



Students' Representative Council – Meeting Minutes
November 28th, 2023, 5:30pm AST
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 Finance and Operations, Bradley Thibeau (voting) **P**
Arts Senator, Isabel Drouin (voting) **P**
Science Senator, Julia Shirokov (voting) **P**
Theology Senator, Katie Pezzutto (voting) **P**
Graduate Studies Senator, Alexandria Delaney (voting) **P**
Councillor-at-large, Axel Escholz (voting) **P**
Councillor-at-large, Zainab Abdulraheem (voting) **P**
First-year Representative, Emma Boles (voting) **P**

Regrets

Vice-President Events and Promotions, Sam Taylor (voting)

Resources

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

Agenda

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM AST.

2. Roll Call

3. Adoption of Agenda and Previous Minutes



BIRT the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by Sadie

Seconded by Isabella

An amendment to the agenda was requested to add an item under item 7, for decision, “Approval of the Election Results”.

Moved by Axel

Seconded by Genna

Motion Approved

BIRT the November 16th Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

Moved by Ben

Seconded by Isabelle

Motion Approved

4. Introductions and Oaths of Office

All new members completed their oaths of office.

5. Presentations

6. Standing Items

a) Committee Chairs

Genna: Executive board appointed Genna as temporary financial affairs committee chair until Brad was sworn in. Approved funding for various campus projects.

b) President

Sadie: provincial and federal advocacy week. Ben Morris, Sam, and Sadie attended. Met with members of each provincial party of the government. Students NS and federal student group are non-partisan. Enjoyed meeting with all elected members. CASA brought over 100 students to Ottawa to speak with MPs and Senators. Great to see empowerment of students. Meeting with PM canceled due to explosion at Niagara, but cool to have had such a high-level meeting planned. Still got to meet with PM’s office.

Ben Morris: Had foundations meeting in May discussion CASA. This is impressive organization. Sadie was elected Chair of this in July. Met with Senator from NS. She was very supportive of concerns expressed by CASA. Meeting with department of science and economic development did not go as well. Issue with Professors giving students access to part of readings to save money for students. This is supposed to be protected by copyright law.



Sadie: asking for accessibility to work more than 20 hrs. per week for all students including for foreign students. CASA had national Indigenous advocacy committee. This is simply context of issues being presented to govt.

Genna: has been working with the residence hall association. Has also been working with the Pride Center to get an executive set up. There is no update on how RHA will get funding.

c) Chair of Council

AGM will take place on Thursday at 6 at the Axe with pizza provided to first 100 student attendees. No votes, just a presentation of info to student. Will have Q and A. Council members should all attend. If quorum is not reached meeting will simply be presentation.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

For Discussion

a) Committee Appointments

BIRT the Students' Representative Council approve the following committee appointments;

Zainab Abdulraheem as a non-executive member of the Review Board;

Zainab Abdulraheem and Emma Boles as non-executive members of the Financial Affairs Committee;

Zainab Abdulraheem and Katie Pezzutto as non-executive members of the Events & Promotions Committee.

Moved by Brad

Seconded by Alexandria

Motion Approved

Some positions have already been filled. Council went through the list of committees and spoke about vacancies and roles of those specific committees.

For Decision

a) Approval of the By-Election Results



BIRT the Students' Representative Council accept the results of the 2023 Fall By-Election.

Moved by Julia
Seconded by Ben
Motion Approved

9. In-Camera

10. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 (PM) AST.

Next Meeting will take place in January.

Julia left at 6.
Isabel left at 6:30