



Student Union of NSCAD
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January 15th, 2021

Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Kris, Sam, Sophia, Ivan, Elyssa, Oliver, Jacey, Raquel

Absent: Laura, Kayleigh, Ada, Emily

Regrets:

Chair: Kris

Secretary: Sam

Call to order at 4:37 PM.

Elyssa motions to approve the agenda. Oliver seconds.

Kris begins the meeting by recognizing we are situated on unceded and unsurrendered Mi'kmaq territory, which is covered under the Peace and Friendship Treaties since 1725. It is our responsibility to understand our relationship with the land as stewards, arrivants, and settlers.

Signatures:

President

Resource Coordinator

Reports

Kris Reppas, He/Him // President // president@sunscad.org

- [President's Report \(Jan 15th\)](#)

Jacey Byrne, They/Them // VP Equity and Finance // equity@sunscad.org

Sam Shaffelburg, She/Her // VP External // external@sunscad.org

Raquel Silva, She/Her // VP Academic // academic@sunscad.org

Elyssa Ballard, She/Her // Member at Large // memberatlarge@sunscad.org

Oliver Oldfield, They/them//2SLGBTQIA+ Rep // 2slgbtqiarep@sunscad.org

- Worked on and sent out pronoun email

Emily Davidson, She/her// MFA Rep// mfarep@sunscad.org

Sophia Fortuna, She/her// internationalrep@sunscad.org

Kayleigh Isenor, She/Her // Drawing Rep // drawingrep@sunscad.org

Ivan Flores, Racialized Student Rep // racializedrep@sunscad.org

- Working with Sophia (international rep) and Hannah (peer mentor) to create a safe space for international and BIPOC students
- Working with Sophia on ideas for how to showcase BIPOC and International student artists at NSCAD
- Had a meeting with a student and Jacey (VP Equity) to discuss an issue with a racially insensitive prof
- Have maintained contact with this student and DeRico Symonds (Director of Opportunity and Belonging), the student has compiled video evidence of said prof and has sent it over to DeRico, and I
- Have maintained contact with DeRico, who has sent a few bits of information that would benefit BIPOC students at NSCAD that have been posted to the SUNSCAD page ie. studio spaces prioritizing Black Nova scotians, safe spaces for BIPOC individuals, etc.
- Helped Sophia and Jacey create care packages for international students in the mandated hotel self-isolation
- Did some training with Jacey and is a Mod on the NSCAD discord

Agenda

- **SUNSCAD Vacancies**
- **Black History Month**
- **International student refund**
- **Update availabilities**
- **Election process**
- **Change title of Racialized Rep**

SUNSCAD Vacancies

- A professor has asked Ivan if he can let his class know about the vacancies on SUNSCAD.
- Kris has been working on updating the website on the vacancies, it should now be up to date.
- Ivan will reach back out to the Prof to let him know that it okay to share and the vacancies have been updated.

Black History Month

- DeRico reached out to Ivan to see if we are planning on doing anything for Black History Month, SUNSCAD agrees that we should do something.
- Jacey, Sam, and Kris are going to meet with Ivan to further discuss Black History Month, and see what SUNSCAD can facilitate virtually.
- Ivan is going to follow up with DeRico and Robert (Counselor) to see if they can join the meeting.

International student refund

- Discussing the possibility of asking NSCAD to refund the International students forced to stay in hotels, when they had apartments.
- Raquel, Sophia, Kris, and Sam are scheduling a meeting to talk about this further.

- Sam has reached out to both StFX and Kings asking for advice, and is now waiting for a response. Both student unions were successful so we are hoping they may have advice for our union.

Updated availabilities

- Kris has requested that all members update their availability on the Google Doc he sent out last week.
- So far it seems that meetings will continue on Friday evenings from 4:30-6:30pm.

Election process

- Elections will be happening soon and the timeline will look like:

- Call out Jan 18th for CRO (Deadline Feb 1st)
- Hire on Feb 5th
- Nominations open Feb 15th
- Nominations close Feb 22nd
- Campaigning starts Feb 23rd
- Campaigning stops March 9th

ELECTIONS HAPPEN MARCH 10,11,12

- Campaigning will be done virtually, Kris has proposed using Instagram to help candidates as well as asking faculty to allow class visits.

Jacey motions to approve the proposed election process timeline, Elyssa seconds, all in favor.

Title of Racialized rep

- Changing the title because being Racialized is something that is done to you rather than being Self-identified.
- Jacey suggests changing it to maybe the BIPOC Rep
- We should also change the 2SLGBTQIA+ Rep name as well
- Kris will be talking to Tara to see if there are any official channels we will need to go through to change the titles or if we can just go ahead.
- Oliver suggests also changing the I for a P, as the Pansexual community are under represented.

Recaps

Sam

- Wait for Ivan to get in contact with DeRico and Robert
- Set up a meeting for Black History Month
- Set up a meeting on Sunday with Raquel, Sophia, and Kris regarding International Student refund

Ivan

- Reach out to Prof regarding SUNSCAD vacancies
- Reach out DeRico and Robert for Black History Month
- Consider what would be a more accurate title for their position
- Join Mod Discord meeting

Sophia

- Email Christina on updates from International students
- Attending the meeting on Sunday regarding International Student refund

Oliver

- Consider what would be a more accurate title for their position
- Staying active on Discord, helping Jacey

Raquel

- Attending meeting on Sunday regarding International Student refund

Jacey

- Attending the Discord meeting this weekend
- Attending meeting about Black History Month
- Busy responding to responses from pronoun emails
- Also will be working on an email to faculty regarding pronouns

Elyssa

- Attending Mod meeting for Discord tomorrow/planning events
- Advertising these events to students

Kris

- Reaching out to Multimedia to find out how to email faculty
- Will talk to Tara about the title change
- Attending the meeting about Black History Month

- Attending meeting on Sunday
- Continuing prep for the election process

Ivan motions to adjourn.

Meeting adjourns at 5:16 pm.