

**UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
STUDENT UNION
MINUTES - ELEVENTH MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
March 7th, 2009**

The eleventh meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held on Sunday, 7th March, 2010. Minutes were taken by Jillian Stewart. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chair of Council, Jillian Stewart.

PRESENT:	Brittany Fullerton Patrick Callbeck Sarah MacDonald Danielle MacDonald (left 7:50) Amanda Smith David MacLean	Natalie Doyle Scott Murray Megan Jennings Jonathan Millington Brienne Hibl Mikhala Brinklow	Bob Deziel Josh Coles Kate VanGerven Emos Abamwa Jenna Bysterveldt Kyle Murnaghan
ABSENT:	Brittany Banks Rob Livingstone Billy MacDonald Timothy Cullen	Jarrold Faria Mallory McKinney Danaïet Teame	Jeff MacDougald Shawn Younis Sarah Jones
ALSO PRESENT:	Jillian Stewart (Chair of Council)	Zee Giunta (VP Finance)	

1 CALL TO ORDER

2 MEETING WITH PHILIP BROWN

Philip Brown and Vivian Baird met with councillors to discuss problems concerning the city of Charlottetown that UPEI students face. The following notes were taken by Vivian:

University Ave. crossing/Brown's Court:

- Keep up police presence at Brown's court; it has improved the safety of the property. Also, the management are following through quickly on evictions if there are problems, which the students like.
- Underpass would be great when it goes to 4 lanes.
- Right now the lights do not correspond correctly with pedestrian light, so if are turning left to go to Ch'town, you could hit a student. They said there have been students clipped there already.
- The fence around the campus does prevent students from crossing randomly on University Avenue, so that was an improvement.
- Garbage problem at Brown's Court.

Transit System:

- The website is not set up to get information on the transit system
- Should be higher frequency of buses
- Erratic schedule; can't depend on it
- The bus schedule signs are out of date

- They change schedule, but difficult to get information
- Buses will stop at bus stop for a minute or so, but may arrive earlier than scheduled time, so if you show up on time, you miss it
- Should have a sheet inside case, so you don't have to reproduce expensive signs every time you update schedule, just change sheet
- Over in Sherwood area, there is no bus to get you to class before 8:30, so students must walk and no bus at 4:30 to take you home - don't get home until after 6pm
- Bus labelling is confusing. Same bus numbers have different routes throughout the day
- There is a lack of consistency among drivers; some drivers on the same route take different streets on occasion. They should know their routes and stick to them.
- Many booths have no lighting like the one at UPEI. Students wait over at Murphy Centre for the bus and then run over. They feel unsafe at bus stop with it unlit.
- There should be a bus to take students home from bars.
- In a survey they did, less than half of the students use the bus, but all pay for it.
- There is a referendum coming up in September to decide if bus fees will be part of the tuition fees.
- Cornwall/Stratford students would like to see more frequency to their areas.
- The bus should have more trips to beach in Summer - now only in morning and evening, should be one around noon or 1pm.
- There is no bus on Sundays and there is reduced hours on Saturday; this is a problem for students who want to go downtown on weekends

Affordable Housing:

- Not as huge an issue as the two previous issues.
- Students would like to have the opportunity to live downtown if the transit system was more reliable and frequent.
- Would like to see housing information on Student Union website
- Encourage more student housing development

Retention of Students after Graduation:

- Have job fairs for Charlottetown employers only
- Establish a municipal internship program like the provincial program
- Some students who worked for the Coastguard in the summers are disappointed to see that it is moving and will be replaced with a convention centre. Coastguard pays \$15/hr. and the convention centre will likely pay around \$9/hr.
- Would ideally like to find jobs related to their education. Conversations among students see opportunities on PEI as either government jobs or restaurant jobs. Lots of competition for gov't jobs.

UPEI Student Union Election

- March 25
- Requested a joint event with Holland College and UPEI.

3 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

4 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were approved with the change proposed by B. Deziel.

5 REPORTS

5.1 President

Jarrod and I are in Ottawa for lobby con right now. Today we are in group prep meetings to get ready for our first day of lobbying, tomorrow. Unfortunately, these meetings are running rather late into the day today and so we are unable to join the meeting from up here.

