

MASU Students' Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

The Students' Administrative Council met on November 3rd, 2022, beginning at 7:05pm in AVDX 111.

Call to Order: (7:05pm)

- Chairperson Nowlan called the meeting to order.

Land Acknowledgement

- The land acknowledgement was done by Chairperson Nowlan.

Approval of the Agenda

- **BE IT RESOLVED** (moved by Councillor Jollimore, seconded by Councillor Huynh) that the Thursday, November 3rd Agenda of the Students' Administrative Council be approved.
 - Amendment by Councillor Lesser: The Green Investment Fund be moved to the section entitled "Business Arising from the Minutes."

Approved by MAJORITY

Approval of the Minutes

- **BE IT RESOLVED** (moved by Councillor Chun, seconded by Councillor Jollimore) that the Thursday, October 27th minutes of the Students' Administrative Council be approved.

Approved by MAJORITY

Reports (no reports)

Business Arising from the Minutes

- Governing Procedure 7004 - Green Investment Fund (w/motion)
 - In response to the conversation at the last SAC meeting surrounding the Green Investment Fund, Councillor Lesser worked with Councilor Krueger to create a new reporting requirement in which the recipients of the fund must report their progress back to the SAC.

BE IT RESOLVED (moved by Councillor Lesser, seconded by Councillor Jollimore) that Governing Procedure 7004 - Green Investment Fund be approved as presented.

Discussion:

- Councillor RAP Minocha- McKenney: I have two comments: in section 2.2 where it defines "administrator coordinator," should we capitalise this term throughout? Then in section 3.3, I am wondering what is meant by "action plan."
- Councillor Lesser: In the term "action plan," I am referring to how the recipient intends to use the money. However, I am not opposed to changing the wording to "status of the project."
- Councillor RAP Minocha- McKenney: I understand now and I am okay with the wording of "action plan."
- Councillor Lesser: I think this can also be incorporated in transition from sustainability coordinator to sustainability coordinator.
- Councillor RAP Minocha- McKenney: As well, I would like to make a friendly amendment to change the wording in section 3.3 for the sake of clarity. Specifically, I would like to change

the line that says “within 6 months of the approval of the awards.” Instead of using the word “of,” I think we should use the word “after.”

Approved by MAJORITY

New Business

- University Budget Advocacy - Initial Update
 - Councillor Lesser has informed the council that they are the student representative on the President’s Advisory Committee and is therefore looking for input from students on what they would like brought up through this committee.

- Textile Arts Society club constitution (w/motion)
 - This club is to act as an inclusive space for students to explore different forms of art.

BE IT RESOLVED (moved by Councillor Warr, seconded by Councillor Chun) that the SAC approve the Textile Arts Society club as a MASU club.

Approved by MAJORITY

- Gym Buddies club constitution (w/motion)
 - This club is to act as a way to connect people who wish to go to the fitness centre, so that they may hold each other accountable.

BE IT RESOLVED (moved by Councillor Warr, seconded by Councillor RAP Minocha- McKenney) that the SAC approve the Gym Buddies club as a MASU club.

Approved by MAJORITY

Open Forum:

- Councillor Shelly: I brought the survey that I spoke about last week. I was hoping that people could take a look at it. It is concerning first year orientation and was created so that I may collect greater amounts of feedback.
- Councillor Warr: It may be beneficial to ask about the intensity of the events- because a lot of students may feel that there were either too many high intensity or low intensity events.
- Councillor RR Minocha- McKenney: Would it be good to have a section for pre-orientation?
- Councillor Shelly: I’m sorry to ask, but what is pre-orientation?
- Councillor Lesser: Pre-orientation has a focus on accessing the Meighen centre. It is wellness focused and is the smallest orientation.
- Councillor Nelson: Are there any questions concerning advertisements?
- Councillor Shelly: Yes.
- Councillor Nelson: I ask because I wonder if the people who thought there weren't enough events didn't get the advertising.
- Councillor Lesser: Was there a section for International Orientation?
- Councillor Shelly: Yes.
- Councillor Lesser: I know that there was a lot of IO feedback collected at the beginning of the year. So potentially you should reach out to the International centre and ask to see the feedback they acquired.

- Councillor Shelly: Should I take out the section concerning IO and make a second survey?
- Councillor Lesser: No, not necessarily. But I do think that you should reach out to the international centre to see what feedback they collected.
- Councillor Warr: We are currently looking at the intersections of international orientation and university orientation on the committee I am on. So maybe, we could make another survey together in addition to keeping this question of the survey.
- Councillor RAP Minocha- McKenney: I think the survey looks great, but perhaps you'd like to add in the ability to rate specific events.
- Councillor Mittal: INTPA@mta.ca is the email of the inter and the international centre. This may be who you'd like to reach out to for the IO feedback.
- Councillor Hiebert: Can we add a section on mental health during orientation week? Perhaps talking about if they felt that they had access to resources and if their mental health was respected?
- Councillor Blakney: Good job on getting out the surveys so soon. I think we should get them out as soon as possible as it has already been two months since the event.
- Councillor Keleher: Last week, we spoke about a collaboration between the MASU and the Pols/IR society in regards to voting. Moreover, the society has spoken to Councillors Huynh and Warr about an info session. I was wondering if we could get some of those details set today.
- Councillor Warr: This info session is aiming to occur in the winter term. It is not specific to this election but rather the voting situation of the Sackville region in general. Therefore, this is a discussion that we can have at a later date.
- Councillor Keleher: As well, there was talk about not being able to get buses down to the voting station, and instead having drivers be reimbursed... I was wondering if there was any new information on this.
- Councillor RAP Minocha- McKenney: We are looking into the logistics and cannot commit to anything but I am thinking that a shuttle service may be best. On a different note, the federal government has decided to eliminate federal student loan interest.
- Councillor Huynh: CASA has been pushing for this and it is reasoning like this that we are a part of CASA.
- Councillor Lesser: I have discovered more email issues, therefore I am letting everybody know now that the next round of funding is on November 23rd.
- Chairperson Nowlan: As a student at large, I am wondering if we are supposed to be getting a cheque for our club's money, or is there a MASU account I do not know about.
- Councillor Lesser: The money goes to an account. You will learn more about this at clubs and societies training.
- Councillor Warr: In regards to the clubs and societies training, it will be happening. It has been delayed but it will be happening.

Reminders:

- Councillor Lesser: November 23rd is the next funding deadline. I now need applications to be submitted through the forum or on paper to the office. I will not be accepting applications through email.
- Councillor Huynh: I am working on having an on-campus debate regarding the municipal election after the reading break.

In-Camera:

BE IT RESOLVED (moved by Councillor Hiebert, seconded by Councillor Chun) that the SAC move in-camera.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED (moved by Councillor RAP Minocha- McKenney, seconded by Councillor Lesser) that Mitch Archibald be invited to participate in the entirety of in-camera, and Sam Walsh be invited to participate in the first item of in-camera.

Approved by MAJORITY

BE IT RESOLVED (moved by Councillor Lesser, seconded by Councillor Hiebert) that the SAC approve the allocation of the Jeff "Skip" Fraser Memorial Scholarship as decided by the Finance and Administration Committee.

Approved by MAJORITY

BE IT RESOLVED (moved by Councillor Lesser, seconded by Councillor Warr) that the SAC commit the Jeff "Skip" Fraser Memorial Scholarship constitution to the Governance Committee.

Approved by MAJORITY

BE IT RESOLVED (moved by Councillor Keleher, seconded by Councillor Warr) that the SAC move out of in-camera.

Approved by MAJORITY

Adjournment:

- The Chairperson adjourned the meeting upon the completion of the agenda at 8:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paige Meisner

Secretary (Deputy Chairperson)