



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Nipissing University Student Union
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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 26TH, 2018 MEETING

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the February 26th, 2018 meeting as circulated

MOVED BY: BRUNET

SECONDED BY: MARRAST

DISCUSSION

BRUNET: Xander White needs to be changed to Xander Winter. Also, Northern Ontario Brewery needs to be changed to New Ontario Brewery.

MOTION CARRIED

Abstained: GOULARD

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

BRUNET wanted to ask **LAMOREA** about the party kits and the Good Neighbour meeting which **LAMOREA** somewhat mentioned in her report. Will follow up with **LAMOREA** in **BRUNET**'s own time

BRUNET mentions that in the last meeting more RSD events should be provided. **BRUNET** and **MCGOWAN** both have events this week that are RSD approved, and also have research as part of them.

6. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

a) REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

See attached (Appendix A)

MOTION: That the report from the President dated March 19th, 2018 be received

MOVED BY: MARRAST

SECONDED BY: IVANY

MOTION CARRIED

Abstained: GOULARD

b) REPORT FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT FINANCE

See attached (Appendix B)

MOTION: That the report from the Vice-President Finance dated March 19th, 2018 be received



MOVED BY: GOULARD
SECONDED BY: MARRAST

MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSSION:

GOULARD asks DUNSTALL about the situation with the Tahoe and that the other recommendations that Stuart mentioned were not really explored. GOULARD asks DUNSTALL if another meeting would be pertinent.

DUNSTALL replies with yes

BRUNET adds that she briefly spoke to WARREN LINDSAY in regard to the car and he said that towing is not an option with a new vehicle and for the new building we will need to have towing capability in the new vehicle. BRUNET also mentioned that she believes it is good that NUSU is looking at eco-friendly vehicles

MCGOWAN adds that Frosh Week is also a concern in moving items

BRUNET responds and says that rentals are normally something needed for Frosh Week so it shouldn't be an issue

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

See attached (Appendix C)

MOTION: That the report from the Vice-President Services dated February 26th, 2018 be received.

MOVED BY: MARRAST
SECONDED BY: GOULARD

MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSSION:

MARRAST asks BRUNET about the next movie night. BRUNET responds that it is April 9th and that she is looking to get everyone's input on what movies should be shown

MARRAST adds that he has seen all the Green Initiatives posters that are up. MARRAST explains that a student asked him if all the paper is recycled paper. BRUNET responds that it is all recycled paper and will be recycled after its use has ended



MARRAST asks about the location of the new popcorn machine. BRUNET says it's by Sydney's desk. MARRAST asks what is going to be done about the old one. BRUNET explains that right now it is being rented out until everyone can figure out what to do with it.

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

See attached (Appendix D)

MOTION: That the report from the Vice-President Communications dated February 26th, 2018 be received.

MOVED BY: IVANY

SECONDED BY: MARRAST

MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSSION:

IVANY has noticed that in the last paragraph of the VP Communications report there needs to be a capital "I". BRUNET adds that the word is fantastic and not "fansastic"

GOULARD notes that the report could be shortened by about 3 or 4 pages. GOULARD understands that a lot of information is necessary; however, GOULARD feels that the report is not supposed to advertise the events to the Directors/Executives but rather a summary, or a quick blurb, would suffice.

SOMERVILLE acknowledges this and says he will take this into consideration

MARRAST adds that students definitely noticed about Wellness Week and was sad not to be able to attend the Waffle event. MARRAST thinks that the posters should be all on one graphic (poster) instead of 5 separate ones. MARRAST also suggests that it should be an appendix or advertising a link to go to in order to see the full schedule.

SOMERVILLE agrees that the Student Appreciation Lunch went really well. There were about 500-600 students who were fed within 48 minutes. What's Your Big Lie event went really well. The seminars were not as well attended but were taken extremely positively. Jordan Axani will be coming up to possibly give training to the Executives in lieu of one of the events.

BRUNET asks how much the Student Appreciation Lunch cost

SOMERVILLE says that \$2500 comes from the Student Initiatives Fund, \$1000 per vendor and then NUSU Communications and Services will split the remaining cost. It will probably be about \$2000 each between Communications and Services.



BRUNET comments that it would be good to have more food next year

SOMERVILLE responded that due to it being the second year it was more successful

GOULARD comments that there needs to be a median where the food is at its peak and that the event needs to be reduced time wise. There needs to be a closer look at the food situation for the week

SOMERVILLE explains that he will have more feedback from the student feedback

GASPARIN asks why Wellness Week does not have healthier food

SOMERVILLE explains that healthy options were given in the Student Appreciation Lunch in the form of vegan and vegetarian options. Food was also given out in the Student Lounge and although it is pizza it is a comfort food for students. NUSU will look at healthier options in the future or seek out student feedback

GOULARD likes having an idea of where we can put that money so that NUSU is not spending tons of student money on something when we can use it for other things

BRUNET comments that SOMERVILLE's report states in his conclusion that it "can't be put into words" and that he will "elaborate further in detail". BRUNET explains that she does not understand what that means and secondly the reports are made so that communication is effective about what is going on

SOMERVILLE replies that he understands what that is and it was in regard to marketing oversights and it is something he will be giving a report on for the whole year in the upcoming future.

7. QUESTION PERIOD

No questions

8. COMMITTEES

a. Audit and Finance Committee

No report

b. Building Committee

No report

c. Elections Committee

IVANY explains that there are now new Directors, Senators and Executives. There are still two spots open for Senator positions

ALLEN asks if it has been figured out if the fiscal year is the academic year or January to January because Sydney mentioned it might be different for senators



SOMERVILLE believes that there is a conversation going on in Senate but it would be a September start

ALLEN remarks that the Elections Committee has five months to fill those spots

SOMERVILLE concurs

IVANY explains that with the policy being so different the Elections Committee is looking for feedback

d. Executive Committee

No report

e. Governance Committee

IVANY was unable to attend the last meeting

SOMERVILLE explains that it was cancelled

IVANY asks SOMERVILLE why it was cancelled

SOMERVILLE explained that it was because IVANY was not there

IVANY does not understand seeing as in a previous meeting it was discussed that SOMERVILLE and LAMOREA should touch base about matters regarding the Governance Committee

ALLEN asks if LAMOREA gave IVANY and SOMERVILLE the documents Jordan DEMPSTER and Jordan ANDREWS drafted outlining the purpose of the policies when they were creating everything

SOMERVILLE and IVANY state that they have never seen that

f. Green Initiatives Committee

BRUNET states that the week was planned last week. There will be a recycling campaign to advertise bins around campus. There will also be a contest going on during the week that if you calculate your ecological footprint and tag NUSU you will be entered to win a bike from Cheapskates. BRUNET adds that there will be a trip tomorrow to Sundridge to the Ecology Centre and that a hike will be happening on Thursday to the falls. This is NUSU's first try with a Green Initiatives Week.

g. NUSU Cares Committee

No update- hoping to meet again

h. Social Committee

BRUNET has been sending out emails to the committee members because there are Board



members on the committee and BRUNET did not want to overwhelm them

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Valedictorian Elections

MCGOWAN states that due to LAMOREA not being able to attend at the last minute that she will update the Board of Directors. Despite MCGOWAN's request to the Executive Committee for the past two years it is again up to NUSU to run Valedictorian Elections. MCGOWAN feels that it should not be NUSU's responsibility; however, due to it not being told to Nipissing University in a timely fashion NUSU will have to be in charge of the elections. MCGOWAN, LAMOREA and Maggie DANIEL have met in regard to the elections. A meeting was made to discuss how to change the nomination package and significant changes have been made. MCGOWAN stated that keep the rules limited would be less of a reason to have to police the candidates. A document will be created with the guidelines of what needs to change for next year with MCGOWAN suggesting that committees be formed by Nipissing University or Nipissing University takes over the advertising and voting aspect of it all.

ALLEN asks why MCGOWAN is so involved with the Valedictorian Elections

MCGOWAN replies that due to it being rather involved with Communications elements, and the fact that the Executives and Board are students who will be sitting exams at that time, it was deemed easier for MCGOWAN to head it up with LAMOREA. MCGOWAN again notes her displeasure of having to do the Valedictorian elections despite asking the Executive Committee the past two years.

b) Fundraiser For Students

WINTER brings up that the fundraiser for the students who lost everything in the recent house fire will be taking place this coming weekend. NUSAC, NU Lakers Crew and Nipissing Athletics have formed a volleyball tournament for the victims. Athletes are able to bring canned food items for the food bank seeing as the student food bank helped assist them.

BRUNET asks if the money is going to the students or to the fund

ALLEN answers saying that the fund has been depleted so it is just adding more money to it should students need it in the future

MCGOWAN asks if this will go against the 3 on 3 basketball tournament

ALLEN says no it does not conflict scheduling wise

MCGOWAN asks if details can be sent to her for her to be able to share it on NUSU social media

ALLEN says he will send over the details to her as soon as possible.



c) Building Update

MCGOWAN explains that the building lease has been signed but due to discussions with the city there are certain elements that the committee is awaiting. RFPs (Request for Proposal) will be going out soon. Nathan JENSEN, the architect, is wanting it to go out relatively soon so that we can begin. It is highly unlikely that NUSU will have a ceremony before April 30th; however, construction starting in the Summer is extremely likely. MCGOWAN has been working with Bob PIPE and Kelly BROWN from Nipissing's Marketing and Communications Office to ensure that when the information goes out it will all be done as a team.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: That the meeting of the Board of Directors dated March 19th, 2018 be adjourned

MOVED BY: BRUNET

SECONDED BY: GOULARD

ALLEN states that in the future NUSU should have an agenda for Open Session and an agenda for Closed Session like they have at the Board of Governors.

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm on March 19th, 2018.



TYREL SOMERVILLE, VICE-CHAIR



SARAH MCGOWAN, RECORDING SECRETARY