



Executive Meeting Minutes

Date: April 11, 2024

Present: Alexandra (until 11:38 am), Owen, Chris, Mohammed, Prabnoor, Kalani, Karina

Regrets: Alexandra (left at 11:38 am)

Absent:

Chair: Kalani

Secretary: Karina

Kalani calls the meeting to order at 10:44 am

Kalani begins the meeting by acknowledging we are in Mi'kma'ki, the territory of the Mi'kmaq. As Treaty people, we are committed to reconciliation. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1725. As a union of students operating within a colonizing university, we must fulfill our responsibility to fight collectively and collaboratively for such outcomes as free and universal education, which are themselves aspects of the project of decolonization, as well as other outcomes which are in the interest of First Nations students at NSCAD. We recognize that Nova Scotia is the home to over 50 African Nova Scotian communities, whose culture, heritage and histories have been, and remain a key part of this province for more than 400 years.

Agenda: Owen motions to approve the agenda, unanimous. Motion passed

Minutes: Owen motions to approve last week's minutes, unanimous. Motion passed

Signatures:

Exec Member

Resource Coordinator

Reports

Chris

- N/A

Alexandra

- N/A

Prabnoor

- N/A

Mohammed

- N/A

Owen

- N/A

Changing AGM time

- Owen has a time conflict with the previously approved AGM time. Attempted an email motion but not enough responses
- Owen motions that we change the time of the 2024 SUNSCAD AGM to 6:00-8:00 PM on Friday, April 19, Alexandra seconds, Mohammed and Chris vote in favor, Prabnoor abstains, majority, motion passed

AGM Discussion- Food budget, quorum

- Need to look at last year's AGM minutes to see how much food cost, how many attendees there were
- Quorum is 4% of the student body (~36-50 students)
- Based on the amount of food we've had for Council meetings, 50 students would cost \$500 to feed
- Owen motions that we purchase up to \$500 of food and drinks (with up to \$100 of drinks to be purchased by Chris), and up to \$50 of plates and utensils (to be purchased by Owen) for the AGM, and that the specific food be decided at the next Executive meeting before the AGM
- Owen, Chris, Alexandra, and Mohammed vote in favor, Prabnoor abstains, majority, motion passed

Add Hiring Committee/Subcommittee to Reorganizing Committee

- Chris wants to add this subcommittee so we can proceed with hiring an Admin employee
- No vote occurred

Specifying exact dollar amounts in Minutes

- Last Council Meeting's Zoom funding motion didn't list an exact dollar amount
- Chris asks for the exact amounts we are funding to be written in the minutes going forward so we can more easily keep track of costs

Owen motions to table the item: 'Hire a one-time office cleaner for the Student Lounge and organize the Love dump', Alexandra seconds, Chris votes in favor, Mohammed and Prabnoor abstain, majority, motion tabled

Alexandra motions to amend the order of the agenda to vote on 'Deleting Election posters' and 'posting Election results' items next, Owen seconds, Chris votes in favor, Mohammed and Prabnoor abstain, majority, motion passed

Publicly post Election results and delete Election posters on Instagram

- Election posters haven't been removed from Instagram, results not publicly posted yet
- This was a messy/rushed election; in the future an Election Committee might be a better system to try instead of one CRO
- Some disagreement about posting the results publicly- Alexandra and Chris want to wait until students ratify the results, Owen believes they should be available to the public now
- Alexandra motions to publicly post the Election results with the clarification that they are not yet ratified until the AGM, Owen seconds, Mohammed and Chris vote in favor, Prabnoor abstains, majority, motion passed
- Alexandra motions to delete the election posters from Instagram, Owen seconds, Chris and Mohammed vote in favor, Prabnoor abstains, majority, motion passed
- Prabnoor will delete the posters from Instagram

11:38 am- Alexandra leaves the meeting

Owen motions to table the item: 'Expand projects and funding to other lounges on other campuses' Chris seconds, Mohammed votes in favor, Prabnoor abstains, majority, motion tabled

Pigeon Press picnic

- Ellen Sillence proposed an end-of-year picnic with desserts
- No vote occurred- Owen will ask Ellen to fill out an event form with details first

Tool library, bike repair program

- Chris and Owen discussed creating a tool library, now is a good time of year for this
- Dalhousie has a bike club, King's college has something similar/connected to them
- Owen motions to table the item to 'Create a tool library and work toward a bike repair program', Owen and Chris vote in favor, Mohammed and Prabnoor abstain, Kalani votes in favor to break the tie, majority, motion tabled

Budget for student for Lounge redesign

- Large project that is difficult to take on right now
- We should look at the budget, establish a potential cost, and form a committee
- Need to consult with James Ray and others who deal with facilities
- Owen motions to table the item to 'Create a budget to hire a student for Lounge redesign', Owen and Chris vote in favor, Mohammed and Prabnoor abstain, Kalani votes in favor to break the tie, majority, motion tabled

Anti-oppression training- Cost and details

- NS Public Interest Research Group gave us a quote for anti-oppression training
 - Anti-oppression training- 1.5 hours, \$150 + travel costs for their facilitators (usually 2 bus tickets)
 - Active listening training- full day, would add another \$150
- Chris suggests offering active listening training to all students if possible
- Owen motions to purchase the service of Anti-oppression training from NSPIRG for the current Executive as well as the incoming Executive and Councilors, and to purchase the service of active listening training from NSPIRG with the hope of making that workshop a publicly accessible event available for all students to join
- Owen and Chris vote in favor, Mohammed and Prabnoor abstain, Kalani votes in favor to break the tie, majority, motion passed

"Knitting Circle" event application

- Beah Learn (incoming Textiles Representative) filled out a funding request form for a Knitting Circle event
- Beah requested \$45, Chris offers that we allow up to \$70

- Owen motions to approve up to \$70 for the Knitting Circle event on April 18, Owen and Chris vote in favor, Mohammed and Prabnoor abstain, Kalani votes in favor to break the tie, majority, motion passed

Announcements

- Reminder to Executive to check bylaws for our requirements for the upcoming AGM, prepare reports
- Next Working/Executive meetings on Thursday, April 18th from 10 am-12 pm

Owen motions to adjourn the meeting, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm