



## Council Meeting Minutes

Date: July 28, 2024

Present: Owen, Beah, Miranda, Chelsea, Jewell, Kalani, Karina (arrived at 2:08 pm)

Regrets: Mohammed

Absent:

Chair: Kalani

Secretary: Karina

Kalani calls the meeting to order at 1:28 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. Miranda motions to amend the agenda to add the items "reimbursement for projector", and "approval of food budget for this meeting", unanimous. Motion passed.

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

Signatures:

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## **Reports**

### **Chelsea**

#### **Council Report**

- Working on accounting software and payroll tax deductions with Accounting Consultant Jim Maisonneuve
- Attend executive meeting
- Met with Orientation Planning Team
- Filming videos for SUNSCAD Instagram
- Finalizing Harmony Paymate Payroll Software contracts and purchase
- Attended SUNSCAD Organizing Meeting and Survey Results Review
- Attended Strike Organizing Workshops

### **Jewell**

- Ordered food for SUNSCAD Organizing Meeting and Survey Results Review
- Attended Orientation planning meeting
- Contacted Ellen for catering breakfast
- Posted Archivist hiring information, 2 applications for now
- Attended exec meeting
- Filled out timesheet

### **Owen**

- N/A

### **Beah**

- N/A

### **Mohammed**

- N/A

### **Miranda**

- N/A

### **Feminist Collective ratification**

- Beah motions to ratify the Feminist Collective, unanimous, motion passed

**1:37- Owen motions that we recess for 5 minutes, unanimous, motion passed**

**1:42- Meeting resumes**

### **Website reworking**

- Preparing website- add our ongoing campaigns, demands
- Who can work on this going forward? -Jewell should be able to update it soon
- Add pictures of Execs, add the videos we have been making for Instagram

### **Update on Archivist**

- Jewell made an Instagram post yesterday, there are 2 applications in

### **Orientation Planning**

- Jewell emailed Ellen for Breakfast, Nick has a discount for Subway for our University, still waiting for responses from them
- Beah can work on Beach trip planning and future knitting circles

### **Merch bag from SUNSCAD**

- Do we want to put a card with SUNSCAD members in the Orientation merch bag?
- Beah could do drawings and compile headshots of everyone for the cards by August 15

### **Instagram posts about recent actions**

- Posts (and potential posts) to be made:
  - Clip from Owen's speech at the Dal Press Conference
  - Update on organizing workshop that was held
  - Video with Owen and Sarah (KSU President) to update students on encampment being declared as trespassing
  - Update about our demands, students favoring traditional strike over tuition strike
- Jewell can help with filming more videos as needed

### **Reimbursement for projector**

- Owen rented a projector but power was cut out, and the projector couldn't be used
- In future, Miranda suggests renting from Academy campus for free
- Chelsea moves that Owen Skeen be reimbursed up to \$170 for the rental of a projector for the SUNSCAD Strike Organizing Workshop upon receiving sufficient documentation of purchase, majority, Owen abstains, motion passed

### **Removal of Resource Coordinator from Bylaws**

- Owen motions to table, majority, motion tabled

#### **Food budget for this meeting**

- Chelsea motions to approve \$87.08 for food for this meeting, unanimous, motion passed

#### **Room rental reimbursement**

- Beah motions that SUNSCAD reimburses Chelsea Stilwell \$69 for the rental fee of room 301 at Halifax Central Library on July 21, 2024, unanimous, motion passed

#### **Overtime for VP Finance**

- Beah motions that SUNSCAD approves overtime on Chelsea Stilwell's timesheets from May 31-July 25 (attached in email), majority, Chelsea abstains, motion passed

#### **Reimbursement for Knitting Circle purchases**

- Beah motions that she be reimbursed \$85.34 for Knitting Circle purchases, unanimous, motion passed

#### **Reimburse VP Internal for Food purchase**

- Owen motions that Jewell is reimbursed \$205.81 for the purchase of food for the SUNSCAD Organizing Meeting and Survey Results Review, unanimous, motion passed

#### **5 additional hours for Kalani**

- Owen motions that Kalani is granted 5 additional hours of pay for their work on the SUNSCAD survey, unanimous, motion passed

**2:20 pm- Miranda motions to go in camera, unanimous, motion passed**

**2:43 pm- Chelsea motions to go out of camera, majority, motion passed**

#### **Commissioning letter to BOG by legal council**

- Owen motions that SUNSCAD retains Asaf Rashid as legal council for the matter of the NSCAD University Board of Governors, and that we commission Asaf for the writing of a letter regarding the Board of Governors conduct, unanimous, motion passed

#### **Renaming Strike Campaign Committee**

- Chelsea motions to table this to email, unanimous, motion tabled

#### **Committee for hiring Strike Campaign Chair**

- Owen motions that we create the position of Strike Campaign Chair

- The Strike Campaign committee should be chaired by someone other than Owen or Kalani, would also do other work related to the strike, and should be compensated
- Discussion occurred regarding the role of SUNSCAD in endorsing/facilitating a strike, we need to be careful with how we approach this
- Owen motions to table this item, unanimous, motion tabled

### **General Hiring Committee**

- Owen motions that we strike a General Hiring Committee for the positions of Commissioner to the Executive, Pigeon Press Coordinator, and SUNSCAD Archivist and Documentarian, with Owen, Miranda and Chelsea as members, unanimous, motion passed
- Owen motions to reopen the previous motion, unanimous, motion passed
- Owen motions to remove Pigeon Press Coordinator from the previous motion, unanimous, motion passed

### **Hiring Ellen as Pigeon Press Coordinator**

- Beah motions that we hire Ellen Sillence as Pigeon Press Coordinator at a rate of \$18/hr for up to 15 hours/week, unanimous, motion passed

### **Approving Pigeon Press funding**

- Beah motions that we approve the \$5000 allotment of funding for Pigeon Press, with the condition that their budget is approved by Council before the money is released, unanimous, motion passed

### **E-motions**

- Owen motions that we post a statement on Instagram (attributed to SUNSCAD Council), about the forcible removal of Al-Zeitoun University, majority, motion passed

### **Announcements**

- N/A

Beah motions to adjourn the meeting, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 3:09 pm