The meeting of the Student Council of the University of Prince Edward Island Student Union was held on Sunday, December 1, 2024. Ariana McGrattan took minutes for the meeting. Owen Brown, Chair of Council, called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

PRESENT:

Hadiqa Sulman, Shreesh Agrawal, Noah Manholland, Camille Mady, Bheemaluxmee Damry, Mallory Travis, Lillia Curley, Ethan Drake, Fatima Sadat, Adam MacKenzie, Ava Stewart, Mahjabin Bahar, Hexi Wang, Anna MacLaren, Scott Thompson, Anusha Sivakumar, Rose Avoine-Dalton.

ABSENT:

George Jiang, Kirsten Smith, Ethan Drake, Rebecca Michelin, Ngozi Roseanne Agunbiade, Kallie Drummond, Riddhima Upreti, Ifeanyichukwu Praise Aniobi, Jane Ripley Cooper Cox, Prantor Kumar Mondal.

ALSO PRESENT:

Cezar Campeanu, Owen Brown, Ariana McGrattan.

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1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Councillor Anna MacLaren/Councillor Scott Thompson: To approve the agenda of Sunday, December 1, 2024.

Motion: Carried at 6:05 pm.

3 APPROVAL OF THE PAST MINUTES

Motion: Councillor Ava Stewart/Councillor Fatima Sadat : To approve the amended minutes of Sunday, November 17, 2024.

Abstention: Shreesh Agrawal.

Motion: Carried at 6:07 pm.

4 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

a) PRESIDENT

The report was presented by the chair of council due to the President's absence.

- UPEI Strategic Plan: The community consultation has come to an end. Four consultations across the island were held in Summerside, Woodstock, Charlottetown, Montague.
- Senate: I attended the senate meeting with other student senators.
- Provincial Advocacy: Shreesh and I met MLA Gord McNeilly prior to going to the Question Period in the PEIn Legislature. We talked more in-depth about the five recommendations put forward in our advocacy document. On Nov. 20, Shreesh and I went to PEI legislature question period. Both Green Party and Liberal Party asked questions based on our advocacy priority to the ministers. Minister Jen Redmond affirmed that she would take some of the recommendations back to be considered. We also received CBC coverage on the advocacy document and the document itself is tabled in the legislature.
- CASA: From Nov.25 to Nov. 29, Shreesh and I were in Ottawa meeting MPs, Senators and other organizations to talk about our federal advocacy priorities. On Monday, I met with Mike Morrice, Green Party MP from Kitchener and Sean Casey, Charlottetown local MP . On Tuesday, I went to the Question Period in the House of Commons. On Wednesday, I met with Youth Secretariat, a non-partisan organization that works on youth policy and hears youth voices. I met with Leah Gazan, an NDP MP from Wennipeg. I also went to the Senate sitting. On Thursday, I met with Senator Percy Downe, the PEI senator, HICC (Housing, Industry, community Canada), MP Noormohammed from

Vancouver and a Town Hall with Minister Marc Miller. On Friday, we received a CASA Board update and had a closing plenary.

- Other Activities: I went to a tour of the medical school building with other executives and full time staff. The building is coming nicely and the med school is open for its first intake in August.

b) VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC

- Week of Nov. 18 - 23: Investigated prospect of adding a flag to the display in the McDougal Faculty of Business and the SU's flag display. Finalized plan to circulate draft for SHNA. Senate Meeting. Academic Appeal Support. JOHSC Meeting. Giving Tuesday Library Picture.
- Week of Nov. 24 - Dec. 1: First Year Course Review Taskforce Meeting. Library Council Meeting. Circulated the SHNA draft to partners and sent out a poll to schedule a meeting. Academic Appeal Support. Requested meeting from Kelton at Residence concerning topics at previous Council. VPAG meeting.

c) VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL

- External Advocacy: The previous two weeks of provincial and federal advocacy have been highly successful. Provincially, we met with Mr. Gordon McNeilly (MLA, Charlottetown – West Royalty) over lunch at the Fox and Crow to follow up on our discussions in the summer. On November 20th, 2024, George Jiang and I attended Question Period (QP) at the Provincial Legislative Assembly. During QP, Mr. McNeilly, on behalf of the Liberal Party of PEI, and Ms. Karla Bernard (MLA, Charlottetown-Victoria Park), on behalf of the Green Party of PEI, asked questions to the Minister of Workforce, Advanced Learning, and Population around our policy priorities. They made direct reference to

our advocacy document. Mr. McNeilly also tabled our document to the PEI Legislature.

- Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)**:** Before Advocacy Week, I attended a few sessions, including pre-advocacy week training, the Federal Policy Committee Consultation Session, and the Member Relations Committee meeting. I continued tabling for the Canada Student Grants campaign and collected more signed symbolic cheques and video interviews. Overall, we ended with over 100 cheques and five video testimonies. I delivered the cheques to CASA during my visit to Ottawa, and they were sent to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance's Office. George Jiang and I were in Ottawa from November 24, 2024, to November 30th, 2024, for Advocacy Week with CASA. I've included our list of recommendations to the bottom of this report. We had roughly 70 meetings through CASA and 10-15 through UEQ, with an estimated total of 85 meetings. Of those, I had meetings with the following people: Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance's Office, MP Laurel Collins - Victoria, BC, Senator Iris Petten, NL, MP Churrence Rogers, NL, and MP Jenica Atwin's Office, Fredericton, NB.

- CASA's Recommendations:

    - Invest $250 million annually in the Student-Work Placement Program through the 2027-28 program year to strengthen work-integrated learning opportunities for students in small and medium enterprises.

- Increase the size of Canada's skilled trades workforce by mandating that contractors for federal infrastructure construction and maintenance contracts ensure 20% or more of hours worked on federal projects are worked by apprentices. Furthermore, establish a 20% apprenticeship hours requirement for recipients of grants and contributions for federal housing programs such as the Affordable Housing Fund, Apartment Construction Loan Program, and Federal Lands Initiative.
- Incorporate adjustments for CPI to the Tri-Council Agency graduate student funding programs to maintain competitiveness for quality Canadian talent.
- Double the Express Entry Program immigration points in Part D of the Comprehensive Ranking System allocating 60 points for a three or more year Canadian post-secondary credential, or 30 points for a one or two year Canadian post-secondary credential to retain those most likely to economically succeed in Canada.
- Permanently renew the $4,200 grant per year/$300 loan per week maximums for student financial aid, and proportionately increase the separate limits for students with disabilities and students with dependents to ensure that academic ability, not financial ability, is the standard for admission.
- Increase Post-Secondary Student Support Program and equivalent Métis and Inuit programs to $1.14 billion annually

to ensure every qualified Indigenous student can attend post-secondary education.

- Standing and Other Meetings: I stepped in for George Jiang at the Governance Committee meeting in a non-voting capacity. Among other agenda items, we discussed ways to improve communication and transparency between the executive team and the council. A key action item was to include the Chair of the Council in the standing executive committee meetings. I have also joined this committee and am a non-voting member. I also participated in the Robertson Library's fundraiser campaign and took pictures.

d) VICE PRESIDENT FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Nov. 18: The majority of the Student Union team had the opportunity to visit the UPEI Medical School. Overall, the building looks very high-tech, with plans to make it one of the most up-to-date medical schools in the world, with 30 million out of the 91 million spent only on technology. We got a tour of the 5th to the 2nd floor. George, Shreesh, and I brought up to the Fox and Crow Manager and the Operations Manager the concerns about Fox and Crow staff. They seem to be aware of some of the people causing the issues, and we'll have the Ad-hoc Fox and Crow Committee sometime next week. Some tentative solutions we briefly discussed are having a second orientation over the break and additional training for staff to prevent issues from arising again.
- Nov. 19: I checked the Scam Report form and saw there was a report of a phishing email sent out to students. I forwarded this report to someone from ITSS, and they sent it to their security team. It seems

they were already aware of this issue. Spent time with the entire full-time staff and executives to create bracelets used in the Taylor Swift 19+ pub.

- Nov. 20: Discussed with the General Manager and the executive team what our plan is with the Graduate Student Association and how we plan to move forward in a collaborative environment that satisfies everyone. Spent more time creating bracelets for the Pub night.
- Nov. 21: Spent about an hour and a half reviewing the current budget and updated the number based on enrollment and expense increases. After doing this, we discussed additional ways to spend the increase in money and sent out a doodle poll to the budget committee. In short, after seeing enrollment numbers, our "money to play with" went up by $50,000.
- Nov. 22: I participated in the Clubs and Society committee meeting, discussing the current state of funding applications/budget and future updates on campus initiative funding. I also briefly touched on Student Rec time. I mostly told clubs and societies that we do have a decent amount of money left, so if they have events and are worried about receiving full amounts, to not worry about it as much as they might be, and to spend the money we have for them to create events.
- Nov. 25: I discussed with a club what they could do for their signing authorities for their pre-existing bank account. I ended up writing them a letter that permits the forceful removal of previous executives from their bank account (the students graduated and are ignoring all contact from the current club executives). Pushed back the Budget committee to next week due to lack of availability from everyone (school is important).

- Nov. 26: Attended a meeting with Johnathan Hewitt, Jonathan Lane, Kelton, and Angela Marchbank to discuss the future of Student Recreation time and Intramurals on Campus and how it would look.
- Nov. 27: Sent out invitations for both the Budget Committee and the Fox and Crow Ad-hoc committees. Settled for Wednesday, Dec 4th, for the Fox and Crow committee; still waiting on Budget Committee doodle poll responses before confirming a time for next week. Talked to counselors about inquiries for the Councilor Initiative Signed a lot of checks for Student Academic Enrichment/Clubs and Societies.
- Nov. 28: I finally started to work on my Campus Trust Finance Committee responsibilities. I sent invites to the funding committee and let some clubs/students know their funding was approved.
- Nov. 29: More Campus Trust Work: verifying the invoices of UPEISU, STUSU, SAITSA, MASU, and CBUSU.

e) VICE PRESIDENT STUDENT LIFE

- Nov. 17 - Nov. 24: Conducted Multicultural Monday with the Filipino society (Kabayan). Finalized room booking for the Clubs committee meeting. Event planning meeting to delegate tasks and coordinate for 5 days of cheer. Arranged meeting with Austin (UPEI Residence) and Jennifer (UPEI Food and Nutrition) to follow up with the consecutive Lunch and Learn and provide feedback. Coordinated with the Alumni department for the Wishing tree since August and secured a $2,000 contribution that was generously provided by Alumni and their affinity partner, TD. Requested to make changes to the ballot design. These changes have been made and it allows us to recognize our collaborator's significant contribution and foster positive relations with UPEI Alumni department. Planned for a scavenger hunt with "Elf

on the shelf" with Holiday baskets as a reward for '5 days of cheer'. Working on an end-of semester feedback form for Clubs and Societies. Finalized the agenda for the Clubs committee meeting and had it shared with the club executives. Conducted Clubs committee meeting, joined by the UPEISU President and VPFA as well. Clubs were updated on funding, Clubs cup event, End-of semester feedback form and the new structure for future clubs committee meetings with an ongoing feedback form. Ordered supplies for MultiCultural Monday with the Nepalese Society

- Nov. 24 - Dec. 1: Conducted Multicultural Monday with the Nepalese society. Every MultiCultural Monday collaboration this semester was highly well received amongst the societies. Throughout this initiative, I ensured that the food was prepared and maintained according to PEI's Health and Safety regulations from the start of the preparation to the end of serving the meal in the Student Centre. Every event in this initiative took approximately 7- 14 hours of time from myself and the participating societies. These hours are in addition to my weekly 20-25 hours of executive commitment. Had the wishing tree set up in the concourse along with ballots and decoration. Revised all the necessary details for the Holiday market including timing, venue, set up,vouchers,licensing, etc, and shared it to the vendors through an email. Added handwritten letters for the Holiday basket rewards. Ordered more Holiday decorations to set up in the concourse. Attended monthly COCA board meeting as a director of the Eastern region. I will be updating eastern institutions' contacts and we are planning for a canada-wide virtual Holiday mixer for COCA board members. Reviewed resumes for hiring the new Clubs and events

coordinator and discussed questions to be asked during the interviews during a meeting with UPEISU's general manager. Coordinated with volunteers who were interested to help during 5 days of cheer. Decorated the Student Centre with a holiday theme throughout the concourse. Purchased Marshmallow fluff to add to the Hot chocolate event to allow for a more dietary friendly option. Conducted 'Cozy cookies and Hot Cocoa" booth at the concourse and received high engagement. Meeting with CEC to finalize a detailed agenda and arrange rescheduled scavenger hunts. Holiday Lunch and Learn: started setting up an hour in advance with UPEI residence and Campus Life advisors, coordinated with Austin, Jeninifer and CLAs to assist and execute the event as needed during the session. Added more chairs due to attendance being higher than expected and captured lots of videos for a recap. 40-60 people had attended the event in the day lounge with the new adjustments made to this session. All the collaborators were pleased with the success of the event. Lastly, I sent the videos to the Campus life lead and the videos were edited into a reel on Instagram. Made handwritten notes to thank all the participating vendors at the Holiday market with details unique to their initiative. Holiday Market: Started setting up an hour in advance here as well. Arranged tables and passed out notes to the corresponding vendors and directed vendors to their tables. Volunteers and assisting staff helped with the same. Spoke to all the vendors and provided details on how to process vouchers as I recapped the details that I had shared in an email with them. I directed vendors on where to hand over their vouchers towards the end of the event. We ran out of 250 vouchers 15 mins before closing.

We estimated attendance of 300 which was a significant success and vendors were all pleased with the turnout. Purchased door prizes for the Holiday pub and updated entry details for the pub, given the circumstances with overlapping events. Finalizing End-of semester events feedback form and End-of semester clubs feedback form. Planning to have a booth on the concourse next week to increase engagement for the Events feedback form.

Motion: Councillor Hexi Wang/Councillor Anusha Sivakumar: To approve the executive reports.

Motion: Carried at 6:46 pm.

5 2000+ EXPENDITURES

Motion: Councillor Rose Avoine-Dalton/Councillor Mahjabin Bahar: To approve the 2000+ expenditures.

Motion: Carried at 6:48 pm.

6 CLUBS AND SOCIETIES RATIFICATION

Motion: Councillor Mallory Travis/Councillor Anna MacLaren: To ratify the UPEI Mauritian Society

Motion: Carried at 6:49 pm.

7 EXECUTIVE REVIEW PRESENTATION

The reports were presented by the chair of council.

8 HIRING BOARD RESULTS

Motion: Councillor Scott Thompson/Councillor Camille Mady: To move in camera

Motion: Carried at 7:14 pm.

IN CAMERA

Motion: Councillor Mallory Travis/Councillor Ava Stewart: To move out of camera

Motion: Carried at 7:17pm.

Motion: Councillor Adam Mackenzie/Councillor Anusha Sivakumar : To approve the hiring board results as presented during the in camera portion of the meeting.

Abstention: Shreesh Agrawal.

Motion: Carried at 7:17 pm.

9 NEW BUSINESS

-Councillor Hex Wangi: Is there an update on the dining hall survey?

-VPFA Cezar Campeanu: I need you, Hexi, and Rose to make the survey.

-Councillor Rose Avoine-Dalton: I have been a bit busy with school but let's plan to meet soon to work on it.

-VPFA Cezar Campeanu: Try to focus on what the dining hall offers and when, we can't change providers. Dana hospitality is responsible for the quality of the food.

-Councillor Scott Thompson: Point of information, do we know how long that contract with Dana is?

-VPSL Hadiqa Sulman: I believe the typical dining hall contract ranges from 3-5 years.

-VPE Shreesh Agrawal: There is a Fox and Crow report in the meeting folder but not on the agenda?

VPFA Cezar Campeanu presented the report.

Motion: Councillor Ava Stewart/Councillor Bheemaluxmee Damry: To approve the Fox and Crow report with an amendment (changing a date).

Motion: Carried at 7:25 pm.

10 ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councillor Anna MacLaren/Councillor Ava Stewart: To motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Carried at 7:25 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Signatures

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President

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Chair of Council