

**UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  
STUDENT UNION  
MINUTES - FIRST MEETING  
STUDENT COUNCIL  
20 September 2009**

The thirteenth meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held on Sunday, 20 September 2009. Minutes were taken by Sarah MacDonald. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 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	Kate Vangervan
Sarah MacDonald	Jeffrey MacDougald	Danielle MacDonald
Amanda Smith	Jonathan Millington	Sophia Oppon
	Danaeit Teame	

**ABSENT:**

Mikhala Brinklow
Scott Murray

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Jillian Stewart (Chair of Council)	Zee Giunta (VP Finance)	Kate McKenna (Guest) Patrick Callbeck (Guest)
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- 1-1 CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.
  - 2-1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Agenda was approved.
  - 3-1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Minutes were approved as corrected.
  - 4-1 ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS: Contact information was asked of all councillors and members of council.
  - 5-1 ROLE OF COUNCIL AND COUNCILLORS: The role of councillors (found in basic policy) was discussed.
  - 6-1 COUNCILLOR INTRODUCTIONS: Each councillor introduced themselves to their colleagues in the meeting.
  - 7-1 ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER: The topics of Robert's Rules of Order and also Council protocol were discussed. The gravity of in camera discussions were stressed. The Chair of Council explained all of the protocol in great detail so that all councillors understand how the meetings are run.

## REPORTS

### 8-1 PRESIDENT

This report will be a little longer than those that I will give at upcoming meetings because I am reporting the past four months' activity to Councillors, not simply the past two weeks.

The summer of 2009 was an extremely busy one both at UPEI and the Student Union. All over campus staff and administrators were working within tighter deadlines than usual so that everything would be ready in late August for the arrival of 2000+ athletes, coaches, and mission staff on campus for the Canada Games.

With that in mind, I approached this summer with a few specific goals in mind.

- 1 I wanted to transition into my position as smoothly as possible, taking the first few weeks to meet with a wide variety of people on campus from members of the Senior Management Group (SMG) to Deans and staff in other key positions on campus such as Student Services, Athletics, Integrated Communications, Ancillary Services, etc. These meetings were an excellent opportunity to discuss ideas and work out how we might collaborate on a variety of events and initiatives over the next year.
- 2 In my first months as President I placed a lot of emphasis on planning and strategy. What was it the Student Union was going to accomplish this year? How would we go about doing that? I wanted to have a clear vision for the year coming into this first Council meeting, and I believe that I have achieved that.
- 3 The summertime is the one opportunity I felt I would have to lay the groundwork for what I hoped the Student Union would get done this year. I wanted to get the ball rolling on as many projects as possible so that we could hit the ground running in the fall and pull off as much as possible. As part of this, I invested a lot of time in researching a number of topics, and getting in contact with the individuals and organizations that could help us make these ideas reality.
- 4 Finally, I wanted to cultivate some of the off-campus relationships that are important to the student union, such as that with CASA and its other member schools, especially those in the Maritimes. I also had the chance to meet with the Premier, the Minister of Innovation and Advanced Learning and his Deputy Minister, as well as few of the key policy wonks from the Department. As we all know, our dealings with the provincial government are essential, as we must rely on them for tuition relief and other substantial Post-Secondary Education (PSE) funding.

As a result of this work, I have several goals in a number of different areas that I hope to see the Student Union reach this year. Some of those goals will be discussed in greater detail later in the meeting, but in the coming weeks I hope to get the opportunity to discuss them with each member of Council and explore how you can contribute to their accomplishment.

While there are still a number of projects ongoing and some that have yet to begin, some have been largely completed at this point.

Our new website is up and running. The two main goal for this project were to put something together that would be easy to maintain by our office staff so that the content would always be fresh, and to have a website that was easy to navigate for the user. For the most part, everything has been organized in a logical way and it is now possible to find something that you're looking for without too much effort. At this point, the site remains visually unappealing. The next step is to monitor traffic over the next few months and identify any outstanding technical issues there may be with the structure of the site. The final step will be to create a visually dynamic homepage while maintaining the simple, easy-to-use framework that is already in place.

New furniture for the Day Lounge in the Student Centre is almost a reality. The money has been found by the university to fund the project, and I after meeting with Procurement and the furnishing company that UPEI works with, I hope to have all the pieces ordered by the end of next week.

Mickey's Place will begin serving sandwiches and salads from Casa Mia next week. I want to thank Shawn and Kirk for their hard work in making that happen.

The provincial government is considering a proposal to waive application fees to UPEI and Holland College. They will also be looking into letting Island High School students know earlier on in their final year if they will be eligible to receive a student loan.

New surveillance cameras have been installed in the W.A. Murphy Student Centre and I have drafted a new video surveillance policy that will be submitted to Council for approval in the near future.

Until recently we were three years behind on our yearbooks. I am pleased to say that the 2007 yearbook is currently being printed, the 2008 yearbook is being finalized and will be sent to the printer shortly, and the 2009 yearbook is nearing completion. Although still behind, we have a plan in place to complete the books and will be on track and caught up by mid fall of this year.

With the help of Kate McKenna, our Editor-in-Chief, and Z, we have put together a great team at the Panther Post this year, which includes several talented students, including some from the Holland College Journalism program. The results of this are already clear. The first issue of the paper was submitted to the printer on time, and will be distributed in the early part of next week. We hope to work with the Panther Post throughout the year to increase the frequency of its publication and ensure continued quality.

As a final note, I want to address one of my goals for the UPEISU this year. At this time, I see the overarching theme for the year being one of "growth but not expansion" at the Student Union. We need to re-examine our way of doing things and make the necessary changes to bring renewed vigour to our organization and have it functioning at its highest level possible. One aspect of this includes a renewed approach to the Council, and the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of Councillors. I intend to place more responsibility on Councillors than we have ever done before. I feel that you are a resource that the Student Union has been underutilizing for far too long. You are a group of some of the most engaged, dedicated, and connected people on campus. You are here because you take an interest in student affairs and want to improve the university experience for your fellow students as well as yourselves. As a first step, I would like to implement a new practice at the student union. I want to meet with Councillors in small groups on a rotating weekly basis throughout the year. My hope is that this will improve the lines of communication between Councillors and the executive as well as provide the opportunity for the executive to work with Councillors on small projects throughout the year. The ultimate goal is for Councillors to come out of these meetings with some specific tasks to complete and at the same time, a stronger sense of affiliation with the business of the student union. I will appreciate your cooperation with new initiative. The other changes to Council occur at the committee level and I will discuss these later on in the meeting.

#### 8-2 EXECUTIVE VP

Not received.

#### 8-3 VP ACTIVITIES

I would like to start off by welcoming everybody to council this year and I am looking forward to another great year . as you all know I was working at the union all summer which helped me get a lot done for September and the rest of the year I also attended the annual Canadian organization of campus activities conference or coca Which was in NL this year it was yet another wonderful learning experience . coca in a nutshell is a meeting between all the vp activities of all the student unions in Canada over a week we discuss different aspects of the job and its requirements .September so far has been a great month in terms of activities on the 9th we launched the wave for the year with team Canada DJs followed by Joel Plaskett on Thursday the 10th which was also a great show. further more randy and lahey rocked the MacMillan hall stage for us wed followed by a good show with scratch bastid and thunder heist Friday. Also I have been trying to get all the clubs and societies registered in order to have the annual society fair. Also over the summer I met with the out of Africa people from the farmers market and they have agreed to setup shop in the student center every Tuesday. And give us the union 20% of there gross sales every time .and as many of you might have noticed there is now a fridge unit installed at the kiosk or star bucks in the student center that's because starting Monday they will have an assortment of sandwiches ,salads and pastries added to there menu all provided by casa mia restaurant on queen street downtown and all at reasonable prices.

If I can please ask of counselors to remind the society presidents of their respective faculty to register the societies with me for the year because unfortunately not all of them have so far. I am currently meeting with Integrated Promotions to upgrade The Wave website.

#### 8-4 VP FINANCE

Only topic to report is that The Panther Post and the Yearbook will be running on schedule. Also, recruitment and therefore in flow of finances were up.

#### 8-5 SENATE

There was a Senate meeting on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. During the President's Message, it was discussed that there were over 600 students enrolled in NSO this year. He expressed pride in this year's Shinerama team for raising more than 21000 dollars towards CF research. He explained that Founder's Day is this Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. He urged all students to attend if possible, particularly first year students. The campus's pandemic plan was discussed in brevity. The Dean's Awards Night has been changed from October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> to October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. There was a large discussion towards this due to testing on these days already put in place. It was decided that the changes would be made, given the rules that professors cannot hold examinations during those times. Homecoming will be happening next weekend. General enrollment, new students and international student numbers are up. There were various changes made to curriculum, largely pre-requisites so that students find classes more accessible. Particular curriculum changes were alterations made to the English department where 201 and 202 were changed to 121 and 122. The Election of President Search Committee is underway and will occur during the next Senate meeting.

#### 8-6 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The BOG will be meeting this coming Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Over the summer, the BOG Appeals Committee held two meetings discussing 11 student appeals.

#### 8-7 GSA

Not received.

#### 8-8 OMBUDSMAN

Not present.

#### 8-9 FACULTIES / GROUPS

##### 8-9-1 BUSINESS

There was a BBQ for recruitment on Friday.

##### 8-9-2 SCIENCE

There is a Chemistry Society Pub Crawl this Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

##### 8-9-3 NURSING

There is a large concern among nursing students that there are no spaces for them to study due to the Classroom Centre is no longer in existence.

#### 8-9-4 EDUCATION

Not present.

#### 8-9-5 FIRST YEAR REP

Not present.