I will provide a comprehensive update on our lobbying activities at our next meeting. In the meantime, I would like to ask Council to approve the following:

During our many discussions both in and outside of Council meetings regarding adding vision care to the Health Plan, it became clear to the executive that we needed to better understand what students wanted. The executive has prepared a polling question to be asked during the Spring General Election to gauge the interest of students in adding vision care to the plan. Our intention is that this question would not bind the SU to add vision to the plan, but would help the committee responsible for doing this make an informed decision. We would make it very clear on the voters screen that this is not a binding vote, but simply a polling question.

If someone could make a motion to approve the use of this question in the spring general election on my behalf, it would be very much appreciated.

The wording is as follows:

Which of the following options most interests you?

Option 1

- \$80 towards the purchase of eye glasses or contact lenses every 24 months
- eye examinations to a maximum of \$40
- additional cost of \$20.00 to the student health plan

Option 2

- \$120 towards the purchase of eye glasses or contact lenses every 24 months
- Eye examinations to a maximum of \$50
- additional cost of \$25.00 to the student health plan

Option 3

- \$150 towards the purchase of eye glasses or contact lenses every 24 months
- Eye examinations to a maximum of \$70
- Additional cost of \$30.00 to the student health plan

Option 4

- no vision care coverage in the Health plan (status quo)

Council decided not to vote on the questions until Timothy was available to answer questions about them.

5.2 Executive Vice President

Not present.

5.3 VP Activities

Not present.

5.4 VP Finance

Beach Blast was very successful.

5.5 Senate

1) Dean of Education, Dr. Tim Goddard presented a proposal for senate to approve a new BEd Kindergarten program at UPEI. It was approved after some discussion. It will now go on to further review.

2) Tim Cullen brought forth the motion for a Fall Reading Week motion

-Dr. Trivett put forth the idea to create a committee to give a serious look into fall reading break at UPEI.

-Motion was amended to have a mini break over the remembrance day weekend (November 11-14th), with a committee being struck to look at the idea of an official fall reading break.

-The committee will be decided on at a later date.

- 3) Changes were made to the names of different courses in Women's studies, the school of business, etc.
 - 4) New course in biotech to be added to business school. Open to business and science.
 - 5) The results of a retention and graduation study were discussed. UPEI is below average for retention. Dr. Joe Velaidum says that the results are deceiving, because we are a commuter campus and also because people come and use the \$2000 scholarship to test out the university and then leave.
- Joe says that this year they are gaining a lot of great knowledge about why people are leaving the campus. They are giving out iPods to people who offer up reasons to why they left campus.
 - Chris Power discussed his role as recruitment officer and the role of student services in retention.
 - Webster Centre talking about all of their success stories.

5.6 Board of Governors

Not present.

5.7 GSA

Nothing to report.

5.8 FACULTIES/GROUPS

Arts

Nothing to report.

Science

Nothing to report.

AVC

- 1) AVC's efforts in fundraising for Haiti went very well! A total of \$460.02 was raised. All of this funding was contributed to the GSA Haiti fund.
- 2) Saturday, March 6, the AVC Relay for Life team will be hosting a BBQ at the Sobeys on University and Allen St. All proceeds raised will go to the Canadian Cancer Societies Relay for Life, taking place Friday, March 12 at the sports centre.
- 3) Suture review is scheduled for Friday, March 26. Doors at 8, show at 9. All are invited to come! More information soon to follow.

International Student Representative

Nothing to report

First Year Representative

NSO is hosting a pool party on March 13th at the Cari pool for any first year students and NSO leaders.

Business

Luncheon went over well. There were a few hiccups with the serving of the meal, but overall it was a success with over 450 tickets sold. We skipped the decathlon event last week, so the decathlon events will be running one week more than we had originally planned. Because of this, we'll also be having our ending event at Ise's on the 2nd, instead of at the Wave on the 27th.

6 COUNCILLOR SWEAR-IN

David MacLean, the new accessibility representative, was sworn in to council. David was appointed by accessibility services.

7 COUNCILLOR IMPEACHMENT

Faculty of Science Representative Scott Murray was up for impeachment due to non-attendance. He appealed the impeachment and council voted to have him stay on council.

8 NEW BUSINESS

Chair informed council that some councillors would be up for impeachment at the meeting on March 21st.

9 ADJOURNMENT

Time: 9:04pm.