



Student Union of NSCAD  
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October 2, 2020

## Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Keely, Jacey, Sophia, Olivia, Raquel, Kris, Elyssa, Ada, Laura, Oliver

Absent:

Regrets:

Chair: Kris

Secretary: Jean

Call to order 4:40PM

Signatures:

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President

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Resource Coordinator

## Reports

### **Kris Reppas, He/Him // President // [president@sunscad.org](mailto:president@sunscad.org)**

- Submitted motion to Senate requesting 19th and 20th Century Art History be made optional for students. Motion needs to go through the Chairs of Art History first before changes can be made, will follow up with Karin Cope. The sentiments of this motion might go into other programs as well so the motion will need to be re-evaluated.
- Attended the Anti Oppression Training offered through CFS's SKILLS workshop.
- Trained 2 incoming SUNSCAD representatives, Keely Hopkins (Transfer Student Rep) and Oliver Oldfield (2SLGBTQIA+ Student Rep).
- Registered for the CFS NS AGM coming up on Oct 24th.
- Sent an email inquiring about a formal smudging policy for NSCAD. This was a goal I have carried over from last year and I'm still trying to make a priority. A meeting with Ann Barbara and Sarah McKinnon is scheduled for next Friday to discuss the progress that had been made and what needs to happen next.

### **Jacey Byrne, They/Them // VP Equity and Finance // [equity@sunscad.org](mailto:equity@sunscad.org)**

None at this time.

### **Olivia Fay, All Pronouns // VP Internal // [internal@sunscad.org](mailto:internal@sunscad.org)**

None at this time.

### **Sam Shaffelburg, She/Her // VP External // [external@sunscad.org](mailto:external@sunscad.org)**

None at this time.

### **Raquel Silva, She/Her // VP Academic // [academic@sunscad.org](mailto:academic@sunscad.org)**

None at this time.

### **Elyssa Ballard, She/Her // Member at Large // [memberatlarge@sunscad.org](mailto:memberatlarge@sunscad.org)**

- Worked on the NSCAD Animation Club this year, including a new discord
- Spoke with Jacey about setting up a general NSCAD discord server
- Worked a proposal for a Halloween Event
- Brainstormed on ideas for the love dumpster

### **Kayleigh Isenor, She/Her // Drawing Rep // [drawingrep@sunscad.org](mailto:drawingrep@sunscad.org)**

None at this time.

### **Jayme-Lynn Gloade, They/them // Ceramics Rep // [ceramicsrep@sunscad.org](mailto:ceramicsrep@sunscad.org)**

None at this time.

**Keely Hopkins, She/Her // Transfer Student Rep // transferstudentrep@sunscad.org**

None at this time.

**Oliver Oldfield, He/They // 2SLGBTQIA Rep // 2slgbtqiarep@sunscad.org**

None at this time.

**Laura (last name), She/Her // Film Rep // [email]**

None at this time.

**Ada Denil, She/Her // Port Campus Rep // portcampusrep@sunscad.org**

None at this time.

**Sophia Fortuna, She/Her // International Student Rep // internationalrep@sunscad.org**

None at this time.

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

None at this time.

## General Discussion

### Land Acknowledgment

To start, we'd like to acknowledge that we are currently in K'jipuktuk, Mi'kma'ki, the unceded and unsurrendered land of the Mi'kmaq People. SUNSCAD operates in the K'jipuktuk territory addressed by Peace and Friendship treaties of 1725. This treaty only covered fishing, hunting, trading and general relations of peace but never surrendered any land rights to the Crown. As a result, we'd like to acknowledge our privilege of being on this land when so many others were and still continued to be unable to be on their own land. SUNSCAD recognizes that as a public educational institution, NSCAD is not exempt from systemic forms of oppression. By acknowledging systemic oppression, individuals can locate their positions and begin to challenge and deconstruct it. SUNSCAD strives to implement this framework of anti-oppression in all the work we do, making NSCAD a more equitable and accessible place for everyone.

### Approval of Agenda

Jacey motions to approve the agenda. Elyssa seconds. Motion passes.

### Check Ins

- Sam - doing good, slowed down, attending the COVID-19 update meetings, excited to start orientation
- Jacey - capacity good, doing Foodbank
- Elyssa - doing okay with class and homework
- Oliver - doing good, a little tired from a heavy course load so they dropped some classes

- Ada - doing good, busy with school, working on setting Peer Support online
- Sofia - doing good
- Keely - doing good
- Laura - doing good, started a Film Department Instagram to share information, opportunities

**Ratification of Keely Hopkins as Transfer Student Rep**

Laura motions to ratify Keely Hopkins as Transfer Student Rep. Elyssa seconds. Motion passes.

**Ratification of Oliver Oldfield as 2SLGBTQIA Student Rep**

Elyssa motions to ratify Oliver Oldfield as 2SLGBTQIA Student Rep. Jacey seconds. Motion passes.

### **Update on Motion to Senate for optional 19th/20th Century Art History**

Kris submitted a motion to the Senate to get 19th/20th Century Art History made optional, as it centers Western art history. The response was that it's not a Senate issue yet, it has to go through the chairs of Art History first and the motion also has to be edited as this can be applicable to different departments.

### **Skills Workshop**

CFS Nova Scotia is offering Skills workshops, for student organizing and activism. Registration is open now if anyone is interested.

### **International Student Issue Update**

A student reached out to Sophia about a problem with credits being accepted into their program, while still making them pay for the internship. Sophia is still waiting for more information on this matter.

### **Animation Club to host an outdoor halloween screening**

Jacey and Elyssa want to get the Animation Film Club back together for an event with a theme sometime at the end of October in the Granville Mall. Precautions they have discussed include marking seating spaces out, hand sanitizer and masks will be available with volunteers enforcing these rules. Treat bags and refreshments will be provided with accommodations made for those with dietary restrictions.

### **NSCAD Discord**

Discord is a messaging app where servers can be created and people can communicate through moderated forums. It's a way to build community. The Animation Club already has one and more servers will be made for several majors and minors (Painting, Film etc.) as well as ones for minority groups. Elyssa will make a google form to gauge interest from students of what they're interested in.

### **CFS NS AGM**

October 8th is the day to register for the CFS Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting on October 24th and there are positions available with information available on their instagram and website.

### **Adjournment**

Jacey motions to adjourn. Oliver seconds. Meeting adjourns at 5:20pm.