

**BOARD OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
MINUTES OF SUPPLEMENTARY MEETING**

to complete unfinished business of Regular Meeting held November 27, 2023

Monday, December 4, 2023 – 11:30 am
The Gait, Bishop's University, Sherbrooke, Quebec

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Position	P/R/A*	Attendance P/R/A
Sophia Stacey	President	P	7-0-0
Christine Lépine	VP, Academic Affairs	P	7-0-0
Olivia Woods	VP, Student Life	P	7-0-0
Brandon Leblanc	Director of Finance	P	6-1-0
Bryn Empey	Director of Events	P	7-0-0
Taylor Morgan	General Councilor	P	6-0-0
Sasha Kardos-Machado	General Councilor	P	6-0-0
Roser Rise	First Year Rep	P	5-1-0
Sarah Jewett	On-Campus Rep	P	6-0-0
Chloé Rouleau	Environmental Sustainability Rep	P	6-1-0
Irma Susset	Equity Rep	P	7-0-0
Irmah Alao	Ethnic Diversity Rep	Late	6-0-0
Marie Constance Hountondji	Health & Wellness Rep	Late	5-1-1
Drew Henkel	Indigenous Student Rep	P	6-1-0
Fiona Gaombalet	International Student Rep	P	6-0-0
Cleo Wulder	Business Senator	P	7-0-0
Martina Berkers	Education Senator	P	6-1-0
Elodie Lescure	Graduate Student Senator	P	6-1-0
Sonoma Brawley	Humanities Senator	P	6-1-0
Sienna Longo	Natural Sciences Senator	P	7-0-0
Chelsea Sheridan	Social Sciences Senator	P	7-0-0
Jordan Messier	Chair	P	5-1-0
Erin Mallory	General Manager	P	7-0-0
Karen Dymond	Secretary General	P	7-0-0

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

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

Observers / Guests: Mohammad Al Fotihi, Hussein, Saleh Hussein, Natalia Munoz, Muhi Eddin Tahhan, Abdulsalam Al-Amoodi, Raed Bayazed, Gabrielle Lin, Erik Morrison, Brendan Kelley, Nicolas Baril, Stine Linden-Andersen

1.0 Opening

1.1 Welcome & Confirmation of Quorum

Jordan called the meeting to order at 11:33 am and confirmed quorum with 17 voting members present at the beginning of the meeting. He welcomed all the guests in attendance.

1.2 Land Acknowledgement

Fiona offered a Land Acknowledgement.

1.3 Approval of the agenda

MOTION: Moved by Sienna, seconded by Élodie, to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED (17-0-0).

1.4 Approval of previous minutes – November 27, 2023

Karen announced that the minutes will be provided in advance of the regular meeting on December 8, 2023.

1.5 For the Good of the Board

Karen provided context for the use of closed session and secret ballot voting. She reminded everyone of the rule of only speaking twice to a motion.

2.0 Not on the agenda for this meeting

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7.0 Unfinished Business

7.1 Proposed Statement Regarding Israel/Palestine Conflict (Irma)

MOTION POSTPONED from last meeting until supplementary meeting held today:

In light of recent global events, we are deeply troubled and saddened by the tragic and ongoing loss of civilian lives in Palestine. The SRC stands for peace and safety.

Your BUSRC is concerned about students' well-being and psychological health and is committed to providing support to students. We encourage students to access the following available resources and take care of themselves throughout the semester.

+ Mental health resources on campus.

+ Accredited educational resources on the topic.

+ President, VP Student Life, Equity Representative and Ethnic Diversity Representative email addresses for questions, and concerns.

MOTION WITHDRAWN by Irma, the mover of the motion. None opposed. MOTION WITHDRAWN.

MOTION: Moved by Irma, seconded by Élodie, to issue the following statement:

In light of recent global events and the escalation of violence around the world, we are deeply troubled and saddened by the tragic and ongoing loss of civilian lives in Palestine. Your BUSRC stands for peace, and we wish for the safety and the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of all of our students.

We unequivocally condemn the rise in antisemitism, Islamophobia, and all forms of discrimination and harassment resulting from these recent events. We also encourage faculty to act with compassion as students navigate this difficult situation.

We encourage students to access the available resources on-campus:

- BUnited Peer Support Centre
- Student Services Counselling
- Student Accessibility Services
- Sexual Violence Support Centre
- Empower Me Virtual Counselling
- Residence Life Coordinators & Advisor

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Discussion about the new motion was held, with members speaking for and against.

MOTION TO AMEND: Moved by Sophia, seconded by Roser, to amend the statement as following:

To Strike:

~~In light of recent global events and the escalation of violence around the world, we are deeply troubled and saddened by the tragic and ongoing loss of civilian lives in Palestine.~~

To Replace With:

We recognize that the recent escalation of violence in Palestine and Israel, and in other international conflicts, has negatively impacted many of our students. We acknowledge the pain and grief of those whose loved ones are missing or have lost their lives.

So that the Amended Statement reads as follows:

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MOTION: Moved by Sophia, seconded by Roser, to vote by secret ballot. CARRIED (17-1-0).

Voting occurred by secret ballot. **MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED.**

MOTION: Moved by Sasha, seconded by Roser, to vote by secret ballot for the main motion. CARRIED (17-1-0).

Voting occurred by secret ballot. **MAIN MOTION CARRIED.**

Sophia announced that the statement will be issued on the SRC social media this afternoon.

8.0 **New Business**

8.1 Board Consultation - Ethnic Diversity Representative Name Change

Irma explained that she would like to consult with the board about changing the name of Ethnic Diversity Representative. She explained that the term "ethnic" is derogatory and should not be used to refer to people and does not show cultural sensitivity. She proposes the term Diversity and Inclusion Representative. A brief discussion was held and this will be brought forward under Unfinished Business at our next meeting.

MOTION: Taylor, Olivia, to add question period to the agenda. CARRIED (19-0-0).

Irma asked about access to recording. It was clarified that meeting recordings are not to be shared on social media or to target members for how they voted or what they stated during meetings. Once approved by the BSR, BSR minutes are available on our website at busrc.com/minutes-and-reports.

Irma asked for the results of the secret ballots from this meeting and the meeting on November 13 to be released. It was clarified that secret ballot votes are reported without numbers.

9.0 **Toot Your Own Horn**

Martina invited members to join education students in delivering holiday cards and visiting with the residents of Grace Village.

Sophia announced that, while we made a statement, statements without action can be performative, and there is more that we can be doing to address the mental health impact on students. Erin and Sophia worked with Student Services and starting today until the end of the semester, there will be priority for students impacted by the Israel-Palestine conflict for drop-in counselling hours. Students can self-declare their priority.

In addition, Student Services will host a Mental Health Fair in the SUB Lobby on Wednesday for students impacted.

She clarified that this is a separate action than the statement.

10.0 **Date of Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on Friday, December 8, 2023 from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm in McGreer 100, followed by Bishop's 180th Anniversary Celebration from 12 pm - 1 pm.

11.0 **Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm.