

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of SRC

December 1, 2021

5:30 PM

Beveridge forum

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

ALSO, PRESENT

Joy Ndirangu

Ruth Amoo

King Odogbo

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Chairperson Menat Tahoun called the roll. Attendance listed above.

3. Adoption of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)

Addition to the Agenda

- a. Meal hall discussion

Motioned by Cydney Gibson Diversity & Inclusion Rep

Seconded by Fikayo Kayode Arts Senator

Council then voted by a show of hands and accepted the addition to the agenda.

Resolution CARRIED

- b. Formation of the Student life council

Motioned by Georgia Saleski VP Student Life

Seconded by Matthew Stanbrook President

Council then voted by a show of hands and accepted the addition to the agenda.

Resolution CARRIED

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest(s)

NONE

5. Question Period

What is the ASU going to do for Black History month?

- The ASU will plan on collaborating with the Black Students Association and supporting them if they have initiatives

Is the discussion about Strike on the Agenda?

- The discussion on strike was amended in the previous meeting and will be discussed

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

NONE

7. Presentations/Delegations

NONE

8. Matters Tabled/Deferred/Unfinished Business

a) Continuing By-election discussion

There were three merged results sent out, but they had different numbers. The current election plan only allows for only 4000 electors to be filtered, although the list from the registrar's office showed that current students enrolled were 4200, both full-time and part-time students, hence the difference.

b) Strike discussion

Megan Cyr, VP Academics & External, sent an email to students concerning the strike. The SRC currently doesn't have all the information about the strike; hence we cannot have the best answers. The faculty contract with the administrations runs out every four years, hence why they need to renegotiate the terms.

How are students affected?

The turnout of the negotiations will determine how students are impacted. From previous strikes, students could graduate on time because it is the university's responsibility to ensure students graduate on time. There might be pressure for people to pick a side. However, as of right now, the Student Union has not picked a side, the negotiations can end without the SRC having to pick a side. If we decide to pick a side, it will be ideal to have adequate information to decide.

c) Strategic working group

Consultations are currently taking place with clubs', departments around the university and internal organizations on the student issues and what the ASU needs to do in the next five years.

d) Student study space

Currently, the study spaces on campus have extended their closing hours. Four study places are open.

1. SUB- 2:00am
2. KCIC-12:00am
3. Fountain Commons
4. The library

e) Councilor Paatil's event update

The Jigsaw puzzle event happened, and it went well, although there was a lack of SRC representation.

- The SRC should work towards attending events we organize, which may lead to a good turnout

9. Reports to Council

NONE

10. Committee Reports and Minutes

NONE

11. Notice of Motions

NONE

12. New Business

- a. Oath taking of new SRC members
 1. First-year representative-
 2. Councillor- Danish Mohammed
 3. Sustainability Representative
- b. Assigning Review board members

Aananya Paatil councillor nominated by Matthew Stanbrook President

Sadie McAlear Community Relations Rep nominated by Chiara Lu Professional studies senator

Council then voted by a show of hands and accepted the nominations of Aananya and Saide to be part of the review board.

Resolution CARRIED

- c. Meal hall

During the pandemic take out plates were an option although this year it is no longer there although we are in a pandemic, and we still have to wear masks. The student population has also increased this year and meal hall is often congested. The Quite section is also no longer there. Students might still have the social anxiety to interact with people. To eliminate the issue of students taking out meal hall plates having takeout plates can serve as a good option.

President is looking forward to setting up a meeting with the meal hall director come January. Cydney and Kathryn will be in attendance.

The quality of the food at meal hall is bad and some of the sections (the omelet station, my kitchen and the ice-cream) have been removed and no replacement have been made. The international section this semester has also been serving pasta almost every day.

Motion to extend the meeting by 15min

Motioned by Matthew Stanbrook President

Seconded by Danish Mohammed Councillor

Council then voted by a show of hands and accepted the extension of the meeting by 15min.

Resolution CARRIED

- d. Student life committee
 - i. Fikayo Kayode Arts Senator nominated by Matthew Stanbrook President
 - ii. Lucas Matos Science Senator nominated by Matthew Stanbrook President

Council then voted by a show of hands and accepted the nomination of the Arts and Science Senators.

Resolution CARRIED

13. Announcements

- a. The next meeting will be on December 8, 2021.
- b. All minutes will be posted in the SharePoint document for easy access.
- c. Advocacy week happened last week in attendance was Tanvi Dabas Events & Promotion, Megan Cyr VP Academics & External and Matthew Stanbrook President. The meeting was with the provincial government to discuss student issues.
- d. Update on the Community Relations Rep. attends different meetings one focused MOU between the university the town and the student union.
- e. It will be a good idea to record meetings and post them on the ASU page or have live session meetings
- f. In the coming semester having hybrid meetings should be put into consideration

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 November 10, 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.

Motioned by President Matthew Stanbrook

Seconded by Professional studies senator Chiara Lu

That Council accepts the Confirmatory Resolution.

Council then voted by show of hands and accepted the Confirmatory Resolution.

Resolution CARRIED

16. Adjournment

Motioned by President Matthew Stanbrook

Seconded by VP student life Georgie Saleski

That Council accepts the adjournment.

Council then voted by show of hands and accepted the adjournment.

Resolution CARRIED