



**Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes**

November 5, 2015

I. Call to order

Andrew Deugo called to order the regular meeting of the NUSU Board of Directors at 4:20pm on November 5, 2015 in the NUSU Board Room.

II. Roll call

Ian Hall conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Ian Hall, Andrew Deugo, Jordan Andrews, Ruth Alvarez-Cortez, Madison Byblow, David Ratcliffe, Kieran Donnelly, Jordan Dempster, and Shayla Garrick.

III. NUFA Strike: General Information

- Talks between the University and NUFA broke down on Sunday, and shortly before midnight, it was announced that at 12:01am on November 2, NUFA would officially enact a strike.
- NUSU is currently receiving information from both sides of the strike, with differing stories from both.
- NUSU's current stance is to remain neutral but to apply pressure to both sides. Though NUSU has catered to both faculty and students tending the picket line. We have also ensured the guarantee to students of Academic Amnesty during the strike period.
- NUFA is currently seeking a share in management control of Nipissing University.

IV. Pending NUSU Action

- The NUSU Executive is moving to take action within the strike and is seeking to work with Nipissing University Administration as well as the Nipissing University Faculty Association.



- The current goal is to present both parties with a “student friendly plan” in moving through the strike and back to work negotiations in order to get both students and professors back into the classroom and resuming the current semester as quickly as possible. There is hope for a meeting between all three parties on neutral ground next week.
- At the time that a plan is solidified by the NUSU Executive, it will be presented to the Board of Directors and commentary will be allowed on the matter. The plan is in the process of being concrete by next Friday, November 13. There will then be a Board of Directors meeting called for Tuesday, November 17.
- At the time that the “student friendly plan” is ratified, the NUSU Executives and the Board of Directors will collectively agree on the stance that NUSU then decides to take in the strike; and whether they side with the faculty or the administration.

V. Information to be made available to students:

- The strike can run up to 6 weeks before the semester is seriously affected, or before there is a chance that the upcoming Winter semester will have to run into the spring/summer semester.
- Information facilitation will continue to be available both to and from students; as well as defending students right to stand at the picket line.
- Academic Amnesty does not apply to those students currently enrolled in shared Canadore nursing courses.
- A hiatus for The Wall Bar & Grillhouse may become appropriate, including both food and alcohol service depending on how much profit may be lost due to the lack of students currently in North Bay/on Campus.
- Should students wish to write letters of support, even individualized they can now do so and submit them to the NUSU office, at which time they will then be hand-delivered to both the Nipissing University Board of Governors as well as to the Nipissing



University Faculty Association. Through this process Anti-spam filters can be avoided, nor can they avoid receiving letters by hand.

- OSAP: answers are coming on such subjects as an extended semester, penalties for losing a semester. Students will know once NUSU receives answers.

VI.Nipissing University Board of Governors

- There have been no minutes for the Nipissing University Board of Governors meetings posted since May 2015.

- Committee meetings have been cancelled due to work having slowed/stopped on campus; Board of Governors meetings have also been cancelled.

- The Board of Governors has expressed distaste with the letters of support stemming from the NUFA website (nufastrike.ca); see them as spam.

VII.Adjournment

Andrew Deugo adjourned the meeting at 5:43pm.

Minutes submitted by: Dave Ratcliffe

Minutes approved by: