

BOARD OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 11, 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	13-0-0
Christine Lépine	VP, Academic Affairs	P	13-0-0
Olivia Woods	VP, Student Life	P	13-0-0
Brandon Leblanc	Director of Finance	P	9-4-0
Bryn Empey	Director of Events	P	13-0-0
Taylor Morgan	General Councilor	P	12-0-0
Sasha Kardos-Machado	General Councilor	P	12-0-0
Roser Rise	First Year Rep	P	10-2-0
Sarah Jewett	On-Campus Rep	P	11-1-0
Charles Beaudet	Environmental Sustainability Rep	P	5-0-0
Irma Susset	Equity Rep	P	13-0-0
Irmah Alao	Ethnic Diversity Rep	P	12-0-0
Marie Constance Hountondji	Health & Wellness Rep	P – Electronic*	11-1-1
Drew Henkel	Indigenous Student Rep	P	12-1-0
Fiona Gaombalet	International Student Rep	P	12-0-0
Cleo Wulder	Business Senator	P	13-0-0
Martina Berkers	Education Senator	P – Electronic*	11-2-0
Élodie Lescuré	Graduate Student Senator	P	10-3-0
Sonoma Brawley	Humanities Senator	P	11-2-0
Sienna Longo	Natural Sciences Senator	P	12-1-0
Chelsea Sheridan	Social Sciences Senator	P	13-0-0
Jordan Messier	Chair	P	11-1-0
Erin Mallory	General Manager	P	13-0-0
Karen Dymond	Secretary General	P	13-0-0

*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: Jenna Lemay, Daniel Forfellow, Virginia Rufina Marquez-Pacheco, Angus Whyte, Madyson Salter

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

Sonoma offered a Land Acknowledgement and a reflection on TRC Call to Action 83, which calls for collaboration between Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists.

1.3 Approval of the agenda

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Roser, to move item 4.1.1 to immediately before item 3.0. CARRIED (19-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Sasha, seconded by Chelsea to move item 8.6 Model UN Funding Request, to immediately after item 4.1.1. CARRIED (19-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Sasha, seconded by Christina, to approve the agenda as amended. CARRIED (18-0-0).

1.4 Approval of previous minutes – February 26, 2024

MOTION: Moved by Sienna, seconded by Sasha, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 26, 2024, as presented. CARRIED (17-0-1).

1.5 For the Good of the Board

Karen explained the rationale for the ratification of directors, appointing officers of the organization and appointing signing officers.

2.0 Filling vacancies on BSR

None.

3.0 Departmental Updates

No written reports circulated in advance as there were only 5 working days between the last meeting and this one. BSR members asked questions and executives provided brief verbal highlights.

- 3.1 President (Sophia)
- 3.2 Vice-President of Academic Affairs (Christina)
- 3.3 Vice-President of Student Life (Olivia)
- 3.4 Director of Finance (Brandon)
- 3.5 Director of Events (Bryn)

Charles entered the meeting.

- 3.6 Election Report (Karen) – A reminder that the Info Session for the General Election is tomorrow at 10 am in The Gait and that BSR members should attend if they do not have class. There is an opportunity to complete volunteer hours by staffing the polling station March 25-26.

4.0 Reports from Standing Committees / Recurring Items

- 4.1 Club Motions (Olivia)

4.1.1 Club Status Reviews:

- 4.1.1.1 Pre-Law Society - Daniel and Madyson presented on behalf of the Society. They have held more events than planned, including a speaker event, weekly LSAT tutoring sessions, and are holding a Mock Trial.

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Christina, to move into closed session. CARRIED (14-2-3).

MOTION: Moved by Christina, seconded by Olivia, to ratify the Pre-Law Society with Active Group Status. CARRIED (18-0-1).

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Taylor, to move into Open Session. CARRIED (18-0-1).

Jordan announced the vote and congratulated the group on their successful launch.

- 4.2 Gaiter Grants Committee (Brandon) – Nothing to report.
- 4.3 Appointments Committee (Sophia) – Nothing to report.
- 4.4 Green Levy Committee (Charles) – Nothing to report.
- 4.5 Residence Student Life Committee (Olivia) – Nothing to report.
- 4.6 Mental Health Committee (Marie Constance) – Nothing to report.
- 4.7 EDI Committee (Irma/Irmah) – Nothing to report.

5.0 Reports from Ad-Hoc Committees

- 5.1 Finance Committee (Brandon) – Brandon reported that the Financial Policy that will be presented at the next meeting will give more purpose to the committee.
- 5.2 Gait Renovation Consultation Committee (Brandon) – Nothing to report.
- 5.3 Menstrual Equity Committee (Olivia) – Starting this week, tables in the SUB to promote the Town Hall that will happen at the end of month. In addition to distribution at an event in The Gait, there will be discrete locations for pick up of sustainable products, such as the Indigenous Office.
- 5.4 SafeDrive Committee (Sophia) – Sophia is meeting tomorrow with a potential university partner.
- 5.5 Sexual Culture Committee (Olivia) – Passed floor to Virginia. Speaker series going on – STI, Sexual Educator on Sexual Racism 101, Lecture with Classics & Religion, a campfire chat for male identifying students to have information conversation about being a positive man. The committee is working to update the Safer Spaces policy and will bring it to the BSR in the fall.
- 5.6 Environmental Policy Committee (Charles) – Nothing to report.

6.0 Question Period

Will the Finance Committee become standing committee or remain an Ad-Hoc committee with the proposed Financial Policy? TBD.

Environmental Policy – committee has not met. Charles reported he is working on the policy, will meet with the committee, and will bring forward a Notice of Motion at the next BSR on March 25.

7.0 Unfinished Business

- 7.1 Creation of new BSR position - Sexual Culture Representative (Olivia)

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Sophia, that the position of Sexual Culture Representative be added to the BSR, with the following description to be included in the SRC Specific Bylaw 9:

The **Sexual Culture Representative (SCR)** shall:

- i. Be elected by and from the entire membership during the winter semester;

- ii. Work to represent and advocate on behalf of all students on issues of sexual health, awareness, and inclusivity within the student community and issues pertaining to sexual culture, regardless of gender identity and sexual orientation.
- iii. Be a voting member of the following university:
 - The Sexual Culture Week Planning Committee,
 - Committee for the Prevention of Harassment and Sexual Violence
- iv. Be appointed to internal BSR and university committees as necessary;
- v. Work to ensure two-way communication between members, the Sexual Culture Committee and the BSR;
- vi. Be required to ensure and promote availability to the membership of a minimum of two (2) hours per week in addition to any meetings of the BSR;
- vii. Work closely with relevant SRC extracurricular groups and campus organizations, specifically the Sexual Violence Support Center or designate.
- viii. Be responsible for actively communicating with members on a grassroots level, ensuring that the BSR is meeting the needs of the membership, and bringing forward any needs that the SRC is failing to meet in relation to sexual culture;
- ix. Submit a report to the BSR on all projects, affairs, and operations of their position during their term of office. This report will be due upon the date of the final BSR meeting of each semester, and it must follow the final report procedure as set out by the BSR. Failure to provide this report may result in withholding part of the stipend owed to the representative.
- x. Be a member of the following SRC Committee(s):
 - a. The Sexual Culture Committee (as an executive member)
 - b. The Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee
- xi. Liaise with various SRC Operations and SRC Events in relation to safer spaces, inclusivity and enhancing sexual culture.
- xii. Be knowledgeable of available resources on and off campus to aid in promoting and directing students to the right resources. However, they are not a resource themselves and should not act in the capacity of any of these resources, including but not limited to providing therapeutic and disclosure support.
- xiii. Within the Sexual Culture Committee, aid with event planning, provide reports at BSR meetings, and support the committee's longevity.

MOTION CARRIED (19-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Taylor, that for 2024-25 term, the position be elected in the Fall 2024 Election. CARRIED (19-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Roser, that the SRC Specific Bylaw 11.8 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee be amended to include the Sexual Culture Representative as a member of this committee.

- 7.2 Sexual Culture Committee – Change from Ad-hoc to Standing Committee (Virginia)
Virginia provided an update and explanation to changes based on feedback from the previous meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Olivia, seconded by Sasha, that:

Whereas for the past five years, as an ad-hoc committee of the SRC, the Sexual Culture Committee (hereafter "SCC") has played an essential role in making sexual culture in the Bishop's University community (hereafter "community") healthier, safer, more positive, and more inclusive;

Whereas the SCC organizes the annual Take Back the Night Forum, Take Back the Night March, and Silent Vigil in addition to participating in policy reviews, pushing for policy amendments (e.g. the *Recommendations for the Use of Content Advisories in University Classrooms* document now available to faculty), and having been a key player in calling for the creation of the Sexual Violence Support Centre.

Whereas it is essential for the SRC to continue to work towards improving the sexual culture on campus;

That the Board of Student Representatives grant Standing Committee status to the SCC with the following included in the SRC Specific Bylaw Section 11: Committees:

The Sexual Culture Committee shall:

- a) Be considered a subsidiary of the BSR and exercise jurisdiction only inasmuch as has been delegated by the BSR,
- b) Extend the BSR's attentiveness to and depth of analysis of matters pertaining to the sexual culture within the community beyond what is possible in BSR meetings,
- c) Carry out the detailed development and review of policy initiatives within the portfolio of matters of sexual culture within the community (including but not limited to the Safer Spaces Policy),
- d) Advise the BSR on matters pertaining to sexual culture within the community,
- e) Co-operate with other standing committees and ad-hoc committees of the BSR on matters related to sexual culture within the community,
- f) Work on events or initiatives to improve sexual culture on campus,
- g) Present a report at every BSR meeting, outlining discussion points, plans, and initiatives brought up during committee meetings,
- h) Listen to the concerns, comments and suggestions brought forth by students in relation to sexual culture in the community,
- i) Ensure that students are aware of various resources available both on and off campus,
- j) Collaborate with other groups working to improve sexual culture on campus (including but not limited to the Sexual Violence Support Centre and the Sexual Culture Week Planning Committee),
- k) Meet at least twice during the academic year.

The Sexual Culture Committee shall consist of the following members:

- a) Two Senior Co-Chairs,
- b) Two Junior Co-Chairs,
- c) One Communications Manager,
- d) One Secretary,
- e) The Sexual Culture Representative, and
- f) Any student wishing to be a member of the committee.

The following persons shall be invited to be non-voting resource persons for the committee:

- a) The Special Advisor EDI,

- b) The Associate Director of Indigenous Initiatives,
- c) The Coordinators of Indigenous Student Support Services,
- d) The Vice-Principal of Student Affairs,
- e) The Sexual Violence Response Advisors, and
- f) The Director of Student Life and Services.

MOTION CARRIED (19-0-0).

Jordan congratulated the SCC and thanked them for their important work.

7.3 Notice of Motion - Proposal to Change Specific Bylaw 15.3.v.e Procedure For Impeachment (Karen)

The BSR discussed the proposal to remove 15.3.v.e. from the Procedures for Impeachment:

'Quorum of a meeting at which impeachment is considered is a "Full Quorum", notwithstanding when a meeting is taking place.'

The rationale is to prevent a situation where a member needs to be removed and a vote needed to be held during the summer. If positions are not filled in the General Election, there may not be enough elected members to meet quorum and therefore would not be able to hold a vote.

After lengthy discussion, it was decided that Élodie, Drew, Roser, and Karen will meet to create a clearer amendment and return to the next BSR with a proposal.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Ratification of Director of Finance 2024-25

MOTION: Moved by Sophia, seconded by Christina, to ratify Taylor Morgan as the SRC Director of Finance for 2024-25. CARRIED (18-0-1).

8.2 Appointment of President, Director of Finance, and Vice-President of Academic Affairs as Officers of the SRC 2024-25

MOTION: Moved by Sophia, seconded by Olivia, that Drew Henkel, the incoming President, Taylor Morgan, the incoming Director of Finance and Roser Rise, the incoming Vice President of Academic Affairs be named Officers of the SRC, pursuant to Article 6.5 of the General Bylaws. CARRIED (16-0-3).

8.3 Appointment of Signing Authorities 2024-25

MOTION: Moved by Sophia, seconded by Christina, that as of May 1, 2024, any two of the following shall sign all documents and other instruments requiring execution by the SRC:

President Drew Henkel, Vice President of Academic Affairs Roser Rise, Director of Finance Taylor Morgan, General Manager Erin Mallory. CARRIED (16-0-3).

8.4 Amendment to Operating Policy Section 1: Elections 6.i

Karen presented the following amendment for consideration, to be voted on at the April 11 meeting, after the Election Period has concluded. Karen explained that the current Nomination Form includes overall standing with the university as a requirement and which includes a signed waiver by the candidate. This

rule is under the jurisdiction of the CRO. The proposed change to include it in the Operating Policy governing elections would bring it under the jurisdiction of the BSR.

Proposed Amendment to SRC Operating Policy Section 1: Elections 6.1

All candidates running for positions on the BSR must provide a waiver to the CRO, which allows them to determine whether they are in good ~~academic~~ **overall** standing at the University. Upon submission of the form, the CRO will confirm that the student is in good academic standing, **good standing with Campus Security, and good standing with the Vice-Principal of Student Affairs.**

(wording ~~struck through~~ would be removed and wording in **bold** would be added)

MOTION: Moved by Sienna, seconded by Taylor, to postpone item 8.5 to next meeting on March 25.
CARRIED (18-0-1).

8.5 Student Fee Increase (Brandon) – This item was postponed until the next meeting.

8.6 Model UN Funding Request

This item was addressed immediately after 4.1.1 Sasha introduced Angus, who presented the request for \$3,000 for the NMUN 2024 delegation. Dr Martin Boulee has paid \$25,055.84. 18 delegates are going. The group has fundraised an unknown amount. Funds go to Business office, don't have their own bank account, each taking on individual efforts, and it is split evenly between the delegates.

The cost per delegate is \$1391.99 per out of pocket, with SRC funding, will make \$1,225.32. Delegates also pay tuition fees for the course.

MOTION: Moved by Sasha, seconded by Taylor, to move into closed session. CARRIED (18-0-1).

MOTION: Moved by Cleo, seconded by Roser, to grant Model UN the requested amount of \$3,000.
CARRIED (15-0-4).

MOTION: Moved by Christina, seconded by Chelsea, to return to Open Session. CARRIED (17-0-2).

Jordan announced the result of the vote and congratulated Model UN.

9.0 Toot Your Own Horn

Irmah shared information on two petitions presented to the City of Sherbrooke.
Jordan announced 3 board bonding events.

10.0 **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday, March 25, 2024 – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, McGreer 100

11.0 Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm.