



Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 16, 2025

Present: Jewell, Julian, Chelsea, Clem, Owen, Miranda, Aadil, Ziggy, Shay, Aaron, Kalani, Karina

Regrets: Beah (gave proxy to Chelsea)

Absent:

Chair: Kalani

Secretary: Karina

Kalani calls the meeting to order at 5:37 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: N/A

Signatures:

Reports

Chelsea

- Answered GreenShield inquiry emails
- Met with temporary accountant
- Worked on compiling and organizing budgets, payroll numbers, and remittances
- Called with Dal Legal Aid re: Food Bank Policy
- Attend SUNSCAD Organizing Committee (SOC) meeting
- Attended SOC Outreach Sub-Committee meeting
- Discussed GreenShield returns with Owen

Jewell

- Coordinated with OSE and O&B for winter orientation
- Assisted with welcome week events
- Purchased merch and printed posters for Food Bank
- Social media management
- Assisted Zine Press printer process
- Assisted with online banking

Owen

- Participated in national discussion on future of student organizing tactics on “Canadian” campuses, centered around pro-Palestine organizing
- Tabled at orientation. Talked with new students
- Assisted in establishing small collective mural in student lounge
- Picked up and returned food and items for orientation from glitter bean
- Engaged with discourse with admin and OSE regarding graffiti and chalkboards in washrooms
- Met with Dal legal aid about bylaws
- Met with Dal legal aid about food bank policy
- Chaired SUNSCAD organizing Committee
- Met with members of the CFS national executive
- Furthered coordinating plans for CFS and SUNSCAD presence at Quebec provincial general meeting
- Attended Executive meetings
- Attended meetings in office

Aadil

- Attended Exec meeting
- Attended Orientation

Miranda

- Queer Collective coming back soon with Lorelei in charge

Ziggy

- Assisted with winter orientation
- Conducted interviews with students on the student experience
- Edited notes related to interviews
- Continued advocating for the compensation of a student
- Attended SOC and chaired SOC Outreach Subcommittee

Beah

- N/A

Julien

- N/A

Clem

- N/A

Aaron

- N/A

Shay

- N/A

Things we want to see happen

- Need to address common student problems- mice around campus, accessibility policy, OSE wait times
- No vote occurred

Territorial acknowledgement discussion

- Chelsea will invite Alexina to the next meeting
- Owen moves to table this item, unanimous, motion tabled

CUPE 3192

- Shay provides an update on CUPE bargaining, more information to come soon
- No vote occurred

Student Lounge improvements?

- Need to overhaul the student lounge to improve visuals, comfort, functionality
- Julien can present a list of steps for improvements at the next meeting
- No vote occurred

6:37 pm: Chelsea leaves, gives proxy to Clem

6:40 pm: Chelsea returns

6:46- Ziggy moves that we take a 10 minute recess, unanimous, motion passed

6:57- Meeting resumes

Consent week

- Queer Collective and Miranda, Ziggy and Chelsea can work on this
- Lorelei Smith could do bystander/intervention training
- No vote occurred

Survey for report to BOG

- Julia (Commissioner) was tasked with surveying students for a report
- Owen moves to table this item due to Julia not being at the meeting, unanimous, motion tabled

Future of Zine Press and Crit paper

- Ziggy moves that we form a SUNSCAD Zine Press Structuring and Planning Committee with Ziggy as Chair, and Aaron, Clem, Chelsea, Owen, Miranda, and Aadil as members, unanimous, motion passed

(un)rest exhibition

- Chelsea moves that the poster for the exhibit “(un)rest” at the Treaty Space Gallery be posted to the SUNSCAD Instagram grid, majority in favor, Julien and Clem abstain, motion passed

Ziggy motions to adjourn the meeting, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm