



B I S H O P ' S U N I V E R S I T Y  
**STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL**

BOX 3, 2600 COLLEGE STREET, SHERBROOKE QUE., J1M 1Z7

**BOARD OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES  
 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, January 16, 2023 – 11:30 am  
 The Gait

**ATTENDANCE:**

Name	Position	P/R/A*	Attendance
Camilla Rizzi	President	P	10-1
Victoria Perak	VP, Academic Affairs	P	11-0
Wish Mahood	VP, Student Life	P-Electronic*	9-2
Lucas Chabane	VP, External Affairs	Absent	9-2
Brandon Leblanc	Director of Finance	P	9-0
Hannah MacQueen	Director of Events	P	10-1
Olivia Woods	General Councilor	P	8-0
Tessa Bradshaw	General Councilor	P-Electronic*	8-0
Alex Mador	First Year Rep	P	8-0
Keven Poulin	On-Campus Rep	P	4-0
Diane Drak Alsibai	Environmental Sustainability Rep	P	11-0
	Equity Rep		
Gabrielle Ferriera	Ethnic Diversity Rep	P	8-1
Sophia Stacey	Health & Wellness Rep	P	10-0
Drew Henkel	Indigenous Students Rep	P	3-0
Ajay Singh Thakur	International Students Rep	Absent	8-2
Nick Veenstra	Business Senator	P	7-3
Joshua Prentice	Education Senator	P	1-0
Sandra Aneke	Graduate Student Senator	Regrets	4-1
Sonoma Brawley	Humanities Senator	P	5-0
Gaby Loupiac	Natural Sciences Senator	P	8-2
Tiffany Farouse	Social Sciences Senator	P	10-0
Mikael Worku	Chair	P	7-0
Erin Mallory	General Manager	P	10-1
Karen Dymond	Secretary General	P	10-1

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

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

Observers / Guests: Sufia Langevin



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**1.0 Opening**

1.1 Welcome & Confirmation of Quorum

Mikael called the meeting to order at 11:40 am with 13 voting members present and 2 voting members online for a quorum of 15 voting members.

1.2 Land Acknowledgement

Sophia offered a Land Acknowledgement.

1.3 Approval of the agenda

**MOTION:** Moved by Camilla, seconded by Victoria, to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED (15-0-0).

1.4 Approval of previous minutes – December 5, 2022

**MOTION:** Moved by Sophia, seconded by Gaby, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 5, 2022, as presented. CARRIED (15-0-0).

**2.0 Filling vacancies on BSR**

2.1 Equity Representative

Karen reported that a letter of resignation was received by Equity Representative Wiktorina Wysocka. The position will be posted with candidates presented at the next BSR on January 30.

Karen also reported that Wishah Mahood, VP Student Life, has encountered an unforeseen circumstance in returning to Canada and may need to resign from her position. If so, a selection committee will need to be struck, requiring 3 BSR members to participate. Keven, Sonoma, Sophia, and Tessa volunteered.

**3.0 Departmental Updates**

3.1 President (Camilla) – Written report distributed in advance. Highlights included work on transition documents, a crisis management document, and she has called a strategic annual plan review meeting.

3.2 Vice-President of Academic Affairs (Victoria) – Written report distributed in advance. Victoria thanked the BSR for their work with Study Hall, as we successfully cover all of the time slots. She participated in CATS interviews, Teaching Awards timeline.

3.3 Vice-President of Student Life (Wish) - Written report distributed in advance. Wish highlighted Mental Health Week and invited members to join in the planning of the week's events. She is working with Clubs to update our website and support them with their report. She is finalizing the Clubs Manual which will be presented at the next meeting.

3.4 Vice-President External Affairs (Lucas) - Written report distributed in advance. No verbal report as he was absent from meeting.

3.5 Director of Finance (Brandon) - Written report distributed in advance. Working on financials and sponsorship and planning for WinterFest. He has been working on proposal for structural change.

3.6 Director of Events (Hannah) - Written report distributed in advance. O-Week 50 people who attended overall. Working on WinterFest and Survive The Gait.

3.7 Elections Update (Karen) – Karen reported that Executive Elections will be held February 20 – 22 and the General Elections will be held March 21 – 22. information sessions will be held prior to each election and she requested that BSR members attend.

#### **4.0 Reports from Standing Committees / Recurring items**

4.1 Club Motions – None.

4.2 Gaiter Grants Committee – Nothing to report.

4.3 Appointments Committee – Document circulated this morning with changes to the EDI Committee and the EDI Fund Committee.

4.4 Green Levy Committee – Nothing to report.

4.5 Residence Student Life Committee – Nothing to report.

4.6 Mental Health Committee – Sophia reported that the committee reviewed recent events such as Pet Support Day and Exam Care Packs. The committee will meet this Friday and next Friday, and then every two weeks on Fridays for the rest of the semester. A description will be added to our website.

4.7 EDI Committee – Gabi reported that she met with Wish and is having a meeting Thursday.

#### **5.0 Reports from Ad-Hoc Committees**

5.1 Finance Committee – Nothing to report.

5.2 Sexual Culture Committee – Olivia reached out to leads and has not heard anything back from them.

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

5.4 SafeDrive Committee – Progress is being made.

5.5 Survive The Gait Selection Committee – Hannah reported that Committee met Jan 4 and watched all 9 applicant videos, 2 more received. Decision will be made at 2 pm today, will have 2 teams of 5 and will finalize challenges to respect everyone's class schedule.

#### **6.0 Question Period**

**6.1** Sufia Langevin asked about the EDI fund. She wanted to know when is the soonest that an application can be submitted and how soon funds will be received afterwards. She is involved in the Canadian Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Student Leadership and Innovations Summit being organized at Bishop's in May. She would like to apply for EDI fund. She was assured that the applications will be available soon and that a decision will be made long in advance of her deadline.

#### **7.0 Unfinished Business**

7.1 Connecting with Constituents - Tiffany followed up regarding informal and social media connections with our connections and IG post and explained the process to everyone.

7.2 Presentation on Advocacy Week – Camilla shared a presentation on Advocacy Week, attended by herself and Lucas, held in Ottawa. Advocacy, Partnership, and post-secondary institutions – 23 student unions rep over 40,000 students. We are members of the Quebec Student Union (QSU), and presented / met with members of parliament, Ministers, and Senators at the Federal level. They created and lobbied for 9 demands on behalf of students.

#### **8.0 New Business**

8.1 Report from Group Conflict Appeals Committee (Sophia, Gaby)

**MOTION:** Moved by Victoria, seconded by Hannah to move into closed session. CARRIED (16-0-0).

**MOTION:** Moved by Victoria, seconded by Olivia, to move back into open session. CARRIED (16-0-0).



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8.2 Executive Structural Change

Camilla & Brandon presented a plan for the restructuring of the Executive Council. The plan will be voted on at the next meeting.

The plan proposes the removal of the VP External Affairs position and redistribution of duties between President and VP Student Life. It would require the President to be bilingual as the external relationships often require it. The title of VP Student Life would be changed to VP Student Affairs.

Clubs would be removed from the VP Student Life and an SRC Extra Manager position created to support groups and manage the GGC fund, 15 hrs week \$5500, fall under Manager of Operations Jody Goodsell.

A SRC Social Media Manager position would be created - focused on social media, 15 hrs week / \$5500. (or partial could be in school credits because it may be able to be part of Experiential Learning). The Manager of Communications and Marketing would focus on communication, branding, marketing, website – keeping hours and salary the same, but allowing them time to focus on those things.

The plan proposes staff benefits package adjustments and an increase for cost of living by 7% for board members and Secretary General.

*The plan is attached to these minutes.*

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

Victoria offered to meet with anyone who is considering running for executive positions.

She encouraged people to attend the information sessions.

Sophia asked about Donald Lecture. Camilla shared that an announcement will be made soon.

10.0 **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday, January 30, 11:30 am. It will be held in McGreer 100.

11.0 **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Moved by Alex, seconded by Camilla, to adjourn the meeting. CARRIED (16-0-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.