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## BOARD OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 21, 2022 – 11:00 am McGreer 100, Bishop's University, Sherbrooke, Quebec

## **ATTENDANCE:**

Name	Position	P/R/A*	Attendance
Camilla Rizzi	President	Regrets	7-1
Victoria Perak	VP, Academic Affairs	Р	8-0
Wish Mahood	VP, Student Life	Р	8-0
Lucas Chabane	VP, External Affairs	Regrets	7-1
Brandon Leblanc	Director of Finance	Р	6-0
Hannah MacQueen	Director of Events	Р	7-1
Olivia Woods	General Councilor	Р	5-0
Tessa Bradshaw	General Councilor	Р	5-0
Alex Mador	First Year Rep	Р	5-0
Keven Poulin	On-Campus Rep	Р	1-0
Diane Drak Alsibai	Environmental Sustainability Rep	Р	8-0
Wiktoria Wysocka	Equity Rep	Р	6-2
Gabrielle Ferriera	Ethnic Diversity Rep	Р	5-1
Sophia Stacey	Health & Wellness Rep	Р	8-0
Drew Henkel	Indigenous Students Rep	Р	1-0
Ajay Singh Thakur	International Students Rep	Р	7-1
Nick Veenstra	Business Senator	Р	6-2
Genny Leclair	Education Senator	Р	5-3
Sandra Aneke	Graduate Student Senator	Р	3-0
Sonoma Brawley	Humanities Senator	Р	3-0
Gaby Loupiac	Natural Sciences Senator	Р	6-2
Tiffany Farouse	Social Sciences Senator	Р	8-0
Mikael Worku	Chair	Р	5-0
Erin Mallory	General Manager	Р	7-1
Karen Dymond	Secretary General	Р	7-1

<sup>\*</sup>P=Present, R=sent their regrets, A=Absent

Observers / Guests: Maxwell Shewan, Keven Poulin, Rosane Delorme, Annabelle McIntosh, Grace Moore, Tomas Kaufmam

<sup>\*</sup>As per Specific Bylaw 13.10.ii, electronic participation is noted in the minutes.



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## 1.0 Opening

- 1.1 Welcome & Confirmation of Quorum

  Mikael called the meeting to order at 11:08 am and confirmed quorum with 17 voting members in attendance.
- 1.2 Land Acknowledgement
  Sophia offered a Land Acknowledgement.
- 1.3 Approval of the agenda

**MOTION**: Moved by Brandon, seconded by Gaby, to move item 4.2 to after item 2.0 as there are guests present for the Gaiter Grants. Carried (17-0-0).

**MOTION:** Moved by Victoria, seconded by Gaby, to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED (17-0-0).

1.4 Approval of previous minutes – November 14, 2022

With no errors or omissions identified, the chair announced that the minutes stand approved.

### 2.0 Filling vacancies on BSR

2.1 On-Campus Representative

Keven Poulin and Maxwell Shewan presented themselves as candidates for the On-Campus Representative position. The members asked questions of the candidates.

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Tessa, to move into closed session. CARRIED (17-0-0).

The meeting moved into closed session.

**MOTION**: Moved by Victoria, seconded by Olivia, to vote by secret ballot. CARRIED (17-0-0).

Keven Poulin was elected as the On-Campus Representative. (13-4-0).

MOTION: Moved by Wish, seconded by Genny, to move back into open session. CARRIED (16-0-1).

The meeting moved into open session and the candidates were invited back into the meeting. Mikael announced that Keven Poulin is the new On-Campus Representative and welcomed him to the group. Keven began his duties immediately.

Drew Henkel was announced as the Indigenous Representative, as appointed by the Indigenous Cultural Alliance (ICA). The board expressed their welcome to Drew.

Karen reported that a letter of resignation was received from Genny Leclair, Education Senator, effective at the end of the semester. The position has been advertised, open until December 1.

## 3.0 Departmental Updates

3.1 President (Camilla) – No written report provided.



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- 3.2 Vice-President of Academic Affairs (Victoria) Written report provided in advance. Victoria thanked everyone for signing up for Study Hall. She promoted tonight's Donald Lecture and reported that over 400 surveys on Student Success Week have been completed.
- 3.3 Vice-President of Student Life (Wish) No written report provided. Wish reported that an appeal has been filed by the Hockey Team. They remain on probation but will be allowed to play their games on Dec 9 and 10. She is also striking committee with Student Services regarding student mental health.
- 3.4 Vice-President External Affairs (Lucas) No written report provided, no verbal report.
- 3.5 Director of Finance (Brandon) No written report provided. Brandon reported his work with Hannah for WinterFest. The GGC, and his work on a finance booklet for the membership. Sponsorship from Red Bull has been secured for exam care packs.
- 3.6 Director of Events (Hannah) Written report provided in advance. Hannah encouraged the BSR to attend the tree lighting ceremony on December 5 at 7 pm. She is working on the schedule for WinterFest and financials for Survive The Gait.

### 4.0 Reports from Standing Committees / Recurring items

- 4.1 Club Motions Nothing to report.
- 4.2 Gaiter Grants Committee Brandon reported that the GGC met on November 11 and welcomed representatives from both clubs in attendance at the meeting.
  - 4.2.1 Tennis Club

Rosane Delorme attended to represent the club. The tennis club has requested \$900 to pay for indoor court times during the winter. The cost is \$25 per court, 1-2 times a week. The group carpools to the location and they have had growing engagement with about 15-20 active players year-round. There is no cost for people to participate. They have applied to do coat checks for the winter and have volunteered for O-Week. GGC recommends approving of the \$900 requested as they show great potential, have no barriers to entry for new players (no fee and they have racquets for everyone to use), and they are proactive with fundraising and volunteering opportunities.

**MOTION**: Moved by Victoria, seconded by Sophia, to approve \$900 to the BU Tennis Club for indoor court times during the winter. CARRIED (18-0-0).

## 4.2.2 Big Buddies

Annabelle McIntosh, Grace Moore, and Tomas Kaufman attended to represent the club. The club has requested amount of \$3500. They are requesting funds for activities. There are two activities remaining for this semester and one at the beginning of next semester that are planned, with a cost of \$325. Further activities are still in the planning phase. There is a \$10 fee for Big Buddies, which covers vulnerability checks for all people applying to the club. They have kept the cost for Little Buddies at \$10 so it is accessible for all kids no matter family income. They have lost some engagement of students over COVID and unfortunately had to turn away some Little Buddies this year. They volunteer for plenty of activities and are open to any suggestions.

GGC Recommendation: To approve \$325 for their two activities remaining this semester and the January event, and to encourage them to come back to the GGC next semester when their activities are planned. Once the club is ready, Brandon is willing to help them plan their budget once again.

**MOTION:** Moved by Wish, seconded by Sophia to move into closed session. CARRIED (17-0-1).



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**MOTION:** Moved by Wish, seconded by Olivia, to grant BU Big Buddies the full amount of \$325 for the three activities planned for this semester and January. CARRIED (18-0-0).

**MOTION:** Moved by Olivia, seconded by Tessa to move into open session. CARRIED (18-0-0).

Mikael announced that the full funding of \$325 has been granted and encouraged the club to apply to GGC again next semester once their activities are planned.

- 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 Sophia reported there are 16 people on the committee. Next meeting is on Sunday evening. There will be a Self-Care Station at The Gait during the distribution of Exam Care Packs. A Pet Therapy Day is planned for December 7 from 10 am until 2 pm at The Gait. Seeking volunteers. There are plans for a Counsellor / Student Services Open House.
- 4.7 EDI Committee Wiktoria reported that neither she nor Gabi attended the last committee meeting. She shared that the location for office hours is not conducive for having private conversations. It was suggested that she use the Oasis instead.

#### 5.0 Reports from Ad-Hoc Committees

- 5.1 Finance Committee Working on meeting dates for the committee.
- 5.2 Sexual Culture Committee Next meeting on Thursday. Election happening for Jr Co-Chairs. There is a vigil on Dec 6 at 5:30 in Square Queen, hosted by the Lennoxville & District Women's Centre.
- 5.3 External Funding Opportunities for SRC Extra Sports Groups Nothing to report.
- 5.4 SafeDrive Committee Nothing to report.

## 6.0 Question Period

Victoria asked the BSR members for feedback on the Student Outreach hours. Members shared successes, challenges, and ideas for improvement. Victoria will bring the feedback to the Executive Team Meeting on Tuesday and will report back to the BSR at the next meeting. The Exec committed to developing a basket of supplies for set up and visibility, accessible to all.

#### 7.0 Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

#### 8.0 New Business

8.1 Proposed Schedule for Executive & General Elections 2023
Karen explained the schedule and timing of the Executive Elections, held in February, and the General Elections, held in March. She welcomed feedback on the elections policy as she will be reviewing the policy with the DRO.

### 8.2 Security Clearance for Club Leaders

Victoria raised the issue of security clearance for Club Co-Leads. Every volunteer for every SRC event, as well as new hires, are checked for any flags with security, but this is not done for Club Co-leads. Discussion indicated that this should be pursued, given the amount of trust placed in co-leads, as they work with students, handle finances, and have a lot of responsibility. It was identified that there are several details to sort out regarding process, policy, timing, and training, and that this should start



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next year, not this year. Wish, Camilla, and Victoria will work on a process for implementation, make a timeline, and report back to the BSR next semester.

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

Mask friendly – we can encourage students to feel free to wear a mask if they wish and that the campus has put up signage stating being

Alex is working on video for First Year students – invited BSR members to participate.

Victoria reported that – coffee hang out talk – informal conversation to hang out, etc.....members expressed interest.

Erin – we were asked if we were interested in having another BSR member join the co-op board of Doolittles. Iinvolved in decision-making, etc, let Erin know if anyone is interested.

Sophia – MH committee, open to all of you / all students, next Sunday evening. Welcome.

10.0 **Date of Next Meeting –** The last meeting planned for this semester is Monday, December 5 at 11:00 am, in McGreer 100.

### 11.0 Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Tessa, seconded by Genny, to adjourn the meeting. CARRIED (18-0-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.