



BOD MEETING
Thursday, July 18, 2013 @ 11:00 am
HUB BOARDROOM

MINUTES

PRESENT: **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
Kayla Fitzsimmons President
Corey Grist Vice President External
Yannick Benoit Vice President Internal
Andrew Deugo Vice President Student Life

GUESTS: None

**REGRETS WITH
CONSIDERATION:** None

SPEAKER: Kayla Fitzsimmons NUSU President

RECORDED BY: Peggy Stubbert Secretary to the Board

1. President calls the meeting to order.
2. President calls for approval of the agenda. 2nd VP Internal. The letter to be presented to CSRC will be added to the agenda under Business Arising. Passed.
3. President moves to approve the minutes of July 4, 2013. 2nd VP Student Life. Minutes passed with agreed upon corrections.
4. Motion # 19: Moved by the President, Be it resolved that the NUSU Board of Directors transfer \$22,181.99 to the JSEC – The Student Centre operations account for the purpose of payables, dated July 9, 2013. 2nd VP Student Life.
Discussion: Due to the fact that these minutes will be posted for the members, the board agrees that, if asked for the reason for these cheques it will be explained that the money was used for operational purposes. If needed a list will be provided with definitions of same.
Motion passed.
5. Motion # 20: Moved by the President, Be it resolved that the NUSU Board of Directors transfer \$84,537.83 to the JSEC – The Student Centre operations account for the purpose of payables, dated July 17, 2013. 2nd VP Internal.
Discussion: Same as above.
Motion passed.
6. Business Arising – CSRC will be presented with a letter detailing their outstanding debt to date. This letter is archived with these minutes.
- VP Student Life discusses the upcoming Frosh concerts and his concerns with the lack of qualified staff for organizational purposes. Suggests that the board sit down and prepare an action plan. States that the RFP is going out this week for the buses.

7. Director's Reports
 - a) Aboriginal AGM of the Canadian Federation of Students report is archived with these minutes.
8. Setting of the next meeting. – TBA.
9. Motion #21: President moves to close this meeting. 2nd VP Internal. Motion passed.

MINUTE AUTHORIZATION

President and Chair

Secretary



July 18 2013
 Canadore Students Representative Council

Dear CSRC,

Please acknowledge that as of July 18 2013, the Nipissing University Student Union (NUSU) has been contributing significant funds into our joint partnership, JSEC – The Student Centre operations account.

Below are the details of the transactions and the portions CSRC owes to NUSU, based off of the 50-50 cost sharing ratio.

<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Debt to NUSU</u>
Existing debt	\$220,000.00	\$220,000.00
Baker & McKenzie	\$164,211.35	\$82,105.68
JSEC Payables (July 9 2013)	\$22,181.99	\$11,091.00
JSEC Payables (July 17 2013)	\$84,537.83	\$42,268.92
	\$490,931.17	\$355,465.59

Respectfully,
 Nipissing University Student Union

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Kayla Fitzsimmons
 President

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Corey Grist
 Vice President External

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 Vice President Internal

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Andrew Deugo
 Vice President Student Life

Annual General Meeting of the National Aboriginal Caucus
Canadian Federation of Students
Monday, May 27th, 2013 – Wednesday, May 29th, 2013
Jenna Demers

Overview:

The meeting operated as a series of speakers, workshops, seminars, and discussions over the three days. The meeting began with an overview of the rules, an adoption of the agenda, and an overview of the Caucus structure. The second day began with the executive report on all work undertaken since the last Caucus annual general meeting. Next, locals reported on the work undertaken in their own areas.

During my opportunity to report on Nipissing University's current work in Aboriginal affairs, I discussed:

- The Kanata Conversations event
- The Aiming Higher symposium
- The Aboriginal Advantage program
- The Biidaaban Community Service Learning project
- The Aboriginal Student Links program
- The "Walking With Our Sisters" initiative
- The slipper drive

After the locals had the opportunity to share, we discussed as a group the initiatives the Caucus was going to start this year. The campaigns centered around the following major categories:

- recognition of Aboriginal territory on campuses
- restructuring of education (high school prerequisites such as U-level courses aren't offered in most northern communities, making it impossible for students to move on to post-secondary).
- funding for more Aboriginal student-based projects

Caucus elections took place, Sahra MacLean was re-elected as chairperson. Savannah _____ was elected as National Executive Representative.

The guest speakers for the caucus included Claudette Commanda, Executive director of the First Nations Confederacy of Cultural Education Centers, Diom Romeo Saganash, MP for Abitibi-Baie-James-Nunavik-Eeyou, and Mitch Case, from the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario. Claudette Commanda discussed the importance of language

to indigenous cultures, and some programs that have been implemented across Canada to preserve our Aboriginal languages. Romeo Saganash discussed his career path, and some of the Aboriginal affairs taking place in the government of Canada at this time. Mitch Case gave a very descriptive history of Métis people. He also hosted a conversation discussing the concerns and issues facing Métis people.

On the final day of the Caucus, the delegates were given tickets to the International Indigenous Art Exhibition at the National Gallery of Canada. After we toured the exhibit, we held a round dance inside the gallery, a unique experience for the other tourists at the exhibit that day.

Implementation:

The Caucus was a great way to get ideas stirring. I came up with a few possibilities for Nipissing University to improve in Aboriginal student initiatives. Some suggestions that I came up with during this meeting were:

- showcasing indigenous artwork throughout the campus, particularly the Reading Room in the Harris Learning Library. The Reading Room features large wooden and cement walls that, in my opinion, would benefit esthetically from an art showcase. There are plenty of local Aboriginal artists, which would help strengthen the relationship between Nipissing University and the surrounding Aboriginal communities.
- Naming/re-naming of the pond/residences/trails etc. to Anishinaabe words to better recognize the traditional territory to which Nipissing University is tied.
- Implementing a mandate that requires land acknowledgements before all events (sporting, meetings, special events, etc.)
- A daycare center at the university.

Final Thoughts:

I believe the caucus was a beneficial experience for me, as well as Nipissing University. The opportunity to discuss the initiatives being put forth by aboriginal students around the country was not only interesting, but gave me some fantastic ideas for the future of Nipissing University, and the role of our own aboriginal student population. This opportunity also opened my eyes to the amount of power and influence student governments can have.