

## BOARD OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Friday, December 8, 2023 – 10:00 am  
McGreer 100, Bishop's University, Sherbrooke, Quebec

### ATTENDANCE:

Name	Position	P/R/A*	Attendance P/R/A
Sophia Stacey	President	P	8-0-0
Christine Lépine	VP, Academic Affairs	P	8-0-0
Olivia Woods	VP, Student Life	P	8-0-0
Brandon Leblanc	Director of Finance	P	7-1-0
Bryn Empey	Director of Events	P	8-0-0
Taylor Morgan	General Councilor	P	7-0-0
kSasha Kardos-Machado	General Councilor	P	7-0-0
Roser Rise	First Year Rep	P	6-1-0
Sarah Jewett	On-Campus Rep	P	7-0-0
Chloé Rouleau	Environmental Sustainability Rep	P	7-1-0
Irma Susset	Equity Rep	P	8-0-0
Irmah Alao	Ethnic Diversity Rep	P	7-0-0
Marie Constance Hountondji	Health & Wellness Rep	P-electronic*	6-1-1
Drew Henkel	Indigenous Student Rep	P	7-1-0
Fiona Gaombalet	International Student Rep	Late	7-0-0
Cleo Wulder	Business Senator	P	8-0-0
Martina Berkers	Education Senator	P	7-1-0
Élodie Lescure	Graduate Student Senator	P	7-1-0
Sonoma Brawley	Humanities Senator	P	7-1-0
Sienna Longo	Natural Sciences Senator	Regrets	7-1-0
Chelsea Sheridan	Social Sciences Senator	P	8-0-0
Jordan Messier	Chair	P	6-1-0
Erin Mallory	General Manager	P	8-0-0
Karen Dymond	Secretary General	P	8-0-0

\*P=Present, Regrets=sent their regrets 24+ hours in advance, A=Absent

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

**Observers / Guests:** Roseane Delorme, Tennis Club; Annika Bradley, PISA; Rory Point-Du-Jour, Women's Volleyball; Charlotte Bibeau, Women's Volleyball; Charles Beaudet, Environmental Sustainability Candidate; Josee-Anne Lafond, JDCC; Angus Whyte, PISA; Morgan Doke

## 1.0 Opening

### 1.1 Welcome & Confirmation of Quorum

Jordan called the meeting to order at 10:02 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 Brandon, seconded by Sasha, to move Item 4.2 GGC immediately after 2.0. CARRIED (16-0-1).

**MOTION:** Moved by Brandon, seconded by Chelsea, that if the JDCC attends the meeting today, that Item 7.2 JDCC funding request be moved to immediately after item 4.2, and that if the group does not attend today's meeting, that they are not added to any future agendas. CARRIED (17-0-0).

**MOTION:** Moved by Irmah, seconded by Roser, to move Item 8.1 to after Item 3.7. CARRIED (16-0-1).

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

### 1.4 Approval of previous minutes – November 27, 2023

**MOTION:** Moved by Sasha, seconded by Irmah, to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2023, meeting as presented. CARRIED (15-0-2).

**MOTION:** Moved by Chelsea, seconded by Martina, to approve the minutes of the supplementary meeting held on December 4, 2023, as presented. CARRIED (16-0-1).

### 1.5 For the Good of the Board

Karen thanked everyone for getting their End of Semester Reports in on time and encouraged everyone to read each report, especially the feedback for the BSR. She invited members to share topics they would like covered during this component of meetings.

## 2.0 Filling vacancies on BSR

### 2.1 Environmental Sustainability Representative – Presentation of Candidates

Charles Beaudet presented himself to the BSR. Questions were asked of the candidate.

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

**MOTION:** Moved by Sasha, seconded by Cleo, to appoint Charles Beaudet as the new Environmental Sustainability Representative. CARRIED (17-0-0).

**MOTION:** Moved by Christina, seconded by Olivia, to move back into open session. CARRIED (16-0-1).

Fiona arrived at the meeting.

