



Student Union of NSCAD
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Annual General Meeting Minutes

Secretary: Undine Foulds

1. Land Acknowledgement and Call to Order:

5:26pm, April 3rd

2. Roll Call and Announcement of Proxies (The Union's Bylaws require that quorum at a General Meeting shall be twenty members of the Union, or 4% of the membership, whichever is greater).

Quorum achieved +30 in attendance including proxies

3. Ratification of Chair

Sarah Trower ratified as chair by

1. Emma,

Eric seconds, passes with no opposition

4. Ratifications

Erin moves to omnibus the ratification (ratify all newly elected officials of SUNSCAD)

Seconded by Alex, motion passes with no opposition

5. Approval of Agenda - Members in attendance will consider the agenda, any changes or additions to the agenda may be proposed at this time.

1. Erin

Robin seconds, motion passes with no opposition

6. Approval of Last General Meeting Minutes - Members in attendance will consider the minutes of the previous general meeting.

7. Overview of Rules of Order (by Chair)

8. Health Insurance

Peri McFarlane reviews our current Greensheild health plan. Moving forward, our premium has not changed from last year. Our current projected claims and expenses: \$138 466, projected premium: \$113 694. There was some discussion about how we, as a group, pay and visit a lot of psychologists, and how that influences the amount we are covered for those visits (currently around \$85/visit). Who hires the councilors? The O.S.E. Also, a note that the number of days a councilor is on campus has increased from 3 to 4, as well as now there are 2 councilors. The councilor service is offered by the university, not by Greensheild.

Erin motions to approve the health plan

2. by Emma, motion passes with no opposition

9. Consideration of Proposed Operating Budget 2019/20 - Presentation of draft budget for 2019/20 Academic year by Peri McFarlane, VP Finance.

Please see attached draft budget. (The grey lines cannot reasonably be changed.)

Peri explains that the projected budget reflects a conservative guess that there will be an increase of equivalent full-time students, which will result in an increase of student fees.

Discussion regarding the proposed increase of \$1000 to “Conferences” resulted in the following points:

- that we benefit from union members attending various conferences, as they receive training and participate in networking with other student union representatives
- That the projected decrease in CFS membership (see: Ontario students now being able to ‘opt out’ of student unions) will result in less conference subsidies to send SUNSCAD members to these conferences
- That we want to send more than just SUNSCAD executive members to these events

As a result, Grey motions to add a line to the budget to delineate that the \$1000 increase will be used for non-executive SUNSCAD members.

Discussion regarding the proposed decrease in kitchenette insurance coverage, which currently covers clubs and collectives, and individual SUNSCAD members, to prepare food for *other* members, to coverage that only allows members to prepare food for themselves resulted in the following points:

- No option is available to us that allows for any element (IE hot plate) to be used. The university will not agree.
- Kimmer motions to instead increase the budget to \$3 300, to include the coverage that allows members to cook for others, Kassidy seconds this motion.
Kassidy speaks in favour: wanting to amend the executive roles to make the kitchenette included in someone's job description so that there can be more consistent oversight and awareness about what's possible in the space.
Erin speaks against it, arguing that the amount of money is excessive for what feels like largely unused coverage.
This motion is defeated by a vote.

Some discussion about the validity of the publication Free Coffee...

Robin motions to approve the budget, including the above approved amendments. Grey seconds this, and the motion passes without opposition.

10. Consideration of Motions Served with Due Notice - See attached pages for new motions. They will require a motioner and seconder.

Motion 1:

Kassidy reads motion to change name of “VP Cultural” to “VP Equity”
Kimmer seconds the motion, it passes without opposition.

Motion 2: Fern reads motion to expand the ‘representative roles’, formerly known as ‘craft rep.’ and ‘fine arts rep.’ into more specific and varied roles (ceramics, jewelry, painting, photo, sculpture, fashion, etc.)

Clara seconds the motion, it passes without opposition.

Motion 3:

Kassidy reads a motion to clarify some language around executive roles

Olivia seconds, the motion passes without opposition.

Motion 4:

Eric reads a motion to remove some lingering gendered language within the bylaws.

Kassidy seconds, the motion passes without opposition.

11. Disbandment of Bylaw (Constitutional) Committee - A request for a constitutional committee can be made at any time.

Asha motions to disband the current constitutional committee.

Eric seconds, motion passes without opposition.

12. Clubs and Collectives Reports

13. Executive and Council Reports

Grey motions to have all reports (12. And 13.) sent to student body via video and/or text, in the interest of time.

Olivia seconds, motion passes without opposition.

14. Announcements

Free Coffee has been sent to the printers, and (new this year) will also be released digitally

NSCAD's budget has not been released yet. Expect a 3% increase to tuition...

FUNSCAD Unit 2 (technicians and more) are still in negotiations regarding their contract.

15. Time and Date of Next General Meeting: TBA

16. Adjournment

Emma motions to Adjourn

Asha seconds.