

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

Sunday, September 25, 2024 – 3:00 pm
McGreer 100, Bishop's University, Sherbrooke, Quebec

Name	Position	P/R/A	Attendance to Date (P/R/A)
Drew Henkel	President	P	2-0-0
Roser Rise	VP, Academic Affairs	P	2-0-0
Lacey Baillairgé	VP, Student Life	P	2-0-0
Taylor Morgan	Director of Finance	P*	2-0-0
Reagan Russell	Director of Events	P	2-0-0
Antoine Blais	General Councillor 1	P	1-0-0
Émilie Beauchamp	General Councillor 2	P	1-0-0
Britney Ellis Rahman	First-Year Rep	P	1-0-0
Josef Spence	On-Campus Rep	P	1-0-0
Mariana Rodriguez	Diversity & Inclusion Rep	P	2-0-0
	Environmental Sustainability Rep		
Erica Berger-Lewis	Equity Rep	P	1-1-0
Mya Fischer	Health & Wellness Rep	P	2-0-0
Dominique Hudon	Indigenous Student Rep	P	2-0-0
Romane Lambert	International Student Rep	P	1-0-1
Chanelle Comeau-Eryou	Sexual Culture Rep	P	1-0-0
Alex Mador	Business Senator	P	2-0-0
Sophia Driscoll	Education Senator	P	2-0-0
Sonoma Brawley	Humanities Senator	Regrets	1-1-0
Fiona Gaombalet	Natural Sciences Senator	Regrets	0-2-0
Leana Ceresoli	Social Sciences Senator	P*	2-0-0
Alpha Diallo	Graduate Student Senator	P	1-0-0
Clara Little	Chair	P	2-0-0
Erin Mallory	General Manager	P	2-0-0
Karen Dymond	Secretary General	P	2-0-0

P=Present, R=sent their regrets, A=Absent

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

Observers / Guests: Sasha Kardos-Machado, SRC Extra Manager; Bryn Empey, Happy Hour Club; Avery Piche, Happy Hour Club; Carly Wagschal, Creative Writing Club; Jillian French, The Campus Newspaper

1.0 Opening

1.1 Welcome & Confirmation of Quorum

Clara called the meeting to order at 3 pm. Quorum confirmed with 16 voting members present at the beginning of the meeting.

1.2 Land Acknowledgement

Sophia Driscoll gave a Land Acknowledgement and spoke to Call to Action No. 11 providing funding to post-secondary education – currently in progress.

Mya entered the meeting.

1.3 Approval of the agenda

MOTION: Moved by Roser, seconded by Alex, to move 4.1 before 30. CARRIED (17-0-0).

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

1.4 Approval of previous minutes – April 11, 2024

August minutes will be dealt with at next meeting.

1.5 For the Good of the Board

Karen addressed the needs of an organization to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) and explained the business to be conducted at one, with a reminder to attend the AGM tomorrow at 12 noon in the Gait.

2.0 Filling vacancies on BSR

Karen reported that she received a resignation today from Maxwell Shewan as Environmental Rep.; process is a notice is sent out to student body, candidates submit a candidate statement and candidates will attend the next BSR, introduce themselves and answer questions. The board will then select the new representative.

3.0 Departmental Updates

Written reports were circulated in advance.

3.1 President (Drew)

Highlights included an enormous thank you to all judges, leaders in the room and Reagan for a great organization – thankful for community building; BOG 5 year strategic plan for the University. External relations – QSU for CASA Foundations – student advocacy, lobbying, hearing about other student associations; working with CASA to have Quebec indigenous students on the national committee. Execs are undergoing training with Dr. Michael Teed UNI 499 in leadership development. The Executive hosted a lunch with BU admin. – welcomed new Admin at the University. A large focus of his work is on restructuring.

3.2 Vice-President of Academic Affairs (Roser)

Roser highlighted the university's deficit – three librarians down; no research assistant which has caused problems for grad students and others, want to advocate to fill at least three of those positions. She shared that Academic Hot Tips was a new initiative of Oweek, very well attended.

3.3 Vice-President of Student Life (Lacey)

Lacey highlighted work with Menstrual Equity project, Community Cupboard has been accredited with Moisson Estrie and the Purple Pod – third space and extended hours

3.4 Director of Finance (Taylor)

Reanalyzing the finance committee and how it will work this year
Safe Drive – Jody helped a lot with Communauto and service is up and running
Movember – Men's mental health initiative
Club charges – University wanted to charge sports clubs rental fees; met with Isabelle Goyette and Danai – got fees waived for this year

3.5 Director of Events |(Reagan)

Oweek – thankful to everyone who volunteered, recommends another dry team to give people more options; more fundraisers for charity – car wash was a success, still waiting for final \$\$ of how much we'll give to Operation Backpack
Hallowfest – activity for people to celebrate something fun in the fall
Blood Drive

3.6 Election Report (Karen)

Congratulations to 6 new members elected; clean, positive campaigns and passion for joining the BSR; next elections in February. Full results have been circulated to the board and student body.

4.0 Reports from Standing Committees / Recurring Items

4.1 Club Motions (Sasha)

4.1.1 New Club Ratification – Best Buddies – Sasha reported that they will come to a future meeting.

4.1.2 New Club Ratification – Bishop's Brewing Club – questions about how to ensure underage members aren't tasting.

MOTION: Moved by Roser, seconded by Erica, to hear from all clubs first and then move into closed session. CARRIED (17-0-0).

4.1.3 New Club Ratification – BU Film Society – Sasha reported they will come to a future meeting.

4.1.4

4.1.5 New Club Ratification – Creative Writing Club – will be working with Wit & Whimsey at times but different as they do poetry only; did workshopping at Concordia (Carley spoke) and wants to create that here at Bishop's; plan to meet weekly, taking turns sharing their work as a guided discussion. Questions regarding who are the signing authorities? (absent on form). They do not plan to request funding but co-leads would act in that capacity if required; 50% of members to make a decision, not 5% (typo on form).

4.1.6 New Club Ratification – Happy Hour Club

Club existed pre-COVID; 7-9 on Tuesdays and Thursdays to make a social connection; promote the Gait as a place for people to come together – hope to do it every Tues and Thurs; no sign up required; open mic, bingo, dance workshops, etc. Drink specials would be 7-9 p.m.; then drink specials would go to other clubs organizing the night and coat check.

MOTION: Moved by Roser, seconded by Mya, to go into closed session. CARRIED (17-0-0).

As Drew and Alex are co-leads of the Bishop's Brewing Club, they left for the discussion and decision on item 4.1.2.

MOTION: Moved by Roser, seconded by Britney, to ratify the Bishop's Brewing Club with New Club Status, with the condition that they complete the third section of their form. CARRIED (15-0-0).

Drew and Alex returned.

MOTION: Moved by Lacey, seconded by Britney, to ratify the Creative Writing Club with New Club Status, with the condition that they add the two financial signing authorities; correct the 5% to 50%; add the student numbers of the members. CARRIED (17-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Romane, seconded by Josef, to ratify the Happy Hour Club on the condition that members may not work as bartenders at the Gait on the nights of Happy Hour Club nights. WITHDRAWN.

MOTION: Moved by Josef, seconded by Alex, to ratify the Happy Hour Club with New Club Status, on the condition that co-leads or club Execs in an official capacity do not work at the Gait during the hours of their club events. CARRIED (15-0-2).

MOTION: Moved by Drew, seconded by Lacey to move into open session. CARRIED (17-0-0).

The club representatives returned to the meeting. The Chair announced the results and congratulated the new clubs.

- 4.2 Gaiter Grants Committee (Taylor) – Will be up and running as soon as possible will get members on the committee soon
- 4.3 Appointments Committee (Drew) – not met yet; great interest during retreat, email Drew with any committees of interest to you and we'll bring appointments for ratification to next meeting.
- 4.4 Green Levy Committee – nothing to report.
- 4.5 Residence Student Life Committee (Lacey) – met with them but no committee yet
- 4.6 Mental Health Committee (Mya) – no meeting yet
- 4.7 EDI Committee (Mariana/Erica) – no meeting yet.
- 4.8 Finance Committee (Taylor) will be recruiting students to serve on committee.
- 4.9 Sexual Culture Committee (Chanelle) – has not met yet

5.0 Reports from Ad-Hoc Committees

- 5.1 Gait Renovation Consultation Committee (Taylor) nothing to report.
- 5.2 Menstrual Equity Committee (Lacey) – met with Liv her predecessor; another reusable product distribution in next two weeks.
- 5.3 SafeDrive Committee (Drew) – nothing to report; work out if Taylor or Drew are going to chair.
- 5.4 Environmental Policy Committee – nothing to report due to today's resignation.

6.0 Question Period

How will appointments to committees take place; appointments committee will name people so please indicate your interest

How often do committees meet? Depends on committee.

7.0 Unfinished Business

None.

8.0 New Business

- 8.1 Budget 2024-25

The board was provided an in-depth session at the retreat. Taylor reported that he has made corrections from this morning – removed Laser Tag from last year's Winter Oweek and added \$8.5 K for paint in Gait renovations.

Question about how to reduce deficit moving forward – Taylor explained increasing student fees (part of 5 year Strategic Plan) and outside revenues will help reduce \$45 791.34 predicted deficit.

MOTION: Moved by Alex, seconded by Mya to approve the annual budget as presented. CARRIED (17-0-0).

8.2 Restructuring Follow Up

Drew reported that the Exec, Drew, Erin, Board have now been interviewed; full-time staff and former execs still to be interviewed in the discovery phase. It was requested that the BSR be provided with the email address for Risser and Hughes email address if they have things to add.

8.3 Annual Plan 2024-25

Drew briefly reviewed the plan that had been addressed in depth at the Board retreat earlier that day. A question was raised about building school spirit – Reagan referenced the values defined in the Annual Plan are guiding principles are kept in mind every time we make a decision – social connection, belonging and increasing event participation.

MOTION: Moved by Alex, seconded by Mya, to approve the Annual Plan 2024-25 as presented. CARRIED (17-0-0).

9.0 Announcements & Updates

AGM Monday, Sept. 23 in the Gait at noon -we need 29 members to meet quorum of 1% of the membership; asked board members to attend.

10.0 **Date of Next Meeting** – Monday, October 7, 2024 – 11:30 am – 12:45 pm, McGreer 100.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.