



Students' Representative Council - Meeting Minutes
January 10th, 2025
Beveridge Forum

In the Acadia Students' Union, we acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. We recognize that we are all treaty people and have commitments to each other and the land in which we live, learn, work, and play upon. As a Students' Union, we commit ourselves to continuous learning about how we can engage in meaningful action towards truth, reconciliation, and justice.

Present

President, Yash Gahlot (voting) P
Vice-President Student Life, Sterling Shannon (voting) P
Vice-President Academic and External Affairs, Sam Taylor (voting) P
Vice-President Events and Promotions, Zahide Çam (voting) P
Vice-President Finance and Operations, Archit Singh (voting) P
Arts Senator, Genna Beed (voting) P
Science Senator, Julia Shirokov (voting) P
Councilor-at-large, Treyvon Nicolls (voting) P
Councilor-at-large, Emma Boles (voting) P
Diversity and Inclusion Representative, Danielle Dullay (voting) P
Community Relations Representative, Cyenna Link (voting) P
Sustainability Representative, Carmen Peng (voting) P

Absences

First-year Representative, Abiya Babu (voting)
Professional Studies Senator, Sophia Carpenter (voting)

Resources

Chair of Council, Ben McCulley (non-voting)
Vice-Chair of Council, Gretchen Archibald (non-voting)

Agenda

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:06 PM ADT.

2. Roll Call



3. Adoption of Agenda and Previous Minutes

BIRT the agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by Zahide Cam

Seconded by Cyenna Link

Motion Approved

BIRT the agenda be amended to include VP Events and Promotions Course Approval under “For Decision”.

Moved by Zahide

Seconded by Archit

Motion Approved

BIRT the December 3rd Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

Moved by Archit

Seconded by Emma

Motion Approved

4. Presentations

5. Standing Items

a) Committee Chairs

b) President

Yash spoke with the Atheneum about being interviewed to give more awareness to what the ASU does so students are aware of everything. The Senate meeting is coming up next week.

c) Chair of Council

Ben spoke about the election getting started soon. He talked about the Grad Class Exec and who is responsible for it. They will be elected in this election and will be mostly an association under the ASU. They continue to operate after they graduate, once you are elected you represent the class you've been elected for the rest of your life.

Ben also spoke about setting a regular winter meeting time and asked to discuss when we want to meet and when this will work. Genna spoke about either meeting early before class or late into the night.

Ben is going to send out another poll so that we can think about availability and mentioned only including class and work schedule if needed.

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business



For Discussion

For Decision

a) University Strategic Planning Committee Appointments

Sam read the recommendation asking for an ASU representative and 3 student representative roles that are Arts, Professional Studies and Science. It's going to take 12-16 months for this working group. Anyone who is interested in this and is part of the ASU or a particular academic program feel free to step up and nominate yourself for this.

Yash spoke about the scholarship review committee that does not have to be elected. The criteria for these are a Black Nova Scotian student or an Indigenous student in the Bachelor of Arts program.

Yash gave an overview of the Strategic Planning Committee and described that the role would be 12-16 months long with regular meetings, representatives would provide their point of view on academic planning processes, contributing their thoughts and feedback on the planning process. They would also be ambassadors of the Strategic Planning Process. This role would start on appointment.

Carmen asked for clarification on Student Planning for Academics.

Sam clarified that it referred to an Academic Strategic Plan, focused more on classes and programs in general. They are looking for people who have an interest in Strategic Planning and student voices will be very important to the process.

Sterling asked roughly how many hours a week it would take up.

Sam said it's estimated to be like 1-2 hours per week with either biweekly or monthly meetings and other events as they come up.

Ben suggested SRC table the motion, so those with questions can get more information from Sam.

BIRT the Students' Representative Council table this motion.

Moved by Cyenna

Seconded by Treyvon

Motion Approved

b) VP Events and Promotions Course Approval

Zahide said that she did 6 courses last semester, and it went well. She is hoping to do the same this semester. She has 2 courses with 1 professor, 2 with another professor so she thinks she can manage it. She has only missed 1 meeting, so she has good attendance.

BIRT the Students' Representative Council approve the VP Events and Promotion's request to increase their course load from 4 to 6 classes for the 2025 Winter Term.

Moved by Zahide

Seconded by Sterling

Motion Approved



8. In-Camera

Zahide, Sterling, Treyvon, Emma, Carmen, and Yash left the meeting.

BIRT that council move in camera.

Moved by Archit

Seconded by Genna

Motion Approved

BIRT that council move out of camera.

Moved by Archit

Seconded by Julia

Motion Approved

Zahide, Sterling, Treyvon, Emma, Carmen and Yash rejoined the meeting.

BIRT the Students' Representative Council adopt the 2025 Winter General Election Terms of Reference.

Moved by Genna

Seconded by Cyenna

Motion Approved

Zahide, Sterling, Treyvon, Emma, Carmen and Yash abstained from this motion.

9. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 PM ADT.

Next Meeting Scheduled for: