

**UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
STUDENT UNION
MINUTES - SIXTH MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
November 22nd, 2009**

The third meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held on Sunday, 22th November 2009. Minutes were taken by Anum Nazir. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair of Council, Jillian Stewart.

PRESENT:	Timothy Cullen Shawn Younis Brittany Fullerton Patrick Callbeck Jenna Bysterveldt Scott Murray Jarrod Faria Sarah MacDonald	Natalie Doyle Jeff MacDougald Scott Murray Sarah Jones Jonathan Millington Billy MacDonald Megan Jennings Emos Abamwa	Bob Deziel Brienne Hibl Amanda Smith Mikhala Brinklow Josh Coles Kate VanGerven Kyle Murnaghan
ABSENT:	Sophia Oppon Danaïet Teame	Rob Livingstone Brittany Banks Emily McKenna	Danielle MacDonald
ALSO PRESENT:	Jillian Stewart (Chair of Council) Heather Love (General Manager)	Zee Giunta (VP Finance) Mike Dunn (CRO)	Anum Nazir (Interim Deputy Chair)

1-1 CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m

2-1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Agenda was approved with proposed changes.

3-1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Minutes were approved with proposed changes.

REPORTS

4.1 PRESIDENT

This is a busy meeting this week, and amazingly enough, it's also our last before 2010. I have a number of things to update you all on, and to give you a heads up about.

Jarrod and I returned from Halifax on Saturday after spending the week at the CASA AGM. We will be giving a report on what happened over the course of the week at a later point in the meeting.

Heather Love and myself will be making a presentation to the university's senior management group (SMG) this Tuesday morning. We have both been surprised on a number of occasions at how little the SMG know about the student union, and how much confusion there is regarding our services and the role we play on campus. Hopefully we will correct some of these things this week.

I am meeting with the Provincial Treasurer on Thursday morning to discuss tuition and future funding from government for PSE. As you all know, the Executive have already met with the Premier and the Minister of Innovation and Advanced Learning on this topic a number of times already, but it is helpful to engage another member of Cabinet and express our concerns and opinions.

This Thursday Heather and I will be meeting with our legal counsel regarding the discovery process for our lawsuit with CFS. Discovery will be taking place in the first two weeks of December and is an important part of the pre-trial process in any lawsuit. I will provide Council with a full report on the discovery proceedings at our first meeting in January.

Also this Thursday, Wade will deliver the annual University Update. This will take place in MacDougall 242 at 4pm and will be followed by a reception. I will be acting as MC and moderator for this event. I was quite surprised last year by the number of students who came out to this presentation, and of course encourage all of you to attend. Following the update there will be a Board of Governors meeting.

4.2 EXECUTIVE VP

Nothing to report.

4.3 VP ACTIVITIES

Nothing to report.

4.4 VP FINANCE

Nothing to report.

4.5 SENATE

Nothing to report.

4.6 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Nothing to report.

4.7 OMBUDSMAN

Nothing to report.

4.8 GSA

The GSA is pleased to be hosting its annual Wine and Cheese event this Wednesday at 7PM in the Student Centre. As usual there will be awards given to both the faculty and staff member of the year. So far, the turnout for voting for these awards has been excellent with over half of the full-time graduate student population voting.

Last week the new office of graduate studies had an open house and invited both students and faculty to come and meet Dr. Brian Wagner, who is now the assistant VP of graduate studies. Graduate students are hopeful that Dr. Wagner will be a powerful voice for all graduate students on campus, and are grateful for the administrative support being offered by this office.

Though not heavily publicised, there is now a graduate scholarship being offered by the graduate studies coordinator within the faculty of science. Applications are due for this award on November 25th, 2008 and this award is open to all graduate students within the faculty of science. The minimum amount awarded by this scholarship is \$1000, and all applicants wanting further information can contact Rob Hurta in the biology department.

4.9 FACULTIES/GROUPS

4.9.1 ARTS

Nothing to Report

4.9.2 BUSINESS

Might hold faculty/student competitions weekly in the new year.

4.9.3 SCIENCE

Biology: Retro Bowling this Friday

4.9.4 NURSING

Not present.

4.9.5 AVC

The Learning Commons is now ready.

4.9.6 INTERNATIONAL REP.

Not available.

4.9.7 ACCESSIBILITY

Not available

4.9.8 RESIDENCE

All Residences had the opportunity to order sweatpants or t-shirts with their Residence name on them.

- Each Residence will have them before the end of exams
- was co-ordinated by RLA's

Bernadine Hall Study rooms now have desks and chairs

Bernie has new tv's in the lounges

Residence students are using the tv in the dining hall more

4.9.10 EDUCATION

Not available

4.9.11 FIRST YEAR REP

Nothing to Report.

5-AMENDED BUDGET PRESENTATION 2009/2010

VP Finance Zee gave a budget report. He invited all students to make an appointment with him to go over the budget. Increase in enrollment allows Student Union to make profit. Decrease in funds from Mickey's Place

because of increased wages. The budget tells how much external financing is required.

6- CRO'S REPORT

Motion: Faria/Cullen: To go in camera, allowing Mike Dunn to stay in the room.

Motion: *Carried*

Motion: Faria/Smith: To go out of camera.

Motion: *Carried*

Motion: Callbeck/S. MacDonald: To approve by-election results.

Motion: *Carried*

7- COUNCILLOR SWEARING IN

Billy Macdonald and Kyle Murnaghan were sworn in.

8- CASA

UPEISU President Timothy Cullen and Executive Vice President Jarrod Faria attended the conference on behalf of the UPEI Student Union. The Dalhousie Student Union hosted the conference in Halifax.

As this was an Annual General Meeting (AGM), the focus of the conference was on internal issues facing the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) at this time. The membership was given the opportunity over several days to discuss the numerous challenges facing a national lobby group with 27 members of different sizes from across Canada.

Noteworthy issues included the voting structure of CASA, which has been debated by the membership at no less than the last three conferences. Once again a motion was brought forward at the AGM by the University of Western Ontario to alter the one member on vote (OMOV) system currently in place. A subsequent vote on the motion was disrupted when the motion was found to be out of order by one of the conference delegates from Mount Royal College and it will be voted on by conference call sometime in early December. As the primary delegate for the UPEISU at both this conference and the Policy and Strategy Conference held this past June in Calgary, I have made it very clear that UPEI is opposed to any voting structure changes that represent a departure from the OMOV system. We will not be supportive of any motion to that effect, and the membership understands that this is our position.

Another important discussion of particular interest to the UPEISU is the topic of CASA's governance structure. The membership is currently overseeing a governance review process that is being led by the Secretary of the organization. The outcome of this process will ultimately be a new constitution (one that will hopefully be accepted by Industry Ontario as valid) and revamped governance system. At this point, it seems to be fairly unanimous that the best way to move forward would be to return to the "board" (referring to a Board of Governors) system that was previously in place before the current system of three Governance Officers. One of the upsides of adopting this proposed new system would be improved oversight and control over the National Director, who has a vast amount of decision-making power right now. Jarrod and I hope to see a more complete plan presented to the membership at the lobby conference in March and we will be certain to report any developments to the Council.

Finally, we were quite pleased with the discussion that took place amongst the membership as a part of its strategic planning process. The approach taken by the organization involved a facilitator who led us through a very similar process to that which Frank Gallant led the UPEISU Council only a few weeks ago. It is our hope that the goals set out in this strategic plan clarifies the role CASA should be trying to play in the PSE community and how it can best serve its members over the next few years.

9- IN CAMERA SESSION

Motion: Cullen/Faria: To go in camera.

Motion: *Carried*

10- HIRING BOARD RESULTS

Motion: Younis/Callback: To go out of camera.

Motion: *Carried*

Motion: Faria/Callback: To approve hiring board results.

Motion: *Carried*

Motion: Deziel/Faria: For policy committee to review the hiring policy.

Motion: *Carried*

11- INSPIRING ALUMNI SPEAKERS SERIES

Not an expensive project-Notable graduates from UPEI as speakers- within budget
One on one involvement at UPEI, student focused; free for students and open for general public
Will take donations to go toward scholarships.

12- EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE NOMINEES

Mallory McKinney has been appointed Education Representative.

13- COUNCIL RETREAT

It was discussed how attendance at the Council Retreat might be improved.
Chair Council will pass on to next years chair that council retreat must be on the first agenda as an item to discuss, and at the second meeting a date will be set.

14- FIRST SEMESTER READING WEEK

It was discussed that a first semester reading week might be implemented. Senate will be approached for approval, and the option will otherwise be brought to referendum.

15- NEW BUSINESS

Council Christmas potluck was discussed. Timothy offered to host before December 15th.
CFS's national meeting is next week (November 22nd-25th). A few motions have been proposed involving the UPEISU.

16- ADJOURNMENT

Time: 9:29

