

BOARD OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, February 12, 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	11-0-0
Christine Lépine	VP, Academic Affairs	P	11-0-0
Olivia Woods	VP, Student Life	P	11-0-0
Brandon Leblanc	Director of Finance	P	8-3-0
Bryn Empey	Director of Events	P	11-0-0
Taylor Morgan	General Councilor	P	10-0-0
Sasha Kardos-Machado	General Councilor	P	10-0-0
Roser Rise	First Year Rep	Regrets	8-2-0
Sarah Jewett	On-Campus Rep	P	9-1-0
Charles Beaudet	Environmental Sustainability Rep	P	3-0-0
Irma Susset	Equity Rep	P	11-0-0
Irmah Alao	Ethnic Diversity Rep	P	10-0-0
Marie Constance Hountondji	Health & Wellness Rep	P	9-1-1
Drew Henkel	Indigenous Student Rep	P	10-1-0
Fiona Gaombalet	International Student Rep	P	10-0-0
Cleo Wulder	Business Senator	P	11-0-0
Martina Berkers	Education Senator	P	10-1-0
Élodie Lescuré	Graduate Student Senator	P	9-2-0
Sonoma Brawley	Humanities Senator	Regrets	9-2-0
Sienna Longo	Natural Sciences Senator	P	10-1-0
Chelsea Sheridan	Social Sciences Senator	P	11-0-0
Jordan Messier	Chair	P	9-1-0
Erin Mallory	General Manager	P	11-0-0
Karen Dymond	Secretary General	P	11-0-0

*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: Maxence Lamontagne, Masoud Rafiee

1.0 Opening

1.1 Welcome & Confirmation of Quorum

Jordan called the meeting to order at 11:30 am. Quorum was confirmed with 17 voting members present at the start of the meeting.

1.2 Land Acknowledgement

Irmah offered a Land Acknowledgement.

1.3 Approval of the agenda

MOTION: Moved by Chelsea, seconded by Marie Constance, to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED (17-0-0).

1.4 Approval of previous minutes – January 29, 2024

MOTION: Moved by Sasha, seconded by Sarah, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 29, 2024, as presented. CARRIED (17-0-0).

1.5 For the Good of the Board

Karen reviewed the process for how to introduce or change policies.

2.0 Filling vacancies on BSR

None.

3.0 Departmental Updates

3.1 President – Written report circulated in advance. Sophia highlighted QSU Caucus on the weekend, thanked the volunteers and Bryn for a successful WinterFest. She invited members to participate in the education efforts around the Student Safety Fee Referendum Question.

3.2 Vice-President of Academic Affairs – Written report circulated in advance. Christina highlighted the Student Success Centre and the contract with Nimbus.

3.3 Vice-President of Student Life – No written report circulated in advance. Olivia highlighted that the Blood Drive is happening today with 95 appointments booked. Most of her work in the past weeks has been on the Student Safety Fee and Black History Month.

3.4 Director of Finance – Written report circulated in advance. Brandon highlighted the success of WinterFest. He is working on long term viability of SafeDrive and the Reserve Fund Policy.

3.5 Director of Events – Written report circulated in advance. Bryn highlighted the work of the BSR and Executive for a successful WinterFest, with the highest ticket sales yet. Grad Formal is her next project. She invited BSR and students at large to join the Grad Formal Committee.

3.6 Election Report – Written report circulated in advance. Karen requested that BSR members attend information sessions for the general election and invited everyone to the Live Announcement.

4.0 Reports from Standing Committees / Recurring Items

4.1 Club Motions (Olivia)

4.1.1 Computer Science Club

Olivia introduced Maxence and Masoud, who presented the club proposal. The purpose is to bring together students with an interest in computer science. They foresee collaboration with the department and will hold meetings with guests from different companies to share about different types of jobs in the field. Creating a social

connection and collaboration between computer science students. Exploring AI, robotics, cybersecurity, etc. The club will be open to undergraduate and graduate students. Questions were asked about the paperwork stating the Hacker Club.

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

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Christina, to ratify the Computer Science Club as an SRC Extra Group. CARRIED (17-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Drew, move out of closed session. CARRIED (17-0-0).

Jordan announced the ratification of the Computer Science Club and asked that they resubmit their documents to reflect their name as the Computer Science Club.

4.2 Gaiter Grants Committee (Brandon) – Nothing to report.

4.3 Appointments Committee (Sophia)

MOTION: Moved by Sophia, seconded by Sasha, to appoint Sonoma Brawley to the University's Ad-Hoc Committee to review the process of hiring of the principal and vice-chancellor and to appointment Bryn to the BUFF Judging Panel. CARRIED (17-0-0).

4.4 Green Levy Committee (Charles) – Nothing to report.

4.5 Residence Student Life Committee (Olivia) – Not struck yet as residence life committee has not participated. The next step is to host a meeting.

4.6 Mental Health Committee (Marie Constance) – Nothing to report.

4.7 EDI Committee (Irma/Irmah) – Irma reported that they are meeting one week in person and one week online. Introductions, committee ourselves, what we will do, each group's plans and events and how we can better help them. Next meeting is next Thursday.

5.0 Reports from Ad-Hoc Committees

5.1 Finance Committee (Brandon) – Nothing to report.

5.2 Gait Renovation Consultation Committee (Brandon) – First meeting went well, members of the administration attended, will involve a project manager to find out what will be possible from an architect's perspective.

5.3 Menstrual Equity Committee (Olivia) – meeting again this week.

5.4 SafeDrive Committee (Sophia) – Committee just received an insurance quote, with next task to discuss the financial feasibility of the project.

5.5 Sexual Culture Committee (Olivia) – Larger meeting this past Tuesday. The executive team for this year has just have one committee. They held the election for leadership for next year. The committee is taking steps to become a standing committee and are reviewing the Safer Spaces policy to make it preventative vs reactive.

5.6 Environmental Policy Committee (Charles) – Nothing to report.

5.7 Tuition Increase Response Task Force - Nothing to report.

6.0 Question Period

No questions asked.

7.0 Unfinished Business

- 7.1 Referendum – Olivia followed up with the board to see how the board is feeling about it so far. Roll out of educational efforts during the campaign period were outlined.

Marie Constance left the meeting.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Date for Final Meeting

The BSR selected the date of Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in McGreer 100 for the final meeting of the year, to accommodate the Total Solar Eclipse happening on April 8.

8.2 Elections Appeals Committee

Sophia resigned from the Elections Appeals Committee to participate in the education and promotion of the Referendum Question on the Student Safety Fee.

She nominated Will Birmingham to fill her role.

MOTION: Moved by Sophia, seconded by Christina, to appoint will Birmingham to the Elections Appeals Committee. CARRIED (16-0-0).

9.0 Toot Your Own Horn

Jordan invited the BSR to participate in an upcoming board bonding event, location to be determined.

Sasha reported that tickets are on sale for the BU Charity Fashion Show.

Irma stated that the Model UN class is selling coffee, Bingo Cards, and raffle tickets for the volleyball game.

Sophia announced that the Executive Team is participating in the Motion Ball Foundation Tournament, a marathon of sports. Three spots available to join if any BSR members would like to participate.

10.0 Date of Next Meeting – Monday, February 26, 2024 – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, McGreer 100

11.0 Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Chelsea, seconded by Sasha, to adjourn the meeting. CARRIED (16-0-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 pm.