#### 8-9-6 AVC

AVC Open House will be held Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am until 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. AVC will be hosting both an Amphibian Week and an Animal Behaviour/Welfare Weekend. Registration will be free for students, but an RSVP will be needed. More information will be available next week. Members of AVC are writing a letter to the UPEI Health and Safety Committee and Security regarding cross-walk safety. There is minimal signage in this area, and already there has been a hit, and several near hits. SAVS and the AVC chapter of the AAEP would like to thank the SU for their donation to help fund the OEPS trip. This trip was September 3-7 in Lexington, KY. Sixteen students from AVC attended this seminar.

#### 8-9-7 ARTS

Nothing to report.

#### 8-9-8 ACCESSIBILITY

Not present.

#### 8-9-10 RESIDENCE

Not present.

#### 8-9-11 INTERNATIONAL

Not present.

#### 9-1 HIRING BOARD RESULTS

The results during the summer have been previously approved by Executive by the permission of Council. It was explained that some positions still must be filled. It was urged that

#### 10-1 CFS

**Motion:** Cullen/MacDougald: To go in camera.

**Motion:** *Carried*

**Motion:** Cullen/Dalziel: To go out of camera.

**Motion:** *Carried*

## 11-1 CAMPUS ALCOHOL POLICY

The history of the Student Union and the Alcohol Policy was explained by Cullen. It was discussed how the SU initially ignored the policy, citing that it does not apply to the Student Union or The Wave. The University had stated that this was not allowed, because we are on campus. As a whole, The Student Union is not in favour of this policy and does not want to comply to it.

The policy, as explained by Younis, bans advertisements for Pub Crawls, earlier close times for bars and other measures deemed not useful by the Student Union.

Livingstone requested information on who actually initiated the idea of the Alcohol Policy. It was explained by Younis and Cullen that it was three years in the making. Particularly, there were two issues with violence and alcohol on campus. It was also discussed that compromises have tried to be made in the best interest of students, with no resolutions.

It was questioned by MacDougald what sort of consequences would occur if we ignored the UPEI policy. Cullen replied that both city and campus police would be called. Also, court action was discussed with the administration.

**Motion:** Dalziel/MacDonald, S: To formally reject the UPEI Alcohol Safety Policy.

**Motion:** *Carried*

**Motion:** MacDougald/Dalziel: To amend the motion to read: to formally reject the *currently proposed* UPEI Alcohol Safety Policy.

**Motion:** *Carried*

## 12-1 PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Cullen reported that there will be a Presidential Search Committee to find the new University President. We, as students, are being represented by two students - one nominated and elected by Senators and the other from the Board of Governors. It is preferable that there are two students; male and female; undergraduate and graduate, etc. The Senate nomination will be Jillian Stewart due to her abilities and experience with Senate and Council.

## 13-1 COMMITTEES

It was asked of Councillors to choose which committees their wished to serve upon.

**Motion:** Cullen/Smith, A.: To permanently add the UPEISU Policy and Communications Officer to the Policy Committee as an ex-officio member.

**Motion:** *Carried*

**Motion:** Cullen/Dalziel: Change the Chair of the Graduate Student Committee from the Executive Vice President of the UPEISU to the President of the UPEISU.

**Motion:** *Carried*

**Motion:** Cullen/MacDonald, D.: To change the Events and Planning Committee to the Engagement and Retention Committee, to be chaired by the President of the UPEISU and include at least the Vice President Activities, one residence representative, one student councillor, and two students at large.

**Motion:** *Carried*

**Motion:** MacDonald, S/Livingstone : To make an amendment to the motion to simply create the Engagement and Retention Committee.

**Motion:** *Carried*

**Motion:** Cullen/MacDonald, D: To create the UPEISU Sustainability Committee for the 2009-2010 academic year, to be chaired by the President of the UPEISU, and include at least two councillors.

**Motion:** *Carried*

#### 13-1 OFF CAMPUS HOUSING

Tamara Leary has approached the Student Union in order to take on the responsibility of Off Campus Housing and its advertisement. It is a student services that could be perhaps better handled by the Student Union, as per Cullen.

**Motion:** Cullen/MacDougald: The UPEI Student Union work with the UPEI Student Services at UPEI to transfer responsibility for Off Campus Housing to the Student Union effective January 1, 2010, and that the Policy Committee develop terms of reference for this service, which are to be presented and passed by Council before the last Council meeting of 2009.

**Motion:** *Carried*

**Motion:** MacDonald/MacDougald: To amend the motion to read that the UPEISU work with the UPEI Student Services to *explore* transferring responsibility ...

**Motion:** *Carried*

#### 14-1 FALL GENERAL ELECTION

The election will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of this year. The nominations are open from the 28<sup>th</sup> of September onward. The new CRO, Mike Dunn, Timothy Cullen and Jillian Stewart have discussed more polling spots and hours. It was requested by councillors that they all volunteer in some capacity at the polling stations.

#### 13-1 NEW BUSINESS

Livingstone explained that Shinerama has more secondary fundraisers. This includes a car smash, a relay, and other events. He had questions as to how and how he contacts.

#### 14-1 ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Cullen/Smith, A: To adjourn.

**Motion:** *Carried*

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.