

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

Sunday, September 24, 2023 – 3:00 pm
McGreer 100, Bishop's University, Sherbrooke, Quebec

ATTENDANCE:

| Name | Position | P/R/A* | Attendance P/R/A |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Sophia Stacey | President | P | 2-0-0 |
| Christine Lépine | VP, Academic Affairs | P | 2-0-0 |
| Olivia Woods | VP, Student Life | P | 2-0-0 |
| Brandon Leblanc | Director of Finance | P | 2-0-0 |
| Bryn Empey | Director of Events | P | 2-0-0 |
| Taylor Morgan | General Councilor | P | 1-0-0 |
| Sasha Kardos-Machado | General Councilor | P | 1-0-0 |
| Roser Rise | First Year Rep | P | 1-0-0 |
| Sarah Jewett | On-Campus Rep | P | 1-0-0 |
| Chloé Rouleau | Environmental Sustainability Rep | P | 1-0-1 |
| Irma Susset | Equity Rep | P | 2-0-0 |
| Irmah Alao | Ethnic Diversity Rep | P | 1-0-0 |
| Marie Constance Hountondji | Health & Wellness Rep | P | 1-0-1 |
| Drew Henkel | Indigenous Student Rep | P | 2-0-0 |
| Fiona Gaombalet | International Student Rep | P | 1-0-0 |
| Cleo Wulder | Business Senator | P | 2-0-0 |
| Martina Berkers | Education Senator | P | 1-0-0 |
| Elodie Lescure | Graduate Student Senator | P | 1-1-0 |
| Sonoma Brawley | Humanities Senator | P | 1-1-0 |
| Sienna Longo | Natural Sciences Senator | P | 2-0-0 |
| Chelsea Sheridan | Social Sciences Senator | P | 2-0-0 |
| Jordan Messier | Chair | P | 1-0-0 |
| Erin Mallory | General Manager | P | 2-0-0 |
| Karen Dymond | Secretary General | P | 2-0-0 |

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

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

Observers / Guests: Alex Mador, Toast Radio Manager.

1.0 Opening

1.1 Welcome & Confirmation of Quorum

Jordan called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and confirmed quorum with 19 voting members present.

1.2 Land Acknowledgement

Sonoma offered a Land Acknowledgement and a reflection on Call to Action 65.

1.3 Approval of the agenda

MOTION: Moved by Sophia, seconded by Sonoma, to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED (19-0-0).

1.4 Approval of previous minutes – April 14, 2023, and August 25, 2023

MOTION: Moved by Sophia, seconded by Olivia, to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 14, 2023. CARRIED (16-0-3).

MOTION: Moved by Christina, seconded by Chelsea, to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 25, 2023. CARRIED (17-0-2).

2.0 Filling vacancies on BSR

No vacancies to fill.

3.0 Departmental Updates

Each Executive Member presented their Summer Report, which were circulated to the board in advance.

- 3.1 President – Sophia informed the board that she was asked to be the one who installed the new Principal, which was to symbolize his commitment to students. She announced that Bishop's VP of Student Affairs, Dr Stine Linden-Andersen, is stepping down in June and that there are three students on the search committee.
- 3.2 Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Christina highlighted her work during summer and with senate.
- 3.3 Vice-President of Student Life – Olivia highlighted the Student Life Panel and the Student Success Fair during O-Week and the offering of an alternate registration for students who might find lining up in the Quad overwhelming. She shared that non-varsity sports teams are now under the management of Athletics rather than SRC Extra.
- 3.4 Director of Finance (Brandon Leblanc) – Brandon shared highlights including O-Week sponsorship.
- 3.5 Director of Events (Bryn Empey) – Bryn recapped O-Week and feedback provided by first-years.
- 3.6 Elections (Karen Dymond) – Karen provided a written report, including certified results of the Fall Election. New outreach tactics including a voting table in the SUB, partnership with Doolittle's, and new graphics increased student participation for voting.
- 3.7 Toast Radio – Alex presented a Strategic Framework to boost Toast Radio as well as a Monthly Report

4.0 Reports from Standing Committees / Recurring Items

- 4.1 Club Motions (Olivia) – None. She informed the board that there will probably be multiple groups who will present themselves for ratification the next BSR.
- 4.2 Gaiter Grants Committee (Brandon) – None. Brandon invited anyone interested in joining the GGC to contact him.
- 4.3 Appointments Committee (Sophia) – Sophia provided an overview of committees, and that the committee is meeting on Thursday to determine appointments, for presentation at the next BSR.

- 4.4 Green Levy Committee - Chloé reported that a meeting will be held in the next few weeks
- 4.5 Residence Student Life Committee – Olivia reported that this committee has not met since before COVID, and that it will be up and running soon.
- 4.6 Mental Health Committee - Marie Constance reported that the first meeting will be organized soon.
- 4.7 EDI Committee (Irma Susset/Irmah Alao) – Nothing to report.

5.0 Reports from Ad-Hoc Committees

- 5.1 External Funding Opportunities for SRC Extra Sports Groups – Brandon reported that sports groups that were formerly under SRC Extra will now be managed by Athletics, with SRC support under the newly-created Club Support Program.

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Sonoma, to dissolve the External Funding Opportunities for SRC Extra Sports Groups Ad-Hoc Committee. CARRIED (19-0-0).

- 5.2 Finance Committee (Brandon) – Nothing to report.
- 5.3 Gait Renovation Consultation Committee – Brandon explained that the Infrastructure Student Fee goes towards renovation of student spaces on campus, and that the next project is to renovate the Gait, set to happen in the next 5 years. While the Gait is operated by the SRC, the space is owned by the university so changes will be done in partnership with the university. He recommended that a committee be struck to provide input from the student perspective.

MOTION: Moved by Sophia, seconded by Drew, to strike the Gait Renovation Consultation Committee. CARRIED (19-0-0).

Brandon invited anyone interested in joining to contact him by email.

- 5.4 Menstrual Equity Committee – Olivia explained the project that began development during the last school year, with funding and leadership from the SRC.

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Sonoma, to restrike the Menstrual Equity Committee.

MOTION TO AMEND: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Sophia, that the motion be amended with the addition of “that the committee will be in place until the end of the 2024-25 term and then be evaluated. CARRIED (19-0-0).

MAIN MOTION CARRIED (19-0-0).

- 5.5 SafeDrive Committee (Sophia) – Sophia spoke to the document with the proposed plan, including a list of specific partners to be included on the committee.

MOTION: Moved by Sophia, seconded by Olivia, to restrike the SafeDrive Ad-Hoc Committee and that the committee would stay in place until the end of the 2024-25 term and then be evaluated. CARRIED (19-0-0).

BSR members raised questions about involvement of someone from the Sexual Violence Support Centre or the Sexual Culture Committee, as student safety is a driving factor for the need of the service. The committee is to take that under consideration when the committee reaches the planning stage of safety concerns.

5.6 Sexual Culture Committee – Olivia reported that the committee has met and is planning for Take Back the Night, with a Forum and Silent Vigil.

6.0 Question Period

No questions were asked.

7.0 Unfinished Business

7.1 Board of Student Representatives Code of Conduct

Sophia presented the updated proposed Code of Conduct and questions were asked from the membership.

MOTION: Moved by Sohia, seconded by Sonoma, to approve the Board of Student Representatives Code of Conduct, with the substitution of “may” instead of “will” in point 1 under containing to board conduct, so that it reads “I will strive to attend all Board Meetings with the understanding that multiple missed meetings may results in my removal from the Board.” CARRIED (19-0-0).

Printed copies will be provided at the next meeting to be signed by all Representatives.

Irma left the room.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Draft Financial Statements – 2022-23 – Brandon presented the Draft Financial Statements for the year 2022-23, as reviewed by the Accounting Firm Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton. The Financial Statements were also reviewed in depth at the BSR Training Retreat held earlier today. Once approved, these financial statements will be presented at the Annual General Meeting for review and approval by the SRC members.

MOTION: Moved by Christina, seconded by Chelsea, to approve the Financial Statements for the year 2023-24 as presented. CARRIED (18-0-0).

8.2 SRC Budget 2023-24 – Brandon presented the Budget for the 2023-24 year, which was reviewed in depth at the BSR Training Retreat held earlier in the weekend.

Imah re-entered the room.

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Christina, to approve the Budget for the year 2023-24 as presented. CARRIED (19-0-0).

8.3 SRC Annual Plan 2023-24

Sophia provided a brief review of the Annual Plan, which was presented in detail at the BSR Training Retreat held earlier this weekend.

MOTION: Moved by Christina, seconded by Sienna, to approve the SRC Annual Plan for 2023-24. CARRIED (19-0-0).

8.4 Notice of Motion – SRC Extracurricular Group Manual (Olivia)

Olivia presented the updated SRC Extra Groups Manual. She explained the changes from the previous version. It was noted that there were several errors in the document.

The corrected version will be circulated to the BSR at least 5 business days in advance and will be included on the agenda of the next meeting for adoption.

8.5 Bishop's Mental Health Policy (Olivia)

Olivia presented the Mental Health Policy of Bishop's University. Universities are now mandated to have such a policy by the Quebec government. Olivia presented it so that the BSR is aware of the policy and provisions and indicated that students were consulted during its development.

9.0 Any other business / Announcements / Toot Your Own Horn

Karen reminded everyone that the AGM is Tuesday September 26 at 5 pm in The Gait.

Sophia thanked everyone for their involvement in the BSR Training Retreat this weekend and thanked the executive for their work to prepare. Erin thanked Sophia for her hard work on the Retreat.

Bryn invited everyone to come to CountryFest on Saturday October 14 from 2 pm – 5 pm.

Drew let everyone know that there are many events happening on campus each day next week for The National Week of Truth and Reconciliation.

Sophia announced that the SRC is providing a bus to attend the "Every Child Matters Walk in Sherbrooke.

10.0 Date of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be Monday, October 16, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm in McGreer 100.

11.0 Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Christina, seconded by Sienna, to adjourn the meeting. CARRIED (19-0-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.