

BOARD OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 13, 2023 – 11:30 am
McGreer 100, Bishop's University, Sherbrooke, Quebec

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Position	P/R/A*	Attendance P/R/A
Sophia Stacey	President	P	5-0-0
Christine Lépine	VP, Academic Affairs	P	5-0-0
Olivia Woods	VP, Student Life	P	5-0-0
Brandon Leblanc	Director of Finance	P	5-0-0
Bryn Empey	Director of Events	P	5-0-0
Taylor Morgan	General Councilor	P	4-0-0
Sasha Kardos-Machado	General Councilor	P	4-0-0
Roser Rise	First Year Rep	P	3-1-0
Sarah Jewett	On-Campus Rep	P	4-0-0
Chloé Rouleau	Environmental Sustainability Rep	P	4-0-1
Irma Susset	Equity Rep	P	5-0-0
Irmah Alao	Ethnic Diversity Rep	P	4-0-0
Marie Constance Hountondji	Health & Wellness Rep	Late	3-1-1
Drew Henkel	Indigenous Student Rep	P	5-0-0
Fiona Gaombalet	International Student Rep	P	4-0-0
Cleo Wulder	Business Senator	P	5-0-0
Martina Berkers	Education Senator	Regrets	4-1-0
Elodie Lescuré	Graduate Student Senator	P	4-1-0
Sonoma Brawley	Humanities Senator	P	4-1-0
Sienna Longo	Natural Sciences Senator	P	5-0-0
Chelsea Sheridan	Social Sciences Senator	P	5-0-0
Jordan Messier	Chair	P	4-0-0
Erin Mallory	General Manager	P	5-0-0
Karen Dymond	Secretary General	P	5-0-0

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

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

Observers / Guests: Joe Albert, Men's Hockey Club Co-Lead; Fred Nicholas, Men's Hock Club Co-Lead; Juliette Beaulieu, JDCC; Josee-Anne Lafond, JDCC; Jenna Lemay, SRC Extra Manager

1.0 Opening

1.1 Welcome & Confirmation of Quorum

Jordan called the meeting to order at 11:30 am and welcomed our guest to the meeting. Quorum was confirmed with 17 voting members present.

1.2 Land Acknowledgement

Sophia offered a Land Acknowledgement and a reflection on TRC Call to Action 31 on mandatory education on Indigenous Issues for medical and health care university education.

MOTION: Moved by Brandon, seconded by Irma, to move item 4.2 before 3.0. CARRIED (17-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Sophia, to move item 7.1 after 4.2, which has been moved until before item 3.0. CARRIED (17-0-0).

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

1.3 Approval of previous minutes – November 6, 2023

MOTION: Moved by Sarah, seconded by Taylor, to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 6, 2023, as presented. CARRIED (16-0-1).

2.0 Filling vacancies on BSR

No vacancies.

3.0 Departmental Updates

As the last meeting was held 5 business days ago, written reports were not provided. Full written reports will be provided by the executive team at the next meeting on November 27. The floor was open for questions and comments under each report.

3.1 President (Sophia)

3.2 Vice-President of Academic Affairs (Christina)

3.3 Vice-President of Student Life (Olivia) – Mental Health Awareness Week committee is progressing well and the Blood Drive was successful. Thank you to all who volunteered.

3.4 Director of Finance (Brandon)

3.5 Director of Events (Bryn)

4.0 Reports from Standing Committees / Recurring Items

4.1 Club Motions (Olivia) – Nothing to report.

4.2 Gaiter Grants Committee (Brandon)

The GGC met last week. Minor grants were approved by the committee for the BU History Association, Knit Community, and Flag Football.

4.2.1 Men's Hockey Team

Brandon reported that the Men's Hockey Team is requesting \$9,777 to purchase game jerseys, practice jerseys, and pay for some of their ice time. They are starting to fundraise and volunteered for the blood drive.

