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STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

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BOARD OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, December 5, 2022 – 11:00 am
McGreer 100, Bishop's University, Sherbrooke, Quebec

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Position	P/R/A*	Attendance
Camilla Rizzi	President	P	9-1
Victoria Perak	VP, Academic Affairs	P	10-0
Wish Mahood	VP, Student Life	Absent	8-2
Lucas Chabane	VP, External Affairs	P	9-1
Brandon Leblanc	Director of Finance	P	8-0
Hannah MacQueen	Director of Events	P	9-1
Olivia Woods	General Councilor	P	7-0
Tessa Bradshaw	General Councilor	P	7-0
Alex Mador	First Year Rep	P	7-0
Keven Poulin	On-Campus Rep	P	3-0
Diane Drak Alsibai	Environmental Sustainability Rep	P	10-0
Wiktoria Wysocka	Equity Rep	P	8-2
Gabrielle Ferriera	Ethnic Diversity Rep	P	7-1
Sophia Stacey	Health & Wellness Rep	P	9-0
Drew Henkel	Indigenous Students Rep	P	2-0
Ajay Singh Thakur	International Students Rep	P	8-1
Nick Veenstra	Business Senator	Regrets	6-3
Genny Leclair	Education Senator	P	6-3
Sandra Aneke	Graduate Student Senator	P	4-0
Sonoma Brawley	Humanities Senator	P	4-0
Gaby Loupiac	Natural Sciences Senator	P	7-2
Tiffany Farouse	Social Sciences Senator	P	9-0
Mikael Worku	Chair	P	6-0
Erin Mallory	General Manager	P	9-1
Karen Dymond	Secretary General	P	9-1

*P=Present, R=sent their regrets, A=Absent

*As per Specific Bylaw 13.10.ii, electronic participation is noted in the minutes.

Observers / Guests: Nadia Rochefort

1.0 Opening

1.1 Welcome & Confirmation of Quorum

Mikael called the meeting to order at 11:08 am and confirmed quorum with 16 voting members present at the beginning of the meeting.

1.2 Land Acknowledgement

Olivia offered a Land Acknowledgement.

1.3 Approval of the agenda

MOTION: Moved by Victoria, seconded by Camilla, to move item 4.2 to immediately after 2.0, and 8.1 after 4.2, as there are guests for each of those items present. CARRIED (17-0-0).

1.4 Approval of previous minutes – November 21, 2022

As no errors, omissions, or corrections noted, the Chair declared that the minutes of the meeting held November 21, 2022, stand approved.

2.0 Filling vacancies on BSR

2.1 Education Senator

Joshua Prentice presented himself as a candidate for the position of Education Senator. The group asked questions of the candidate.

MOTION: Moved by Victoria, seconded by Sophia, to move into Closed Session. CARRIED (18-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Victoria, seconded by Lucas, to appoint Joshua Prentice as Education Senator, starting December 10, 2022, after Genny's term is completed. CARRIED (17-0-1).

MOTION: Moved by Genny, seconded by Tiffany, to move back into Open Session. CARRIED (18-0-0).

Mikael announced that Joshua Prentice is ratified as the Education Senator and welcomed him to the BSR.

3.0 Departmental Updates

3.1 President (Camilla) – Written report circulated in advance. Camilla thanked everyone for ensuring a successful Donald Lecture event. She referred members to her report for Board of Governors updates, highlighting advocacy week and maple league student union relationships. She announced that she has been appointed to the National Indigenous Advocacy Committee, a group advocating for Indigenous students across Turtle Island.

3.2 Vice-President of Academic Affairs (Victoria) – Written report distributed in advance. Victoria highlighted SSW survey, which received over 400 responses. She highlighted the board bonding session last Friday, follow up on Student Outreach Hours, study hall, and SRC Teaching Awards – Bishop's is the only schools that offer a student-led teaching awards. Senate has decided on timetable, returning to norms before covid, expanding classes back to 10 pm.

3.3 Vice-President of Student Life (Wish) – No written report received. No verbal report.

3.4 Vice-President External Affairs (Lucas) – Written report distributed in advance. Lucas circulated the document from Advocacy Week. He highlighted the Maple Leaf relationship, QSU Relationship, and contact with stakeholders.

- 3.5 Director of Finance (Brandon) - Written report distributed in advance. Brandon highlighted WinterFest and confirmed that rails are booked. He has been working on the website and video for GGC and finalizing finance booklet for students. It will be presented to BSR as soon as it is ready.
- 3.6 Director of Events (Hannah) - Written report distributed in advance. Hannah highlighted tonight's tree lighting in the Quad, that Survive The Gait was approved by the VP of Student Services, and that she is working on WinterFest.

4.0 Reports from Standing Committees / Recurring items

4.1 Club Motions – None.

4.2 Gaiter Grants Committee – Brandon reported that the GGC met on December 2. A minor grant of \$86.73 was granted to the Volleyball Club to pay for a mini microphone to use for game interviews and to buy pizza for an end-of-semester party for the team.

4.2.1 BU Games Club

The Games Club has requested \$175 for snacks and refreshments. A club representative spoke to the purpose of the club – they meet every Friday night and as it is a dry event, the club is as an alternative social activity to drinking. 20 – 25 people average attendance per meeting. They plan to do more fundraisers during Winter Semester as all of the co-leads are graduating and want to leave the club in good shape before the leadership changes. Their request is for \$35 / week, for 5 weeks, and the club will exhaust their reserves first.

The GGC recommends approving the full amount requested.

MOTION: Moved by Victoria, seconded by Genny, to grant the BU Games Club the full amount of \$175 requested for snacks and refreshments. CARRIED (17-0-1).

4.2.2 BU Sports Studies Society (SPOSO)

The club has requested \$150 for the cost of hot chocolate and toppings for two Study Halls they are offering in The Gait, with the goal of raising awareness of their club. The event is for all students, not only sports studies students and to provide an alternative space to study. The original request was for \$300 but the number was adjusted during the meeting.

The GGC recommends funding this request for the full amount requested.

MOTION: Moved by Lucas, seconded by Sophia, to grant the BU Sports Studies Society (SPOSO) the full amount of \$150 for their study halls in The Gait. CARRIED (18-0-0).

4.2.3 PISA

PISA has requested \$395.97 to pay for the annual subscriptions for Wix for the club website (\$245.98) and Canva used for posts on social media (\$149.99). While their website needs updating, that is their focus this year. Their Instagram followers have jumped from 140 to 960 in the past two years. They are inclusive, collaborate with several other clubs, and are heavily involved on campus.

The GGC recommends funding the full amount of \$395.97 for the annual subscriptions.

MOTION: Moved by Sophia, seconded by Lucas, to grant the full amount of \$395.97 to PISA for their annual subscriptions for Wix and Canva. CARRIED (17-0-1).

4.2.4 BU Dance Club

The Dance team has requested \$7100 from the GGC. \$4700 is for travel expenses and accommodation for their competitive team to participate in a competition with other university teams in Mississauga, Ontario. An additional \$600 is to cover the hotel cost for the one male student on the team. \$1800 is requested for rental of Centennial Theatre for their end of the year Showcase, which also includes their non-competitive dancers and potentially students at local dance studios. They compete against varsity clubs, great opportunity for higher level competition. The cost of travel is for bus rental and the team will all travel together. Olivia reported that a similar amount was provided to the club last year, which allowed them to compete at a higher level. This year the club started a new team, who have performed at our football games. The club does a lot of fundraising and members spend a lot of money out of their own pockets. They have solid plans for fundraising for this year. They have partnered with the BU Arts Fest.

The GGC recommends granting the full request of \$7100.

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Camilla, to move into closed session. CARRIED (18-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Genny, to grant the BU Dance Team the full amount of \$ 7100 for travel and accommodations for the dance competition and for cost of the rental of Centennial Theatre for their year end Showcase, with the condition that they remove the wording of rookie party from their documents. CARRIED (16-0-2).

MOTION: Moved by Genny, seconded by Lucas, move back into Open Session CARRIED (18-0-0).

4.3 Appointments Committee – Nothing to report.

4.4 Green Levy Committee – Diane reported that there was a meeting last week and they approved an SRC request from Brandon and Hannah of \$293.95 for reusable water bottles and stickers. The request of funding for menstrual equity and community cupboard was tabled until the next meeting, as the committee wants to provide feedback on the products chosen, and products need to be finalized yet.

4.5 Residence Student Life Committee – The committee has not met yet.

4.6 Mental Health Committee – Written report distributed in advance. Sophia highlighted 2 meetings this semester, with 18 sitting members. Pet Support Day this coming Wednesday, looking for volunteers.

4.7 EDI Committee – First meeting was held last week with Wish, will work with Ajay and Drew and need to reach out to students. They are meeting with Wish on 16 December about EDI funds and what our plans and strategies will be. Meeting soon with Amy Abe re fund. Questions asked about distribution of funds and reaching out to equity seeking groups. Diane volunteered to join the committee.

5.0 Reports from Ad-Hoc Committees

5.1 Finance Committee – Meeting later today.

5.2 Sexual Culture Committee – At the last meeting, junior co-leads were elected. Members are encouraged to attend events on December 6 - there is a memorial at St Mark's chapel on campus at noon tomorrow and at Square Queen at 5:30 tomorrow.

5.3 External Funding Opportunities for SRC Extra Sports Groups – nothing to report.

5.4 SafeDrive Committee – report was given in Camilla's report.

6.0 Question Period

A question about safety of the Survive the Gait event was asked. Hannah will address it under 8.5. A number of members have Monday classes next semester, and the Gaiter Block officially starts at 11:30 am. Meetings will begin at 11:30 am starting in January. It was pointed out that the list of BSR meetings that was circulated to the student body is missing the meeting on February 20. Karen will correct this.

7.0 Unfinished Business

7.1 BSR Outreach Hours

Victoria reported back to the board. A bucket has been prepared, stored under the reception desk in the SRC office. We will be more consistent with theme of the week. Hannah has taken over coordination of schedule. The executive will develop a MS Form where members can log anecdotal comments received from students.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Gait Liquor Control System (Brandon)

Brandon presented a proposal to install a liquor control system to accurately pour alcohol in The Gait. Currently, drinks are poured free hand, which often leads to overpouring. This increases costs, and negatively impacts safety by students consuming more alcohol than they think. The system would cost \$25,187. \$5000 will be covered by Dr Stine Linden-Andersen, Vice President of Student Affairs. This covers the purchase of 5 shot counters and includes training and installation. The system connects to the computer system. It was recommended by Jody, Manager of Operations and Services, There are reserves within the budget that can be used.

MOTION: Moved by Victoria, seconded by Olivia, to purchase a shot counter system for The Gait, for the proposed amount of \$25, 187, minus the amount provided by the VP of Student Affairs. CARRIED (18-0-0).

8.2 Connecting with Constituents (Tiffany)

Tiffany opened a discussion about complaints about lack of openness of the SRC. She suggests that we use Instagram to promote the work of the BSR, share the schedule for office hours, and share highlights of the work of the reps and senators are doing, as students don't always see what we do. Victoria shared that at the last Exec meeting, a commitment was made to post the schedule of Outreach Hours with profile of staff team. Tiffany is seeking a more informal, casual ways to connect to students and improve visibility to the student body. Nadia directed members to the Dish and she will meet with Karen and Tiffany to discuss this idea further. It was shared that anyone can write articles for The Campus newspaper and members were invited to write an article about what they do.

8.3 SRC Travel Per Diem Policy (Brandon)

Brandon presented proposed changes to the SRC Travel and Conferences policy.

MOTION: Moved by Victoria, seconded by Olivia, to amend the SRC Conference and Travel Policy to increase the rate for km traveled from \$0.40/km to \$0.55/ km and to increase meal reimbursements from \$61/day, to \$80/day with the breakdown of Breakfast - \$20, Lunch - \$25, and Dinner - \$35. CARRIED (18-0-0).

8.4 WinterFest Sponsorship Package (Hannah)

For transparency, Hannah circulated the Sponsorship Package that she and Brandon prepared for WinterFest. It will be sent out to potential sponsors tomorrow.

8.5 Survive The Gait Selection Committee (Hannah)

Hannah shared that this event was held for the first time in 2019. Modeled on the event at University of Moncton and based on show Survivor, contestants have to live in The Gait for a week. There will be two teams of 5. Stine, the VP of Student Affairs, graciously will grant the Quebec Equivalent of Tuition for one semester to the winner. Each exec has agreed to take a turn sleeping in the Gait for a night for security. Outreach hours for that week will be held in The Gait, January 21 – 28. Challenges will be mostly academic or trivia based, with some outdoorsy ones. It is more of a learning experience and will be vetted to avoid challenges that are appropriate and safe. Chaperones are needed for things such as escorting contestants to the Plex, etc. Hannah has met with Security and is working in collaboration with Kendra, drug awareness, naloxone, etc. BSR members, Gait managers, bar tenders, etc, cannot apply. A selection committee is needed to choose contestants. She asked for 4 BSR members to join the committee. Hannah will be the chair, and there will be no execs on committee. Liam O'Toole is the only remaining person who participated in 2019 and he will be on the committee.

Diane, Drew, Sonoma, Alex, Tiffany expressed interest. The Executive Committee will connect with these members to form the committee.

8.6 Presentation on Advocacy Week (Camilla & Lucas)

MOTION: Moved by Camilla, seconded by Lucas, to table this item until the next meeting. CARRIED (18-0-0).

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

Victoria – Lieutenant-General of the Canadian Military, Mike Rouleau, is speaking tomorrow at 3:30 pm.

Sophia – Pet Day is Wednesday from 10 am – 2 pm

Karen explained that an anonymous feedback form for approachability of executive members and staff will be distributed and that feedback from BSR members is taken seriously.

BSR Member End of Semester reports are due on Friday.

The SRC Holiday party is this Wednesday from 7 pm – midnight at The Gait.

Camilla thanked everyone for their work and everything members have accomplished in this semester.

10.0 **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday, January 16, 11:30 am, in The Gait – Mikael reminded everyone of the location change, as the next meeting will be held in The Gait.

11.0 **Adjournment**

MOTION: Moved by Victoria, seconded by Genny, that the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED (18-0-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 pm.