



Student Union of NSCAD
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January 29th, 2021

Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Kris, Sam, Sophia, Elyssa, Oliver, Jacey, Laura, Nicole

Absent: Ivan, Raquel, Kayleigh

Regrets:

Chair: Laura

Secretary: Nicole

Call to order at 4:45 PM.

Elyssa motions to approve the agenda. Sophia seconds.

Laura begins the meeting by recognizing we are situated on unceded and unsundered 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

Present/Reports:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Laura Lima Nishida, She/Her // Chairperson // chairperson@sunscad.org **Nicole**

Maggio, She/Her // Secretary // secretary@sunscad.org

Agenda:

- **Update From Tara on Title Change**
- **Foodbank Help**
- **Pronoun Email Follow-up**

Title Changes:

- **Kris:**
 - Informs us that, according to Tara, because it is in the bylaws it must be a bylaw change
 - This change can only be made during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) ○ There is an AGM coming up in April
 - Told the Council to think about what you want to update your title change to, then bring it to the AGM for consideration.

Foodbank Help:

- **Kris:**
 - The Foodbank is a large project and takes quite a few people to run it. ○ SUNSCAD is thinking about hiring a Foodbank supervisor.
 - Supervisor position is \$15/hour for 10 hours maximum.
 - Will need two volunteers to assist the Foodbank Supervisor.
 - Asking two council members to volunteer as well.
 - It is quite a bit of physical work, which includes stocking & cleaning.
 - Volunteers are needed for two days a week for a couple of hours per day.
 - Tells Council members to think about this proposition.

- Sam:
 - Clarifies that Council member volunteers will be “on call” should the supervisor or other two volunteers cannot make it.
- Sophia
 - Asks who to message if interested?
- Jacey:
 - Talked to Sophia and Ivan the other day, and they want to clarify that the Foodbank Supervisor is a managerial position.

Pronoun Email Follow-up:

- Oliver:
 - Noticed during last term that there was misgendering from Profs and other students
 - Recognizes that with these online platforms it is difficult to connect with each other
 - Working on an email to be sent to all students at NSCAD about mandating that Professors write pronouns next to students' names in the attendance lists.
 - Include pronouns in brackets
 - Found the info on how to change your name in Kaltura, difficult to locate.
 - There is no jurisdiction regarding this matter.
 - It has been a couple of weeks since sent out an email to administrators about this matter.

- Jacey:
 - Confirm that there has been radio silence for the past month and apologize. ○ Propose to get in contact with Martine.
 - Ask Oliver if he has another email in preparation.
 - They have been trying to get an email out to Profs about this matter.

Recaps:

Sam

- Work with Ivan on Black History Month
- Work with Sophia re: International Student Issues
- Foodbank Stuff

Jacey

- Talk with Oliver about the Pronoun Email
- Approve Black History Month screenings on Wednesdays and Saturdays
- Attending a meeting with Kris on Saturday

Kris

- Assist Sam and Sophia with the letter re: International Students

- Attend a meeting with Jacey on Saturday

Sophia

- Work with Sam re: International Student Issues

Oliver

- Contact Jacey re: the Pronoun email
- Hang around the Discord and be of assistance if need be

Elyssa

- Work with the Discord and make sure things are running smoothly

***NB: VP Academic Raquel Silva joined the meeting at 5:03 PM**

Laura asked Raquel if there is anything she wanted to add to the agenda
Raquel had nothing to add.

Elyssa motions to adjourn. Sam seconds

Meeting adjourns at 5:06 pm.