

# Students' Representative Council

## September Meeting Minutes

October 5th, 2016

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**Attendance:** Jacob Daley, Jon Patterson, Charlotte Denny, Brandon MacDonald, Taylor Burton, Chelsea Courtney, Libby Morrison, Amanda Cameron, Julia Ellsworth, Matt Shallo, Roy Karam

**Regrets:** Cyril MacDonald

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### 1.0) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. and attendance was taken.

### 2.0) Approval of Agenda

**Libby Morrison** requested to make an amendment, regarding the addition of the “Green Residents Challenge” to the agenda under “Other Business”, as 16.1. **Roy Karam** requested to make an amendment, regarding the addition of “Financial Statement Approval for Year End May 31, 2015”, as 5.0, as well as the addition of “Financial Statement Approval for Year End May 31, 2016”, as 6.0. **Jacob Daley** requested to make an amendment, regarding the addition of “Lockdown” to the agenda under “Other Business” as 16.2.

MOTION [100516.01]

Jacob Daley/ Chelsea Courtney

BIMT the SRC approves the agenda

All in favour

MOTION CARRIED

**3.0) Approval of Minutes – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

MOTION [100516.02]

Matt Shallo/ Charlotte Denny

BIMT the SRC approves the minutes  
of August 31, 2016

All in favour

MOTION CARRIED

**4.0) Correspondence**

None received

**5.0) Financial Statement Approval for Year End May 31, 2015**

**Taylor Burton** requested to go into camera so he could speak  
freely about the impact legal matters have had on the Financial  
Statements.

MOTION [100516.03]

Taylor Burton/ Brandon MacDonald

BIMT the SRC goes into camera

All in favour

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION [100516.04]

Taylor Burton/ Brandon MacDonald

BIMT the SRC goes out of camera

All in favour

MOTION CARRIED

**Taylor Burton** presented the draft of the Financial Statement for  
Year End May 31, 2015 to the SRC for approval.

MOTION [100516.05]

Jacob Daley/ Charlotte Denny

BIMT the SRC approves Financial  
Statement for Year End May 31,  
2015

All in favour  
MOTION CARRIED

**6.0) Financial Statement Approval for Year End May 31, 2016**

**Taylor Burton** presented the draft of the Financial Statement for Year End May 31, 2016 to the SRC for approval.

MOTION [100516.06]      Jacob Daley/ Brandon MacDonald  
BIMT the SRC approves Financial Statement for Year End May 31, 2016  
All in favour  
MOTION CARRIED

**7.0) Executive Reports**

**7.1) President**

**Roy Karam** presented his written report; see attached.

MOTION [100516.07]      Matt Shallo/ Brandon MacDonald  
BIMT the SRC approves the Presidential Report  
All in favour  
MOTION CARRIED

**7.2) Executive Vice President**

**Brandon MacDonald** presented his written report; see attached.

MOTION [100516.08]      Matt Shallo/ Chelsea Courtney  
BIMT the SRC approves the Executive Vice President Report  
All in favour / Brandon MacDonald abstains  
MOTION CARRIED

**7.3) VP Finance and Operations**

**Taylor Burton** presented his written report; see attached.

MOTION [100516.09]      Charlotte Denny/ Jacob Daley  
BIMT the SRC approves the VP  
Finance and Operations Report  
All in favour / Taylor Burton  
abstains  
MOTION CARRIED

**7.4) VP Promotions**

**Matt Shallo** presented his written report; see attached.

MOTION [100516.10]      Julia Ellsworth/ Brandon MacDonald  
BIMT the SRC approves the VP  
Promotions Report  
All in favour / Matt Shallo abstains  
MOTION CARRIED

**8.0) Board of Governors Update**

**Roy Karam** updated the Students' Representative Council on the Sept 19<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors meeting, regarding the board choosing not to lay off faculty and instead adopt a Ten-Year Plan.

