

BOARD OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 15, 2024 – 11:30 am
McGreer 100, Bishop's University, Sherbrooke, Quebec

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Position	P/R/A*	Attendance P/R/A
Sophia Stacey	President	P	9-0-0
Christine Lépine	VP, Academic Affairs	P	9-0-0
Olivia Woods	VP, Student Life	P	9-0-0
Brandon Leblanc	Director of Finance	Regrets	7-2-0
Bryn Empey	Director of Events	P	9-0-0
Taylor Morgan	General Councilor	P	8-0-0
Sasha Kardos-Machado	General Councilor	P	8-0-0
Roser Rise	First Year Rep	P	7-1-0
Sarah Jewett	On-Campus Rep	Regrets	7-1-0
Charles Beaudet	Environmental Sustainability Rep	P	1-0-0
Irma Susset	Equity Rep	P	9-0-0
Irmah Alao	Ethnic Diversity Rep	P	8-0-0
Marie Constance Hountondji	Health & Wellness Rep	P	7-1-1
Drew Henkel	Indigenous Student Rep	P	8-1-0
Fiona Gaombalet	International Student Rep	P	8-0-0
Cleo Wulder	Business Senator	P	9-0-0
Martina Berkers	Education Senator	P	8-1-0
Élodie Lescure	Graduate Student Senator	Regrets	7-2-0
Sonoma Brawley	Humanities Senator	P	8-1-0
Sienna Longo	Natural Sciences Senator	P	8-1-0
Chelsea Sheridan	Social Sciences Senator	P	9-0-0
Jordan Messier	Chair	P	7-1-0
Erin Mallory	General Manager	P	9-0-0
Karen Dymond	Secretary General	P	9-0-0

*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.

Guests / Observers: Julianna Fossetta, Grad Arts Show

1.0 Opening

1.1 Welcome & Confirmation of Quorum

Jordan called the meeting to order at 11:31 am. Quorum was confirmed with 17 voting members present.

1.2 Land Acknowledgement

Olivia offered a Land Acknowledgement and a reflection on the TRC Call to Action 15.7.

1.3 Approval of the agenda

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Sophia, to move item 8.1 to immediately before 3.0, as a guest is present. CARRIED (17-0-0).

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

1.4 Approval of previous minutes – December 8, 2023

MOTION: Moved by Taylor, seconded by Irmah, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 8, 2023, as presented. CARRIED (17-0-0).

1.5 For the Good of the Board

Karen reviewed main motions, amendments to main motions, and introduced how to make secondary amendments.

2.0 Filling vacancies on BSR

None.

3.0 Departmental Updates

Written reports for all items were circulated in advance.

3.1 President (Sophia) – highlighted the exemption for 825 out-of-province students to study at Bishop's at the current tuition rate. She spoke to the French proficiency requirements. She thanked everyone who was involved in a successful response – the Task Force, Execs, and BSR members. Sophia was thanked by the board. She highlighted the upcoming executive election and encouraged BSR members to consider running for executive positions.

3.2 Vice-President of Academic Affairs (Christina) – highlighted SSW, thanked Study Hall volunteers, spoke to her strategic plan goals, and the Executive Election.

3.3 Vice-President of Student Life (Olivia) – Menstrual Equity work – Olivia thanked Roser and Nikki for their work. Highlighted Mental Health Week. Naloxone is now available all around campus everywhere there is a defibrillator.

3.4 Director of Finance (Brandon) – Refer to written report.

3.5 Director of Events (Bryn) – Intimate group for Winter O-Week and integrate them into the Bishop's community. Winterfest is her focus from here on.

3.6 Election

Karen presented the dates for the election periods for both the Executive Election, held in February, and the General Election, held in March. She made the BSR aware of plans for polling booths and a live announcement and highlighted volunteer opportunities.

3.7 BSR Volunteer Responsibilities

Karen presented a document outlining SRC events that count towards BSR required volunteer hours and invited the membership to get involved in SRC events for this semester.

4.0 Reports from Standing Committees / Recurring Items

- 4.1 Club Motions - None.
- 4.2 Gaiter Grants Committee – Meetings for this semester are being scheduled. No major grants to approve at this meeting.
- 4.3 Appointments Committee - Nothing to report at this time. Solicited interest for two opportunities - Bishop's University Film Festival judge, Bishop's University Board of Governors committee working group to review the hiring of the principal.
- 4.4 Green Levy Committee (Charles) – Nothing to report.
- 4.5 Residence Student Life Committee (Olivia) – Attempted to get committee up and going, looking to get RAs involved – hoping to meet at least once this semester.
- 4.6 Mental Health Committee (Marie Constance) – Nothing to report.
- 4.7 EDI Committee (Irma/Irmah) – Hoping to schedule a first meeting as the committee has not yet met.

5.0 Reports from Ad-Hoc Committees

- 5.1 Finance Committee (Brandon) – Refer to written report.
- 5.2 Gait Renovation Consultation Committee (Brandon) – Refer to written report.
- 5.3 Menstrual Equity Committee (Olivia) – Second semester will move into the second phase of the project, which is sustainable and reusable products.
- 5.4 SafeDrive Committee (Sophia) – met two times in Dec, two meetings coming up in next two weeks. Preparing for a launch. Still waiting for responses for insurance. Began accepting applicants for jobs / drivers / leads.
- 5.5 Sexual Culture Committee (Olivia) – The committee will meet Jan 23 at 7 pm and will split into three sub committees for the winter semester for more specific work.
- 5.6 Environmental Policy Committee (Charles) – Nothing to report.
- 5.7 Tuition Increase Response Task Force – Sophia spoke to this item. Committee will review whether further response is required and will return to the BSR with a recommendation at a later date.

6.0 Question Period

None asked.

7.0 Unfinished Business

- 7.1 Ethnic Diversity Representative Name Change – Notice of Motion

Irmah spoke to a Notice of Motion proposing the following, where changes are in bold:

PROPOSED SPECIFIC BYLAW:

7.1 The Equity Representative shall:

- i. be elected by and from the entire membership during the winter semester;
- ii. work to represent and advocate on behalf of the **entire** membership, specifically pertaining to issues of **inclusion, equity**, discrimination and accessibility;

7.7 The **Diversity and Inclusion** Representative shall:

- i. be elected by and from the members who self-identify as a member of a **racially or ethnically minoritized group**;

ii. work to **represent, promote, and celebrate diversity and advocate for racial inclusion;**

There was a short time of Question and Answer and the item will be voted on at the next BSR.

7.2 Questions/Comments on status of Annual Plan 2023-24
No questions asked.

8.0 **New Business**

8.1 Grad Arts Show (Julianna Frassetto)

This item was addressed immediately before item 3.0.

Julianna Frassetto, a fine arts student as well as the student curator at the Foreman Art Gallery, presented a funding request and budget for the Grad Arts Show. This is the 16th annual show and is an opportunity for graduating students to showcase their work in a professional gallery. She noted that the increase in requested funds is due to increased costs since the pandemic.

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

MOTION: Moved by Christina, seconded by Fiona, to grant the Grad Arts Show a donation of \$1500 for their event. CARRIED (17-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Taylor, seconded by Sasha, to move back into open session. CARRIED (17-0-0).

Jordan announced the results of the vote and congratulated the Grad Arts Show on their successful application and wished them well with their event.

9.0 **Toot Your Own Horn**

None.

10.0 **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday, January 29, 2024 – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, McGreer 100

11.0 **Adjournment**

MOTION: Moved by Martina, seconded by Chelsea, to adjourn the meeting. CARRIED (

The meeting adjourned at 12:29 pm.