

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

Monday, January 29, 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	10-0-0
Christine Lépine	VP, Academic Affairs	P	10-0-0
Olivia Woods	VP, Student Life	P	10-0-0
Brandon Leblanc	Director of Finance	Regrets	7-3-0
Bryn Empey	Director of Events	P	10-0-0
Taylor Morgan	General Councilor	P	9-0-0
Sasha Kardos-Machado	General Councilor	P	9-0-0
Roser Rise	First Year Rep	P	8-1-0
Sarah Jewett	On-Campus Rep	P	8-1-0
Charles Beaudet	Environmental Sustainability Rep	P	2-0-0
Irma Susset	Equity Rep	P	10-0-0
Irmah Alao	Ethnic Diversity Rep	P	9-0-0
Marie Constance Hountondji	Health & Wellness Rep	P	8-1-1
Drew Henkel	Indigenous Student Rep	P	9-1-0
Fiona Gaombalet	International Student Rep	P	9-0-0
Cleo Wulder	Business Senator	P	10-0-0
Martina Berkers	Education Senator	P	9-1-0
Élodie Lescuré	Graduate Student Senator	P	8-2-0
Sonoma Brawley	Humanities Senator	P	9-1-0
Sienna Longo	Natural Sciences Senator	P	9-1-0
Chelsea Sheridan	Social Sciences Senator	P	10-0-0
Jordan Messier	Chair	P	8-1-0
Erin Mallory	General Manager	P	10-0-0
Karen Dymond	Secretary General	P	10-0-0

*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: None.

1.0 Opening

1.1 Welcome & Confirmation of Quorum

Jordan called the meeting to order at 11:30 am. Quorum was confirmed with 18 voting members present at the start of the meeting.

1.2 Land Acknowledgement

Sienna offered a Land Acknowledgement and a reflection on the TRC Call to Action 62 regarding education of Indigenous students.

1.3 Approval of the agenda

MOTION: Moved by Marie Constance, seconded by Christina, to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED (18-0-0).

1.4 Approval of previous minutes – January 15, 2024

MOTION: Moved by Chelsea, seconded by Fiona, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 15, 2024, as presented. CARRIED (17-0-1).

Charles entered the meeting.

1.5 For the Good of the Board

Karen discussed question period and the discussion / debate portion of motions and their role in sound decision making.

2.0 Filling vacancies on BSR

None.

3.0 Departmental Updates

Written reports were circulated in advance.

- 3.1 President – Sophia highlighted that the hiring process SG and VP Student Affairs is active and there are students on each committee. She explained internal workings with the Quebec Student Union.
- 3.2 Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Christina promoted the Teaching Awards nominations.
- 3.3 Vice-President of Student Life – Olivia shared about Mental Health Awareness Week and Black History Month, which includes the development of a Social Justice Learning Hub.
- 3.4 Director of Finance – Brandon was not in attendance. Members were referred to his report.
- 3.5 Director of Events – Bryn gave information on WinterFest, which is this weekend.

4.0 Reports from Standing Committees / Recurring Items

- 4.1 Club Motions (Olivia) – Invitations have gone out for new CASA leadership.
- 4.2 Gaiter Grants Committee (Brandon) – Nothing to report.
- 4.3 Appointments Committee (Sophia) – No updates but will be meeting shortly.
- 4.4 Green Levy Committee (Charles) – A meeting will be scheduled soon.
- 4.5 Residence Student Life Committee (Olivia) – Nothing to report.
- 4.6 Mental Health Committee (Marie Constance) – Pet Support Day is coming up and volunteers are invited to participate.
- 4.7 EDI Committee (Irma/Irmah) – The EDI Committee has held their first meeting. There were several club leads in attendance and great ideas discussed.

5.0 Reports from Ad-Hoc Committees

- 5.1 Finance Committee (Brandon) – Members were referred to Brandon's report.
- 5.2 Gait Renovation Consultation Committee (Brandon) – Members were referred to Brandon's report.
- 5.3 Menstrual Equity Committee (Olivia) – Many people are taking the products, which is great. The committee will refill the baskets one more time, and then the university custodial staff will take over this task. The committee is now in phase two and are investigating sustainable products.
- 5.4 SafeDrive Committee (Sophia) – Still facing the same issue with insurance, waiting for responses from insurance companies. The project cannot move forward without insurance in place.
- 5.5 Sexual Culture Committee (Olivia) – The group decided not to split into 3 sub-committees this semester, but instead are putting their efforts into the SRC Safer Spaces policy and taking the steps to become a standing committee of the SRC.
- 5.6 Environmental Policy Committee (Charles) – Nothing to report.
- 5.7 Tuition Increase Response Task Force – Nothing to report.

6.0 Question Period

Élodie asked for the opinion of the BSR opinion regarding the date of the final meeting on April 8. This is the same day of a Total Solar Eclipse. Élodie shared that Bishops is in the perfect zone to observe it, and if it is a clear day, Bishop's expects 10,000 people on campus. Parking, traffic, and bussing will be difficult. Special glasses have been purchased for all students and staff. The BSR decided to change the meeting date so everyone can experience this once-in-a-lifetime event. Karen will send a poll and the new date will be set at the next meeting.

7.0 Unfinished Business

- 7.1 Ethnic Diversity Representative Name Change – Notice of Motion (Irmah)

MOTION: Moved by Irmah, seconded by Taylor, to make the following changes to Specific Bylaws 7.1 and 7.7, with words to remove struck through and words to be added in bold:

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, inequality, equity**, discrimination and accessibility;

Specific Bylaw 7.7: The ~~Ethnic Diversity~~ **Diversity & Inclusion** Representative shall:

- i. be elected by and from the members who self-identify as a member of an ethnic minority a **racially or ethnically minoritized group**;
- ii. work to ~~represent and advocate on behalf of the members who in their constituency~~ **represent, promote, and celebrate diversity and advocate for racial inclusion**;

MOTION TO AMEND: Moved by Irmah, seconded by Taylor, to include the name change from Ethnic Diversity Representative to Diversity & Inclusion Representative in Specific Bylaw 11.7.iii.b. so that the title of the representative named on the EDI Committee matches the new name proposed in the main motion. CARRIED (19-0-0).

MAIN MOTION CARRIED (19-0-0).

8.0 New Business

8.1 Student Safety Fee

Olivia provided a presentation to outline the proposal for a Student Safety Fee. A time of questions and discussion was held.

MOTION: Moved by Christina, seconded by Olivia, to hold a student referendum for a Student Safety Fee, to be held in conjunction with the Executive Election on February 19 and 20th, asking the following question:

“Do you agree to the establishment of a mandatory Student Safety Fee of \$4.50 in each of the Fall and Winter semesters to support the Safe Drive project (\$2), the Menstrual Equity Project (\$1), and the creation of a Community Health & Safety Fund (\$1.50)? This fee would be implemented in the fall of 2024 and reevaluated after two years.”

MOTION CARRIED (19-0-0).

9.0 Toot Your Own Horn / Announcements

Irmah announced a fundraiser of homemade candles and plants for the Model UN trip.

Irma announced a fundraiser of coffee for the Model UN trip.

MOTION: Moved by Sophia, seconded by Christina to strike a “yes” committee for the purpose of the referendum. CARRIED (18-0-1).

It was noted that clear communication with the student body regarding their ability to form a “no” committee is imperative. Karen will ensure this is clearly explained in the email notifying the student body of the referendum.

10.0 Date of Next Meeting – Monday, February 12, 2024 – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, McGreer 100.

11.0 Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Christina, seconded by Sasha, to adjourn the meeting. CARRIED (18-0-1).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 pm.