



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Nipissing University Student Union**  
Monday, January 15, 2018 at 6:30pm  
F204 NUSU Office

Call to Order – 6:32 p.m. – Chairperson Sydney Lamorea, President called the Board of Directors meeting to order.

**1. ATTENDANCE**

President:	Sydney Lamorea	Present
VP Finance:	Shane Dunstall	Present
VP Services:	J'aime Brunet	Present
VP Communications:	Tyrel Somerville	Present
Director-at-Large:	Jasmin Beal	Present
Director-at-Large:	Daniel Goulard	Present
Director-at-Large:	Courtney Ivany	Present
Director-at-Large:	Allison MacNeil	Present
Director-at-Large:	Eric Marrast	Present

CHAIR/SPEAKER: Sydney Lamorea – President

RECORDED BY: Erin Edge – Board Secretary

Chair said that quorum has been reached.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

LAMOREA would like to amend the Board of Directors Meeting Agenda by deleting item 7 Approval of the Budget for the 2017-2018 Year.

**MOTION #127: To adopt the Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for the January 15, 2018 meeting, as amended.**

Moved by: BEAL

Seconded by: IVANY

**MOTION CARRIED**



### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION #128:** To approve the minutes from the November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 meeting as amended.

Moved by: SOMERVILLE

Seconded by: BRUNET

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

BRUNET wants to go over a few things as she feels that some things got dropped over the break

- Military t-shirts – what’s going on with that? LAMOREA is going to follow-up.
- Tahoe discussion – DUNSTALL will get started on that with GOULARD.

BRUNET advises it is important as the vehicle is pretty old and the door doesn’t open or close.

### **5. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

LAMOREA states that because it is the second week of January, there are no January reports. Each Executive can give an oral report of an update for the past two weeks.

#### **a) REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT**

See attached (Appendix A)

**MOTION #129:** That the Board receive the report from the President dated December 12, 2017.

Moved by: GOULARD

Seconded by: MACNEIL

#### **Discussion:**

LAMOREA has also been working with MARRAST on some governance and policy work. They had a Good Neighbour meeting to look at St. Patrick’s Day. They are looking at a party “pack” idea which has been at some Universities. It is where you register your party and the police will give you a 20-minute warning before coming to your house if there is a noise complaint. This way you can shut down the party and not have to get an over \$200 fine for a noise complaint. LAMOREA had a meeting with Ontario Northland because she contacted them over the holidays. They were able to open up more connections between South Eastern Ontario and North Bay to help with student transportation. The next meeting is to talk about different



ways they can partner to get more accessibility to North Bay. MARRAST asks about dropping the price down. LAMOREA says a lot of that is budget and because the Provincial budget was cut, it reduces any flexibility that Ontario Northland had. In the past, Ontario Northland has partnered with recruitment to do a “Golden Ticket” where students can get free trips to campus. They are working on other ways to try and reduce any costs for students who want to travel home for the holidays. LAMOREA told Ontario Northland about BRUNET’s wish campaign over the exam period and it’s something that they are very interested in. The time capsule is finally going to be closed up tomorrow. LAMOREA has things going in the time capsule such as stuff about NUSU, clubs list, OHIP info, info about employment wage going up and cost of tuition. In the last President’s letter from 1992, he said that tuition was \$1,690.00 for a 5 credit course. It will be interesting to see what happens over the next twenty-five years.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Abstentions: BEAL

**b) REPORT FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT GOVERNANCE & LEGAL AFFAIRS**

See attached (Appendix B)

**MOTION #130:** That the Board receive the report from the Vice-President Governance and Legal Affairs dated December 12, 2017.

Moved by: SOMERVILLE

Seconded by: MACNEIL

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Abstentions: BEAL, GOULARD

**c) REPORT FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT FINANCE**

See attached (Appendix C)

**MOTION #131:** That the Board receive the report from the Vice-President Finance dated December 12, 2017.

Moved by: MARRAST

Seconded by: MACNEIL

**Discussion:**

DUNSTALL advises he would like to go to Freshii and Booster Juice for sponsorship in the next week. He would also like to look into corporate sponsorship and has to take on the IPS alone now that ALLEN has resigned. DUNSTALL has to look at the budget for next year since the maintenance and licensing fees are no longer going to be a part of it as they’re going towards the building project. DUNSTALL is going to draft a budget up that he can send to the Directors and he’ll need to send to Casey Phillips.

BRUNET suggests DUNSTALL goes to Syl’s Neighbourhood Kitchen for sponsorship.



**MOTION CARRIED.**

Abstentions: GOULARD

**d) REPORT FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT SERVICES**

See attached (Appendix D)

**MOTION #132: That the Board receive the report from the Vice-President Services dated December 12, 2017.**

Moved by: MACNEIL

Seconded by: MARRAST

**Discussion:**

BRUNET advises that the student engagement with NUSU Crew is currently very low. Currently, students are not attending events. There is a movie night coming up in two weeks. Club Days is taking place this week and going well. BRUNET has received a couple applications for new clubs.

BRUNET met with the Concert Street Team, which is a group of about eight students who will be working towards promoting and selling concert tickets on campus. The members are working on a tier system to receive prizes for the number of tickets that they sell. It's a good group of people who have volunteered to sell the tickets. The tickets are being picked up tomorrow and should be on sale soon.

The winter carnival is being changed to something like the 705 challenge cup, where we get buses to take students to two games, but we're still looking into pricing and details for the event.

The Elections Committee finished the nomination package and that is out. The all candidates meeting will be this Friday.

There will be a spaghetti dinner this Friday in Chancellor's House in residence and the money is going to go toward the food bank. If anybody can come to help out it would be appreciated.

LAMOREA explains that if anybody knows of a student who would be good in an executive position to talk to them and get them to pick-up an application.

BRUNET points out that in her December report she has a section for 'Other Events' for second semester that she is working on. Basically, she talks about her goals for second semester, but she is still working on all these even though she's also taken on the elections.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Abstentions: GOULARD

**e) REPORT FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS**

See attached (Appendix E)





**MOTION #133: That the Board receive the report from the Vice-President Communications dated December 12, 2017.**

Moved by: MARRAST  
Seconded by: MACNEIL

**Discussion:**

SOMERVILLE has a lot happening but more on the logistic and organizational side of planning. He has his entire second semester planned out now working with Sarah McGowan and the Communications Assistants. SOMERVILLE met with Hailey Martin, our intern, to discuss what's happening with the Board. She's also helping out with wellness week and getting a brain guide set-up for NUSU. IVANY and SOMERVILLE are taking point on the staff evaluations.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Abstentions: BEAL

**6. QUESTION PERIOD**

LAMOREA confirms that all Directors, except DUNSTALL are available to meet on Mondays and Fridays. DUNSTALL advises he can be available to meet 1 Monday of the month for the Board of Director meetings.

LAMOREA advises that meetings will be on Mondays at 6:30 pm.

**7. COMMITTEES**

**a) Building Committee**

See attached (Appendix F)

There is a Motion on the agenda, this Motion is about the loan for the Student Centre Building, the Resolution of the Board of the Nipissing University Student Union. LAMOREA reads the Resolution of the Board of Nipissing University Student Union.

**MOTION#134: To approve the Resolution of the Board of Nipissing University Student Union.**

Moved by: BRUNET  
Seconded by: DUNSTALL

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Abstained: MARRAST, MACNEIL

LAMOREA would like to check with the Board of Directors to make sure they approve that NUSU moves ahead with the Lease Agreement although it is already signed. SOMERVILLE



advises that it is fine to go ahead with the Lease Agreement as long as it is within the same nature and spirit as the original Agreement then they technically have approval to move forward. SOMERVILLE informs that on the notion of re-signing the lease, he is not comfortable having a discussion until NUSU has heard from the lawyer.

**b) Compulsory & Auxiliary Fees Committee**

LAMOREA advises that the Board needs to nominate three members to the Committee and asks if there are any volunteers?

DUNSTALL, SOMERVILLE and MACNEIL volunteer to be on the Compulsory & Auxiliary Fees Committee.

All members are in favour of DUNSTALL, SOMERVILLE and MACNEIL being on the Compulsory & Auxiliary Fees Committee.

SOMERVILLE cannot attend the first meeting as he will be running for elections and asks if any other Board Member would like to attend in his place? BRUNET volunteers to attend the first meeting. She explains that there are three members of the University and three members of NUSU who attend to discuss changes and increasing in the auxiliary fees.

BRUNET will contact Kate and tell her who is on the committee.

**c) Social Committee**

BRUNET would like to fill the spots on the Committees where Directors have resigned. The Social Committee currently only has DUNSTALL, GOULARD, Warren Lindsay and Sarah McGowan on it. There are two spots to fill on the Social Committee.

MACNEIL volunteers to be on the Social Committee.

All Directors are in favour of MACNEIL joining the Social Committee.

**d) Audit & Finance Committee**

There are two members needed to fill the spots of the Directors who resigned.

SOMERVILLE and GOULARD volunteer to be on the Audit & Finance Committee.

All Directors are in favour of SOMERVILLE and GOULARD joining the Audit & Finance Committee.

**e) Governance Committee**

There are currently two members on the Governance Committee, LAMOREA and MARRAST.



IVANY and SOMERVILLE volunteer to be on the Governance Committee.

**f) Elections Committee**

The Elections Committee finished the nomination package and that is out. The all candidates meeting will be this Friday.

**g) Executive Committee**

No update.

**h) Green Initiative Committee**

No update.

**i) NUSU Cares**

SOMERVILLE asks that anybody part of NUSU Cares to please fill out the Doodle poll. The days are not specific to that date anymore as they've past. Right now, it is just SOMERVILLE, BEAL, BRUNET and Sarah McGowan who has filled out the Doodle poll. BEAL only had one available time and the group can no longer meet at that time. If everyone could fill out the poll SOMERVILLE can plan a scheduled time to meet.

**j) Shine Committee**

No update.

**8. Other Business**

SOMERVILLE, IVANY and LAMOREA, originally have been taking care of the employee evaluations and negotiations. SOMERVILLE and IVANY are hoping to sit down with the staff on Wednesday to discuss this and get a mutual agreement with the employees and their contracts. They will bring the summaries back to the Board for approval. If any Directors have any questions, concerns or feedback on anyone's performance, now is the time to bring it up.

SOMERVILLE would like to discuss opening the staff up to completing performance evaluations on the executives. Is this something worth doing? BRUNET responds no she doesn't think so. She thinks it messes with the structure. It sucks because employees should get opinion on things but no. BEAL thinks that the staff are running into things that they would like to voice as either concerns or "balloons", there should be one or two designated board members that they can go to. SOMERVILLE asks if an employee wants to do a performance review if they can send to BEAL? BEAL says yes, and she can also go through and filter out any personal bias that may be included.





**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #135: To adjourn the January 15th, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting.**

Moved by: GOULARD  
Seconded by: MACNEIL

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m. on January 15, 2018



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SYDNEY LAMOREA, CHAIR



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TYREL SOMERVILLE, VICE-CHAIR