

# Council Minutes - September 30th

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## Agenda

Student Representative Council

September 30th, 2019, 5:10pm

Council Chambers

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Mi'kmaq Acknowledgment
4. Opening remarks of the Chair
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Approval of the Minutes of July 21, August 6, and August 25
7. Constituency Reports
8. Business Arising
9. Executive Reports:
  - a. President - Cecil VanBuskirk
  - b. Vice President Academic - Emma Kuzmyk
  - c. Vice President Finance and Operations - Patrick Wallace
  - d. Vice President Activities and Events - Natalie Doumkos
  - e. Vice President Residence Affairs - Siobhan Lacey
  - f. Vice President External Affairs - Sarah Elliot
10. Students' Union General Manager Report
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13. Special Reports to Council
14. Old Business
15. New Business
  - a. Motion to ratify Leah Hewitt as Senior Off Campus Leader 2019-2020.
  - b. Motion to ratify Phoebe Cancadinan as Off Campus Leader 2019-2020.
  - c. Motion to approve Proposed Council Dates for Fall 2019.
16. Closing Remarks
17. Adjournment

Date: September 30th, 2019

Time: 5:11PM

## Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:10PM.

## Roll Call:

### **In Attendance**

Arts Student Representative - Marc Sgro

Science Student Representative - Daniel Winters

Business Student Representative – Johanna Gates

Students' of African Descent Representative – Kamy Roberge

Graduate Student Representative – William Burgess

Equity Student Representative – Jasonique Moss

First Year Representative - Nicholas Stinson

Board of Governors Student Representative – Tiffany MacLennan

Board of Governors Student Representative– Lucas Byl

International Student Representative – Sanjidha Ganeshan

Education Student Representative - Todd Boak

President - Cecil VanBuskirk

Vice President Academic - Emma Kuzmyk

Vice President Finance and Operations - Patrick Wallace

Vice President Activities and Events - Natalie Doumkos

Vice President Residence Affairs - Siobhan Lacey

Vice President External Affairs - Sarah Elliot

### **Late**

Faculty Advisor - Dr. Corrine Cash

### **Absent with Regrets**

General Manager - Sean Ryan

### **Opening Remarks of the Chair**

*“Welcome to the first council meeting where we are all together in person, and welcome to our two gallery members. We have a short agenda, but I would like to remind everyone to follow the rules of order.”*

### **Approval of Agenda**

William: Motion to approve the agenda

Tiffany: Second

Motion Passes 13-0-0

### **Approval of Minutes**

Emma: Motion to approve the minutes from July 21, August 6, and August 25.

Sanjidha: Second

Motion passes 13-0-0

### **Constituency Reports**

Arts Student Representative:

- Nothing new to report.

Science Student Representative:

- Nothing new to report.

Business Student Representative:

- Speaker coming in for Investment society.

Students' of African Descent Representative:

- Collective meeting with BLACC society. Discussed selling sweaters for breast cancer awareness, as well as planned events for students on campus during reading week.
- Participated in the climate change march, as many constituents spoke / gave speeches during the event.

Graduate Student Representative:

- There is now better infrastructure for communication amongst grad students.

Equity Student Representative:

- Nothing to report since last meeting.

First Year Representative:

- Focused on connecting with constituents through social media.
- Started "First Year Rant & Rave" Facebook page as a way to get feedback from students, and allow them a place to voice concerns. This page has over 135 members.

Board of Governors Student Representative Tiffany:

- Meeting with Sanjihda about events for students during fall reading week. Working with student services on this. Activities are focused on improving mental health and education goals. About 40% of students will be staying on campus during this reading week.

Board of Governors Student Representative Lucas:

- Nothing new to report.

International Student Representative:

- Had equity advisory committee meeting
- Met with Tiffany about reading week events.

Education Student Representative:

-Nothing new to report.

## Business Arising

*None*

## Executive Reports

### **President:**

- Welcomes everyone to first official in-person council meeting.
- Acknowledges that today is orange shirt day, which represents support and knowledge of the suffering that occurred in residential schools.
- Have been focusing on Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) governance committee. CASA has assigned him to be a part of reviewing all of their policies and procedures.
- Will soon be meeting with the Students Nova Scotia (SNS) committee. Task force to bridge gap with alumni and current students (Job fair Feb 8).
- Alumni association is meeting later this week and will discuss the advancement of this.
- Gender neutral washrooms and other initiatives will be advancing throughout the rest of the year.
- Peer tutoring app “Nimbus” is advancing towards lawyers and hopefully will be up before midterms.
- Consultation agreement is underway, and is coming along well.
- Get Out the Vote (GOTV), Orientation-Week (O-Week), and Mulroney Hall Opening were all overall successful.

### **Vice President Academic:**

- Meetings with Sexualized Violence Prevention Committee. Open forum for students will be held on Wednesday
- Student at Large applications have been reviewed.
- Attending events (especially faculty social) during O-Week.
- Maple League town-hall occurred to discuss “Up for Debate” weekend at the end of October.
- Was a part of the presidential consultation.
- First senate meeting is coming up (Welcome package has been made for councilors.)
- Governance review is doing individual work, as well as weekly meetings
- Phone call with other VPs to discuss Open Education Resources.
- Planned and spoke at “Take Back the Night”
- Sat on McKenna Advisory committee.
- Created annual plan for executives that will be promoted on social media.

