



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Nipissing University Student Union
 Tuesday, July 25th, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. – F303, Nipissing University

Call to Order – Tuesday, July 25th, 2017

6:18 p.m. – Chairperson Sydney Lamorea, President called the Board of Directors meeting to order.

1. Attendance

President:	Sydney Lamorea	Present
VP Governance & Legal Affairs:	Cooper Allen	Present
VP Finance:	Shane Dunstall	Present
VP Services:	J'aime Brunet	Present
VP Communications:	Tyrel Somerville	Present
Director-at-Large:	Rebecca Dubeau	Present (Phone)
Director-at-Large:	Connor Cobean	Present (Phone)
Director-at-Large:	Daniel Goulard	Present (Phone)
Director-at-Large:	Eric Marrast	Regrets
Director-at-Large:	Melissa Richardson	Regrets
Director-at-Large:	Ray Mulville	Regrets
Director-at-Large:	Jasmin Beal	Regrets
Director-at-Large:	Aidan Adrain	Regrets

CHAIR/SPEAKER: Sydney Lamorea – NUSU President

RECORDED BY: Michelle Rae – Board Secretary (Cooper Allen – Secretary for this meeting)

Chair said that quorum has been reached.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #48: Be it resolved that the Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for July 25th, 2017 meeting be adopted as amended.

MOVED BY: BRUNET

SECONDED BY: DUNSTALL

DISCUSSIONS: SOMERVILLE notes that Sarah McGOWAN is present at the Board meeting tonight, and would like to say something to the Board that requires closed session. BRUNET also notes that the Shine Committee is not listed, LAMOREA notes and adds to list. LAMOREA would like to add a closed session to the end of tonight's meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

MOTION #49: Be it resolved that the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from the June 27th,



2017 meeting be adopted as presented.

MOVED BY: GOULARD

SECONDED BY: BRUNET

MOTION CARRIED. ALLEN abstains.

MOTION #50: To move into closed session.

MOVED: BRUNET

SECONDED: SOMERVILLE

MOTION CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Open session called back to order at 7:06 p.m.

a. Green Initiatives Committee Terms of Reference Approval

MOTION #51: That the NUSU Board of Directors approves the draft Terms of Reference for the Green Initiatives Committee.

MOVED BY: SOMERVILLE

SECONDED BY: GOULARD

DISCUSSIONS: DUBEAU asks if a position should be opened up on this committee to students to gain an outsider's perspective. As a non-voting member. SOMERVILLE notes that the Committee is already open to student members. ALLEN agrees with Dubeau that it would be good to have more student involvement and a different perspective, but that it does not need to be included in the terms of reference since the committee is already open for students to attend. states that we need to find a better way to reach out to students to become more involved.

LAMOREA states that as long as the Board and Executive members were asked permission for a non-voting member to sit in on some meetings, and as it is already open session meetings for anyone interested to participate in, that this wouldn't be necessary to include in the terms of reference. She feels the conversation surrounding reaching out to students / student involvement is one for the next meeting. BRUNET asks how we would recruit a new student? Would we want a student of a specific study? Would we advertise on Facebook? Would there be an Application? Feels it would be good to have a Biology student. SOMERVILLE wanted to point out that anyone is welcome to attend the open session meetings, they do not have to ask for permission, the only thing they would have to ask for is speaking rights, which would then be voted on by the committee. Also, the communications department is looking at streaming the Board meetings. SOMERVILLE proposes that they keep the Terms of Reference as it is at this moment, pilot the project and look for a Biology student with appropriate steps, as well as granting them speaking rights to allow proper review of their speaking skills. Should an individual be interested in being a non-voting member of this Committee, then amend the Terms of Reference next year.



LAMOREA is unsure it is necessary for there to be a mandatory spot for non-voting members. DUBEAU feels if there is advertising, there should also be a formal letter sent to specific clubs (i.e. the Biology Society) in order to potentially get members from these clubs to join.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Elections for the Green Initiatives Committee

Nominations for Executive position: ALLEN nominates DUNSTALL. DUNSTALL accepts. No further nominations.

MOTION #52: Be it resolved that the NUSU Board of Directors elect Shane DUNSTALL as the executive for the Green Initiatives Committee for the 2017-2018 term.

MOVED: BRUNET

SECONDED: GOULARD

MOTION CARRIED

Nominations for Director position: DUBEAU nominates DUBEAU. DUBEAU accepts. No further nominations.

MOTION #53: Be it resolved that the NUSU Board of Directors elect Rebecca DUBEAU as one of the Directors-at-Large for the Green Initiatives Committee for the 2017-2018 term.

MOVED BY: BRUNET

SECONDED BY: DUNSTALL

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION #54: Be it resolved that the NUSU Board of Directors' table the election of the final Director's spot to the Green Initiative Committee for the 2017-2018 term.

MOVED: BRUNET

SECONDED: GOULARD

MOTION CARRIED

5. Executive Committee Term Reports

a. Report From the President

MOTION #55: That the Report from the President dated July 25th, 2017 be received.

MOVED BY: GOULARD

SECONDED BY: SOMERVILLE

DISCUSSIONS: LAMOREA summarizes her report. GOULARD inquires about the Nipissing song, LAMOREA describes further about the song, and the potential of having a Nipissing "fight song" or chant.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Report from the Vice President Governance and Legal Affairs



MOTION #56: That the Report from the Vice-President Governance and Legal Affairs dated July 25th, 2017 be received.

MOVED BY: SOMERVILLE

SECONDED BY: GOULARD

DISCUSSIONS: ALLEN summarizes his report. BRUNET notes she is impressed with the amount of work ALLEN is putting into the Elections. GOULARD asks when the interviews for Interns were to take place. ALLEN notes they will take place Friday, July 28, and Monday, July 31, there should be an answer as to who is chosen by Tuesday.

MOTION CARRIED

c. Report from the Vice President Finance

MOTION #57: That the Report from the Vice-President Finance dated July 25th, 2017 be received.

MOVED BY: GOULARD

SECONDED BY: BRUNET

DISCUSSIONS: DUNSTALL summarizes his report.

MOTION CARRIED

d. Report from the Vice-President Services

MOTION #58: That the Report from the Vice President Services dated July 25th, 2017 be received.

MOVED BY: SOMERVILLE

SECONDED BY: GOULARD

DISCUSSION: BRUNET summarizes her report.

MOTION CARRIED

e. Report from the Vice-President Communications

MOTION #59: That the Report from the Vice President Communications dated June 27th, 2017 be received.

MOVED BY: DUNSTALL

SECONDED BY: GOULARD

DISCUSSION: SOMERVILLE summarizes his report. DUBEAU comments she is impressed with the amount of organization and information per month on the report.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Question Period

a. Submission of Executive Committee Reports

LAMOREA asks when the Board would like the Reports by Executives submitted by, the Executive Committee suggests between one week to 48 hours. SOMERVILLE notes that there is currently a 48-hour rule in the by-law. ALLEN asks if the Board prefers one large report sent or to have the reports submitted when the individual reports are completed. DUBEAU feels that a week is a good timing for submissions. Executive Committee wanted to ask if there were any



suggestions or preferences with regards to an appropriate timeline. The Board agrees to one (1) week in advance as it allows the Board members time to review the reports. If there are server issues, the Executive Committee will find an alternative method for distributing the reports.

b. Attendance at Board of Director Meetings

GOULARD notes that he is not impressed with the current lack of attendance with regards to the Board of Directors. BRUNET points out that she doesn't necessarily agree with the reasons people are not in attendance. BRUNET feels that even though school takes a priority, learning to prioritise and time manage with regards to studying and attending a meeting that a Director would be obligated to attend is something that should be considered. ALLEN points out that the Board of Director meeting dates should be decided and made known much further in advance going forward. LAMOREA confirms the dates are tentatively planned for the remainder of the year, however, the by-laws state that only ten (10) days notice is required for the Board of Director meetings to set the date. LAMOREA notes that during the summer times, as students are not in the area, there is typically a lesser attendance due to travel and work schedules. BRUNET notes she simply wanted the Board to understand how imperative it is for Board members to attend these meetings. BRUNET wanted to reinforce the idea. DUBEAU feels if there is a recurring habit of non-attendance, there should be discussions with that individual in order to address the issues. ALLEN notes that as it is frustrating, we could also be more accommodating with regards to providing tentative dates, allowing the options for Directors to see when they are available, etc. There are faults on either side. GOULARD mentioned that if we're trying to all be in the same page, it's difficult when some members are not present. Suggests that we have the discussion on what to do, should this type of behaviour continue after September. ALLEN notes that this is something that the Executives have discussed and considered.

7. Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee

No report.

b. Green Initiatives Committee

Just formed today, therefore no report.

c. Governance Committee

Email has been sent to all members about scheduling; response received from DUBEAU. A lot of work will need to be done by this committee prior to the AGM. Wanting to have a meeting before September, ALLEN offered to hold them over Skype as well.

d. Elections Committee

Email has been sent to all members about scheduling; response received from RICHARDSON and GOULARD. We will need to meet prior to the school year if possible since nominations for



the director/senator by-elections start September 11, 2017. ALLEN met with OII this past week and the equity center today to discuss barriers in the current format and will be bringing the findings to the committee.

e. NUSU Cares Committee

No report.

f. Audit and Finance Committee

No report.

g. Social Committee

No report.

h. Shine Committee

Met once with quorum, once without. Going well so far. Discussed Shine day and stunt.

8. New Business

a. Executive Board Reports

MOTION #60: That the Executive Board reports be sent by 3:00 p.m., seven (7) days prior to the Board meeting date to the recording secretary, to send to the Board by 4:30 p.m. at least one (1) week prior to the upcoming Board meeting.

MOVED: SOMERVILLE

SECONDED: BRUNET

MOTION CARRIED. ALLEN opposed.

b. Conference Reports

BRUNET and SOMERVILLE attended Shine regional; BRUNET and McGOWAN attended COCA Central meet-up. BRUNET updates that reports will be circulated to all executives, staff, and directors no later than two weeks following the conference date.

MOTION #61: to enter into closed session.

MOVED BY: BRUNET

SECONDED BY: GOULARD

MOTION CARRIED

9. Closed Session: begins at 8:16 p.m.

10. Adjournment



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MOTION #62: To adjourn the July 25th, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting.

MOVED BY: DUNSTALL

SECONDED BY: GOULARD

MOTION CARRIED

8:29 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.

===== SYDNEY LAMOREA, CHAIR

===== MICHELLE RAE, SECRETARY