

BOARD OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 3, 2023 – 11:30 am
 McGreer 100, Bishop's University, Sherbrooke, Quebec

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Position	P/R/A*	Attendance
Camilla Rizzi	President	P	14-1
Victoria Perak	VP, Academic Affairs	Regrets	14-1
Olivia Woods	VP, Student Life	P	12-0
Lucas Chabane	VP, External Affairs	P	13-2
Brandon Leblanc	Director of Finance	P	12-1
Hannah MacQueen	Director of Events	P	11-4
Sasha Kardos-Machado	General Councilor	P	2-0
Tessa Bradshaw	General Councilor	P	12-0
Alex Mador	First Year Rep	P	12-0
Keven Poulin	On-Campus Rep	P	8-0
Diane Drak Alsibai	Environmental Sustainability Rep	Regrets	14-1
Alka Kumari	Equity Rep	Absent	4-1
Gabrielle Ferriera	Ethnic Diversity Rep	P-electronic*	10-2
Sophia Stacey	Health & Wellness Rep	P	15-0
Drew Henkel	Indigenous Students Rep	P	8-0
	International Students Rep		
Nick Veenstra	Business Senator	P	13-2
Joshua Prentice	Education Senator	Absent	2-4
Sandra Aneke	Graduate Student Senator	P	9-1
Sonoma Brawley	Humanities Senator	P	8-1
Gaby Loupiac	Natural Sciences Senator	P	14-1
Tiffany Farouse	Social Sciences Senator	P	15-0
Mikael Worku	Chair	Regrets	11-1
Erin Mallory	General Manager	P	13-2
Karen Dymond	Secretary General	P	13-2

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

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

Observers / Guests: Bryn Empey, Cleo Wulder, Chelsea Sheridan, Martina Berkers, Angus Whyte, Marie Constance, Irma Susset, Chloé Rouleau, Élodie Lescure

1.0 Opening

1.1 Welcome & Confirmation of Quorum

Hannah served as chair for the meeting. She called the meeting to order at 11:40 am and confirmed quorum with 15 voting members in attendance.

1.2 Land Acknowledgement

Sasha offered a Land Acknowledgement.

1.3 Approval of the agenda

MOTION: Moved by Olivia seconded by Gaby, to amend the agenda to move 4.1.1 and 4.2 to immediately after 2.0 as there are guests present. CARRIED (15-0-0).

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

1.4 Approval of previous minutes – March 20, 2023

Karen requested that the minutes from the meeting on March 20, 2023 be approved at the next meeting.

2.0 Filling vacancies on BSR

Karen reported that an email was sent to Victoria from Joshua Prentice, Education Senator, stating that he would not be attending any further Senate or BSR meetings as he is too busy. As there is only one more BSR meeting left, this position will not be filled.

3.0 Departmental Updates

3.1 President (Camilla) – Written report circulated in advance. She reported on 3 Board of Government meetings in last 2 weeks, the retreat with incoming execs, and Tessa is finishing the off-campus lighting map.

3.2 Vice-President of Academic Affairs (Victoria) – No written report received.

3.3 Vice-President of Student Life (Olivia) – Written report circulated in advance. Referred to her written report – peer supporters, meeting with students and committees, EDI fund, Exam Care Packages.

3.4 Vice-President External Affairs (Lucas) - Written report circulated in advance. He highlighted the Alumni survey.

3.5 Director of Finance (Brandon) - Written report circulated in advance.

3.6 Director of Events (Hannah) - Written report circulated in advance. Announced Grad Formal April 14.

3.7 Elections Update (Karen) - Written report circulated in advance.

3.8 Final Reports from BSR

General Councillor – Tessa Bradshaw – Written report circulated in advance.

General Councillor – Sasha Kardos-Machado – Written report circulated in advance.

Equity Representative – Alka Kumari – No written report received yet.

Environmental Sustainability Representative – Diane Drak Alsibai – Written report circulated in advance.

Health & Wellness Representative – Sophia Stacey – Written report circulated in advance.

First Year Representative – Alex Mador – Written report circulated in advance.

On-Campus Representative – Keven Poulin – Written report circulated in advance.

International Student Representative – Vacant

Ethnic Diversity Representative – Gabi Ferreira – No report received.

Indigenous Student Representative – Drew Henkel – Written report circulated in advance.
Humanities Student Senator – Sonoma Brawley– Written report circulated in advance.
Social Sciences Student Senator – Tiffany Farouse – No report received yet.
Natural Sciences Student Senator – Gaby Loupiac– Written report circulated in advance.
Education Student Senator – Joshua Prentice – No written report received.
Business Student Senator – Nick Veenstra – No written report received yet.
Graduate Student Senator – Sandra Aneke– Written report circulated in advance.
Chair -Mikael Worku – Written report circulated in advance.

4.0 Reports from Standing Committees / Recurring items

4.1 Club Motions

4.1.1 BU Market Research Club

Olivia and the club lead presented the Market Research Club. The goal is to have discussions with people to learn more about economics, stock market, financial markets. 15 people have joined.

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Lucas, to ratify the BU Market Research Club as an SRC Extra group. CARRIED (15-0-0).

4.2 Gaiter Grants Committee – Final Report received detailing funds distributed. Olivia presented on behalf of the GGC. PISA is requesting \$700 for their dinner event for graduating students.

The GGC recommends \$550, which would cover \$150 for rental of golf course, \$93 for SafeWalk so that students get home safely. They were not selling tickets and the dinner was free. The GGC recommended that the sell tickets for a small fee. They will charge \$15 a tickets and the SRC will pay the remainder of the \$28/ticket cost for the meal. Professors and non-graduating students pay for their own meal. This is the first time holding the event since COVID. Angus, the incoming president of PISA, answered questions of the BSR.

MOTION: Moved by Camilla, seconded by Olivia, to approve the amount of \$550 to PISA for their event. CARRIED (14-0-1).

4.3 Appointments Committee – No Final Report received.

4.4 Green Levy Committee – Meeting once more before end of semester.

4.5 Residence Student Life Committee – This committee has not met since before COVID. Olivia will be starting the committee in the fall.

4.6 Mental Health Committee – Sophia highlighted the Encouragement Envelopes Project for Exam Care Packs and Pet Support Day on April 12.

4.7 EDI Committee – Final report submitted.

5.0 Reports from Ad-Hoc Committees

5.1 Finance Committee (Brandon)

5.2 Sexual Culture Committee – No written report received. Nothing to report.

5.3 External Funding Opportunities for SRC Extra Sports Groups

5.4 SafeDrive Committee (Camilla) – Written report circulated in advance.

5.5 Survive The Gait Selection Committee (Hannah) – Final report, the committee has served its purpose and is now disbanded.

6.0 Question Period

No questions were asked.

7.0 **Unfinished Business**

7.1 Ratification of Director of Events

Camilla provided a report from the hiring committee and presented Bryn Empey as the preferred candidate.

MOTION: Camilla, Olivia, closed session. CARRIED (15-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Camilla, seconded by Olivia, to ratify Bryn Empey as Director of Events for the 2023-24 term. CARRIED (15-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Drew, seconded by Tiffany, to move back into Open Session. CARRIED (15-0-0).

7.2 Funding Request – Menstrual Equity Project

Olivia presented about the Menstrual Equity Project – Information about Menstruation, free products and sustainable products, with education a big component of the project.

MOTION: Moved by Lucas, seconded by Sophia, to grant Menstrual Equity Project \$750. CARRIED (14-0-1).

7.3 Amendment to Specific Bylaw VII I 7.2 Environmental Sustainability Representative

Camilla presented the proposal to add the responsibility of the graduate tree planting initiative to be added to the Environmental Sustainability Representative. A tradition at Bishop's had been to plant trees to recognize the year of graduation. For example, 23 trees will be planted this year for the grads of 2023. The tradition had been lost, but it is being resumed.

It was decided to add "to assist with the Tree Planting Initiative for the graduating class of the respective year" as item vi to Specific Bylaw VII I 7.2 Environmental Sustainability Representative.

The proposed change will be circulated to the student body and voted on at the April 14 BSR.

7.4 BU Arts Fest

No one attended the meeting to present the budget.

MOTION: Moved to strike 7.4 from the agenda. Olivia, Sasha, CARRIED (13-0-2).

8.0 **New Business**

8.1 Ratification of DOF and VPAA as Officers of the SRC

MOTION: Moved by Camilla, seconded by Lucas, that the incoming Director of Finance, Brandon Leblanc, and the incoming Vice President of Academic Affairs, Christina Lépine be named Officers of the SRC, pursuant to Article 6.5 of the General Bylaws. CARRIED (15-0-0).

8.2 Ratification of Signing Authorities

MOTION: Moved by Camilla, seconded by Sasha, as of May 1, 2023, any two of the following shall sign all documents and other instruments requiring execution by the SRC: President Sophia Stacey, Vice President of Academic Affairs Christina Lépine, Director of Finance Brandon Leblanc, and General Manager Erin Mallory. CARRIED (15-0-0).



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8.3 Ratification of Election Appeals Committee Membership 2023-24

Karen explained the purpose and requirements for the Election Appeals Committee.

Sienna Longo and Elodie Lescure are incoming BSR members who are graduating after their term, are willing to serve on this committee. The committee requires a third BSR member and 1 or 2 SRC members at large. Karen will ensure a full slate to present at the next BSR.

8.4 Ratification of Group Conflict Appeals Committee Membership 2023-24

Olivia explained the purpose and requirements for the Group Conflict Appeals Committee. Olivia invited anyone who is interested in serving to send an email to Karen before the next meeting.

8.5 Report on Annual Plan (Camilla)

Camilla and the Executive Team reported on the Annual Plan as set out in September 2022. The document was emailed to the BSR membership and was presented by the Executive Team.

8.6 Spring / Summer Budget (Brandon)

MOTION: Moved by Sasha, seconded by Lucas, to table this item until the next meeting. CARRIED (15-0-0).

8.7 Ad-Hoc Committee Decisions

Olivia presented a proposal to strike an ad-hoc committee for the Menstrual Equity project.

MOTION: Moved by Lucas, seconded by Camilla, to strike an Ad-Hoc committee for the Menstrual Equity project. CARRIED (14-0-1).

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

Karen thanked members for their support of the Purple Shirt Epilepsy Awareness event on March 23 and thanked Olivia for her work on communications for the event. Science, Sense and Nonsense.

10.0 **Date of Next Meeting** – Hannah announced that the final BSR of the year will be held on Friday April 14 from 10 am until 12 noon in McGreer 100.

11.0 **Adjournment:**

MOTION: Moved by Lucas, seconded by Alex, to adjourn the meeting. CARRIED (15-0-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm.