

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

Monday, October 7, 2024 – 11:30 am
McGreer 100, Bishop's University, Sherbrooke, Quebec

Name	Position	P/R/A	Attendance to Date (P/R/A)
Drew Henkel	President	P	3-0-0
Roser Rise	VP, Academic Affairs	Regrets	2-1-0
Lacey Baillairgé	VP, Student Life	P	3-0-0
Taylor Morgan	Director of Finance	P	3-0-0
Reagan Russell	Director of Events	P	3-0-0
Antoine Blais	General Councillor 1	P	2-0-0
Émilie Beauchamp	General Councillor 2	P	2-0-0
Britney Ellis Rahman	First-Year Rep	P	2-0-0
Josef Spence	On-Campus Rep	P	2-0-0
Mariana Rodriguez	Diversity & Inclusion Rep	Absent	2-0-1
Melissa Fuhrer	Environmental Sustainability Rep	P	1-0-0
Erica Berger-Lewis	Equity Rep	P	2-1-0
Mya Fischer	Health & Wellness Rep	P	3-0-0
Dominique Hudon	Indigenous Student Rep	P	3-0-0
Romane Lambert	International Student Rep	Regrets	1-1-1
Chanelle Comeau-Eryou	Sexual Culture Rep	P	2-0-0
Alex Mador	Business Senator	P	3-0-0
Sophia Driscoll	Education Senator	P	3-0-0
Sonoma Brawley	Humanities Senator	P	2-1-0
Fiona Gaombalet	Natural Sciences Senator	P	1-2-0
Leana Ceresoli	Social Sciences Senator	P	3-0-0
Alpha Diallo	Graduate Student Senator	P	2-0-0
Clara Little	Chair	P	3-0-0
Erin Mallory	General Manager	P	3-0-0
Karen Dymond	Secretary General	P	3-0-0

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; Christina Lépine, Student Success Manager; Chrstine Lampron, Best Buddies; Lauren MacNeil, Best Buddies; Benoit Blanchette, EEC; Claudia Leonforte, EEC; Enzo Evangelisti, Manager of Communications & Engagement; Carliane Faith Mboula, PULSE; Delia Cognard, Environmental Sustainability Rep Candidate; Melissa Fuhrer, Environmental Sustainability Rep Candidate; Natacha Umubyeyi, Environmental Sustainability Representative Candidate.

1.0 Opening

1.1 Welcome & Confirmation of Quorum

Clara called the meeting to order at 11:30 am. Quorum confirmed with 16 voting members present at the beginning of the meeting.

1.2 Land Acknowledgement

Josef gave a Land Acknowledgement and spoke to Call-to-Action Number 94.

1.3 Approval of the agenda

MOTION: Moved by Drew, seconded by Alex, to move 4.1 to immediately after 2.0. CARRIED (16-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Drew, seconded by Josef, to approve the agenda as amended. CARRIED (16-0-0).

1.4 Approval of previous minutes –August 26, 2024, and September 22, 2024

MOTION: Moved by Erica, seconded Leana, to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2024, and the September 22, 2024, meetings as presented. CARRIED (16-0-0).

1.5 For the Good of the Board

Clara reminded members that this is a formal meeting, using Robert's Rules of Order, and that, in order to speak, members must raise their hand and the Chair must call on you.
Karen explained the process for handling Notice of Motion items.

Émilie entered the meeting.

2.0 Filling vacancies on BSR

2.1 Environmental Sustainability Representative

Delia Cognard, Natacha Umubyeyi, and Melissa Fuhrer presented themselves to the BSR and members asked questions of the candidates.

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

MOTION: Moved by Drew, seconded by Lacey, to vote by secret ballot. CARRIED (17-0-0).

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

The Chair announced that Melissa Furher is the new Environmental Sustainability Representative. She thanked all applicants and welcomed Melissa to the BSR. Melissa began their duties immediately.

3.0 Departmental Updates

Written reports were circulated in advance for all but VPAA, who was absent for medical leave.

3.1 President (Drew)

3.2 Vice-President of Academic Affairs (Roser)

3.3 Vice-President of Student Life (Lacey)

3.4 Director of Finance (Taylor)

3.5 Director of Events (Reagan)

3.6 Student Success Centre Strategic Plan (Christine Lépine, SSC Manager)

Christine gave a power point presentation with an overview of both the Strategic Plan for the Student Success Centre and the Annual Plan for the 2024-25 year. She was thanked by the board for her good work and it was requested that she provide bi-semester updates to the BSR.

4.0 Reports from Standing Committees / Recurring Items

4.1 Club Motions (Sasha)

- 4.1.1 New Club Ratification: Best Buddies – Lorne and Christine presented on behalf of the club. Best Buddies work with individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism, through Dixville Foundation. 5-8 students attend Dixville's weekly social evening with adults and monthly activities with children. Best Buddies is a global program which had been active on campus for a few decades. It shut down during the pandemic and is restarting again.
- 4.1.2 Name Change Ratification: Education Community Club (formerly known as TESL – Teaching English as a Second Language) – They are requesting name change that is more inclusive to all of education students and they are offering events and a gathering space for education students.
- 4.1.3 New Club Ratification – PULSE (People United for the Love of African and Caribbean Societies Empowerment) – Carlene, spoke to the mission and purpose of the group and described their plan for activities.
- 4.1.4 Name Change Ratification - Chaos and Creativity (formerly known as Eng Lit) – No action taken as the group did not appear today.

MOTION: Moved by Lacey, seconded by Mya, to move into closed session for decision on all clubs. CARRIED (18-0-0).

MOTION: Alex, Sonoma, to ratify Best Buddies with New Group Status. CARRIED (15-1-2).

MOTION: Lacey, seconder Britney, to ratify the name change from TESL to ECC, the Education Community Club. (18-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Alpha, seconded by Lacey, to ratify PULSE, People United for the Love of African and Caribbean Societies Empowerment, with New Group Status, with the condition that under item 3.3 of their document, dates for terms of office for their executive align to match with the school year. CARRIED (16-2-0).

MOTION: Moved by Drew, seconded by Lacey, to move into open session. CARRIED (18-0-0).

The Chair announced the results and the BSR congratulated the groups.

4.2 Gaiter Grants Committee (Taylor) – Will have grants to review at next regular meeting.

4.3 Appointments Committee (Drew)

4.3.1 Ratification of Appointments

MOTION: Moved by Drew, seconded by Lacey, to move into closed session. CARRIED (18-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Josef, seconded by Leana, to ratify the appointments as presented. CARRIED (18-0-0).

MOTION: Moved by Drew, seconded by Jose, to move into open session. CARRIED (18-0-0).

- 4.4 Green Levy Committee – No report.
- 4.5 Residence Student Life Committee (Lacey) – No report.
- 4.6 Mental Health Committee (Mya) – No report.
- 4.7 EDI Committee (Mariana/Erica) – No report.
- 4.8 Sexual Culture Committee (Chanelle) – No report.
- 4.9 Finance Committee (Taylor) – No report.

5.0 Reports from Ad-Hoc Committees

- 5.1 Gait Renovation Consultation Committee (Taylor) – No report.
- 5.2 Menstrual Equity Committee (Lacey) – No report.
- 5.3 SafeDrive Committee (Taylor)
 - 5.3.1 Motion to dissolve ad-hoc committee
Taylor reported that the pilot phase is complete, that the program is running smoothly, that it is very popular with students and is now operating as a service of the SRC.

MOTION: Moved by Alex, seconded by Josef, to dissolve the SafeDrive Ad-Hoc Committee as the program is now operational and the committee has fulfilled its mandate. CARRIED (18-0-0).

- 5.4 Environmental Policy Committee – No report.

6.0 Question Period

In the interest of time, none asked.

7.0 Unfinished Business

- 7.1 Restructuring Update
Drew spoke to this item. A special meeting of the board will take place next week. A set of draft bylaws will be circulated in advance. At the meeting, we will receive the Discovery Report from the consulting firm, review the draft set of bylaws, and have discussion and question period with the consultants.

8.0 New Business

MOTION: Moved by Lacey, seconded by Leana, to postpone items 8.1, 8.2, and 8.3 until the next regular meeting on October 28, 2024. CARRIED (18-0-0).

- 8.1 NOTICE OF MOTION: Proposed change to section 14 of Financial Policy Manual
- 8.2 NOTICE OF MOTION: Proposed addition to Gaiter Grants Committee Policy
- 8.3 NOTICE OF MOTION: Proposed policy for Student Safety Fee Grants

9.0 Announcements & Updates

In the interest of time, none provided.

- 10.0 **Date of Next Meeting** – Special Meeting to review proposed new set of bylaws recommended by Risser & Hughes Consulting to be held next week. Members to send Karen their class schedules and complete TEAMS with availability.

Next regular meeting is Monday, October 28, 2024, at 11:30 am in The Gait.

11.0 Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Alex, seconded by Leana, to adjourn the meeting. CARRIED (18-0-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 pm.