

BOARD OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Sunday, October 3, 2021 – 4:00 p.m. – The Gait

Present:

Enzo Evangelisti, President; Sufia Langevin, VP Academic Affairs; Ana Santos, VP Student Life; Joel Cook, VP External Affairs; Ryan Maxwell, Director of Finance; Georgia LaPierre, Director of Communications; Raya Droppo, Director of Events; Charles-Xavier Doyon Barrieau, General Councillor; Gabriel Casavant, General Councillor; Olivia Woods, First Year Rep; Edna Amoah, On-Campus Rep; Ariane Horrell, Environmental Sustainability Rep; Lessica Tchiloemba, Ethnic Diversity Rep; Chloe Kendall, Health & Wellness Rep; Genny Leclair, Education Senator; Doan Duy Vo, Graduate Student Senator; Mauladad Bashar Doost, Humanities Senator; Branden Bonham, Natural Sciences Senator; Victoria Perak, Social Sciences Senator; Erin Mallory, General Manager, Administration; Karen Dymond, Secretary General

Regrets: Cassey Perley, Indigenous Student Rep

Absent: Wishah Mahmood, Equity Rep; Varun Sagar Kuppili, International Students Rep

1.0 Opening

1.1 Welcome – Enzo called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm with Enzo welcoming everyone to the meeting and acknowledged that we are meeting on the traditional and unceded land of the Abenaki people. Quorum was confirmed with 15 voting members present.

MOTION: It was moved by Enzo, seconded by Ana, to appoint Ryan Maxwell as chair for the meeting until item 2 is completed. *CARRIED (15-0-0)*.

1.2 Approval of the agenda

MOTION: It was moved by Enzo, seconded by Genny, to adopt the agenda with the following amendments: to include a presentation of the annual budget under New Business by Ryan Maxwell; It was moved to amend the motion by Mauladad, seconded by Ana, to include Gaiters Grants Committee in 4.2, and changing 4.7 from EDI to EDI Committee. Amendment *CARRIED (15-0-0)*. Motion *CARRIED (15-0-0)*.

1.3 Approval of previous minutes

MOTION: It was moved by Enzo, seconded by Joel, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2021 BSR meeting as presented. *CARRIED (15-0-0)*.

2.0 Filling vacancies on BSR

2.1 Environmental Sustainability Representative

Five candidates presented themselves to the board and answered questions from the board: Muhammad Zeeshan, Manu Bissonnette, Ariane Horrall, Donovan Faraoni, and Pradyumn Nair Kallivalappil.

MOTION: It was moved by Enzo, seconded by Ana, that the board enter into a closed session and vote by secret ballot using a ranked ballot. *CARRIED (15-0-0)*. Ariane Horrall was the successful candidate. The chair announced that we are moving out of closed session, with no objections.

MOTION: It was moved by Enzo, seconded by Ana, to switch to Victoria as chair. *CARRIED (15-0-0)*. Victoria welcomed Ariane to the Board.

- 2.2 Business Senator - No applications were received for the position of Business Senator. Members were asked to please encourage people to apply.
- 2.3 Chair - The board has received no applications. Members were asked to please encourage people to apply.

3.0 Departmental Updates

- 3.1 President - Enzo reported that it was a busy summer, training, transition to new team, Pride month and pride crosswalk – unveiled June 28, acquiring Toast Radio, website is new and mostly up and running, COVID task force meetings, Student EDI fund announced to public prior to convocation with a few thousand dollars but more to go to reach \$20000 goal. Also held orientation meetings
- 3.2 Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Sufia reported that she transitioned to role, training, developing relationship with stakeholders, goals and planning, hired student success manager – in charge of student success centre, hired peer mentors, orientation week. Attended a few senate meetings and committee meetings. Busy planning for the year.
- 3.3 Vice-President of Student Life – Ana reported spending time on transitioning, goals, organizing extracurricular, documents, and going back into in person events. Updating policies, Pride crosswalk, BUnited, volunteer training selection process.
- 3.4 Vice-President External Affairs – Joel reported that advocacy for holding vaccination clinic on campus, on-campus polling booth for the Federal election and got one for on-campus students (not for off-campus), working to make demands for upcoming election on Bill 96, which will be discussed later in the meeting. Student Refugee program is big focus coming up.
- 3.5 Director of Finance – Ryan reported that he started by reviewing archives and roles/responsibilities, created this week's O-week budget and annual budget, surpassed O-week fundraising goal, jump-started Toast committee, struck Finance committee, part of Gait Managers' hiring process, prepared floats and sponsorship packages for O-week.
- 3.6 Director of Communications and Marketing – Georgia reported that she has been named vice-chair for Committee for Prevention of Harassment and Sexual Violence. Social media efforts - Pride crosswalk, all of the changes as COVID-19 changes, O-week – marketed, schedules, hired staff.
- 3.7 Director of Events – Raya reported that she is working on interviews for volunteers, transition, hired Events Coordinator, called Stakeholder meeting, reviewed budget with Ryan, reviewed transition documentations, meetings with security regarding safety, and COVID Task Force.

4.0 Reports from Standing Committees / Recurring items

- 4.1 Club motions – Nothing to report.
- 4.2 Grants for Clubs Committee – Ryan reported that he will be appointing 3 representatives to the Gaiter Grant Committee.
- 4.3 Appointments Committee – Nothing to report.
- 4.4 Green Levy Committee – Nothing to report.
- 4.5 Residence Student Life Committee – Nothing to report.
- 4.6 Mental Health Committee – Nothing to report.
- 4.7 EDI Committee – Not in attendance.
- 4.8 Fall Election Report – Karen reported that 357 people voted in the fall elections, 12.3% of the membership. She referred to the results email to the student body. Successful candidates include Olivia Woods, First Year Rep, Edna Amoah, On-Campus Rep, Charles-Xavier Doyon Barrieau, General Councillor, and Gabriel Casavant, General Councillor. There is still a vacancy for Business Senator. Three members indicated that they did not receive an email, or had heard from students who did not receive an email to vote. Karen and Erin will follow up with ITS to resolve the issue.

5.0 Reports from Ad-Hoc Committees

- 5.1 Finance Committee – Ryan reported that the committee has met, reviewed and approved Toast Radio budget, which is part of the yearly budget. Reviewed financial proposals.
- 5.2 Sexual Culture Committee – Georgia reported that had first committee meeting. Over the summer, the online reporting system REES. Focusing on Take Back the Night for this semester and the forum to hear what students need.
- 5.3 Committee to Review & Assess SAAS Support – Enzo reported that no committee was struck yet. Devina was the student who raised this. Still work to do.

6.0 Question Period

- 6.1 Mauladad asked Ana if she reviewed the email regarding the association ratification. Ana reported that she received documents on Sept 23 but was not able to review them before then and will put it on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 6.2 Wellness Rep and On-Campus Rep asked if Dining committee going to be a standing committee or an ad-hoc. It was clarified that it is a university committee, not an SRC committee.

7.0 Unfinished Business

- 7.1 No unfinished business

8.0 New Business

- 8.1 Bill 96 Open House – Joel reported that the CEJEPs are affected by Bill 96 with a 17.5% cap on English students. He shared that he feels that this bill is overreaching as it limits students' choice in programs. Under the bill, Lennoxville would no longer be considered a bilingual borough. Negotiating anglophone cap on CEGEPs and that Dawson and Champlain, who have high level of francophone students, are impacted. He requested approval to host an Open House in partnership with the Champlain Students Association (CSA) this Wednesday. The event will be held in the Quad with games, music, popcorn, bean bag toss, and a Q&A. Georgia reported that they did a poll on Instagram, and that most students did not know what the bill was and what it means. Members asked Joel to find a way to document what

students think. MOTION: It was moved by Enzo, seconded by Charles, that the SRC host the Open House on Bill 96. CARRIED (15-0-0).

Enzo shared that the SRC Executive Team has discussed the bill, but that the BSR needs to discuss it in order to take a stance. The Chair asked people to research and come prepared to discuss BSR stance at next meeting. Joel reported that an open letter of discontent was released with CSA and recognized that was premature. It was agreed to make a decision about the BSR stance at the next meeting. Joel will share a backgrounder on Bill 96.

8.2 SRC Annual Budget Information Presentation – Ryan explained that this is a notice of motion. Today members will hear the presentation, ask questions, and bring a vote to the next meeting. Ryan will provide an update at each BSR to keep members updated on the budget. He explained each section of the budget, including the total revenue projections and expected expenses for The Gait, Orientation Week, FallFest, WinterFest, Toast Radio, BUnited, and General Expenses. The goal for the SRC this year is to give out \$40,000 to clubs, which is the most we will have ever given out. (\$6,000 previous year)

Total Revenue Projected - \$1,182,423.15

Total Expenses Projected - \$1,234,141.01

Net loss of \$51,000, which is higher than normal. He explained that in the previous year, there was a profit of \$102,000, and that as a non-profit, we need to use the funds we receive. The next meeting will include a vote on the budget.

9.0 **Any other business / Announcements / Toot Your Own Horn**

9.1 Members are to send Enzo their standing schedule by Wed at noon so that a decision can be made about regular meeting times, as he is trying to avoid weekend BSR meetings.

9.2 Business Senator and Chair still needs to be fulfilled. Victoria reminded the group that the SRC is an organization with an annual budget of almost one million dollars, therefore the BSR has a large responsibility and the Chair plays an important role at helping the Board conduct meetings with the formality required.

10.0 **Adjournment**

MOTION: It was moved by Sufia, seconded by Chloe, that the meeting be adjourned. *CARRIED.* (15-0-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.