-Camera

8. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM ADT.

Axel left at 6:14pm
Sam left at 6:11pm