



Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 2, 2024

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

Regrets: Mohammed (gave proxy to Jewell)

Absent:

Chair: Kalani

Secretary: Karina

Kalani calls the meeting to order at 3:09 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: Owen motions to approve the agenda, unanimous. Motion passed

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

Signatures:

Exec Member

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Reports

Chelsea

Council:

- Discussed email to SUNSCAD constituency with Owen
- Prepared documents for administration and Board of Governors
- Attended GreenShield health and dental meeting
- Worked out pay issues
- Met with CUA representative with Owen to set up account
- Attended SUNSCAD hiring committee meeting
- Attended Executive meeting

Jewell

Council:

- Attended Executive meeting
- Attended SUNSCAD hiring committee meeting
- Attended Orientation planning meeting
- Ordered breakfast from Glitter Bean for orientation day
- Rented board games for welcome week game night event
- Designed SUNSCAD intro poster with Beah
- Designed the office hour timesheet
- Attended CFS-NS meeting
- Scheduled meet-up workshop event with CFS-NS

Owen

Council:

- Credit Union (CUA) meeting, took steps to open account
- Attended SUNSCAD Exec meetings
- Met with GreenShield about restructuring our relationship to them

SUNSCAD Zine Press:

- Students being interviewed tomorrow for two new positions created

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

SUNSCAD Strike Committee:

- Many committee recommendations were made to Council, several have been voted on digitally, several to be dealt with in this meeting

Beah

- N/A

Mohammed

- N/A

Miranda

- N/A

Next meeting times

- Owen motions for Executive meetings to be on Wednesdays from 5-7 pm, beginning on September 11th (unless otherwise stated), and for the next Council meeting to be on Friday, September 13th from 10 am-12 pm, unanimous, motion passed

SUNSCAD Office improvements

- Discussed changes, improvements that could be made to the SUNSCAD office/ surrounding spaces (student lounge and hallway outside of office)
- Some uncertainty about which spaces we are able to change- should be able to paint the student lounge if an older mural program is still in effect
- Miranda motions that we buy a plant
- Miranda motions to table their prior motion, unanimous, motion tabled
- Owen motions that he comes to Council with a proposal for graffiti day, unanimous, motion passed

Approve letter to administration

- Would include global context, negative impacts of strike that admin should care about, how we got to position of organizing/discussing a strike
- Chelsea motions that a document be authored by Chelsea and Owen on behalf of SUNSCAD Council, and sent to administration, then other BOG members soon after, in regards to divestment, disclosure, and striking, with 24 hours given beforehand for Council to approve or reject it, unanimous, motion passed

Strike date endorsement

- Chelsea motions that the Council endorse a 10 day strike starting on Tuesday October 1st, conditional upon NSCAD not having committed to a plan to disclose their investment portfolio and explicitly divest from all entities directly or indirectly supporting the genocide in Palestine, before January 1st, 2025, unanimous, motion passed

4:18 pm- Owen motions to recess for 5 minutes, unanimous, motion passed

4:23 pm- Meeting resumes

Strike endorsement retractions

- Owen motions to retract all strike endorsements made this term prior to this meeting, unanimous, motion passed

Letter of solidarity with library workers

- Owen motions that SUNSCAD signs on to CFS-NS' statement of solidarity with striking library workers, unanimous, motion passed

Publication of SGM and strike vote

- Owen motions that Jewell sends out an Instagram post announcing the Special General Meeting- September 20 at 6 pm- and the strike vote that has been endorsed by Council, for Owen to send an email to students on the September 6, and for students at the SUNSCAD office to share the date of the SGM with students during Orientation tours, unanimous, motion passed

Food budget for Strike Committee

- Miranda motions to approve a budget for food for tonight's Strike Committee meeting of \$15 per person who is present in-person at the meeting at the time food is being ordered, unanimous, motion passed

CFS NGM planning and discussion

- Discussed structure of meeting (some may have difficulty with structure and length of days), financing an extra attendee, who can attend (not limited to just Exec or Council)
- Owen, Kalani, and Alexandra are all willing to attend
- Chelsea motions that we allocate approximately \$1100 in order to send an additional student to the CFS National General Meeting and for Owen to request a reduced fee from CFS-NS, unanimous, motion passed

Funding for Pigeon Press

- Owen motions that \$400 be provided to Ellen in advance, for the purchase of food, coffee grounds, dishes (cups and mugs), dish soap, and utensils, for purpose of Pigeon Press operations, with all receipts to be returned to Chelsea Stilwell, unanimous, motion passed
- Ellen will be operating from 9 am to noon every weekday starting on September 6, will be able to give us a budget estimate after the first week

Owen motions to table the following motions to Exec: call by-election for fall, assigning people for tabling Keffiyeh day, Instagram posts, unanimous, motions tabled

E-motions

- Owen motions that SUNSCAD hosts a Keffiyeh Day in solidarity with Palestine on September 12, and that we set up tables on this day to distribute keffiyehs and talk about our demands and the SGM + strike vote, majority, motion passed
- Owen motions that SUNSCAD purchases 50 black and white keffiyehs and 50 red and white keffiyehs from a manufacturer in Montreal that has quoted us a rate of \$12 per item, plus tax and shipping, for the purpose of these keffiyehs to be distributed for free at tables on Keffiyeh Day, majority, motion passed
- Owen motions that we choose the date of September 20 at 6 pm for the SUNSCAD SGM to vote on a strike, majority, motion passed
- Owen motions that we begin publicizing that the SGM will be September 20 at 6 pm without further delay, to ensure that there is sufficient notice for this meeting, majority, motion passed

Announcements

- Pigeon Press re-launch, September 6
- Keffiyeh Day, September 12
- SGM for strike vote, September 20 at 6:00 pm
- Next Council meeting on Friday, September 13th from 10 am-12 pm

Owen motions to adjourn the meeting, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm