



Council Meeting Minutes

Date: August 21, 2024

Present: Chelsea (gave proxy to Beah from 5:01 pm till end of meeting), Owen, Beah, Mohammed, Jewell, Miranda, Kalani, Karina

Regrets:

Absent:

Chair: Kalani

Secretary: Karina

Kalani calls the meeting to order at 3:20 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, majority. Motion passed

-Owen motions to amend the agenda to include as the first item: 60\$ for food for this meeting, majority, motion passed

-Miranda motions to amend the agenda to include discussion of strike committee, majority, motion passed

-Owen motions to amend the agenda to include discussion of our response to Dr. Shannon's email, majority, motion passed

Minutes: Owen motions to approve the last two meeting's minutes, majority. Motion passed

Signatures:

Exec Member

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Reports

Chelsea

- Met with Anthony Novac and CFO Leanne Dowe of the Board of Governors
- Attended Executive meeting
- Participated in SUNSCAD hiring committee meetings and discussions

Jewell

- Attended Exec meetings
- Posted hiring information, attend General hiring committee
- Attended CFS meeting, planning workshop
- Orientation planning, Rat dance, catering, canvas booking, game night, mindfulness yoga and grad party
- Intro poster design
- External connections

Owen

Council:

- Spoke on a panel of speakers at Bus Stop Theatre, hosted by Nova Scotia Voice of Women for Peace
- Met with SUNSCAD attorney regarding gathering of documents
- Commissioned attorney to write proposal to Dal Legal Aid for them to assist in rewriting of SUNSCAD Bylaws, as well as creating of Food Bank policy. Dal Legal Aid has so far suggested willingness to provide such resources free of charge to the union. SUNSCAD's attorney will oversee this work at her standard rate
- Attended SUNSCAD Exec meetings
- Met with GreenShield about restructuring our relationship to them

SUNSCAD Zine Press:

- Considering additional hires to get press reestablished at NSCAD

SUNSCAD Restructuring Committee:

- Continued with hiring process of new student positions
- GreenShield was relatively agreeable to restructuring our relationship to them, without the Resource Coordinator position going forward
- Bylaws are to be reviewed and restructured by law students as part of Dal Legal Aid program
- Considering more positions in form of SUNSCAD Press positions
- Will present all contracts or major proposed employment decisions as recommendations to Council

SUNSCAD Strike Committee:

- Requested more students to join committee. Waiting on further replies

SUNSCAD Hiring Committee:

- Recommend to hire Elliot for Archivist
- Recommend to keep resumes on file and to consider these candidates for future positions within SUNSCAD as there were several additional candidates which the committee considers would make a great addition to SUNSCAD

Beah

- N/A

Mohammed

- N/A

Miranda

- N/A

Food order for meeting

- Members present in-person agreed to order Subway for 4 people (\$60)
- No vote occurred

Orientation planning

- Jewell provides an update- ordered catering for Orientation lunch from Subway, working on Rat Dance, planning workshop and other events for Orientation
- Mugs have been ordered

Strike Committee

- No responses yet to Strike Committee post on Instagram

- Discussed further advertising the committee and strike in general- posting about the first committee meeting date, making posters with information about past strikes, educating students before the vote
- Owen motions for Kalani, Karina, Lee, Miranda, Jewell, and Chelsea to be members of the Strike Committee and for Owen to continue as Chair, majority, motion passed
- Miranda motions to mandate the Executive to organize and publicize the first meeting of the Strike Committee by Monday, August 26th at the latest, unanimous, motion passed

Removal of RC from Bylaws

- Owen motions to table this item
- We now have law students who will be working on our Bylaws, we can proceed with removing mentions of “Resource Coordinator” after their work is done
- Owen retracts his motion to table

Moving SUNSCAD assets to credit union

- Owen motions that we create a Letter of permission with the following terms: move SUNSCAD financial assets out of CIBC, out of investment from CIBC, move all funding to credit union as two signatory account with all Execs as signatories, move to online banking at credit union, majority, motion passed
- Discussed possibility of just having VP Finance and one other Exec as signatories

4:12 pm: Chelsea motions to recess until 4:20 pm, majority, motion passed

4:21 pm: Meeting resumes

SUNSCAD Zine Press positions

- Archivist position had other great candidates that should be part of SUNSCAD
- Owen motions to create two positions for SUNSCAD Zine Press- Printer and Editor- at a rate of up to \$18 per hour, with 15 hours per week, to begin in the Fall semester on a term-by-term contract, with 30 day notice of whether they will be reinstated or their term will end, unanimous, motion passed
- These positions would mostly function on their own and be the start of creating more autonomous groups within SUNSCAD

Food budget going forward

- Owen motions to, henceforth, approve up to \$15 of funding of food per person who is present, and in-person, at Council meetings, unanimous, motion passed

Call by-election for Fall?

- Not ready yet with a date, but this should be on our radar; elections take a long time to plan

Memo in response to Dr. Shannon

4:51 pm- Owen motions to go in-camera, majority, motion passed

5:01 pm- Chelsea leaves the meeting, gives proxy to Beah

5:12 Beah motions to go out-of-camera, unanimous, motion passed

- Owen motions that Council approves publicizing the memo that was read in-camera, after it is finalized with additional input from Chelsea, and for the bottom of the memo to attribute its authorship to the SUNSCAD Council, unanimous, motion passed

Hiring student Archivist

- Owen motions that we hire Elliot for the position of Archivist for a term of 4 months starting this Fall, at a rate of \$18 per hour, for up to 15 hours per week, and that we hold on to other applicants' resumes and consider them for future positions, unanimous, motion passed
- Owen motions for all new hires to SUNSCAD Staff, unless otherwise stated, be hired with a contract including the following: that they will be hired for the Fall term at a rate of \$18 per hour, for up to 15 hours per week, on a term-by-term basis, with at least 30 days notice before the beginning of the next semester to inform them if they are being offered another term of employment, unanimous, motion passed

Announcements

- Time/date of next meeting to be decided, new when2meet poll will be sent for scheduling

Beah motions to adjourn the meeting, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm