

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of SRC

September 15, 2021

5:30 PM

Microsoft Teams

PRESENT	ABSENT
<p>Matthew Stanbrook president Lucas Matos Science Senator Menat Tahoun Chairperson Tanvi Dabas VP Events & Promotions Chiara Lu Professional Studies Senator Cydney Gibson Diversity & Inclusion Rep. Fumiya Kanai VP Finance & Operations Aananya Paatil Councillor Fikayo Kayode Arts Senator Georgia Saleski VP Student Life Kevin Binu George Deputy Chief Returning Officer Athieera Paatil Chief Returning Officer</p>	<p>Yayo Vuni Deputy Chairperson Megan Cyr VP Academic & External Sadie McAlear Community Relations Rep Theology Senator Graduate Studies Senator Sustainability Representative First-Year Representative Councilor</p>

ALSO, PRESENT

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Menat Tahoun called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

2. Roll Call

Chairperson Menat called the roll. Attendance listed above.

3. Adoption of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)

NONE

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest(s)

NONE

5. Question Period

VP Events and Promotion Tanvi inquired about members who were not mentioned during the roll call (chief returning officer, deputy chief returning officer, deputy chairperson, and one councilor). Chairperson Menat clarified that some were not part of the SRC meetings and that she was following a list she had that needs to be updated.

6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) (except Minutes of Closed Session(s))

NONE

7. Presentations/Delegations

Presentation by Matthew Stanbrook- president "Strategic Plan and new bylaws."

Matthew Stanbrook, the President, began the presentation by clarifying that he would focus on the strategic plan during the meeting. In the next meeting, he will do a presentation on the new bylaws.

President Matthew explained that every twelve months, the student body tends to have new leadership with different ideas than the previous group. Although it is a good initiative that brings different ideas on board, it is also a weakness due to the lack of a guiding structure. Therefore, he suggested developing a strategic plan that would address general terms so that the next incoming team would be able to see what the previous team has accomplished and have a guide they can follow for the next couple of years.

Strategic plans usually are three to five years long. For this year, anyone interested is welcome to be part of the development process. For this to be adequate, consultation with different groups on campus will be in effect to have different opinions as to what students would want to see the student union do and what their biggest concerns would be. The feedback from students will eventually be turned into a three or five-year plan. The strategic plan should not be seen as a limiting factor to the incoming group as to what they can do but rather a guide to what they can focus on as the strategic plan comes from inputs from the students themselves.

President Mathew emphasized how a year goes by fast and work from previous years can be carried forward to the next. He gave an example of how the 2020/2021 team worked towards inclusive gym time. The work was carried forward where the current VP student, Life, Georgia, was involved in meetings over the summer to ensure it was implemented.

President Matthew also noted the importance of advocacy and being consistent with them because this is what enabled VP Student life Georgia to ensure the inclusive gym times were created. He also commended the work done by VP Student life Georgia.

One of the questions asked by Professional Studies Senator Chiara Lu was if the inclusive gym time resulted from the work done over the summer. In response to the question, VP Student Life Georgia talks about the inclusive gym time named "women's non-binary and transgender gym time." Georgia explains that the Acadia Students Union Women Center, other internal organizations of the student's union, Some Acadia University Staff, and the town of Wolfville started the initiative last year. When she came into office, the meetings started to occur, although the initiative and the initial letter were sent and asked to happen in the fall. No meetings were set because of the athletic director's timeline in the spring and summer, which led to the operational group meeting this summer that VP Student Life Georgia was a part of. VP Student Life affirmed that the inclusive gym time would not have otherwise been possible without the initial letter going through in the fall of last year (2020).

President Matthew brought up the importance of having a long-term plan as a good business practice as there has been none in place for the longest time. He affirmed that if we can get a strategic plan in the next couple of years, the new SRC team will be able to look at it and develop it to even a better one. The Strategic plan will have a fair amount of work where speaking to different groups on campus will happen. President Mathew stated that he believes the Strategic plan is worth our time.

The Diversity & Inclusion Rep. Cydney Gibson asked what the plan would be with the strategic plan and focus on specific roles within the SRC. President Matthew clarified that the strategic plan wouldn't be as specific but instead focus on general ideas, although it might be specific to a particular office. Cydney added that her question came about because she still feels confused about her role and doesn't know where to start. VP Student Life Georgia added that it is pretty unusual for organizations not to put out a strategic plan ever. The general manager has also been adamant in ensuring that we have a strategic plan, especially when we always have turnovers.

President Matthew stated that the strategic planning group will be more of a working group and not a formal committee and invited anyone interested in helping out to join the team. Those interested in being part of the Strategic plan team can contact President Matthew.

Presentation by Menat Tahoun, the Chairperson on Roberts Rule

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President Matthew stated that a share point would be created to store projects and have reference materials that members could look back on in one location.

8. Matters Tabled/Deferred/Unfinished Business

NONE

9. Reports to Council

NONE

10. Committee Reports and Minutes

NONE

11. Notice of Motions

NONE

12. New Business

a) Goal document approval

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The following SRC members presented their goal documents

1. Chiara Lu, Professional Studies Senator
2. Fikayo Kayode, Arts Senator
3. Aananya Paatil, Councillor
4. Megan Cyr, VP Academics and External (in absentia, the team was able to read her goal document)
5. Matthew Stanbrook, President

President Matthew Stanbrook: I would like to motion that be it resolved, the SRC approve the goals of the Professional studies senator, the arts senator, the councilor and VP Academics and external

Seconded by Fikayo Kayode, the Arts Senator

b) Election of Board of Governors Representatives

President Matthew talked about the Board of Governors who handle the university finances. Currently, there is only one student representative, but there are supposed to be three. The meetings tend to focus on things like university enrollment and finances. Being part of It enables us to bring student concerns to the table. President Matthew will send out an email with more information, and those interested can email him back.

c) Assignment of Committees

Chairperson Menat stated that there are committees that are mandatory for some positions and some positions need to be filled and one can be in as many committees as they would like.

- Georgia Seleski motioned for all the members nominated be approved by the SRC
- Seconded by Fumiya Kanai

Georgia Seleski motioned that all the names previously mentioned for all the respective committees to serve for those committees for the academic year 2021-2022

Seconded by Matthew Stanbrook

- Council then voted by saying aye or no and accepted the named individuals to serve for the 2021-2022 academic year

Resolution CARRIED

13. Announcements

Tanvi Dabas spoke on the importance of not being afraid to disagree with other people's opinions when making big decisions. When the executive team met in the summer, although they had disagreements during meetings, they still left the room with the same relations

14. Closed Session

NONE

15. Confirmatory Resolution

Whereas Subsection 4(b) of the ASU. Constitution, as amended, provides that the powers of the Acadia Students' Union are to be exercised by the Students' Representative Council; and

Whereas it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Students' Representative Council at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by resolution;

Therefore, Be It Resolved That the Students' Representative Council of the Acadia Students' Union enacts as follows:

1. **That** the action of the Council at its meeting held on September 15, 2021, 5:30 PM in respect to the recommendation contained in any reports and in respect to each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by the Council at is said meeting is hereby adopted and confirmed

That the Chairperson and the proper officers of the Union are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required and to execute all documents as may be necessary on that behalf.

Fikayo Kayode motioned for the approval of the Confirmatory resolution

Seconded Tanvi Dabas

That Council accepts the Confirmatory Resolution.

Council then voted by saying either aye or no and accepted the Confirmatory Resolution.

Resolution CARRIED

16. Adjournment

Tanvi Dabas, VP Events, and Promotions motioned for the adjournment of the meeting

Seconded by Matthew Stanbrook President

That Council accepts the adjournment.

Council then voted by saying either aye or no and accepted the adjournment.

Resolution CARRIED