



Council Meeting Minutes 2018

Date: October 12, 2018

Present:

Kassidy, Michelle, Jim, Stephanie, Blossom, Kassidy, Eli, Merryn, Zoe, Darcie, Isa,
Kassidy Proxy For Fern

Isa Proxy For peri

Blossom proxy for Robin

Regrets:

Chair: Kassidy

Secretary: Heather

Call to order 6:39 p.m.

Adjourned: 7:36 p.m.

Kassidy begins the meeting by recognizing we are on unceded and unsurrendered Mi'kmaq territory and the Mi'kmaq people are hosting us on this land.

Isa motions to approve the agenda. Jim seconds. Motion passes

Isa Motions to approve the minutes. Eli seconds. Motion Passes

Signatures:

President

Resource Coordinator

Ratifications

Nominations:

Michelle Stanclik – Craft Rep

Stephanie St. Amour – Foundation Rep

Merryn Tresidder – Grad Rep

Motion to ratify Michelle, Stephanie, Merryn

Isa motions, Eli seconds, motion passes

Reports

*We have hard copies from Erin Robyn Fern and Peri written down

Isa

Wrote and submitted policy on Mental health to CFS
And preparing other topics for CFS
Organizing around boycott of art bar
Contacting groups around that
Academic appeals
Organized workshop for South House

Kassidy

Ann Barbara about student issues
Did website updates
Attending and booking meetings
Training around sexual violence prevention for survivors – free online
Organizing meetings for Halifax RISE (space for first time in the Maritimes)
October 27-29
Senate meeting – NASAD reviewer meeting – sent email out
Foodbank
Bill Travis about student issues
Met with student and prof
Debriefing
Edit boycott letter
CFS prep for government student round table – brought concerns about MOU
MOU document between government and universities and student body groups
Document existed for 3 or 4 years but Universities just implementing them now
Universities not regulating international fees
Move to free tuition for 2028
MOU drafted for end of December – recommended to abolish MOU – legislation
instead hold universities accountable
Honorary degree committee meeting
2 back up nominees
5 hour long CFS provincial exec meeting
SKILLS feedback on campaigns

Jim

Relationship between faculty and students
Talked with faculty about it
Let us know if we need help

Blossom

Film students 3rd and 4th year worried about reimbursement (they have to wait a long time, all the way into May)

Food budget was cut
Difficult to buy food on set
Talked to last years film rep
Policy that was rewritten but not clear to begin with
Directed to talk to BL Morau – in the finance office

Eli

Ideas between visits to foundation students
Send email introducing myself
Ask students about experiences with faculty
Transphobic experiences with faculty
Open line to questions
LGBTQ resources

Merryn

No major concerns

Zoe

Put in a coffee area
Bringing what they have/ looking on Kijiji

Darcie

A call out/ hang out spot for the year

Rename SUNSCAD Safe Space

Sunscad promises it's a safe space but there is no such thing – maybe SUNSCAD safer space

Where is the space located? Small room off the lounge (the old foodbank)

Hoping to use it for council meeting

Maybe committee meetings/ clubs?

Make it into a lounge for sunscad? Like a faculty lounge

Possible names:

“SUNSCAD Lounge”

“LIVING ROOM”

“SUNSCAD LIVING ROOM”

“Out of the closet”

Everyone votes for sunscad living room

Eli motions to rename Sunscad safe space to be changed to Sunscad living room ,
Jim seconds

Reconciliation / Maritimes RISE

Kassidy talking to Dena – meeting next week to talk about reconciliation

Campaign week

Student action – working with all students in Halifax to come up with individual student actions as well as come up with demands from each university

Reaching out the indigenous students for input

Need people to do ground work

Speaking to Brad- ideas to jump off of

Demands, release demands about having indigenous advisors / faculty and administration

Demand ideas:

university put up a Mi'kmaq flag

teaching indigenous classes by Indigenous professors

action:

a gathering

Land acknowledgment

Information spread

Problematic with Catholicism iconography on flag

will be discussed before demand goes out

Active campaign to remove union flags?

Darcie and Cassidy to talk about organizing a meeting with indigenous students

Maritimes Rise

Closed space for Racialized and Indigenous students

If people interested in attending 3 more spaces available

If anyone here wanted to go

Kassidy and Whitney will be going

Does anyone know anyone who would be interested?

A few days of workshops, talks for racialized and indigenous folks

Last chance for registration is tonight

Committees

Strike internal committee

Focusing on programming events

Social media

Helping out with orientation (winter)

Anyone interested in chair/ co chairing

*Michelle

Michelle Motion to strike internal committee, Eli seconds. Motion passes

Michelle will chair

Isa motions to make Michelle chair, Eli seconds

Sexual violence policy demands committee

New policy at ART Bar and NSCAD policy up for input

First meeting Monday at 4:00pm

Kassidy will give Isa list of people interested and availabilities

We will be having more meetings to accommodate peoples schedules
Feel free to email Isa with any concerns

Constitutional Committee / By-Law Committee

Review/ update the bylaws that govern how we run SUNSCAD

Meeting next week

Tell Isa if interested in joining

Merryn interested

Kassidy has a list of interested people

Announcements

Got an Epi- pen

Emergency

In the same case as the defibrillator

We're going to

Yoga

D500 on Wednesday

Design committee

Let us know if you need posters etc

South House workshop

Monday 12:30 – 2:30

Carmella from South house Execs and Councillors workshops – disclosures,
language we need to be using when discussing sexualized violence – creating safer
spaces

NASAD Review

12:30 – 1:30 meet with reviewers

Kassidy will compile meeting times and send to everyone

Class talks

Go to larger classes

Encourage to talk to students – contact us

Planned class talks

Jim Barmby / to get list

Kassidy will pick the highest attended classes for efficiency

I'll be sharing the same information

Use it as a way of promoting SUNSCAD stuff, resources

Also in the email

Boycott

Art bar without policy on sexual violence or prevention strategy

ISA motion to go in camera

Eli motions to go out of camera

Questions, concerns?

Merryn solidarity with survivors

Review process, how does SUNSCAD review?

People employed at Art Bar worrying about boycott for income

Only space capable of holding all students is the Art Bar

Design collective talk – how we feel about the boycott

Left some grad students perplexed – do we go or not?

Next meeting on Wednesday – very spread out

Only time we are all together

Tricky weekend of figuring out how / where to meet

Before Boycott did consultation with employees

Some were disturbed and uncomfortable that Manager was still employed

SUNSCAD felt supporting the students was most important

Not impressed it has come to a boycott

Have been trying to resolve in a less public way and have got no response

Plan to bring up concern at the alumni association so it doesn't have to last longer than it needs to

Policy needs to be implemented

Or concrete plan to make space safer

Complicated because students do depend on Art bar for income

SUNSCAD will talk to people

Merryn will send 2 students to talk to SUNSCAD

Spaces at Port campus but difficult getting there

How many students?

30-40 could be more?

Perhaps at the Khyber?

Most the people concerned aren't available – perhaps can meet and see Monday

Merryn will suggest the Khyber to the students and public library

May be open to hosting – audio video, accessible, perhaps?

Also a NSCAD class at the Art Bar

If we are going to suggest boycotts maybe there should be places other than the boycott space before hand

Try and support boycott but also find a space

Who is in charge of organizing forums (Solomon)

Kassidy will email Solomon – and cc Merryn suggest Khyber or Public Library

Recognize it's mandatory to attend but maybe we can come up with some solutions

Questions?

Art bar, Is the managers name out in the public?

Or is it not disclosed

We haven't publicly used his name

But it is public knowledge – now lives in Toronto

Already out in public by survivors

Finish meeting and stay if we want to talk about strategies
Hosting a townhall for students who want to talk about the boycott

Motion to adjourn Isa, Unanimous.

Adjourned at 7:36pm