



Students' Representative Council - Meeting Minutes
February 24th, 2025
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, Yash Gahlot (voting) **P**
Vice-President Student Life, Sterling Shannon (voting) **P**
Vice-President Academic and External Affairs, Sam Taylor (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, Emma Boles (voting) **P**
Community Relations Representative, Cyenna Link (voting) **P**
Sustainability Representative, Carmen Peng (voting) **P**

Absences

Vice-Chair of Council, Gretchen Archibald (non-voting)
Councilor-at-large, Treyvon Nicolls (voting)

Resources

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

Agenda

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:41 PM ADT.

2. Roll Call

3. Adoption of Agenda and Previous Minutes



BIRT the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by Sam

Seconded by Cyenna

Motion Approved

BIRT the agenda be amended to include “Review Board Decision” under “In Camera”.

Moved by Sam

Seconded by Archit

Motion Approved

BIRT the February 10th Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

Moved by Emma

Seconded by Sterling

Motion Approved

4. Presentations

5. Standing Items

- a) Committee Chairs
- Zahide provided insight into her experience at the Students Nova Scotia Advocacy Week. She noted large budget cuts and an importance in making careful requests of the government considering this.
- b) President
- Yash informed the council he and Zahide went to the Students Nova Scotia Advocacy Week in Halifax, where they had the opportunity to meet with MLAs to discuss student issues. The issues they covered include:
 - o Student housing—advocated for the removal of the fixed-term lease loophole on rental properties and campus-specific housing strategies to increase/improve on campus housing
 - o Financial support increases—advocated to change financial aid requirements to reflect fewer hours of work per week (6-7 hours per week), or to increase the financial aid pot
 - o Student health care—advocated for more accessible/increased on-campus healthcare options (one doctor per 1000 students, one emergency appointment per day, monthly pop-up travel clinics) and easier access to MSI for international students (the removal of the 13 months wait period and extending coverage from one year to two).
 - o Integrated work and learning—advocated for a clearer post-secondary education model for Co-op students
 - Yash also noted that he, along with Zahide, attended the Provincial Assembly where two bills which will affect students were passed:



1. Previously, universities facing extreme financial hardship received financial aid from the provincial government; this allowed the government to dictate changes to the universities who receive this funding. Now, the provincial government may intervene at any time without the request of the universities.
2. Executive members on university Board of Governors committees will have the authority to decide how to allocate seats to additional board members.
 - Yash provided an update from Dr. Hennessy regarding the pool closure. The university administration is not interested in funding a temporary pool out of the concern such a project would lower the use of a future pool in a separate location.
 - c) Chair of Council
 - The Governance Committee met and edited Article 2 of the ASU constitution. These edits will be reviewed by the General Manager before they are presented to the council for adoption.

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

For Discussion

- a) Acadia Pool Closure
 - Sterling provided an update regarding the pool closure. The university administration is claiming finances and land use as their primary justifications for the closure.
 - The remainder of the discussion was held during the in-camera portion of the meeting.

For Decision

- a) Council Resignation
 - Ben read the Diversity and Inclusion Councillor's resignation letter.

BIRT the SRC accept the resignation of Danielle Dulay.

Moved by Sterling

Seconded by Zahide

Motion approved

- b) Approval of the 2025 General Election Results

BIRT The Students' Representative Council approve the results of the 2025 ASU General Election.

Moved by Sam

Seconded by Archit

Motion approved



Abstain: Sterling, Yash, Zahide, Emma

8. In-Camera

BIRT the SRC move in-camera at 6:10pm

Moved by Cyenna

Seconded by Yash

Motion approved

- a) Pool Closure Discussion
- b) Review Board Decision
- Zahide left the meeting at 6:22pm
- Julia left the meeting at 6:54pm
- Carmen left the meeting at 7:01pm

BIRT the SRC extend this meeting until 7:30pm.

Moved by Sterling

Seconded by Sam

Motion Approved

BIRT the February 12th Review Board Minutes be unsealed for the duration of this in-camera session.

Moved by Archit

Seconded by Sterling

Motion approved

BIRT the SRC extend this meeting until 7:45pm.

Moved by Sterling

Seconded by Genna

Motion Approved

BIRT this agenda item be tabled until the next SRC meeting.

Moved by Archit

Seconded by Yash

Motion Approved

BIRT the SRC move out of camera at 7:34pm.

Moved by Sophia

Seconded by Yash

Motion approved



9. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM ADT.

Next Meeting Scheduled for: Monday, March 10th from 5:30pm to 7pm in the Beveridge Forum