MOTION: Moved by Brandon, seconded by Chelsea, to grant the Men's Hockey Team for game jerseys, practice jerseys, and some of their ice time. CARRIED (17-0-0).

- 4.3 Appointments Committee (Sophia) – Nothing to report.
- 4.4 Green Levy Committee (Chloé) – Nothing to report.
- 4.5 Residence Student Life Committee (Olivia) – Nothing to report.
- 4.6 Mental Health Committee (Marie Constance) – Nothing to report.
- 4.7 EDI Committee (Irma/Irmah) – Nothing to report. The committee has not met yet. They are drafting a list of the people they would like to invite.

5.0 Reports from Ad-Hoc Committees

- 5.1 Finance Committee (Brandon) – Nothing to report.
- 5.2 Gait Renovation Consultation Committee (Brandon) – Appointments of members will be made soon.
- 5.3 Menstrual Equity Committee (Olivia) – Nothing to report.
- 5.4 SafeDrive Committee (Sophia) – Nothing to report.
- 5.5 Sexual Culture Committee (Olivia) – The SCC held Take Back the Night last Thursday. Olivia thanked Irmah for speaking at the event. The committee is happy with how the event went and noted a few things to change for next year and Olivia invited feedback from the BSR.
- 5.6 Environmental Policy Committee (Chloé) – Chloé reported that they have reached out to potential members and will meet as soon as responses are received.
- 5.7 Tuition Increase Response Committee (Sophia) – A document outlining the mandate and membership of the committee was circulated in advance. Sophia explained that the purpose of the committee is for mobilization. Sophia will be the point of communication between the Executive Council and the committee. There is still a possibility for interested BSR members to join if they wish. Roser volunteered and the committee will consider her inclusion. Last week the committee met twice to develop a plan of action. A table will be staffed in the SUB for the next two weeks to raise awareness for and gain signatures for the petition. BSR members are asked to volunteer.

6.0 Question Period

No questions asked.

7.0 Unfinished Business

- 7.1 Request for Funding – Jeux de Commerce Canada (JDCC)
Juliette presented the updated budget and pitch for funding from the SRC. Funding from WSB and BUCS has not been confirmed, no fundraising by team members has yet been held. Confirmation of prices for transportation have not been firmed up, as companies were not willing to commit unless transportation was booked.

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

MOTION: Moved by Sophia, seconded by Sasha, to postpone this for request for funding until the next BSR, and request that they return with a detailed and accurate budget. CARRIED (17-0-1).

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Sophia, to return to Open Session. CARRIED (18-0-0).

Jordan announced the decision to the JDCC representatives. Sophia encouraged them to meet with Brandon ahead of time to ensure a solid and complete budget to present.

8.0 New Business

- 8.1 Organizational Response to Israel/Palestine Conflict (Sophia & Irma)
Sophia explained that the reason it is on our agenda today is that the issue has been raised by a small group of students. The proposed statement was circulated in advance and it was explained that in

addition to mental health resources, links to organizations and websites for students to educate themselves on the conflict would be attached. Questions were asked about what resources would be included. These resources have not been determined yet. Irma explained that she is involved with the Muslim Student Association, CASA, and she has been active with protesting. Questions included whether Jewish and Christian groups on campus have been consulted, what further action would take place, protests, if the statement would address conflicts in smaller countries that do not have the attention in the media, if the SRC took stances on past conflicts, and concern that members have not consulted with their constituents.

MOTION: Sophia, second by Olivia, to move into Closed Session. CARRIED (18-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Sasha, seconded by Olivia, to call the vote and vote by secret ballot. CARRIED. (18-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Sophia, seconded by Irma, to approve the statement circulated in advance and educational resources yet to be determined. FAILED.

9.0 **Toot Your Own Horn**

In the interest of time, none were shared.

10.0 **Date of Next Meeting** – November 27, 2023 – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, McGreer 100

11.0 **Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.