



Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 13, 2024

Present: Chelsea, Miranda, Beah, Owen, Mohammed, Kalani, Karina

Regrets: Jewell

Absent:

Chair: Kalani

Secretary: Karina

Kalani calls the meeting to order at 10:09 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: Beah motions to approve last meeting's minutes, unanimous. Motion passed

Signatures:

Exec Member

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Reports

Chelsea

- Participated in Orientation day; facilitated catering delivery, tabled, introduced SUNSCAD during campus tours
- Interviewed applicants for Zine Press and Commissioner to the Executive
- Attended Strike Committee Meetings
- Gave class talks to 5 classes on behalf of SUNSCAD
- Met with Ombudsperson and SUNSCAD President
- Filmed promotional material for Keffiyeh Day
- Put pins and safer sex products in student lounge at Duke campus
- Participated in Keffiyeh Day

Owen

Council:

- Helped with Orientation prep
- Interviewed students for three new positions
- Talked with students in SUNSCAD office during Orientation tours
- Tabled at Port, talked about insurance, strike info
- Positive reception from new students, none were negative towards strike
- Mediation meeting with attorneys and former SUNSCAD employee
- Attended BOG advancement committee meeting
- Attended Strike Committee meeting
- Participated in Keffiyeh Day

Beah

Council:

- Intending to restart weekly Knitting Circles
- Been chatting with Textiles students about their needs

Feminist Collective Revitalization Committee

- N/A

Jewell

- N/A

Mohammed

- N/A

Miranda

- N/A

Midnight Film Society Ratification

- Owen motions to ratify the Midnight Film Society, unanimous, motion passed

Scheduling upcoming meetings

- Figuring out availability, alternating days when people are free due to difficulty with scheduling
 - Kalani suggests alternating Exec meetings between Mondays from 12:30-2:30 pm, and Wednesdays from 5-7 pm, beginning on September 18th, with Council every other Thursday from 12-2 pm
- Council meeting weeks should have Monday Exec meetings to have enough space between meetings

Strike activities

- Discussed when to publish proposed activities, reaching out to speakers we want, tone/purpose of 10-day programming, having multiple drop-in events per day
- Each day of strike:
 - Daily meeting, picketing of all campuses during the 8 days that have classes
- Discussed creating a poster with proposed activities and a general call for programming (open to students and professors), adding activities: collective zine workshop by Ziggy, Palestinian textiles techniques workshop
- No vote occurred

Owen motions to move the item ‘approving memo to Dr. Peggy Shannon’ to the top of the agenda, unanimous, motion passed

Approving memo to Dr. Peggy Shannon

- Kalani reads out the proposed memo
- Chelsea motions to approve the memo to Dr. Peggy Shannon, unanimous, motion passed

Paying Food Bank volunteers

- Chelsea motions that SUNSCAD allocates \$500 to be split between the two most active Food Bank volunteers of the Summer 2024 term- Chris Boileau and Julian Farnam- as decided by Food Bank Coordinator Jessie Malott, unanimous, motion passed

Calling By-election

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

Budget for tie-dye activity

- Miranda motions to approve the budget for the tie-dye activity- \$210
- Owen motions that Miranda is allowed this budget with the condition that the companies where supplies are purchased from are BDS friendly, unanimous, motion passed

Paying Pigeon Press student designer

- Funding was approved but not distributed to the student
- Owen motions to pay Jamie Murdoch \$150 for labour designing a logo for Pigeon Press cake, Owen, Mohammed, Beah, and Miranda vote in favor, Chelsea abstains, majority, motion passed

CFS-NGM representatives

- Owen will be meeting with CFS-NS Chair and KSU President about NGM strategy, will ask for funding assistance after this meeting
- Found out only one delegate is covered by CFS

11:29 am- Beah leaves, gives proxy to Miranda

- Discussed Kalani, Chelsea, and Owen all attending the NGM, serving different roles

11:35 am- Beah returns

- Owen motions that Owen and Chelsea are included as delegates to the 2024 CFS-NGM, with us to spend ~\$1000 for one additional person, and Kalani to be included as a delegate on the condition that Owen is able to secure 50% or more of their funding from CFS-NS, unanimous, motion passed

Memo about anti-trans protest

- Anti-trans protest took place outside of our campus last year, happening again this year
- Owen wants to advocate for academic amnesty for students on the date of the protest and send a memo with counterprotest information, Miranda wants to help Owen organize counterprotest
- Owen motions to delegate this item to Owen and Miranda, and that this is endorsed by SUNSCAD Council, unanimous, motion passed

Food budget for SGM

- Owen motions to fund \$800 for food for the SGM, including tax and tip, to be renewed every 4 hours, with Chelsea to order food and Owen to send them the order specifics, unanimous, motion passed

Food budget for all meetings going forward

- Owen motions to fund a food budget of \$15 per person present in-person for meetings expected to be over an hour long, unanimous, motion passed

Budget for printing supplies

12:06 pm- Owen motions to go in-camera, unanimous, motion passed

12:11 pm- Owen motions to go out-of-camera, majority, motion passed

Owen retracts the motion to approve a budget for printing supplies

Beah motions to add the discussion item ‘SGM Organizing’, unanimous, motion passed

SGM Organizing, anonymous voting, spreadsheet for attendance

- Kalani suggests creating a slideshow to guide conversation on motion at SGM
- Discussed how to facilitate anonymous voting for in-person and online attendees, waiting to announce results until after the meeting so we have time to consult an attorney
- Can record who people are and their proxies in a spreadsheet, proxies should send a picture of their student ID and semester sticker
- Beah volunteers to stay at the back of the room to check on people as they enter/exit
- Owen motions to mandate the Chairperson to report back to the Executive with a plan for how they would like to run the SGM by September 18, and for the plan to account for any of the discussed logistical matters, unanimous, motion passed

E-motions

- 9/5/24: Owen motions that, as recommended by the SUNSCAD Hiring Committee, SUNSCAD hires Julia to be the SUNSCAD Commissioner to the Executive, that Ziggy be hired as the SUNSCAD Zine Press Printer, and that Dante be hired as the SUNSCAD Zine Press Editor, majority, motion passed
- 9/6/24: Owen motions that the SUNSCAD SGM previously scheduled for Sept 20, 2024, be moved to the new date, Sept 21, 2024, and that the meeting be scheduled for 12:00 Noon on that date, majority, motion passed

- 9/9/24: Owen motions that SUNSCAD allows the Strike Committee to purchase food for their meeting at a rate of \$15 per person present in person at the time food is being ordered, majority, motion passed

Announcements

- Next Council Meeting on Thursday, September 26th from 12-2 pm

Beah motions to adjourn the meeting, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm