

BOARD OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 20, 2023 – 11:30 am
 McGreer 100, Bishop's University, Sherbrooke, Quebec

ATTENDANCE:

| Name | Position | P/R/A* | Attendance |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Camilla Rizzi | President | P | 13-1 |
| Victoria Perak | VP, Academic Affairs | P | 14-0 |
| Olivia Woods | VP, Student Life | P | 11-0 |
| Lucas Chabane | VP, External Affairs | P | 12-2 |
| Brandon Leblanc | Director of Finance | P | 11-1 |
| Hannah MacQueen | Director of Events | Regrets | 10-4 |
| Sasha Kardos-Machado | General Councilor | P | 1-0 |
| Tessa Bradshaw | General Councilor | P | 11-0 |
| Alex Mador | First Year Rep | P | 11-0 |
| Keven Poulin | On-Campus Rep | P | 7-0 |
| Diane Drak Alsibai | Environmental Sustainability Rep | P | 14-0 |
| Alka Kumari | Equity Rep | P | 4-0 |
| Gabrielle Ferriera | Ethnic Diversity Rep | P-electronic* | 9-2 |
| Sophia Stacey | Health & Wellness Rep | P | 14-0 |
| Drew Henkel | Indigenous Students Rep | P | 7-0 |
| | International Students Rep | | |
| Nick Veenstra | Business Senator | P | 12-2 |
| Joshua Prentice | Education Senator | Absent | 2-3 |
| Sandra Aneke | Graduate Student Senator | P | 8-1 |
| Sonoma Brawley | Humanities Senator | Regrets | 7-1 |
| Gaby Loupiac | Natural Sciences Senator | P | 13-1 |
| Tiffany Farouse | Social Sciences Senator | P | 14-0 |
| Mikael Worku | Chair | P | 11-0 |
| Erin Mallory | General Manager | P | 12-0 |
| Karen Dymond | Secretary General | P | 12-0 |

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

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

Observers / Guests: Alexander Carbonneau, Virginia Rutina Marquez-Pacheco, Sophia Marchesi, Chelsea Sheridan, Chloé Rouleau, Christina Lépine, Anastasija Ferraby, Jenna Brophey, Samuel Howarth, Chelsea Gordon, Mateo Campbell, Jennifer St Prime, Rebecca Benyk

1.0 Opening

1.1 Welcome & Confirmation of Quorum

The chair called the meeting to order at 11:41 am and confirmed quorum with 15 voting members in attendance.

1.2 Land Acknowledgement

Tessa offered a Land Acknowledgement.

1.3 Approval of the agenda

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Lucas, to move items 4.1 and 4.2 to immediately after 2.0. CARRIED (17-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Camilla, to amend the agenda to move 5.2 S to immediate after 2.1, as there are guests present. CARRIED (17-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Lucas, seconded by Olivia, to approve the agenda as amended. CARRIED (17-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Victoria, seconded by Camilla, seconds to strike 8.6 arts fest from the agenda as they are not in attendance and as their documents have not been received. CARRIED (16-0-1).

MOTION: Rescinded to the removal of 8.6 by Victoria, seconded by Lucas. CARRIED (17-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Victoria, seconded by Olivia, to approve the agenda as amended. CARRIED (17-0-0).

1.4 Approval of previous minutes – March 6, 2023

As there were no errors or omissions in the minutes of the regular meeting held March 6, 2023, the chair declared that the minutes stand approved.

2.0 Filling vacancies on BSR

Karen reported that, as there are only two meetings left, that the position of International Representative will remain vacant for the rest of the term.

3.0 Departmental Updates

3.1 President (Camilla) – No written report received in advance. Verbal report given.

3.2 Vice-President of Academic Affairs (Victoria) – Written report circulated in advance and highlights given.

3.3 Vice-President of Student Life (Olivia) – Written report circulated in advance and verbal highlights given.

3.4 Vice-President External Affairs (Lucas) – Written report circulated in advance and verbal report given.

3.5 Director of Finance (Brandon) – Written report circulated in advance and verbal report given.

3.6 Director of Events (Hannah) – Written report circulated in advance.

3.7 Elections Update (Karen) – Written report circulated in advance. She welcomed candidates who have come to the meeting.

4.0 Reports from Standing Committees / Recurring items

4.1 Club Motions – Nothing to report.

4.2 Gaiter Grants Committee

4.2.1 Figure Skating Club

Requested \$1596.84. Half their ice time fee and half of their showcase ice time fee. April 15, they are hosting their first ever showcase. Group routine and individual routines for advanced and beginner members. Olivia shared that they have done a lot of fundraising events. \$5 to buy ticket to attend and it is open to the community.

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Lucas, to approve the full amount of \$1586.84 to the Figure Skating Club. CARRIED (16-0-1).

4.2.2 Ringette Club

GGC recommendation full amount \$1024.93 to pay for ice time, equipment rings on ice and a shooter tutor. It was explained that the Ringette club is going into sloth status. They are currently in debt, this request is to pay off their debt. They will still be in sloth status until December and would use this to get out of debt. They volunteered at WinterFest and Fall Fest, pay drop-in fees for anyone who drops in to play, tried to run a coat check at Gait and it didn't add much as they didn't have enough members show up. Primary problem with this club is engagement. The club leads are passionate and have tried to gain new members and new leadership. No members interested in taking over leadership and current leadership is graduating.

MOTION: Moved by Sophia, seconded by Camilla, to grant \$1024.93 to the Ringette Club. CARRIED (17-0-0).

4.2.3 Volleyball Club

The club has requested \$2955.10 for gas money / transportation to event, referee stand, and jerseys and taping kit. Olivia shared that group is asking for retroactive costs and shared that the SRC provided them \$1024 last semester. Club members pay fees. 14 members, competitive members \$100 / semester. They did a coat check and raised \$1200 and they have held raffles. The jerseys are for away games jersey and will be passed down to first years, not kept by individuals. Re funding for future – have volleyballs, have jerseys, same amount of fundraising next year but costs should be less.

MOTION: Moved by Lucas, seconded by Olivia, to grant the full amount \$2955.10 to the Volleyball Club. CARRIED (16-0-1).

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 that the committee met last Monday, next one is Monday March 27, Pet Support Day is on Apr 12. Encouragement cards and stickers, to be handed out with Exam Care Packs on April 4.

4.7 EDI Committee – Chair called on Gabi, who reported that she did not attend the committee meeting and asked Alka to report. Alka reported that the EDI fund application form, and the parameters of what will be accepted and what will not has been established. The fund is very close to being ready to begin accepting applications.

5.0 Reports from Ad-Hoc Committees

5.1 Finance Committee – Nothing to report.

5.2 Sexual Culture Committee

Virginia Rutina Marquez-Pacheco, co-chair, provided an update from the SCC. Several sub committees – Education, the Prevention and Response sub committee, and the Positive Masculinity sub-committee. The Prevention and response committee has been working on the Content Advisory resource material on how to write content advisories in course syllabus – to go to Senate. Motivation for document – various backgrounds, may have lived trauma to have greater agency in their education, getting a warning before the lecture and can decide what is best for them. Main goal – get ongoing conversation started – evolving, between staff, faculty and students, they see it as a beginning. Make faculty aware of benefits of content advisory. Hoping to get it passed at Senate in April.

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

5.4 SafeDrive Committee – Nothing to report.

5.5 Survive The Gait Committee – Victoria announced that she provided an update on behalf of Hannah. It was cancelled due to unforeseen family emergencies in January. It was to be held in March, this week. It has been cancelled – 4 candidates dropped out. It will not be offered this year. Prize money that was donated will be used in a different way by the SRC.

6.0 Question Period

In the interest of time, no questions asked.

7.0 Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Lucas, to move item 8.6 to above 8.1 (BU Arts Fest) CARRIED (17-0-0).

8.0 New Business

8.1 Selection of Awards – Erin explained the four awards which are voted on by the BSR – the Joseph E Cassar Award, the Ray Lawson Award, the Joy Chandler Community Involvement Award, and the Enzo Evangelisti Outstanding Leadership Award. The awards are presented at the SRC Awards Night on April 12.

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

MOTION: Moved by Drew, seconded by Lucas, to vote by secret ballot. CARRIED (13-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Lucas, seconded by Camilla, to move back into open session. (17-0-0).

8.2 Ratification of Director of Finance

Camilla presented Brandon Leblanc as the hiring committee's preferred candidate.

MOTION: Moved by Camilla, seconded by Tessa, to ratify Brandon Leblanc as Director of Finance for the 2023-24 term. CARRIED (17-0-0).

8.3 Ratification of Director of Events

Camilla explained that a candidate for Director of Events will be chosen in the next day or two.

MOTION: Moved by Camilla, seconded by Olivia, that the BSR grant permission for the preferred candidate for the position to attend the executive retreat and begin the process of transition prior to ratification. CARRIED (17-0-0).

8.4 Funding Request – Menstrual Equity Project – tabled until the next meeting.

8.5 Amendment to Specific Bylaw VII | 7.2 Environmental Sustainability Representative – tabled until the next meeting.

8.6 BU Arts Fest - Matteo presented, Artistic Advisor, accompanied by Chelsea, the financial manager. Event run by students for students, second edition. They are requesting \$1,000.00. Tickets are on sale and the event is next week. Goal eventually to make festival completely free. They had \$2000 leftover last year, first event post-COVID. With no donation from SRC, they will still have more than enough to cover the cost of the event. Last year they received money from the Cameron Trust but did not apply for it this year. They are getting money from the ASEQ if the SRC will provide a letter. Their letter is 5 days overdue but were hoping that they could get a letter today. The members asked several questions. It was noted that the budget presented does not contain the revenue from last year.

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

MOTION: Moved by Lucas, seconded by Sophia, to not accept the donation request due to lack of transparency and information, and to be open to providing a letter of support so that they can pursue ASEQ funding as long as they provide a complete application and accurate budget. CARRIED (16-0-1).

MOTION: Moved by Lucas, seconded by Tiffany, to move back into Open Session. CARRIED (17-0-0).

The chair announced that the BSR will provide the letter for the BU Arts Fest to apply to the ASEQ . In order for the SRC to do so, the Arts Fest needs to provide their application and the budget.

9.0 Any other business / Announcements / Toot Your Own Horn

In the interest of time, no announcements were made.

10.0 **Date of Next Meeting** – An online meeting will be arranged for the coming week to address the unfinished business from today's meeting, including the selection of awards. Karen will send out a doodle poll to establish a date. The next regular BSR meeting will be held on Monday, April 3 at 11:30 am in McGreer 100 – Last Meeting of the Term

11.0 Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Lucas, seconded by Sophia, to adjourn the meeting. CARRIED (17-0-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.