- Had students visit office hours.
- Was a part of “Nimbus” agreement: especially administrative side

### **Vice President Finance and Operations**

- Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee met and will be appointing a person in each building with certified CPR training.
- Emergency Grant Committee met
- Budget and Finance committee in process of meeting over email
- Working with finance side of nimbus
- Volunteer training has started for Peer Support Program.
- Student Food Resource Center and DriveU are up and running.
- Students have been asking about society allocations.

### **Vice President Activities and Events**

- O-Week ran smoothly, aside from the change in the date Shinerama (\$8000+ raised!), due to the weekend hurricane.
- Carnival had low student involvement but high community involvement
- About 40 societies attended fair and received all training.
- O-Crew had great performance and feedback from students.
- ERC introduced new, shortened, risk management form. Correct form can be found on student life website.
- Student Orientation Committee (SOC) met every day during O-Week, and will meet again soon to debrief and reflect on O-Week.

### **Vice President Residence Affairs**

- Advancing Women's Equity committee met.
- Started with All Gender Residence Committee.
- 2 House Hockey meetings, have received positive feedback from students.
- Hopeful to soon have a whole sub-exec.
- Students in and out of office for many reasons.
- Helping Sarah with GOTV, getting pledges from residences as a competition and plans to stream election in all building.
- Looking at House council training and ByLaws.
- Taking on organizing organizing waves of change and positive space in buildings (prior representative stepped down).
- Sat on hiring panel for new VP Students, very excited for candidate.
- Looking into putting condoms / feminine products in residence.



## **Vice President External Affairs**

- Focusing on GOTV: hiring, training, and implementation of Vote Crew.
- Campaign kickoff on Friday ran well.
- Vote PopUp and visiting residences and classes will start soon.
- Working on Democracy 101, an explanation of the Canadian Electoral System aimed at international students.
- Many upcoming voting events (Poll Stroll).
- X-Ring donated for a draw for people who pledge to vote.
- Chair of the membership committee for SNS, projects will start soon. Strategic plan is finished and up on website.
- Have been meeting about CASA membership.
- Working on consultation agreement: holding university and ourselves accountable.
- VP Student hiring.
- Have had interviews about GOTV and promoted it.

## **Faculty Advisor Report**

- Sent email to faculty asking for anything to bring to council with no response.
- Climate and democracy awareness week coming up in November (week of 15th) : featuring talks on climate change and awareness, ending with Indigenous perspective presentation.
- At Nov 14, agreement will be signed with town to agree to work together to create a regional climate strategy
- Climate education sessions will be held around the province.
- Would love Union involvement for this Climate Change Awareness Week.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Emergency Grants Review Committee**

- Most of the information discussed in meetings are confidential.
- \$10 000 fund put away for student emergencies (family situation, travel, etc.)
- Discusses how much should be allocated to this.
- Distributed around \$1 800 to applicants.

### **Equity Advisory Committee**

- Natalie elected as vice chair, and in the process of electing 3 students at large.

## **Governance Review Committee**

- Continued weekly meetings
- Have been corresponding with lawyer about AOC, and it is ready to be presented to student body.
- Legally binding, but short, so minimal feedback is expected.
- Sub-groups are starting to report back in, but nothing has been finalized about ByLaws.

## **Executive Committee of the Board of Governors:**

- Update on proceedings with presidential selection
- Some information is confidential

## **New Business**

Daniel: Motion to ratify Leah Hewitt as Senior Off Campus Leader 2019-2020.

Todd: Second.

*Discussion:*

Siobhan: She was Vice President over the summer, and has lots of experience. Will do good in this role.

William: Call to question.

*Motion passes 13-0-0*

Mark: Motion to ratify Phoebe Cancadinan as Off Campus Leader 2019-2020.

Tiffany: Second.

*Discussion:*

Siobhan: Great candidate, missed training week but had most of the training already from last year. Has discussed the role plenty with Senior.

Jasonique: Call to question.

*Motion Passes 13-0-0.*

Jasonique: Motion to approve Proposed Council Dates for Fall 2019.

Todd: Second.

*Discussion:*

William: Dates struck me as strangely frequent. Please refresh dates.

*(Dates are outlined in council package, but are essentially bi-weekly.)*

Marc: I see a problem with a meeting on the 20th, as I will not yet be back on campus for the meeting, as flights have been booked for a while.

Siobhan: Is there a reason these meetings are so late at night?

Chair: Oct 6 there had been a presentation scheduled that has since been cancelled, and the 20th is so people can return from reading week.

*(Many councilors expressed concerns about having late meetings that would have to be missed due to night classes and prior commitments. Discussion was had about removing the Oct 6 meeting, and changing the AGM date as many people are not able to attend this.)*

William: Call to question

*Motion Passes 10-3-0*

## Closing Remarks

*“Thank you all for coming and being efficient. See you all on Sunday.”*

## Adjournment

Tiffany: Motion to Adjourn the meeting

Cecil: Second

*Motion Passes 13-0-0.*

Meeting Adjourned at 6:13PM.