



Agenda for Meeting #9
King's Students' Union Council of Students, 2013-14
February 1, 2014, 12:30pm
The Wardroom

Voting Members Present:

Jesse Laufer
Haydn Watters
Katie Douglas
Colleen Earle
Anna Dubinski
Haritha Popuri
Karen Gross
Hannah Yaphe
Anika Roberts-Stahlbrand
Emily Rendell-Watson
Alex Bryant
Michaela Sam
John Cavan
Karis Tees
Sophia Miller-Vedam

Non-Voting Members Present:

Jake Eidingen
Gwendolyn Moncrieff-Gould
Evan McIntyre
Jacob Baker-Kretzmar

Call to Order 12 34pm

Mr. Jake Eidingen recognizes that the meeting is taking place on unceded Mi'kmaq territory.

1. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda is adopted

2. Approval of minutes from January 26, 2014 meeting

Mr. Jesse Laufer said that he abstained from the motion regarding gender equality.

The minutes are approved as corrected.

3. Action Items

3.1 BIRT the following referendum question appear on the ballot during the spring 2014 King's Students' Union elections:

"Be it resolved that the King's Students' Union membership dues be increased by \$9.40 per semester.

YES
NO"

Moved by Anna Dubinski
Seconded by Alex Bryant

Ms. Anna Dubinski said that we discussed this number at the last council meeting; the town hall was on Thursday. This number was received for the most part very well, and there was no indication that it should go higher or lower. I think we should put this to referendum.

Ms. Karen Gross asked whether it would be beneficial to specify when the increase will take place.

Ms. Anna Dubinski said that it may be nice to include when this vote happened in the record.

Ms. Haritha Popuri said that this may be a wasted opportunity if we don't try to push it to 11.90\$.

Ms. Michaela Sam said that she is curious where 11.90\$ came from and if that is shared with others you've talked to.

Ms. Haritha Popuri said that it is the next step up, and that the 2.50\$ increase doesn't seem too much but would mean a 6000\$ differential.

Ms. Anika Roberts-Stahlbrand said that the 10\$ threshold can seem scary to some people, and we need this to go through.

Mr. Alex Bryant said that it would seem dubious if we held a consultation on 9.40\$ and then passed a higher number.

Mr. Jesse Laufer said that he would like to see the number go higher, but that we should run the referendum on 9.40\$.

Mr. Alex Bryant said that some of the only pushback from the town hall meeting was that pushing the number higher would harm accessibility.

Mr. Jake Eidinger said that the referendum is binding if passed by 25% of union members; it requires 3/4 of council's votes to be put to referendum. That would be 12 votes.

The motion is adopted.

4. New Business

Ms. Anna Dubinski said that we asked the town hall what kind of information should be available; we need to get campaigning and get people educated on this number. Are there councillors who are interested in being a part of the second wave of this process? Comments about how we can go forward would be appreciated.

Mr. Haydn Watters asked about when we should have the next council, because of reading week.

Mr. Jake Eidinger asked who is going away during reading week – the 16th, and the 23rd.

Ms. Anna Dubinski said that it will be the 23rd – please send regrets if you cannot come.

Mr. Jacob Baker-Kretzmar asked if it would make sense to have the meeting on the Monday or Tuesday after reading week?

Ms. Anna Dubinski said that we have tried this before and it is just impossible.

Mr. Jake Eidinger said tentatively the 23rd at 10am.

Adjournment 12 47pm