

**UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND  
STUDENT UNION  
MINUTES - NINTH MEETING  
STUDENT COUNCIL  
February 7th 2009**

The ninth meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2010. Minutes were taken by Anum Nazir. The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Chair of Council, Jillian Stewart.

**PRESENT:**

Brittany Fullerton	Natalie Doyle	Bob Deziel
Patrick Callbeck	Jeff MacDougald	Brianne Hibl
Jarrold Faria	Sarah Jones	Amanda Smith
Sarah MacDonald	Jonathan Millington	Mikhala Brinklow
Brittany Banks	Billy MacDonald	Josh Coles
Danaïet Teame	Rob Livingstone	Kate VanGerven
Jenna Bysterveldt	Emos Abamwa	Kyle Murnaghan
Natalie Doyle		

**ABSENT:**

Shawn Younis	Megan Jennings	Scott Murray
Mallory McKinney	Danielle MacDonald	Timothy Cullen

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Jillian Stewart (Chair of Council)	Zee Giunta (VP Finance)	Anum Nazir (Deputy Chair)
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1-1 CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5.07 p.m

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

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

## REPORTS

### 4.1 PRESIDENT

I'll do my best to keep this report as short as possible. I'm sure everyone wants to get home so that they can watch the big game. I do too, although in this case I mean the final of the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, which is going on right now. Team PEI is playing Team Canada in the final.

Since our last meeting I have been busy travelling to St. FX for the inaugural Atlantic Canada Student Summit, attending meetings of the Policy Committee, and ironing out the details for the 2<sup>nd</sup> lecture in our Inspiring Alumni Speakers Series which is taking place this Tuesday night. I am also pleased to report that on Wednesday,

after 6 months of trying to arrange a meeting with Gail Shea, PEI's only MP in the federal cabinet, her office called to say that she would be available for a meeting this past Friday afternoon.

Although it was fairly short notice, CASA's Government Relations Officer Rick Theis and I put together a lobbying strategy for the meeting that was centred on student unemployment and issues with the Canada Student Loan Program. We both felt like it was an extremely relevant topic for the times and that given that the Harper government will be focussing a lot of energy on dealing with the high level of unemployment in this country in the coming months that these issues would be the ones that would gain the most traction with Gail and hopefully the Conservative Caucus. I felt that Gail was interested in what I had to say and she asked a number of questions, as did her EA Philip Brown who also sat in on the meeting. This was also a good opportunity to hand-deliver the Minister an invitation to a lobby meeting with a group from the CASA delegation that will be in Ottawa at the beginning of March for CASA's lobby conference.

Finally, I have started working on a commentary piece for the Guardian regarding tuition increases. It is my hope that they would run the op-ed sometime during the month of March, right when the provincial government will be finalising its budget for the spring session of the legislature, which will start in April.

#### 4.2 EXECUTIVE VP

Nothing to report.

#### 4.3 VP ACTIVITIES

Not Present

#### 4.4 VP FINANCE

Nothing to Report

#### 4.5 SENATE

##### **President's Report:**

International Development Week is this week. Stacy McKinnon will be presenting this month with the Research On Tap series. A further move to more engagement and retention will be seen.

##### **Senate Reform:**

Graduate Representative student on Senate taking the place of one of the undergraduate seats. More senators to come, possibly in Business/Education.

##### **APRC Report:**

New Phd in Molecular and Material Science was introduced and will go on to MPHEC. Discussed APRC looking into external review for new programs. Education in Nunavut (Certificate) was announced as well.

##### **Curriculum Report:**

Education changed titles to some of its courses. Island Studies- cleaned up its program and requirements to become more streamline and understandable. Biology changed some of its requirements, while Psychology necessitated English 101 for all of its 300-level courses.

##### **Recruitment:**

Tamara Leary and Glenda reported on recruitment strategies held by the university. We see a consistent increase in both domestic and international student enrollment.

#### 4.6 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Not present.

#### 4.7 OMBUDSMAN

Nothing to Report

#### 4.8 GSA

The GSA Haiti Relief challenge is wrapping up, and it is expected to reach its goal of \$10,000 in donations next week. At the moment, the total amount donated to the cause sits at approximately \$8,500 after generous donations were made by many members of the UPEI community. The GSA would like to thank all groups who donated to the cause, and of course to those who made their own separate donations to Haiti.

As of early this year, graduate students (excluding those who work in the AVC) who are teacher's assistants, research assistants, or instructors are now part of a union under the direction of the Public Service Alliance of Canada. Negotiations for this group will take place during reading week (February 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>).

#### 4.9 FACULTIES/GROUPS

##### 4.9.1 ARTS

Not received.

##### 4.9.2 BUSINESS

Pubcrawl was a success. Students beat the teachers in Trivia, next week is football. Luncheon is on the 5th, students may purchase tickets for \$25.

##### 4.9.3 SCIENCE

The faculty of science meeting was postponed due to the snow storm. FANS selling tickets on a valentines day basket.

Chemistry+ Biology society made a donation of \$300 to the grad student association to pass on the Red Cross for Haiti relief. A big part on the back goes out to anyone in chemistry classes who donated money.

Biology Society is currently working on organizing a seminar providing workshops for honors and master students.

##### 4.9.4 NURSING

Nothing to Report

##### 4.9.5 AVC

1) AVC's efforts in fundraising for Haiti are going well!! Friday's bottle drive was a huge success, filling a 1/2 ton truck full of bottles/cans/etc. The total money raised will be tallied by next week. Valentine cake sales are also going well. So far, over \$300 has been raised. Cake sales will continue through this Tuesday, and distribution will be on Friday.

2) Saturday, March 6, the AVC Relay for Life team will be hosting a BBQ at the Sobeys on University and Allen St. All proceeds raised will go to the Canadian Cancer Societies Relay for Live, taking place Friday,

March 12 at the sports centre.

3) Many individuals of AVC were very disappointed with the lateness of school closing last Friday. This is not the first time it has happened either. It has been recommended that there be something done to pursue a more accurate and earlier cancellation policy. One recommendation was making use of delays early, as opposed to late cancellations.

#### 4.9.6 INTERNATIONAL REP.

Not received.

#### 4.9.7 ACCESSIBILITY

Not available.

#### 4.9.8 RESIDENCE

##### Shoot For The Cure

Sold 43 T-Shirts

Members of Exec. Sold them in Dining Hall at the times that were advertised

In all Residences the Basketball games were advertised

CANFAR (Canadian Foundation For Aids Research) Heart O' Grams have been distributed to each Exec

these will be circulating more this week as it is the traditional campaign week

\$1 donation (includes pack of gum, HIV/AIDS information pamphlet, Red Ribbon, Condom)

If anyone wants any to sell themselves, I can get more.

##### Whiteboards

courtesy of Pepsi

having a medium size whiteboard installed in each residence

the work order has been placed

this is for the Execs. to write the day's events on

Each Residence is working on various events for February.

They are also beginning to get people rounded up into Teams to participate in Relay for Life.

Exec. Members have a grab bag made up for them by Res Life to Thank Everyone for all the work they have been doing and will be doing.

##### Bernadine Hall

January

Movie Night Weds. January 27<sup>th</sup> – turnout was good

Attempted a Theme party (Dress Up From the Waist Up)

Very few participated; however, advertising was poor and the theme confusing

##### Andrew Hall

have had calendars up for January and February

Process of planning a Casino Night for March

##### Blanchard Hall

Resignation of one member of Exec.

Working on February events

Each Residence is learning and adapting to make the Execs. function and are very excited for February's events.

#### 4.9.10 EDUCATION

Not present.

#### 4.9.11 FIRST YEAR REP

Nothing to Report

#### 5-POLICY COMMITTEE

Sarah, Rob and Jill discussed Policy's Committee's plans for the upcoming referendum. They proposed that one student senate position would be reserved for a graduate student, that the Graduate Student Association seat on council be changed to a Graduate Student Seat, and that a fifth executive member would be added; VP Communications. These questions will be voted on at the next council meeting.

The next council meeting was changed from February 21<sup>st</sup> to February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

#### 6-COUNCILLOR IMPEACHMENT

Danaiet Teame appealed her impeachment. Council voted not to have her impeached.

#### 7-NEW BUSINESS

#### 8-ADJOURNMENT

**MacDougald/ Millington:** Motion to adjourn

**Motion:** *Carried*

Time: 5:44