



Meeting of Council - Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2023

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

Sadie McAlear (President)
Lucas Perkins (VP Finance)
Shreyans Vasani (VP Events & Promotions)
Chiara Lu (VP Student Life)
Genna Beed (Arts Senator)
Sam Taylor (Community Relations Representative)
Molly Anderson (First Year Representative)
Excellence Sowunmi (Councilor at Large)

Joy Ndirangu (Chair)

Regrets

Jacqueline Newsome (VP Academic and External)
Maggie Fayer (Professional Studies Senator)
Kathryn Murray (Science Senator)
Aditi Sharma (Diversity and Inclusion Councilor)
Dylan Keats (Vice-Chair) *Did not send regrets

Observers

Mitch Archibald (Governance Consultant)

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

Agenda

1. Announcements

2. Students Representative Council Honorarium Approval

S.McAlear moved to go into closed session at 6:52 PM. The motion was seconded by S.Taylor and the motion passed. The SRC went into closed session.

The SRC moved out of closed session at 7:12 PM.

BIRT the Students' Representative Council approve the following council member's honorarium at one hundred percent, Excellence Sowunmi, Maggie Fayer, Genna Beed, Molly Anderson, Sam Taylor, Aditi Sharma, Kathryn Murray, Dylan Keats, and Joy Ndirangu.

Moved by S.McAlear
Seconded by L.Perkins

Motion Approved

BIRT The Students' Representative Council approve one hundred percent of the honorarium for the Chief Returning Officer, Ruth Amoo, and the Deputy Chief Returning Officer, Ben McCulley, of the Acadia Students' Union.

Moved by S.McAlear
Seconded by S.Taylor

Motion approved

3. Notice of Referendum Question - Residence Hall Association

BIRT the Students' Representative Council approve the Residence Hall Association referendum question for the 2023 ASU General Election.

Moved by S.McAlear
Seconded by S.Taylor

Motion approved

4. Presidential Leave of Absence Request

BIRT the Students' Representative Council approve the request of the President's leave of absence.

Moved by C.Lu

Seconded by L.Perkins

Motion approved

5. Non-Disclosure Agreements Conversation

S. McAlear discussed a meeting they had with Allison Smith, the Sexualized Violence Response and Education Coordinator, and Polly Leonard, the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Officer, from Acadia University. Allison and Polly discussed the movement within Nova Scotia and at some NS Universities to raise awareness on the harms of non-disclosure agreements. They would like the ASU to join them in meeting with University administration to join together and sign a pledge against NDAs. S.McAlear wanted to bring this to council and believes it is a good idea to support this initiative and sought council's opinion to gauge if folk were comfortable moving forward in support of signing a pledge against the use of NDAs in Nova Scotia. Council was in support of moving forward with this.

6. Closed session

Closed session is optional. If any council member feels inclined to disclose something to the council in confidence, this would be the time to do so.

7. Adjournment

S.McAlear moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by E. Sowumni.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM