



Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 10, 2024

Present: Owen, Miranda, Jewell, Chelsea, Mohammed, Beah (arrived at 12:22 pm), Kalani, Karina

Regrets: Beah (gave proxy to Owen till 12:22 pm)

Absent:

Chair: Kalani

Secretary: Karina

Kalani calls the meeting to order at 12:14 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:

Reports

Chelsea

- Added 3/4 executives to Harmony Paymate Software
- Began transfer document/journal for future Executives
- Attended Exec meeting
- Called with accounting advisor re: accounting status
- Sent letter to CIBC requesting online banking services
- Attended SUNSCAD Organizing Committee
- Held first official office hours
- Paid Secretary, Chairperson, Zine Printer, Pigeon Press Coordinator
- Paid Barteaux Labour and Employment Lawyers Inc

Jewell

- Orientation post mortem with NSCAD faculty
- Ran the Instagram
- Updated meeting minutes on website
- Attended Exec meeting (half an hour)

Owen

- Attended Exec meeting
- Chaired Strike Committee meetings
- Met with attorney re SGM conduct, strike vote
- Emailed, called with attorney re financial matters and NSCAD administration matters
- Created videos and text content for instagram, helped by Ziggy, Clem, Jewell
- Sent mass emails to students re strike vote
- Prepared for and attended NSCAD BOG meeting
- Looked into registering two additional students for CFS-NGM meeting
- Communicated with organizations, universities, re Palestine organizing, strike vote
- Worked to organize group walk to vigil on October 7

Beah

- N/A

Mohammed

- N/A

Miranda

- N/A

General things we want to happen (6 month plan)

- November- May plan: institutional happenings, setting up better transitional process for new execs, Dal Legal Aid working on Bylaws
- New Brunswick College of Craft and Design students visited our textiles department for a studio tour; Beah and Chelsea are discussing our textiles students having a field trip to New Brunswick, doing more department exchanges generally
- Can contact Anke (textiles technician) about logistics

Al-Zeitoun Weekend update

- Owen is in talks with SLPK regarding organizing weekend, they will take on some labour; scheduling, securing speakers, etc

Instagram videos, advertising by-election and available positions

- Should make a poster listing all available council positions; grid/table format, Jewell can make it
- No vote occurred; CRO was not present to discuss details

Election timeline

- Discussed advertising elections through videos, social media, posters; hosting a Q+A session with candidates on the Monday before voting opens
- Owen motions to hold the by-election on November 19th-21st, unanimous, motion passed

\$200 honorarium to Kat

- Chelsea motions to offer Kat MacDonald a \$200 Honorarium for organizing the school dance in September, majority in favor, Mohammed abstains, majority, motion passed

Refund for Kat

- Chelsea motions to refund Kat Macdonald \$909.40 for the school dance upon receiving receipts to be partially paid to us by NSCAD, unanimous, motion passed

Kalani's overtime

- Chelsea motions to approve Kalani's overtime, unanimous, motion passed

Items for Zine Press

- Chelsea motions that we allocate a budget of up to \$65 for Zine Press to purchase a long arm stapler and ink pad, to be reimbursed upon receiving receipts, unanimous, motion passed

Strike Committee name change

- Chelsea motions that we accept the SUNSCAD Strike Committee's recommendation to rename itself to the SUNSCAD Organizing Committee, unanimous, motion passed

1:10 pm: Beah and Chelsea leave the meeting, Chelsea gives proxy to Jewell

Announcements

- Next Council Meeting on Thursday, October 24th from 12-2 pm

Owen motions to adjourn the meeting, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 1:12 pm