

NUSU BOD Meeting, Sunday, January 25, 12:10pm

**Open session**

Present:

Michael McTavish

Ian Hall

Madison Byblow

Chris Burke

Nathan Gravelle

Ruth Cortez

Chris Pie

Jacqueline Trottier

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Committee Updates:

Adoption of Agenda: moved by Madison, seconded by Michael. Motion carries

Adoption of minutes: do not have any to approve this meeting

- a) Executive: had a meeting this morning, talked of bonus's and raises for staff.
- b) Governance: has not sat yet but will have a lengthy sit down earlier this week
- c) Awareness: has not sat
- d) Academic: has not sat
- e) Social: has not sat since last update

Club Funding Proposals

- a) International food fest: Feb 28, 2015. Finances will go to the purchase of goods. Looking for 1000\$ which NUSU funded last year. Current donation budget: 4,500\$ over budget but our Sofa budget has been reorganized to re-allocate to our donations budget.

Ian: suggests a partial funding proposal

Ruth: suggests opening up the food bank, but the issue is the type of food not the quantity.

Nathan: claims they don't explain what they are doing in their request or to whom the fest is available to. Suggests that we can't support any funding because we are over in our budget, would reconsider if they charged cover or something to help with costs. Suggests they organize into an international food club in order to get club funding rather than from our donation bank.

Chris: Thinks giving people things from the food bank may be insulting.

Chris B: Is not comfortable with donating money when we are in deficit. Claims the international students feel cut of and recommends giving a 500\$ donation stating that all participants in the events donate a food item to help out.

Nathan: Budget process is there for a reason and does not recommend going over budget. Has concerns with the food bank (which is all prior donated food) and may have legal repercussions because we are not donating to those in need but for a food fest.

Ian: agrees that donating from the food bank could be an issue.

Ruth: Suggests trying to get food donations from others. Recommends helping the international students reach out to try and get donations and sponsors.

Ian: We can do the non-financial support right away, we can also consider donating from other budget lines.

Chris B: **motion to donate 500\$ dependant on the request of donations to the food bank. No seconder.**

**Nathan: motions for the executives to find room in the budget for unapproved 10,000\$ donation to athletics and defer all current donations until our next BOD meeting if and when the money is found.** Seconded by Michael. Motion passed 7/1 Ruth opposes.

b) Education pub: see previous motion.

Sofa update:

Ian: Sofa has been in favour of all the changes we proposed, result is a lower retainer and reduced costs. Saved 5,000\$ in annual savings. No longer a fixed one year term: 90day notice.

Other Business:

a) Social Justice club funding request: wants to hold a violence against women awareness week.

Ruth: suggests a partial donation because it is an exclusive club and they have asked many school departments.

Chris: asked if we have any sound equipment to donate. It was agreed that we are not lending out our equipment.

Ian: they have already gained 75% of the funding they requested.

Ruth: clarifies that the Lake house already has sound equipment and is not sure what they are looking for in terms of sound equipment.

Nathan: In terms of equipment, maybe consider buying equipment for the use of all clubs rather than just this specific one.

Michael: questions that there is no specifics on who is invited and that there are no musicians confirmed. Would like to see more details from this proposal.

Chris B: Reiterates that he would like to see the lineup of musicians

Nathan: **motion to and defer this matter until more information is provided by Ruth.** Michael seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

b) Student Senate issue: Senators currently are short staffed, need to fill 2 senate seats (graduate/APS studies). By laws state that the BOD have to approve by elections and appoint.

Ian proposes that we run by-elections starting with nomination period this Monday. Nominations last 1 week, voting the week after.

Nathan: With general elections, would it not be easier to lump it in together?

Chris B: Senate elections are low-key in comparison, people have already expressed interest in running for senator. Believes that senator elections would be a nice way to test executive elections.

Nathan: Would serve the student population better if it was lumped together, argues it would be more representative of the student body if the elections were lumped together.

Chris B: would prefer to have the elections earlier than later, because there is a lack of attendance in the Summer.

Nathan: argues it would be unfair to not give the students a voice. Claims senate and executives are completely different positions and would not conflict with one another, and that his proposal

promotes cohesion within the NUSU body.

Nathan: motion to hold the senate by elections during the general election time frame, and empower the election committee to handle both matters.

Chris B: **motions to elect a CRO and DRO to conduct a by election for the vacant senate positions with a nomination period starting no later than next Monday, Feb 2.** Seconded by Madison, abstained by Michael, opposed by Nathan.

CRO elect:

Nathan nominated **Chris Burke**, seconded by Madison.

Michael nominated **Nathan Gravelle**, Seconded by Jacqueline.

(vote by secret ballot) – winner is: **Nathan Gravelle**

DRO elect:

Michael nominated **Chris Burke**, seconded by Madison

Nathan nominated Michael McTavish, Michael declines

Nathan nominated **Kristen MacLean**, seconded by Michael.

(vote by secret ballot) – winner is: TIE, Kristen resigns. **Chris Burke** wins

10,000\$ Donation Issue:

Money went to the Athletics Department, there had been some emails exchanged. The entire donations budget was used at once. The donation request was never brought towards the BOD.

Open Session adjourned, 1:01pm