



Council Meeting Minutes

Date: July 14, 2024

Present: Owen, Beah (gave proxy to Chelsea from 3:07-3:19 pm), Miranda (gave proxy to Chelsea from 3:15-3:20 pm), Chelsea, Jewell, Kalani, Karina

Regrets:

Absent: Mohammed

Chair: Kalani

Secretary: Karina

Kalani calls the meeting to order at 2:04 pm

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: Beah motions to approve the agenda, unanimous. Motion passed

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

Signatures:

Reports

Owen

Council Report:

- Met with HR
- Met with our attorney, consulted regarding restructuring and briefly discussed Board of Governors matters
- Recorded several Strike campaign/info videos for SUNSCAD Instagram
- Communicated with our accounting consultant
- Attended a workers' assembly and discussed with local union organizers the conditions at NSCAD
- Communicated with CRA, gathered documentation
- Sorted through the SUNSCAD Poster Archive, took out some posters for display
- Attended a municipal election info session, discussed student issues with a potential mayoral candidate, and discussed the possibility for students to have a presence in the next municipal election with some local student organizers. A plan for this is being drafted
- Met with members of the King's Student Union Executive on multiple occasions
- Attended SUNSCAD Exec meetings

SUNSCAD Zine Press:

- No material development. Work continued on drafting catalogue of first texts

SUNSCAD Restructuring Committee:

- Met with Execs at KSU
- Met with SUNSCAD's attorney
- Received some clarifying feedback on the difficulty of a joint-contract
- Still planning to have new employee hired and in-office by mid-August
- Will present all contracts or major proposed employment decisions as recommendations to Council

Chelsea

Council Report

- Worked on videos for SUNSCAD's Instagram
- Call with accountant consultant
- Negotiated/emailed with potential payroll provider
- Attended Exec meetings

- Organized timesheets and made a spreadsheet for timesheets
- Paid Chairperson and Secretary

Jewell

- Operating Instagram
- Attended orientation meetings and planning activities with staff and faculty
- Took videos with Owen and Chelsea
- Attended meetings with SPC
- Filled timesheet, will send to Chelsea

Beah

Council Report:

- Cancelled knitting circle

Feminist Collective Revitalization Committee:

- Applied to ratify Feminist Collective

Mohammed

- N/A

Miranda

- N/A

Strike Campaign Committee

- Owen motions to strike a Strike Campaign Committee with Owen as Chair, and Chelsea and Beah as members, unanimous, motion passed

Camping Collective ratification

- Miranda motions to ratify the Camping Collective with Miranda as Chair, unanimous, motion passed

Feminist Collective ratification

- Chelsea motions to table this item until later in the meeting, unanimous, motion tabled

Councilors read their reports

- Beah motions to take this item off the table, unanimous, motion passed
- Beah motions to ratify the Feminist Collective with Beah as Chair, unanimous, motion passed

Shared office space

- Beah wants to turn the SUNSCAD office into a shared space, accessible by the Food Bank Coordinator, Councilors, and Staff

2:26 pm- Owen motions that we recess for 10 minutes

2:39 pm- Meeting resumes

- Beah motions to make the SUNSCAD office a shared space for Exec, Council, and Staff by removing the SU Admin office key from the office and giving it to all Execs, and making a separate user account on the computer for Council and Staff, unanimous, motion passed

Sending email, posting content about the survey

- Chelsea plays video of them describing the survey, Council discussed cutting reference to the Council meeting and the view of the Learning Commons

Food for Sunday meeting unanimously added to agenda

- Owen plays his video, Council discussed posting Owen's first, then Chelsea's (to give information about striking/organizing first)
- Email with survey link will go out tonight

3:07 pm- Beah leaves temporarily, gives proxy to Chelsea

- Can also post additional clip tomorrow of the radio interview
- All were in favor of making these posts

BOG Divestment update

- Continuing work on divestment and disclosure motions

3:12 pm- Owen motions to go in camera, unanimous, motion passed

3:14 pm- Owen motions to go out of camera, unanimous, motion passed

Organizing Meeting

- Decided on a name- SUNSCAD Organizing Meeting and Survey Results Review
- Every video we post should have a text post to go with it, and vice versa

3:15 pm- Miranda leaves temporarily, gives proxy to Chelsea

3:19 pm- Beah returns

3:20 pm- Miranda returns

- Owen motions that we allocate \$200 for food for the SUNSCAD Organizing Meeting and Survey Results Review, unanimous, motion passed

Website reworking

- Owen motions to table this item, unanimous, motion tabled

Wikipedia page, SUNSCAD Archivist position

- Discussed creating a SUNSCAD Wiki page- task that could be done by a SUNSCAD Archivist
- Beah motions that the Executive makes a contract, finds a candidate, and makes an offer for a SUNSCAD Archivist position, unanimous, motion passed

Removal of RC from Bylaws

- Owen motions to table this item, unanimous, motion tabled

Reimbursement for office supplies

- Chelsea motions that the reimbursement limit for office supplies not requiring approval be raised to \$50, unanimous, motion passed

Exec meeting with OSE

- Meeting with OSE regarding Orientation at 2 pm on Tuesday, Councilors are also welcome to attend

Booking breakfast/lunch for Orientation

- Jewell is looking to book Orientation breakfast from Tim Horton's and lunch from Subway
- Discussed using a different shop for breakfast since Tim Horton's is on the BDS list- Latte-Da or another local cafe
- Jewell motions that she books breakfast from Pigeon Press (with a local cafe as backup) for up to 250 people on Orientation day, unanimous, motion passed
- Jewell motions that she books lunch from Subway, including sandwiches, snacks and drinks for up to 250 people on Orientation day, unanimous, motion passed

E-motions

- Owen motions that the SUNSCAD Exec allocates \$500 as an honorarium, and up to \$700 (to be reimbursed) for the coverage of two plane tickets, for a total of up to \$1200, to be paid to John Hutton for him to join SUNSCAD at NSCAD to provide lectures and guided discussions around strike organizing tactics and campaigning, to be delivered over the course of a three-day workshop between July 25th and 27th, Chelsea, Jewell, Beah, Owen, and Miranda vote in favor, majority, motion passed
- Owen motions that SUNSCAD allocates \$250 for the union member “Deirdre” to cover a portion of their emergency medical costs, Chelsea, Miranda, Beah, Owen, and Mohammed vote in favor, majority, motion passed

Announcements

- Next Council meeting on Sunday, July 28 from 2-4 pm, Kalani will give an update if time/date changes

Beah motions to adjourn the meeting, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm

Council agreed unanimously after the meeting to reimburse Chelsea \$39.64 for the purchase of a clock for the student lounge, dry erase markers, and sticky notes, based on discussion during the reimbursement motion.