



Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 1, 2025

Present: Owen, Beah, Jewell, Ziggy, Miranda, Julien, Aaron, Chelsea, Kalani, Karina

Regrets: Clem (gave proxy to Chelsea), Shay, Aadil

Absent:

Chair: Kalani

Secretary: Karina

Kalani calls the meeting to order at 4:49 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 moves to approve the agenda, majority. Motion passed

Minutes: Aaron moves to approve last meeting's minutes, unanimous. Motion passed

Signatures:

Exec Member

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Reports

Chelsea

Council Report:

- Attended call with National Student Health Network
- Aided in Food Bank delivery reception and coordination in light of previous Food Bank Coordinator (FBC)'s departure from SUNSCAD
- Met with previous FBC in order to come up with a plan and find out what knowledge needs to be transferred
- Interviewed FB volunteer for FBC position, following recommendation from previous FBC
- Held office hours and answered Health Plan questions
- Attended Executive Working Meetings and Executive Meetings
- Attended SUNSCAD Organizing Committee (SOC) meetings and SOC Outreach Sub-Committee meetings and took minutes/notes
- Assisted in planning of “(un)rest” exhibition and related events alongside SUNSCAD Organizing Committee
- Follow up with SOC members regarding tasks they agreed to
- Meet with David Strong of Strong Accounting
- Met with Scott from BookCo regarding bookkeeping
- Attended meeting with Dal Legal Aid regarding bylaws
- Worked on yearly budget and writing cheques

Jewell

Council Report:

- Posted and collected resumes from interviewees
- Attended hiring committee meeting for Zine Press Printer
- Made and posted SUNSCAD office hours
- Instagram operation
- Attended Exec meeting (last week)
- Sent O-week reimbursement request to VP Finance

Owen

Council Report:

- Met with GreenShield admin, NSHN, with Chelsea
- Attended and Chaired SUNSCAD Organizing Committee meetings
- Attended and Chaired SUNSCAD Hiring Committee meetings
- Attended and Chaired SUNSCAD Bylaw Committee meetings
- Attended meeting with Feed Nova Scotia

- Attended meetings with Dal legal aid for Food Bank Policy
- Attended meetings with Dal legal aid for SUNSCAD Bylaws
- Wrote a lengthy proposal for changes to the SUNSCAD Bylaws, to be presented to Bylaw committee
- Met with a student union leader in PEI, virtually, to participate in a discussion/study on "global realities in canadian student organizing"
- Met with Dave, prospective Accountant for SUNSCAD
- Attended SUNSCAD Outreach subcommittee meeting
- Attended and assisted in facilitating programming for (un)rest exhibition, and its surrounding project
- Provided a phone interview for Lauren Philips, The Coast, regarding the exhibition, and NSCAD's reaction to it
- Provided comments for an academic article being published by a Concordia professor regarding the suppression of pro-Palestine speech and action throughout "Canada"
- Attended CFS-NS Provincial Executive meeting
- Received funding from CFS for travel to Montreal, Feb 7-9, for the CRUES Provincial General meeting
- Set up meetings with Concordia student union staff during Feb 7-9

Hiring Committee:

- Interviewed 6 candidates
- Recommended to Hire Emma (Crow) as SUNSCAD Zine Press Printer
- Recommended for Council to consider additional Zine Press position (Nour?)

Bylaw Committee:

- Recommended addition of SUNSCAD Zine Press Bylaw (working with Dal Legal Aid)

Student Organizing Committee:

- Posters taken down at Duke and Academy, may pursue
- Requested de-escalation training, following an incident during the (un)rest exhibition
- Interest in a regular full-day weekly booking of the FAB, for meetings, Organizing, and events

Ziggy

Council Report:

- Continuing advocacy for a student
- Attended Bylaw Committee
- Attended Senate Exec Meeting
- Attended Senate Research Committee Meeting
- Attended Exec Meetings
- Chaired the SOC Outreach Subcommittee
- Attended SUNSCAD Organizing Committee

Aadil

- N/A

Miranda

- N/A

Julien

- N/A

Clem

- N/A

Aaron

- N/A

Shay

- N/A

Beah

- N/A

Queer Collective ratification

- Miranda moves to ratify the Queer Collective as specified in the ratification form that was submitted, majority, motion passed

Territorial acknowledgement**Aaron leaves at 5:01 pm**

- Alexina gives her perspective on this as an indigenous student, is willing to be a consultant, but shouldn't be the only one
- Exec will do the majority of brainstorming, and run things by the affected demographic/s before publishing

Aaron returns at 5:06 pm**Survey for report to BOG**

- Julia said they would send Chelsea information about this but aren't present at the meeting
- Owen moves to table this item to next Council, unanimous, motion tabled

Zine Press position

- Beah moves that we create and begin hiring for the position of Material Designer for up to 5 hours a week at a rate of \$18/hr, and that we open this position for hiring within the week, with the Hiring Committee consisting of all of its current members, unanimous, motion passed

Couches in recording room

- Ziggy can investigate this with facilities and others and report back at the next Council meeting

Evan- Academy

- Owen moves to table this item to next meeting, unanimous, motion tabled

What to do with funds

5:56 pm- Miranda leaves the meeting

6 pm- Miranda returns

- Beah moves that Owen reaches out to NSCAD with the intention of renting or obtaining the FAB, and bring the results to our next Council meeting, unanimous, motion passed

Credit union agents (remove)

- Owen moves to table this to Executive, unanimous, motion tabled

Wages for staff/contractors

- Owen asks for feedback from Council, no vote occurred

Consent week

- Miranda is in discussion with Venus Envy about various events for consent week- total would be \$750+tax
- Miranda will forward the budget to some people who could help cover costs
- Beah moves to table this item to the next Executive meeting, unanimous, motion tabled

Hot food in Student Lounge

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

Items for student lounge, student cleaner

- Chelsea moves to table this item, unanimous, motion tabled

E-motions

- 1/25: Aaron moves to allocate up to \$150 for reimbursement of the purchase of snacks and necessary materials associated with the “(un)rest” exhibition and related events (January 25-29), majority in favor, two abstentions, majority, motion passed

Announcements

- Next Council Meeting on Saturday, February 15th from 4-6 pm

Owen motions to adjourn the meeting, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm