

**UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
STUDENT UNION
MINUTES - FIFTH MEETING
STUDENT COUNCIL
8 November 2009**

The third meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held on Sunday, November 8th 2009. Minutes were taken by Jillian Stewart. The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Chair of Council, Jillian Stewart.

PRESENT:	Timothy Cullen Brittany Fullerton Jenna Bysterveldt Danaïet Teame Scott Murray Sophia Oppon Megan Jennings	Natalie Doyle Rob Livingstone Emily McKenna Jonathan Millington Jeff MacDougald Scott Murray Patrick Callbeck	Bob Deziel Brienne Hibl Danielle MacDonald Josh Coles Kate VanGerven Emos Abamwa
ABSENT:	Jarrold Faria Danaïet Teame Shawn Younis	Sarah Jones Amanda Smith	Brittany Banks Mikhala Brinklow Sarah MacDonald
ALSO PRESENT:	Jillian Stewart (Chair of Council)	Zee Giunta (VP Finance)	Kate McKenna Frank Gallant

1-1 CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

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

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

REPORTS

4-1 EXECUTIVE

Tonight's meeting will be following a slightly different format because we are very pleased to have Frank Gallant from Antigonish, NS here with us this evening to help the student union put together its first three-year strategic plan. Before we get to that I am going to touch on just a few things that are important that I draw your attention to.

I am very pleased to report that after a number of fruitless years bargaining with the university, we have finally secured access to a student list-serve that we can use to send emails to all of our constituents. This is something that has the potential to drastically improve our communications with students on campus, and that is always something we as a student union are trying to do. I am working with Computer Services on this and expect that we will be set-up and ready to go with this capability in the next week or two.

I am looking for one or more interested Councillors to attend the Remembrance Day ceremony in Charlottetown

on Wednesday. The Student Union has for the past number of years purchased a wreath to be laid at the cenotaph and I welcome anyone who is interested in partaking in the laying of the wreath to let me know. I think it would be great to see a strong turnout from the students of UPEI to show that we appreciate our Veterans.

Jarrold and I will be leaving for Halifax next weekend to attend CASA's AGM. Usually we would be headed to lobby con in Ottawa this month, but it was decided after June's Policy and Strategy meeting in Calgary that we would move AGM to November and hold lobby con sometime in March. We conveniently have a Council meeting following the weekend following the AGM so we will be able to update you shortly after we get back. At this time, the one major issue that is of concern is a motion from the university of Western Ontario (UWO) to alter the voting structure of the group from one member one vote (OMOV) to a weighted voting system. The UPEI Student Union is firmly in support of OMOV and will be arguing against UWO's motion.

The Pandemic Preparedness committee continues to meet. H1N1 is starting to appear on campus. Residence is one of the few places where the administration can actually track how many students are sick. A week and a half ago there were no cases. Today there are at least 5 or more. I am confident that the committee is doing everything it can to protect students, faculty, and staff. It is still unconfirmed, but likely that a vaccination clinic will be held on campus this Thursday, November 12th, for those who wish to get the H1N1 vaccine. My only major concern that has yet to be addressed but is being discussed by the committee is how the university will handle the exam schedule. I am proposing the university adopt measures similar to those of many other institutions across the country who, for example, will not require students to provide a doctor's note if they miss an examination. They will simply arrange to write it on a later date.

The Student Centre Management committee met last week. Several topics were up for discussion, including a proposal put forward by the student union asking the university to rebuild the bus shelter that is outside of the student centre. The shelter is really too small for the number of students who use it while waiting for the bus, or parents/friends to come and pick them up. It also does not do a very good job of protecting those inside from the elements. The cost of rebuilding a shelter would like be somewhere between \$6,000 and \$10,000. The university has asked for our proposal to be submitted to the VP Finance and Facilities for his consideration.

Finally, I would like to close by addressing a very serious issue. It has come to my attention that certain individuals, who shall remain nameless, have been told confidential information regarding some of our employees who work at the student union. A Councillor, or Councillors gave this information to them. I cannot stress enough how serious a breach of ethics and privacy that the sharing of this information constitutes, and I am warning the individual, or individuals, who may be present, that such blatant disregard for the protection of our employees' privacy will not be tolerated. I will not hesitate to move a motion for impeachment of any individual who is found to be sharing information of a confidential nature with anyone who is not supposed to have access to said information.

4-2 FACULTY AND GROUP REPORTS
Arts Pub Crawl coming up.

5- COUNCIL SWEATERS
The UPEI bookstore has offered council a good price on council sweaters. Council will decide on the sweaters and a design at a later meeting.

6- COUNCIL RETREAT
The retreat has been planned for Saturday, November 14th. Drew Dudley will be joining us at 11:00am, and paintballing has been booked for the afternoon. The question is whether to stay together for lunch between the two events or have free time before paintballing.

Motion: D. MacDonald /Jennings: That council has its retreat on Saturday, November 14th, and that it will consist of a presentation by guest speaker Drew Dudley, followed by a pizza lunch and paintballing.

Motion: *Carried*

7- HIRING BOARD RESULTS

Motion: Cullen/ Deziel: To go in camera.

Motion: *Carried*

Motion: Cullen/Doyle: To go out of camera.

Motion: *Carried*

Motion: Cullen/ D. MacDonald: To approve election board results.

Motion: *Carried*

8- EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE

Motion: Cullen/ Coles: That any and all nominations for Education representative be brought forward at the next meeting on November 22nd, and that they be voted on by council at that time.

Motion: *Carried*

9- STRATEGIC PLAN

Motion: Cullen/ Hibl: To grant Frank Gallant speaking rights.

Motion: *Carried*

Frank Gallant helped the council to develop a strategic three year plan that the council will start to work on this year.

10- ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Millington/MacDougald: To adjourn meeting.

Motion: *Carried*

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

