

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Nipissing University Student Union
Wednesday, April 24th, 2019 – 2:30 p.m. – F303, Nipissing University

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Attendance:

President:	Daniel Goulard	Present
VP Governance & Legal Affairs	Hannah Mackie	Present
VP Finance:	Andrew Wood	Present
VP Services:	Nicolai MacKenzie	Present
VP Communications:	Xander Winter	Present
Director-at-Large:	Brando Gasparin	Present
Director-at-Large:	Parker Anderson	Regrets
Director-at-Large:	Lauren Beatty	Regrets
Director-at-Large:	J'aime Brunet	Present
Director-at-Large:	Charlotte Foster	Present
Director-at-Large:	Cooper Allen	Present
Director-at-Large:	Daniel Miller	Regrets
Director-at-Large:	Ally McClure	Present
Director-at-Large:	Braeden Vavassori	Regrets
Student:	Natalie Muylaer	Present

CHAIR / SPEAKER: Daniel Goulard – President
 RECORDED BY: Hannah Mackie – VP Governance and Legal Affairs

1. Call to Order/ Land Acknowledgement

The Board of Directors meeting is called to order at 2:33 pm. Chairperson Daniel Goulard, President offered a traditional land acknowledgement.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest is brought to the attention of the Board.

3. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #1: That the Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for April 24th, 2019 be adopted as presented.

*Moved by Xander Winter;
 seconded by Andrew Wood.
 Carried.*

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Action Point: Cooper Allen asked for any changes to the minutes to be made regarding grammar

etc. to be considered a friendly amendment. Hannah Mackie agreed that this will be done and an office assistant will review minutes to make the recommended changes.

5. Adoption of Minutes

MOTION #2: That the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for March 29th, 2019 be adopted as presented.

*Moved by Nicolai MacKenzie;
seconded by Ally McClure.
Carried.*

6. Executive Committee Term Reports

a. Report From the President

MOTION #3: That the Board receives the Report from the President dated April 24th, 2019.

*Moved by Daniel Goulard; seconded by Xander Winter.
Noted Brando Gasparin abstention.
Noted Cooper Allen opposition.
Carried.*

b. Report from the Vice-President Governance and Legal Affairs

MOTION #5: That the Board receives the Report from the Vice-President Governance and Legal Affairs dated April 24th, 2019.

The Board asked if the Canada Summer Jobs jobs description had yet been drafted. Hannah responds by explaining that in order to submit an application, it was required that NUSU provide job descriptions. These jobs are different to the iLead positions that are to take place in Fall/Winter of 2019/2020.

The Board suggested that NUSU executives and staff create a “wishlist” of things they wish they could invest added time into if it was available. NUSU could delegate these tasks to the Canada Summer Jobs positions, or have them available for later days.

Interviews for the Summer Assistant position were held. Allie Lishman was selected for the position. A concern was brought forward regarding the perception of selecting the same person for a new position. The executives responded that steps were taken to ensure this was a fair process, and are confident in their selection of Summer Assistant as she was the most successful candidate.

Moved by Hannah Mackie;

*seconded by Xander Winter.
Carried.*

c. Report from the Vice-President Finance

MOTION #6: That the Board receives the Report from the Vice-President Finance dated April 24th, 2019.

A discussion was had regarding the report from the Vice-President Finance and the financial focus for the corporation in the year to come.

Moved by Andrew Wood; seconded by Xander Winter.

*Noted abstention from Brando Gasparin.
Noted opposition from Cooper Allen.
Carried.*

d. Report from the Vice-President Services

MOTION #7: That the Board receives the Report from the Vice-President Services dated April 24th, 2019.

J'aime raised a friendly amendment to the report as the date was incorrect.

*Moved by Nicolai MacKenzie;
seconded by Xander Winter
Noted abstention from Brando Gasparin.
Noted opposition from Cooper Allen.
Carried.*

e. Report from the Vice-President Communications

MOTION #8: That the Board receives the Report from the Vice-President Communications dated April 24th, 2019.

Xander raised a friendly amendment of adding a section about the health plan to his report. He explained that there were a high number of questions about the fees associated with the health plan from parents thinking that their children (the students) did not receive their money, as well as questions from incoming students wanting to know what is covered for them when they start in September.

*Moved by Xander Winter;
seconded by Hannah Mackie.
Noted abstention from Brando Gasparin.*

*Noted opposition from Cooper Allen.
Carried.*

7. Question Period

Discussion was had about a potential message to the students from the outgoing executive and incoming executive. Cooper Allen to write an email to the executives about the kind of messaging that should be sent out to students. It is to be reviewed by the executives and staff and have a discussion with the Registrar's Office about the parameters of the email.

It was questioned about the Governance & Legal Affairs role not being able to put in everything that they do in their reports as they are in internal, confidential meetings due to student advocacy.

8. Committee Reports

a. Audit and Finance Committee

No report

Tayler Sullivan, incoming Vice-President Finance, stated that another meeting will happen to look at the budget closely. This is due to the Student Choice Initiative introduced by the provincial government as well as the Nipissing University Ancillary Fees Committee still needing to meet to go over the recent changes.

b. Campaigns Committee

No report

c. Elections Committee

The elections committee met and a few things were brought forward about recommended changes for next year. Discussion around social media restrictions were also questioned. Items brought up in this meeting has been sent to Hannah for next year's elections as she will be the DRO of the Elections Committee. The Elections policy will have to be reviewed due to these recommendations.

d. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has been working on the transition with their counterparts. Xander reminds the Board that a decision was made to remove the Executive Committee report portion from the Board of Director meetings as a majority of it is covered in the executive's reports. This executive committee section needs to be reviewed by the incoming executives and board.

e. Governance Committee

No report

f. Green Initiatives Committee

Nicolai expressed his thanks to the committee for all their input. Earth Day photo contest is currently happening and a prize will be given to the most liked on NUSU's Facebook. The other big project NUSU has been working on all year is a bike share program on campus. Nicolai is hoping to have this done by the fall and has been working with Warren on this project. NUSU needs to work with Nipissing Administration to make sure everyone is on board and safety is foremost. Genevieve de Bruyn (residence) will be working on this with us as the office assistants from residence will be working on this with us for rentals.

g. Shine Committee

No report

Xander has spoken to Charlotte about Shine Day due to transition. Cooper questioned if a review was created for the Shine Softball Tournament. Xander confirmed that it was added to the transition document for Charlotte.

h. Social Committee

No report

9. Other Business

Discussion about the budget was had which will be addressed in the budget meeting created by Tayler Sullivan prior to May 1st.

Confidentiality was discussed. The confidentiality agreements that Board of Directors and Executives sign go past their one year term and continue indefinitely.

Honourariums were distributed to the Board members for their time serving students this past academic year.

10. Adjournment

MOTION #10: To adjourn the March 29th, 2019 Board of Directors meeting.

3:47 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.

*Moved by Xander Winter;
seconded by Nicolai MacKenzie.
Carried.*