**9.0) Online Voting**

**Roy Karam** updated the Students' Representative Council on the potential change in the voting system. The issue is that it would be through a third party company. This means that the registers office would need to be on board with the process. Another issue is that it comes with a cost, but there is a \$3000 budget for elections. Switching to online voting would also take away two 12-hour shifts from students that are employed when there is a paper vote.

The pros and cons will be weighed. One pro is that there would potentially be a larger voter turnout.

#### **10.0) Students Nova Scotia**

**Roy Karam** updated the Students' Representative Council on Students Nova Scotia meeting with two MLAs in Halifax. Given being members of two lobbying organizations, it is not fusible to belong to two large federations. Therefore, the Executive will explore the possibility of a referendum. A Students Nova Scotia Rep. is invited to speak at the first full SRC Meeting.

#### **11.0) Canadian Federation of Students**

##### **11.1) Conference Update**

**Roy Karam** updated the Students' Representative Council on a weekend long skills symposium focused on professional development. **Jacob Daley** spoke about his SRC members report at this time; see attached.

##### **11.2) National Letter**

**Roy Karam** mentioned that CBUSU was sued by the 'Canadian Federation of Students' in case anyone was not aware. Roy mentioned a letter and reform package that will be presented at the national general meeting of CFS, that was signed by multiple university student unions. CBUSU has put their name on this, and this was decided on an Executive level. This letter and reform package addresses many issues and opinions on CFS to be brought forward, and make CFS better.

#### **12.0) Frosh Week Update**

This was mentioned earlier in the meeting in an Executive Report.

**Note:** Matt Shallo left the SRC Meeting at 7:33 pm for an appointment.

### **13.0) Mayoral Debate**

**Roy Karam** updated the Students' Representative Council about the on-campus Mayoral Debate. There is an event page on Facebook, and refreshments will be provided. It will be held in the Student Engagement Center instead of the cafeteria.

### **14.0) Member Reports/ Feedback**

**Jacob Daley** referred to his written report; see attached.

### **15.0) Question Period**

**Chelsea Courtney** commented that this section of the agenda is rarely used. **Amanda Cameron** inquired about debit cards being used for societies. **Jon Patterson** was not sure if this would be a good idea as the SBUSU keeps track of these finances. He brought up a previous issue and accountability. **Roy Karam** suggested that a monthly financial statement could be an option. **Taylor Burton** suggested a friendly head nod that this would be considered. **Libby Morrison** inquired if societies could start holding meetings yet, and **Jon Patterson** approved within reason.

### **16.0) Other Business**

#### **16.1) Green Res Challenge**

**Roy Karam** referred to the Environmental Sustainability Committee trying to make the campus greener with a Residential challenge. **Libby Morrison** refereed to the written report; see attached. The council discussed possible changes to this challenge specifically to make it more student-friendly and less parental, such as being more waste focused, and including prizes.

## **16.2) Lockdown**

**Jacob Daley** expressed student concerns about the closing and reopening of schools during lockdown. Many students live a distance from the university, and do not know if they should return home or idle in Sydney until the possible university reopening. There is also the concern of safety. Jacob suggested the university closing for the day in the event of a lock down. The council agreed that this may not be possible. **Brandon MacDonald** mentioned the potential of an increased number of bomb threats in the case of this change. **Jon Patterson** mentioned the university's funding depending on days opened. **Chelsea Courtney** suggested a possible student absentee forgiveness, in the event of a lockdown, if students were unable to return to the university. **Roy Karam** suggested he draft a letter to senate stating student concerns, and recommending this.

## **17.0) Date of the Next Meeting**

**Roy Karam** updated the Students' Representative Council about the upcoming doodle poll for the October meeting, happening in early November. **Jacob Daley** suggested that the next meeting be held once we have a full council, regardless of ratification.

## **18.0) Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

MOTION [100516.11]

Chelsea Courtney

BIMT the SRC adjourns

All in favour

MOTION CARRIED