

**UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
STUDENT UNION
MINUTES - THIRD MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
11 October 2009**

The third meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held on Sunday, 11th October 2009. Minutes were taken by Asher Fredricks. The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chair of Council, Jillian Stewart.

PRESENT:

Timothy Cullen	Natalie Doyle	Bob Deziel
Jarrold Faria	Rob Livingstone	Brianne Hibl
Shawn Younis	Emily McKenna	Amanda Smith
Sarah MacDonald	Jonathan Millington	Mikhala Brinklow
Danaïet Teame	Jeff MacDougall	Sophia Oppon
	Danielle MacDonald	Brittany Banks

ABSENT:

Danaïet Teame	Scott Murray
Kate VanGerven	

ALSO PRESENT:

Jillian Stewart (Chair of Council)	Zee Giunta (VP Finance)	Asher Fredricks (Interim Deputy Chair)
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1-1 CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

2-1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Agenda was approved as corrected

Motion: Banks/MacDonald, S: Agenda was approved with changes to point 6. Education Week was changed to CUP

Motion: Carried

3-1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Minutes were approved.

REPORTS

4.1 PRESIDENT

First of all I would like to begin by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Thank you for making the time to be here today. We will try our best to not waste any time so that everyone can get home to their families, and turkeys or whatever else you may have planned for later today.

I have had a busy past couple of weeks at the Student Union. Mike Dunn, our CRO, Jillian, and myself have been hard at work getting ready for the Fall General Elections, which are Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week.

Please remind everyone you meet on those days to sign on to his or her campus login to cast his or her vote.

As you may have noticed, we still have several positions that no one has expressed an interest in running for. This includes the Education Rep seat, an Arts Rep seat, and two Business Rep seats. We will have to hold a by-election to ensure that the Education seat is filled as quickly as possible, and so we will hold elections for all open positions at this time. If there is no further interest, then Council, as per our Constitution and By-laws will have to appoint individuals to these seats in order to ensure adequate representation for these faculties.

This past week Zee, Jarrod and myself had the opportunity to meet with the Premier and the Minister for Innovation and Advanced Learning. We met for an hour here at the Student Union and had a very open and frank discussion about the future for Post-Secondary Education in this province, and the government's vision for PSE. Although there were no promises or announcements that came out of the session, the Premier did stress that PSE is his government's number three priority and that as a result we should expect to see our funding level maintained or increased over the coming year. The Minister for Innovation and Advanced learning was enthusiastic about working with UPEI. He noted his interest in PSE and the importance he believed that it has in the future of the PEI knowledge economy. All in all, it was a positive session.

I also had the chance last week to meet with Olive Crane, the Leader of the Opposition, and Jim Bagnell, the MLA from Montague-Kilmur. Again, this was a good opportunity to voice student concerns on a number of issues. Ms. Crane assured me that they would be keeping the government on track when it comes to PSE this session and that we could call on them if we were looking for answers to questions regarding government – they would be happy to ask the government in question period.

Finally, I would like to note two important dates. Sunday, October 25th we will be swearing in our new Councillors and Heather Love, General Manager of the Student Union will be giving her annual Council orientation. For those of you who are in your first year on Council, I encourage you to make this meeting, as it will be useful to hear what she has to say. Also, on Sunday, November 8th, Frank Gallant will be joining us at our Council meeting to help us prepare our three-year strategic plan. On that day we will start meeting at 4pm. Please make a note of this, as your attendance is crucial. The electronic survey that will precede this session will be sent out once we have sworn-in our new Councillors.

4.2 EXECUTIVE VP

Not received.

4.3 VP ACTIVITIES

Nothing to report.

4.4 VP FINANCE

Nothing to report.

4.5 SENATE

Nothing to report.

4.6 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Nothing to Report.

4.7 OMBUDSMAN

Not Present.

4.8 GSA

Nothing to report.

4.9 FACULTIES/GROUPS

4.9.1 ARTS

Nothing to report.

4.9.2 BUSINESS

Millington informed Council that the Business Society was hosting an International Potluck on Wednesday, October 14th 2009 in the McDougall School of Business. Millington invited Council to attend this event as it would be a good opportunity to meet students.

4.9.3 SCIENCE

Nothing to report.

4.9.4 AVC

Nothing to Report.

4.9.5 NURSING

Nothing to Report.

4.9.6 ACCESSIBILITY

Not present.

4.9.7 RESIDENCE

Not present.

4.9.8 INTERNATIONAL

Not present.

4.9.9 EDUCATION

Not present.

4.9.10 FIRST YEAR REP

Not present.

5-1 Vision and Mission Statement

Cullen presented a draft of the mission statement, vision statement and core values to Council. Councillors were asked to brainstorm and share their thoughts on the draft. After much deliberation, Council agreed on a new vision and mission statement.

Motion: Cullen/Giunta: The UPEISU adopt the corrected draft as our new vision statement, mission statement and core values.

Motion: *Carried*

Opposed: Younis

6-1 Canadian University Press (CUP)

Motion: Livingstone/MacDougall: To send a Panther Post representative to Cup this year.

Motion: *Carried*

7-1 NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Cullen/Deziel: The executive committee be given approval to set the dates for a Bi-Election in accordance with Student Union election by-laws.

Motion: *Carried*

Zee Giunta informed Council that an International Speaker was visiting campus on Tuesday.

8-1 ADJOURNMENT

Motion: MacDougall/MacDonald, S: To adjourn meeting.

Motion: *Carried*

Opposed: Younis

Abstentions: Faria

Meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm.

