



Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 3, 2024

Present: Miranda, Owen, Jewell, Mohammed, Chelsea (arrived at 12:17 pm)

Regrets: Beah (gave proxy to Owen)

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: Miranda motions to approve the agenda, unanimous. Motion passed

Minutes: Miranda motions to approve last meeting's minutes, majority. Motion passed

Signatures:

Exec Member

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Reports

Chelsea

- Attended SGM
- Met with payroll company for training today
- Attended strike committee meetings
- Attended occupational health and safety committee meeting
- Attended BOG meeting and BOG AGM

Jewell

- Attended SGM
- Facilitated the last welcome week events - yoga
- Archived and de-archived posts related to strike
- Operated Instagram
- Workshop with CFS NS

Owen

- N/A

Beah

- N/A

Mohammed

- N/A

Miranda

- N/A

Clay Club ratification

- Chelsea motions that we ratify Clay Club, unanimous, motion passed

Owen motions to add to the agenda: talking to Lauren Philips, press going forward, majority, motion passed

Calling by-election for Fall, advertising Council positions

12:38 pm- Miranda leaves the meeting, gives proxy to Chelsea

12:41 pm- Miranda returns

- Owen motions that SUNSCAD holds its 2024 by-election on the week of November 4th to November 8th, unanimous, motion passed
- Owen motions that SUNSCAD offers the position of CRO to Julia, unanimous, motion passed

Print Club ratification

- Chelsea motions to ratify Print Club, unanimous, motion passed

NGM Candidates

12:47 pm- Owen motions to go in camera

12:52 pm- Owen motions to go out of camera

- Owen motions that SUNSCAD considers spending \$1000 on a ticket for the SUNSCAD member Elizabeth Graham to be the second student to represent SUNSCAD at the 2024 CFS NGM, unanimous vote against, motion failed

BOG updates

12:55 pm- Owen motions to go in camera

1:04 pm- Owen motions to go out of camera

1:04 pm- Miranda motions to take a 5 minute recess for pizza, majority, motion passed

1:10 pm- Meeting resumes

Referendum results post

- Miranda suggests posting about big decisions immediately in the future, some students this week were still unsure of the vote results
- Jewell will make the results email from Julia into a post
- Owen motions to post an update on Instagram with the referendum results, unanimous, motion passed

Reposting pro-Palestine rallies

- Strike Committee suggested reposting pro-Palestine demonstrations happening in Halifax
- Miranda motions that Jewell reposts on our Instagram about the ACPS march happening on October 5th, with a disclaimer about the possibility of police presence at the event, unanimous, motion passed

Funding for Ellen

- Ellen is asking for \$150/week to cover miscellaneous costs, is working on accessing funding from Mindful Campus grant
- Owen motions that we approve funding of \$100/wk for Pigeon Press materials purchasing and that we additionally provide Ellen with \$400 one-time funding for

making bulk purchases for the starting up of Pigeon Press, majority vote in favor, Mohammed abstains, motion passed

Funding for Elliot

- Elliot requested a 5 TB external hard drive and a 256 GB SD card- \$264.40 with tax
- Owen motions that we fund Elliot for this purchase with a budget of up to \$275, and that we clarify that these items would be purchased by SUNSCAD for the purpose of the Archive and would continue to belong to SUNSCAD after Elliot is done using them, majority vote in favor, Mohammed abstains, majority, motion passed

Reimburse Ziggy

- Chelsea motions that we reimburse Ziggy \$40.23 for the purchase of pink and blue pastel papers from Staples, unanimous, motion passed

Approve Jewell's overtime

- Chelsea moves that we approve Jewell's timesheet from August 9th- 22nd for 4.2 additional hours, majority vote in favor, Jewell abstains, majority, motion passed

Talk with Lauren Phillips, press going forward

1:40 pm- Owen motions to go in camera

1:50 pm- Owen motions to go out of camera

- Owen motions that SUNSCAD Council continues in its discussions with media and press regarding efforts that went into the strike referendum and the Special General Meeting that happened at NSCAD, and that Owen reaches out to other students who might be interested in speaking to the media, unanimous, motion passed

Senate positions

- Admin recommended Execs/Councilors not to sit on Senate committees, as some meet quite often
- Consider publicly listing available seats, inviting students to volunteer for committees
- Opportunity to promote governance of SUNSCAD/NSCAD, show how we are advocating for students, and advertise the by-election
- Owen will distribute the Senate committees list to councilors of SUNSCAD

Orientation costs

- Discussed outstanding costs associated with Orientation- Chelsea shares document with events and their budgets/actual costs
- Chelsea motions to pay Kat Macdonald \$500 for the DJ, and upon receipt, to repay Jewell \$50 for board games, unanimous, motion passed
- CFS is covering all costs of their workshop

Covid test purchase

- University of King's College Student Union is interested in splitting a bulk order of covid tests with us
- We could get tests for free through an organization, can look into this
- No vote occurred

2:11 pm- Miranda leaves, gives proxy to Chelsea

Weekend of programming

- Strike Committee discussed booking the Bell Auditorium, inviting students to hear about pro-Palestine topics, history of organizing, etc, from various speakers
- Owen motions that SUNSCAD holds a weekend of programming called Al-Zeitoun Weekend, from November 2nd- November 3rd, unanimous, motion passed

Furniture recommendations

2:15 pm- Miranda returns

- Owen motions that we give Julia a green light to: 1. Advocate for repair/replacement of the water fountain in the Student Lounge, 2. Take steps to provide a "safety section" within the Student Lounge that would include safer sex products, noise-cancelling earbuds, drug harm prevention info, front desk info (including phone #), and crisis help info, and 3. For them to create signage denoting garbage, compost, recycling, and to get Lysol wipes for easier cleaning of surfaces, unanimous, motion passed
- Julia recommended adding a couch, chair to the Student Lounge from Ikea ~\$1900 total
- Discussed lower cost options- Facebook marketplace, Value Village, Habitat ReStore Dartmouth
- Owen motions to suggest to Julia that if they want to see if facilities will make these purchases, we would encourage them to do so, and if not, we would look into purchases within our institution's budget, unanimous, motion passed

E-motions

- 9/17/24: Owen motions that SUNSCAD spend \$5 per “Freedom of Information Act Request” that we submit to NSCAD University, requesting various pieces of information from NSCAD, as discussed at the last Strike Committee meeting, and that we submit up to 9 requests total, for up to \$45 total, majority, motion passed
- 9/24/24: Owen motions that, given that at the 2024 AGM, a motion was passed to allow the SUNSCAD Council to remove all references to the resource coordinator from the by-laws, and given that this work has been undertaken but is not yet completed at the time that the Council has voted to hold the strike referendum, we now motion to replace all references to ‘resource coordinator’ with respect to holding a referendum with chief returning officer or ‘CRO’. Therefore, any and all tasks previously delegated to the resource coordinator for holding a referendum will now be delegated to the CRO, majority, motion passed
- 10/3/24: Owen motions that Owen be permitted to contact and meet with SUNSCAD’s attorney, Andrea, on the matter of NSCAD allegedly/potentially withholding union dues, to seek legal council on this matter, majority, motion passed
- 10/4/24: Owen motions that SUNSCAD provides the necessary funding to send Miranda as the second SUNSCAD member to the 2024 CFS NGM, this November, majority, motion passed

Announcements

- Next Council Meeting on Thursday, October 10th from 12-2 pm

Miranda motions to adjourn the meeting, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 2:22 pm