

**UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
STUDENT UNION
MINUTES - FOURTH MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
25 October 2009**

The third meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held on Sunday, 25th October 2009. Minutes were taken by Nicole Lane. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair of Council, Jillian Stewart.

PRESENT:

Timothy Cullen	Natalie Doyle	Bob Deziel
Shawn Younis	Rob Livingstone	Brianne Hibl
Sarah MacDonald	Emily McKenna	Amanda Smith
Patrick Callbeck	Jonathan Millington	Mikhala Brinklow
Brittany Fullerton	Jeff MacDougald	Brittany Banks
Jenna Bysterveldt	Scott Murray	Danielle MacDonald
Danaïet Teame	Sarah Jones	Josh Coles
Scott Murray	Megan Jennings	Kate VanGerven

ABSENT:

Sophia Oppon
Jarrod Faria
Danaïet Teame

ALSO PRESENT:

Jillian Stewart (Chair of Council)	Zee Giunta (VP Finance)	Rebecca Moore
Heather Love (General Manager)	Mike Dunn (CRO)	Nicole Lane (Interim Deputy Chair)

1-1 CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2-1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Agenda was approved.

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

REPORTS

4.1 PRESIDENT

Thank you all for coming this evening. We have a very ambitious agenda, so I will not waste any time in getting into my report.

I would like to start this evening by welcoming our new Councillors to their first meeting of the Council. Congratulations on being elected, I am sure I speak on behalf of the entire Council when I say that we are looking forward to working with you throughout the year.

The dates have been set for our fall by-election. The most pressing need is to elect an Education Representative, as we currently have no representation from the faculty of education on the Council. The advertising period continues until Wednesday of this week, when nominations open. Nominations will run from October 28th through to November 4th. Elections will take place on the Thursday and Friday, November 12th and 13th.

I am please to announce that the furniture for the day lounge in the W.A. Murphy Student Centre was finally ordered last week. The entire process took a lot longer than I thought it would, but now that the order is finally in, I am satisfied that we are getting exactly what it is that we're looking for. Two loveseats and eight chairs in three different colours will now fill the space. The furniture cost approximately \$6500, and we can thank Tamara Leary in Student Services, and Rosemary Herbert, the Vice President Academic Development for picking up the tab. This custom order should take between two and three weeks to be built and shipped. I am optimistic that we will have the furniture in the first or second week of November.

I had a meeting last week with the Alcohol Education Committee. This committee is not discussing the alcohol policy, but looking at ways that it can promote safe and responsible drinking on campus. There I announced that the UPEI Student Union would be hosting an Alcohol Safety Week later in the year. The idea came from our VP Finance and has the support of the executive. In the coming weeks we will select a date and begin planning the event. We will update you as more information become available.

In an effort to move forward on the creation of a sustainability policy, this week the student union began a process known as a sustainability audit. Two students from the Environmental Studies program here at UPEI will be examining the day-to-day operations of the UPEISU and will write a report outlining a number of recommendations as to how our organization can become more sustainable. I will be forwarding each of you their contact information over the coming week so that you can get in touch with them if you would like to provide some feedback as part of the auditing process.

At our next Council meeting on Sunday, November 8th, we will be writing our Strategic Plan with the help of Mr. Frank Gallant. On that Sunday, Council will meet at 4pm instead of 7pm. I cannot stress enough how important it is that you are at this meeting. I understand that people need to study and work on the weekends, but you have adequate time between now and the 8th to organize yourselves in such a way that you can make it to the meeting. Please make every available effort to attend. We will be serving dinner, so no one has to worry about eating supper that night. As part of the strategic plan process, I will be sending around an email on Frank's behalf called a swot. The swot is an online survey that you must complete on or before Friday, October 30th. We had very poor participation when we sent out the draft vision and mission statements for consideration by Councillors though email. This online survey is an important component of the strategic planning process, so please take the time to complete it honestly and thoroughly. It will make the meeting on Sunday the 8th run much smoother. Thank you for your cooperation on this project.

Finally, I would like to start meeting with the small groups of Councillors that I outlined at the beginning of the year. I will start emailing you in groups to arrange meeting times. Please make an effort to attend these meetings.

4.2 EXECUTIVE VP
Not present.

4.3 VP ACTIVITIES
Halloween Pub tickets are on sale. Saturday nights are getting slower. Councillors are allowed to attend one main event at the Wave per semester for free.

4.4 VP FINANCE
Nothing to report.

4.5 SENATE
There was a Senate meeting on October 16th. Suzanne Thomas was elected Vice Chair. There was a good turnout for the Founders Day activities despite the bad weather. Jim Sentance (Arts) and Nola Etkin (Science) were elected to the Vice President Academic Search Committee. A new Philosophy course was approved:

Philosophies of War and Peace. The calendar dates were approved for next year, as were the new year's Senate dates. Updates were approved to the animal care committee policy and the center's policy. A total of \$1,311,362 was awarded to UPEI students in the last academic year through scholarships and awards. The following people were elected to the Presidential Search Committee: Barb Campbell (Nursing), Nebosja Kujundzic (Arts), Alfonso Lopez (AUC), and Marva Sweeny-Nixon (Science), Christian LeCroix (Administration) and Jillian Stewart (Student).

4.6 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Now that the VP Academics and President's search committees have been struck and approved by the Board of Governors and the Senate, meetings for those committees will start this week.

4.7 OMBUDSMAN

Not Present.

4.8 GSA

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the two graduate students who ran for student union positions. As of tonight, Sarah Jones from the AVC biomedical sciences department will be the Student Union ombudsman. The other graduate student, Arlene Dowling from education, ran a great campaign but did not have quite enough votes to win the senate seat. The silver lining in this is that the education seat is currently vacant and we expect to see her running for that seat in the coming weeks. It's great to see graduate students running for student union positions.

Last week the GSA sponsored a movie night featuring the movie FLOW: For Love of Water, which discusses issues surrounding water such as overuse and privatization.

Recently UPEI has administered a call for scholarship applications for the Regis Duffy graduate student scholarships. There will be four of these scholarships awarded, worth \$12,500 each. The applications can be handed into student services by November 16th and will be awarded in January.

Finally, a few students from my constituency have been asking me about our health and dental plan, specifically about our plan's lack of eye care coverage. I looked into the issue and hope to discuss it later on in the meeting.

4.9 FACULTIES/GROUPS

4.9.1 ARTS

1. UPEI Music Dept. is hosting their annual Haunted House this Friday, Oct 30th. Cost is four dollars and hot chocolate will be sold outside. All proceeds go towards costs within the department, such as music purchases, scholarships, awards, the annual Wind Symphony trip, and various other expenses.

2. Arts Pub Crawl will take place Friday, Nov 13th. Sign up takes place this week, and it's twelve dollars. Lineup; Hunter 6:30-7:30, Old Triangle 7:30-8:30, Globe 8:30- 10, VU 10-12, and Wave 12-2. All faculties are welcome!

4.9.2 BUSINESS

Business Pub Crawl was a success. We're donating one dollar per shirt to Nicole Desroches' Family.

4.9.3 SCIENCE

Biology Society is selling clothing such as hoodies, and jackets.

Movie night October 30th in Duffy amphitheater .

Future Pub Crawl details to be announced in November.

Chem Society- a few students from the chemistry society were at West Kent Elementary to put on a science display for the students, this was part of the school fall fair.

4.9.4 AVC

The Atlantic Veterinary College is honored to welcome one of the most well known and respected figures in modern veterinary medicine, Dr. Stephen Ettinger, to Prince Edward Island next week. While in Atlantic Canada, Dr. Ettinger will present two guest lectures. The first is on Wednesday, October 28 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in AVC Lecture Theatre A. This lecture “What’s next: Opportunities, pearls and pitfalls for newly graduated veterinarians” is targeted towards veterinary students. It is sponsored by AVC SCACVIM. Lunch will be provided to students. A second lecture will take place Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in AVC Lecture Theatre A for students and veterinary professionals from throughout Atlantic Canada. This presentation is called “It’s not about the book: a perspective on real-life veterinary practice”. On Saturday, October 31, 2009 SCAVMA and the AVC Class of 2012 will be hosting an AVC 5K FUN RUN (ONE HEALTH CHALLENGE). The One Health Challenge is designed to promote collaboration and partnership between the various health professions, while understanding the important connection between human and animal health. Info booths, free body condition scoring of your cat or dog, and a COSTUME CONTEST for both people and animals will take place at the run. Registration starts at 9 AM, and the run starts at 10 AM. The registration fee is \$5. All proceeds go to SCAVMA and the class of 2012. On Friday, October 30, 2009 SAVS (Society of Atlantic Veterinary Students) will be hosting a Haunted Stables Halloween party at the Wave. Doors open at 9pm. Tickets are \$5. Come dressed in your Halloween best! All proceeds from this event will go to SAVS.

4.9.5 NURSING

Not Present.

4.9.6 ACCESSIBILITY

Not present.

4.9.7 RESIDENCE

Nothing to Report.

4.9.8 INTERNATIONAL

Nothing to Report.

4.9.9 EDUCATION

Not present.

4.9.10 FIRST YEAR REP

Nothing to Report.

5- CRO REPORT

Motion: Cullen/Smith: I move to go into camera and allow Mike Dunn to stay in the room..

Motion: *Carried*

Motion: Deziel/Hibl: I move to go out of camera.

Motion: *Carried*

Motion: S. MacDonald/D. MacDonald: I move to not approve the CRO's request to fine Arlene Dowling for violating Election Bylaw Section 10, Subsection 5, and instead to disqualify her from the election and disallow her from running in the proceeding by-election.

Motion: *Carried*
Abstention: Deziel

Motion: Cullen/Deziel: I move to pass the CRO's report for the 2009 Fall Election, and refer the recommendations of the report to policy committee.out of camera.

Motion: *Carried*

Motion: Cullen/MacDougall: I move to destroy election materials to go out of camera.

Motion: *Carried*

6- SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILLORS

All new councillors were sworn in!

7- COUNCILLOR ORIENTATION

Motion: Cullen/Deziel: I move to give Heather Love speaking rights.

Motion: *Carried*

Heather Love went over a few key points that will help the newly appointed councillors.

8- HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN

Deziel inquired about the possibility of getting eye vision coverage in our health plan. Heather Love talked about it being a great time to take this step toward. Zee is planning on surveying the students of UPEI, this would be the perfect opportunity to ask the students if they're interested in getting vision included in their health plans.

Motion: Deziel/Hibl: I move to have the health and dental plan committee to look at providing the students body with an optometry plan.

Motion: *Carried*

9- STRATEGIC PLAN

Meeting on Nov 8th 2009, to give us a three year strategic plan, dinner will be provided.

10- COUNCILLOR RETREAT

Discussed the possible dates for the councillors retreat. Cullen mentioned that if the councillors were interested in getting Drew to speak, Saturday Nov 14th 2009 would be the ideal date since Drew is already in the region and the price would be a lot cheaper.

Motion: Cullen/Murray: I move that the council retreat be Saturday Nov 14th 2009 and be planned by Jill, Danielle and myself.

Motion: *Carried*

Opposed: Millington and Banks

Abstentions: Jennings

11- COUNCIL SWEATERS

Cullen discussed the option of paying a little extra to get better quality sweaters possibly from the bookstore or even American Apparel.

12- NEW BUSINESS

MacDougall mentioned how the engineers grow moustache to support the fight against prostate cancer(Movember or no shave November). Suggested of having a moustache party at the wave at the end of the month.

13- ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Callbeck/MacDougall: To adjourn meeting.

Motion: *Carried*

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.