### 3.0 Departmental Updates

- 3.1 President – Sophia highlighted the petition and the trip to the National Assembly and invited everyone to attend today's 180<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for Bishop's.
- 3.2 Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Christina reported that Senate is voting today whether to make fall reading week a permanent part of the academic calendar. She thanked the Senators for their advocacy at Senate on this important issue.
- 3.3 Vice-President of Student Life – Olivia reported that 1005 Exam Care packs were distributed and thanked the board members who assisted.
- 3.4 Director of Finance (Brandon) – Brandon shared that he is one of two students who sits on the University's Responsible Investment Committee. He reported that the environmental sustainability scores of investments might be good for our Enviro Rep to review their recommendations.
- 3.5 Director of Events – Bryn highlighted that 16 businesses participated in the Holiday Market, which was a pilot project went well.
- 3.6 Toast Radio Manager (Alex) – Karen spoke to his report and offered an invitation for BSR members to reach out to Alex if they wish to do a podcast or show.
- 3.7 BSR End of Semester Reports

Written reports were circulated in advance, except for 3.7.8. Verbal reports were not given.

- 3.7.1 General Councillor (Sasha)
- 3.7.2 General Councillor (Taylor)
- 3.7.3 First-Year Representative (Roser)
- 3.7.4 On-Campus Representative (Sarah)
- 3.7.5 Environmental Sustainability Representative (Chloé)
- 3.7.6 Equity Representative (Irma)
- 3.7.7 Ethnic Diversity Representative (Irmah)
- 3.7.8 Health & Wellness Representative (Marie Constance)
- 3.7.9 Indigenous Representative (Drew)
- 3.7.10 International Student Representative (Fiona)
- 3.7.11 Business Senator (Cleo)
- 3.7.12 Education Senator (Martina)
- 3.7.13 Graduate Student Senator (Élodie)
- 3.7.14 Humanities Senator (Sonoma)
- 3.7.15 Natural Sciences Senator (Sienna)
- 3.7.16 Social Sciences Senator (Chelsea)
- 3.7.17 Chair of the Board (Jordan)

### 4.0 Reports from Standing Committees / Recurring Items

- 4.1 Club Motions (Olivia) – Nothing to report.
- 4.2 Gaiter Grants Committee (Brandon)

This item was addressed immediately after item 2.1.

- 4.2.1 Women's Volleyball Club – Brandon reported that the club is requesting \$265 for a wireless microphone, a first aid kit, and a team activity. Charlotte and Rory attended and reported on the team, their fundraising efforts. They play against CEGEP teams, traveling to Montreal and Quebec City. Fundraising covers travel and other expenses.

**MOTION:** Moved by Brandon, seconded by Cleo, to approve the request of \$265 for the Women's Volleyball Club.

**MOTION:** Moved by Élodie, seconded by Olivia, to move into closed session. CARRIED (18-0-0).

**MOTION:** Moved by Sasha, seconded by Olivia, to move the previous question. CARRIED (18-0-0).

**MAIN MOTION CARRIED** (18-0-0).

**MOTION:** Moved by Christina, seconded by Chelsea, to move back into open session. CARRIED (18-0-0).

Jordan announced the result of the vote and explained that, for the next two items, both clubs will present and then closed session would be entered into for discussion and voting.

- 4.2.2 PISA – GGC Recommends funding \$305. This is less than their original request, which included funding for a full year for their website subscription. The amount of \$305 provides funds for two months of a Wix subscription with the requirement that they update their website, for pie tins for a pie throwing fundraiser and Sodexo food for a Wine and Cheese event. Annika Bradley spoke on behalf of the club and explained their fundraising efforts. She explained that the Department is not willing to fund the Wine and Cheese this year. She explained that there is an alumni event next semester, and that PISA does a lot for their department.

4.2.3 Tennis Club

The GGC recommends \$350 to pay for their court times during the winter. There is no cost for students to participate, and they provide all equipment for members.

**MOTION:** Moved by Brandon, seconded by Chelsea, to move into closed session. CARRIED (17-0-1).

**MOTION:** Moved by Brandon, seconded by Cleo, to approve the amount of \$305 for PISA. CARRIED (14-0-4).

**MOTION:** Moved by Brandon, seconded by Sarah, to approve the amount of \$350 for the Tennis Club. CARRIED (18-0-0).

**MOTION:** Moved by Taylor, seconded by Chelsea, to move back into open session. CARRIED (18-0-0).

Jordan announced the results of both votes and congratulated the clubs.

- 4.3 Appointments Committee – Sophia reported that the Ad-Hoc Search Committee to fill the position of Secretary General for Bishop's is underway.

Sophia left the meeting.

- 4.4 Green Levy Committee – Chloé reported that the committee met this week. They have approved a few grants and made recommendations for applicants to return for funding.

- 4.5 Residence Student Life Committee – Olivia reported that she is still waiting to hear back from the Residence Life Team so that a meeting can be held.
- 4.6 Mental Health Committee - Marie Constance reported that she met with Sophia, Olivia, and Chloé to set up Pet Support Day. It was supposed to take place on Dec 6 but will be rescheduled for next semester. The committee has not met yet this semester.
- 4.7 EDI Committee (Irma/Irmah) – Irmah spoke to this report. She has contacted all persons that they wish to have on the committee and are confident that next semester the committee will be active.

## 5.0 Reports from Ad-Hoc Committees

- 5.1 Finance Committee (Brandon) – A call for students to join the committee resulted in 10 applicants. The committee will begin next semester.
- 5.2 Gait Renovation Consultation Committee (Brandon) – They are almost ready to start, waiting for one key university member to confirm involvement.
- 5.3 Menstrual Equity Committee (Olivia) – Met twice since last the last board meeting. The overall structure of the committee has been established. Products are placed into baskets and will be distribute in the next few weeks.
- 5.4 SafeDrive Committee (Brandon) – A Mitsubishi 7-seater hybrid vehicle has been selected. The purpose is to provide a safe transportation service. Security is working out where vehicle can be stored and working on logistics from a security and safety perspective. Security is adding the program on the SafeGaiter App.
- 5.5 Sexual Culture Committee (Olivia) – Nothing to report.
- 5.6 Environmental Policy Committee (Chloé) – Progress has been made on the policy.
- 5.7 Tuition Increase Response Task Force (Sonoma) – went to Nationale Assembly and did a Press Conference in conjunction with the official opposition critic on higher education. The petition was tabled.

## 6.0 Question Period

No questions asked.

## 7.0 Unfinished Business

- 7.1 Board Consultation Part Two - Ethnic Diversity Representative Name Change (Irmah)  
Irmah requested input on the idea of changing the name of this position. The discussion included the purpose of the role, ensuring inclusion of voices that might have a more difficult time obtaining positions in structures that systematically works against them, and who should vote on this position.

Irmah will take the feedback provided and return with a motion to consider.

- 7.2 Funding Request from JDCC

This item was addressed immediately after item 4.2.

Josee-Anne Lafond and Juliette Beaulieu of the JDCC presented an updated budget. There are 21 students participating in this event in January. They provided concrete financials for traveling by bus and by car. They have secured funding from BUCS and the WSB. They clarified that students pay \$250 each to participate. They have not done any fundraising but have approached a few external sponsors, none of which are confirmed. Their budget shows a miscellaneous budget item of \$434, which will roll over for next year. They are asking the SRC to fund the team for \$2000, which is an increase from their two requests earlier this semester.

**MOTION:** Moved by Christina, seconded by Sasha, to move into closed session. CARRIED (18-0-0).

**MOTION:** Moved by Taylor, seconded by Christina, to grant the JDCC the amount of \$1566.

**MOTION TO AMEND:** Moved by Chloé, seconded by Martina, to remove the cost of the clothing, making the amount of the donation \$1066.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN.**

**MOTION TO AMEND:** Moved by Roser, seconded by Fiona, to add "that before approaching the SRC for funding next year, that the JDCC carry out fundraising." CARRIED (16-0-2).

**MAIN MOTION CARRIED** (16-0-2).

**MOTION:** Moved by Chelsea, seconded by Cleo, to move back into open session. CARRIED (17-0-1).

Olivia left the meeting.

#### 8.0 **New Business**

8.1 Progress Update on Annual Plan 2023-24 (Executive Team) – A written report was circulated. In the interest of time, no formal presentation was given. Questions were welcomed and any member who wants more information on the status of projects can reach out to the Executive Team.

#### 9.0 **Toot Your Own Horn**

Karen will email the BSR meeting dates for next semester.

Erin invited anyone who didn't get a crewneck yet to come to the SRC office.

Irma announced that PISA is offering a study group this afternoon.

Irmah thanked everyone for their participation in the BSR and for what was accomplished this semester.

Brandon offered words of encouragement to the BSR.

10.0 **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday, January 15, 2024 – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, McGreer 100.

#### 11.0 **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Moved by Brandon, seconded by Christina, to adjourn the meeting. CARRIED (16-0-1).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am.