



## Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 1, 2025

Present: Clem, Julien (gave proxy to Owen at 5:30 pm), Aaron, Miranda, Owen, Ziggy (gave proxy to Clem at 5:52 pm), Aadil, Shay, Jewell, Beah, Chelsea, Kalani, Karina

Regrets:

Absent:

Chair: Kalani

Secretary: Karina

Kalani calls the meeting to order at 4:13 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, unanimous. Motion passed

Owen moves to add "discussion of the Art Bar in conjunction with Pigeon Press", unanimous, amendment passed

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

Signatures:

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## **Reports**

### **Chelsea**

#### **Council Report:**

- Attended Bylaw Committee meetings
- Attended SUNSCAD Organizing Committee Outreach Subcommittee
- Called with bookkeeper at BookCo
- Attended Ecology Action Centre's "Halifax Town Hall" in hopes of better understanding other local efforts by other communities
- Attended SUNSCAD Organizing Committee
- Attended Zine Press Committee
- Attended CRO Hiring Committee
- Held office hours
- Met with faculty to smooth communication gap
- Attended BoG Financial and Physical Resources Committee meeting
- Paid some employees and contractors through e-transfer
- Attended BoGxSenate governance meeting
- Attended Exec meeting
- Met with Health Plan facilitator through CFS (Navya)

### **Jewell**

#### **Council Report:**

- Held office hours
- Joined Student Lounge Committee
- Made post and updated student survey to Instagram and Linktree
- Attended Exec meeting
- Facilitated CRO hiring process
- Posted job opportunity of The Heritage Trust of NS

### **Owen**

#### **Council Report:**

- Chaired Bylaw Committee
- Chaired SUNSCAD Organizing Committee
- Chaired Hiring Committee: Hired 2 "Material Designers" and one "CRO"
- Attended Exec meeting
- Attended SUNSCAD Outreach subcommittee

- Attended SUNSCAD Zine Press Committee
- Attended CFS Federal Election Committee, advocated for more direct-student-action focused election resources
- Met with GreenShield representative with Chelsea
- Met with Dal Legal Aid regarding Food Bank Policy
- Met with Dal Legal Aid regarding rewriting bylaws
- Met with Karin Cope and Ziggy to workshop Senate motion
- Met with NSCAD faculty to discuss pro-Palestine organizing possibilities
- Attended meetings with local labour groups, including call with union President of Amazon workers in Laval, Quebec
- Held calls with Student Union Presidents locally and nationally regarding Actions happening in March (particularly the Quebec Strike)
- Met with local student organizing groups at Dalhousie and NSCAD
- Hosted Orientation meeting for newly hired contractors
- Attended NSCAD Senate
- Attended Meeting between NSCAD Senate and Board of Governors

#### Bylaw Committee:

- Continued to liaise with Dal Legal Aid
- Aiming to conclude Bylaw rewriting in the next 2 weeks, to present proposal to Council

#### SUNSCAD Organizing Committee:

- 2 Poster/banner making days: March 6, 3-5 PM; March 21, 3-5 PM
- Al Zeitoun Days, Programing, teach-ins, during March 24-28?

#### **Ziggy**

##### Council Report:

- Attended Bylaw Committee
- Chaired Outreach Subcommittee
- Attended Senate Exec. Meeting
- Attended Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting
- Finished Consensus Survey
- Met with SUNSCAD President and a faculty member to discuss Senate motion
- Attended Organizing Committee
- Chaired Zine Press Committee
- Attended Senate
- Attended Quality Assurance Committee
- Attended Price Award Committee
- Attended Joint Senate-BoG Workshop
- Held office hours

#### **Aaron**

##### Student Lounge Committee:

- Started chat but have yet to host the first meeting
- Posterred

Graffiti Policy Committee:

- Started chat but have yet to host the first meeting

**Aadil**

- N/A

**Beah**

- N/A

**Miranda**

- N/A

**Julien**

- N/A

**Shay**

- N/A

**Clem**

- N/A

#### **Survey for report to BoG**

- Main takeaways: Need to improve communication, publication of meetings, accessibility of minutes

**4:49 pm- Beah leaves**

- Ziggy, Julia will coordinate on information to be released, Material Designers will design, Owen will send the information in emails, Jewell will post it to Instagram
- No vote occurred

**4:52 pm- Beah returns**

**Owen moves to amend the agenda to add a motion to allocate funds for U-Haul and couch, majority in favor, 1 abstention, unanimous, motion passed**

#### **Board/Senate meeting, Port Campus Update**

- First joint Senate and Board of Governors meeting, productive meeting, sentiment negative towards Port move

**5:00 pm- Miranda moves to recess for 7 minutes**

**5:08 pm- Meeting resumes**

- Should emphasize improvements we have seen with the new President
- No vote occurred

**New proposed territorial acknowledgement feedback**

- Owen and Chelsea will meet to work on this
- No vote occurred

**Tax forms for contractors, reps, past staff**

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

**Art bar/Pigeon Press**

- Ellen (Pigeon Press Coordinator) wants to contact admin regarding opportunities for Pigeon Press within the Art Bar, and some other Pigeon Press items
- Aaron can email admin about this, will cc Ellen
- No vote occurred

**Hot food in Food Bank**

- Julia is not present to provide an update
- Owen moves to table this item, majority, motion tabled

**Compensation for SUNSCAD Chair and Secretary**

- Owen moves that we amend standing resolution X to replace X with X

**5:30 pm- Julien leaves the meeting, gives proxy to Owen**

- Ziggy moves to amend Standing Resolution 1 such that Chair and Secretary pay be raised to minimum wage or \$20/hour, whichever is higher, majority in favor, 1 abstention, unanimous, amendment passed
- Whereas Chairperson and Secretary are positions currently filled by our most longstanding contractors, Owen moves to amend Standing Resolution 1 such that Chair

and Secretary pay be raised to minimum wage or \$20/hour, whichever is higher, majority in favor, 1 abstention, unanimous, motion passed

- Owen moves to suspend Robert's Rules of Order as a privileged motion, 7 in favor, 1 opposed, 3 abstentions, majority, motion passed

#### **Providing supplies for Student Lounge**

- Aaron moves that \$100 be put towards cleaning supplies for all Student Lounges across all campuses, including, but not limited to, brooms, rags, and spray bottles
- Miranda moves to amend the the motion from "\$100" to "up to \$100", majority in favor, 1 abstention, unanimous, amendment passed
- Aaron moves that up to \$100 be put towards cleaning supplies for all student lounges across all campuses, including, but not limited to, brooms, rags, and spray bottles, majority in favor, 1 abstention, unanimous, motion passed

#### **Selecting students to fill seats on Policy and Planning Committee**

- Ziggy moves that Ziggy sits on the Policy and Planning Committee, majority in favor, 1 abstention, unanimous, motion passed

#### **Selecting students to fill seats on Graduate Committee**

**5:52 pm- Ziggy leaves the meeting, gives proxy to Clem**

- Jewell is interested, Shay can also talk to first year MFAs to find someone who can be on the committee longer-term
- Owen moves that we appoint Jewell to sit on the Graduate Committee, majority in favor, 1 abstention, unanimous, motion passed

#### **Al-Zeitoun programming**

- Owen moves to table this item, majority in favor, 1 abstention, unanimous, motion tabled

#### **Allocate funds for U-Haul for couch**

- Owen moves that we allocate up to 60\$ for a U-Haul and up to \$50 for a couch to replace the couch in the sound recording room at Academy
- Beah moves to amend the motion to "up to 60\$ for U-Haul and up to \$200 for a couch," unanimous, amendment passed
- Owen moves that we allocate up to 60\$ for a U-Haul and up to \$200 for a couch to replace the couch in the sound recording room at Academy, unanimous, motion passed

### **Announcements**

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

Miranda moves to adjourn the meeting, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm