



Council Meeting Minutes

Date: August 7, 2024

Present: Owen, Beah (gave proxy to Miranda from 4:06 till end of meeting), Miranda, Mohammed, Chelsea, Kalani

Regrets: Jewell (gave proxy to Chelsea), Karina

Absent:

Chair: Kalani

Secretary: Karina

Kalani calls the meeting to order at 3:12 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 table last meeting's minutes, unanimous. Motion tabled

Signatures:

Reports

Chelsea

Council Report

- Planned meeting with members of the Finance and Physical Resources committee of the Board of Governors
- Met with accounting consultant about payroll

Owen

Council Report

- Supported NSCAD students at Al Zeitoun, the encampment at Dalhousie
- Spoke to many members of the media about the forced removal of the encampment at Dalhousie
- Was detained by police at Dalhousie for participating in peaceful demonstration, and was banned from Dalhousie for 6 months
- Appealed ban from Dalhousie, ongoing
- Was offered free legal representation by an attorney, Asaf Rashid, who is assisting in the appeal of my ban from Dalhousie
- Met with SUNSCAD attorney, consulted regarding restructuring of SUNSCAD
- Created written and video content used by Jewell for SUNSCAD Instagram
- Communicated with our accounting consultant
- Attended a meeting of various students who are interested in becoming involved in the upcoming HRM municipal election
- Met with members of the King's Student Union Executive on multiple occasions
Attended SUNSCAD Exec meetings

SUNSCAD Zine Press

- The Zine Press at Al Zeitoun was dismantled. All materials inside the zine press tent were recovered but the tent was removed by security and is no longer in our possession. The intention is to continue building a press within NSCAD

SUNSCAD Restructuring Committee

- Met with SUNSCAD's attorney
- Two new positions created at SUNSCAD for students to fill
- Currently reconsidering plans to collaborate with KSU in hiring a full-time non-student employee

- Will present all contracts or major proposed employment decisions as recommendations to Council

Beah

- Attended Council meetings
- Working on drawings of Council members to be ready by August 15

Jewell

- N/A

Mohammed

- N/A

Miranda

- N/A

Orientation planning

- Making sure strike-oriented things get into plans
- Having tables at Orientation to introduce first-year students to strike

Removing RC from Bylaws

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

Food budget

- Owen motions that we allocate up to \$50 for the food budget for this meeting, majority, motion passed
- Miranda will send a receipt for the food to Chelsea

Endorsing strike

- Should officially change our internal position:
 - Striking close to end of September, 1 week academic strike, not tuition strike
- Owen spoke to NSCAD Student Action, many students interested in joining strike committee
- Can speak to some individual students first, then advertise strike committee on Instagram
- Creating posts of all active committees
- Beah motions to mandate VP Internal to reach out to all active clubs and collectives asking for information that we can use to update the website and make Instagram posts from, majority, motion passed

3:46 pm: Miranda leaves the meeting, gives proxy to Beah

3:48 pm: Miranda returns to the meeting

3:51 pm: Owen motions to go in camera, majority, motion passed

4:03 pm: Owen motions to go out of camera, majority, motion passed

- Owen motions that the Council endorses a change to previous strike endorsements, that we now endorse the idea of a academic strike rather than tuition strike, and that it be a 10-day strike from September 21st- September 30th, majority, motion passed

Owen motions that we add “Change date of SGM” to the agenda, majority, motion passed

Change date of SGM

4:06 pm: Beah leaves the meeting, gives proxy to Miranda

- No vote occurred, Council agreed to keep original SGM date

4:11 pm: Owen motions to recess for 5 minutes, majority, motion passed

4:12 pm: Owen leaves the meeting due to technical issues

4:21 pm: Meeting resumed

Reply to Dr. Shannon memo

- Statement put a lot of pressure on student Exec (VP Finance specifically)

4:33 pm: Owen rejoins the meeting via phone call

- Owen will send the statement to Council members for feedback before public release
- Miranda motions that, within the next week, Owen writes a response to Dr. Shannon’s latest email to be published alongside a video featuring Chelsea, summarizing our recent actions and going over Dr. Shannon’s email, unanimous, motion passed

E-motions

- Owen motions that we release a statement to go along with an Instagram post about last month’s Strike Workshop, and that this be credited to Council, majority, motion passed

Announcements

- Next Council Meeting on Wednesday, August 21st from 3-5 pm

Miranda motions to adjourn the meeting, majority. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm