



## Council Meeting Minutes

Date: November 22, 2024

Present: Miranda, Aadil, Chelsea, Beah, Owen, Jewell (gave proxy to Chelsea until arriving at 5:25 pm), Julien, Clem, Ziggy (arrived at 5:28 pm), Aaron (arrived at 5:29 pm), Kalani

Regrets: Karina

Absent: Shay

Chair: Kalani

Secretary: Karina

Kalani calls the meeting to order at 5:09 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

-Chelsea moves to amend the agenda to add discussion of the secretary contract, Owen moves to amend the agenda to add 'approve Welcome Week budget' as the third item, unanimous, amendments passed

Minutes: N/A

Signatures:

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## Reports

### Chelsea

#### Council Report:

- Held office hours
- Met with Dal Legal Aid about SUNSCAD Bylaws and Food Bank Bylaws
- Attended Executive meetings
- Attended SUNSCAD Organizing Committee and Outreach Subcommittee
- Attended FPR investment policy subcommittee
- Created Pigeon Press spreadsheet for tracking expenses
- Paid Executives and contractors
- Met with temp accountant re payroll and accounting
- Called with CFS and NSHN

### Owen

#### Council Report:

- Attended SUNSCAD Exec and Working meetings
- Attended SUNSCAD Organizing Committee Meetings as Chair
- Attended SUNSCAD Organizing Outreach Committee Meetings as Member
- Met with Dal Legal Aid about SUNSCAD Bylaws
- Met with Dal Legal Aid about Food Bank Bylaws
- Met with our Attorney, to create lawsuit of NSCAD regarding unreturned Union Dues
- Established agreement with NSCAD that Union Dues will be released to SUNSCAD, withdrew threat of lawsuit. Pending confirmation of Funds
- Attended Board of Governors meeting, represented SUNSCAD member interests
- Attended Advancement Committee of the NSCAD Board of Governors
- Assisted in authoring card to Dr. Shannon, thanking her for services as NSCAD President
- Attended meetings with National Student Health Services. Finally sorting out all outstanding conflicts with GreenShield. Mass email to all students should go out today updating students regarding their refunds, and the delivery of insurance
- Met with Lauren Philips, the Coast, regarding local story of student interest
- Attended five-day National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of students. 2 students, Miranda and Alexina, from NSCAD were ratified as members of the CFS National Executive
- Met with OSE regarding Winter Orientation plans

- Met with various SUNSCAD Staff

#### SUNSCAD Organizing Committee (SOC):

- Request for funding for Banner making
- Bell Auditorium Film Screening – Nov 30
- Monthly Warm meal request
- Better Printer maintenance request
- SUNSCAD “report to the Board” and Survey idea

#### **Jewell**

##### Council Report:

- Attended Exec and Council meetings
- Attended Orientation planning meeting
- Met with Glitter Bean coordinator and Pizza Pizza coordinator for catering for Orientation

#### **Mohammed**

##### Council Report:

- Attended Exec meeting

#### **Beah**

##### Council Report:

- Ran knitting circle
- Planning final knitting circle

##### Feminist Collective Revitalization Committee:

- Committee is not active

#### **Miranda**

- Attended CFS NGM
- Was elected the Queer and 2Spirit Rep for the National Executive of CFS

#### **Report from CRO**

- Julia (CRO) shares who won each position
- More student engagement than last semester
- Owen moves to table this item to next Council, unanimous, motion tabled

#### **Ratifications**

- Chelsea moves to ratify Ziggy Kirch as VP Academic, Clem Knubley-Greene as Accessibility Rep, Shay Donovan as Master of Fine Arts Rep, Julien Jefferson as Member at Large Rep, and Aaron Abogado as Printmaking Rep

- Owen moves to amend the motion to include “ratify the results of the election as delivered by the CRO”, unanimous, amendment passed
- Chelsea moves to ratify the results of the election as delivered by the CRO: Ziggy Kirch as VP Academic, Clem Knubley-Greene as Accessibility Rep, Shay Donovan as Master of Fine Arts Rep, Julien Jefferson as Member at Large Rep, and Aaron Abogado as Printmaking Rep, unanimous, motion passed

### **Things we want to see happen**

- Working on education about SUNSCAD, increasing student engagement

**Beah motions to add to the agenda: paying Beah Learn to draw portraits of recently ratified Council members and Executive members**

### **FOIPOP**

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

### **Hot food in Food Bank**

- Further research/consult with Facilities is needed in order to proceed with hot food idea

**5:57 pm- Chelsea leaves the meeting**

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

**6:04 pm- Owen moves to recess until 6:10 pm**

### **Funding fiber-related literature**

- Beah moves to create a shared union library and a one-time pre-approved book budget of \$50 for fiber-related literature
- Beah rescinds her motion, will contact Chelsea about the budget
- No vote occurred

### **Approve Orientation budget**

**6:27 pm- Chelsea returns**

- Owen moves for SUNSCAD to approve a budget of approximately \$1870 or less, for the purpose of Orientation Week events and the Orientation Day food, congruent with the

spreadsheet that is presented in front of us at 6:31 pm, majority in favor, 1 abstention, majority, motion passed

#### **Budget for gift bags and food for final knitting circle**

- Beah will fill out an event funding form
- No vote occurred

#### **Banner-making funding**

- Owen moves that we provide funding for the SUNSCAD Organizing Committee to get together and produce banners for long-term purposes for SUNSCAD campaigns, and that we provide \$100 for the purpose of producing two banners, and that they produce as much as they can within that budget, and do not spend any of that budget as not needed, majority, motion passed

#### **Bell Auditorium event funding**

- Owen moves that we publicize the event that is being organized by the SUNSCAD Organizing Committee, and that we approve X amount of money for snacks to be purchased for that event
- Beah moves to amend the amount of money to \$60, majority, 1 abstention, amendment passed
- Owen moves that we publicize the event that is being organized by the SUNSCAD Organizing Committee, and that we approve \$60 for snacks to be purchased for that event, majority, motion passed

#### **SUNSCAD Report to the Board and survey idea**

- Owen moves that the SUNSCAD Executive be mandated to pursue an alternative plan for NSCAD, to be sent to the NSCAD Board of Governors, unanimous, motion passed

#### **Pay Beah to draw portraits**

**6:57 pm- Beah leaves the meeting**

**7:10 pm- Beah returns**

- Beah moves to fund \$440 for her to create portraits of undrawn staff and Council members, majority opposed, 3 abstentions, majority, motion failed

#### **Poster of SUNSCAD members**

- Chelsea moves that a poster be made by the end of the semester, and that people send their images in to Jewell a week prior, unanimous, motion passed

### **Election results sharing**

- Owen moves that the CRO shares with all the candidates how many students voted in total, and the percentage of the student body that voted in the election, unanimous, motion passed

### **E-motions**

- Owen moves to offer continued employment for one additional academic semester to each of our current SUNSCAD contractors (Kalani, Karina (pending Social Insurance Number) Julia, Elliot, Ziggy, Sula); and that this offer of continuation of contract into the Winter semester be an offer which is pending the individual contract documents which Chelsea is facilitating having our lawyer write for each SUNSCAD position, majority, motion passed
- Considering the period following the end of the contract of SUNSCAD's former Resource Coordinator, and that for a period of months while Owen was working for the union, SUNSCAD was without a bookkeeper or accountant, and was not properly reviewing timesheets or delivering paychecks; Owen moves that old timesheets which Owen has submitted to Chelsea be approved despite their delay, under the condition that these timesheets do not include any overtime or carry-forward hours, majority in favor, 1 abstention, majority, motion passed

### **Announcements**

- Next Council Meeting on Friday, December 6th from 12-2 pm

Chelsea moves to adjourn the meeting, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm