

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Nipissing University Student Union**  
Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 6:00p.m. – F303, Nipissing University

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 Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 6:18pm – F303, Nipissing University

**Attendance:**

President:	Hannah Mackie	Present
VP Finance & Administration:	Taylor Sullivan	Present
VP Student Life:	Shannon MacCarthy	Present
VP Advocacy & Awareness:	Charlotte Foster	Present
Director-at-Large:	Patrick Bethune	Present (remote)
Director-at-Large:	Kirsten Cartwright	Present
Director-at-Large:	Zachary Cooper	Present
Director-at-Large:	Cherisee DaCosta	Regrets
Director-at-Large:	Natalie Muylaert	Present
Director-at-Large:	Xander Winter	Present
CHAIR / SPEAKER:	Hannah Mackie	President
RECORDED BY:	Rebecca Dubeau	Office Administrator
GUESTS:	Sammi & Kayla	CFS
Student:	Sarah Pecoskie-Schweir	

**1. Call to Order/ Land Acknowledgement**

The Board of Directors meeting is called to order at 6:18pm. *MACKIE* 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 October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be adopted as presented.

*Moved by WINTER;  
 seconded by CARTWRIGHT.  
 No noted abstentions.*



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*No noted opposition.  
Carried.*

#### **4. Approval of the Minutes from the September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meeting.**

**MOTION #2:** That the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be adopted as presented.

*Moved by COOPER;  
seconded by MUYLAERT.  
No noted abstentions.  
No noted opposition.  
Carried.*

#### **Amendments:**

*MUYLAERT* requested to fix the spelling mistakes; *MACKIE* requested that *MUYLAERT* send the mistakes she noted or the Executive Team will have someone from the office look over the minutes for spelling mistakes.

#### **6. Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) Presentation**

*Shannon MacCarthy entered the meeting at 6:31pm.  
Sarah Pecoskie-Schweir (candidate in the Board of Directors by-election) entered the meeting at 6:44pm.  
Charlotte Foster exited the meeting at 6:45pm.  
Charlotte Foster re-entered the meeting at 6:47pm.  
Charlotte Foster re-exited the meeting at 6:47pm.  
Natalie Muylaert exited the meeting at 6:48pm.  
Charlotte Foster re-entered the meeting at 6:49pm.  
Natalie Muylaert re-entered the meeting at 6:50pm.  
Kirsten Cartwright exited the meeting at 6:51pm.  
Kirsten Cartwright re-entered the meeting at 6:53pm.  
Tayler Sullivan exited the room at 7:17pm.  
Tayler Sullivan re-entered the room at 7:19pm.*

#### **7. Executive Committee Term Reports**

##### **a. Report From the President**

**MOTION #3:** That the report from the President dated October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be received.



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*Moved by MACKIE;  
seconded by COOPER.  
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No noted opposition.  
Carried.*

### Questions

*MUYLAERT:* Asked for *MACKIE*'s biggest take-away from the Board Retreat.

*MACKIE:* The Board Retreat this year focused on the theme of internationalization;

- a reasonable pace that still supports international students coming in
- goal to not commoditize international students
- encourage a more accepting community; locals accepting boarding students
- acknowledge barriers specific to students/family moving to North Bay
- great to have those conversations to make North Bay more diverse

*WINTER:* Updates on building project? Report was vague.

*MACKIE:* Plan to move in before the final completion date

- running student events within the first few weeks of school
- expanding into summer programming
- took Chancellor Paul Cook throughout the building; provided ideas for advertising and sponsorship; has always been a big support
- Warren attending AGM to give in-depth update specifically about the building project
- Hannah and Warren meeting weekly to talk about expectations of opening, ideas for events, future staff

*MUYLAERT:* Is there a plan to reach out to students at the AGM?

*MACKIE:* Reaching out to students via email, posters

- going into the classroom, speaking with professors about going into classrooms
  - students don't realize that the AGM is a chance to voice their concerns/vote on important student issues

*MACCARTHY* and *MUYLAERT* clarified that they meant more about reaching students at the AGM and not a communication plan to get students to attend the AGM.

*MACKIE:*

- naming the building; getting students excited
- programming: wait for spring AGM; potential plans to hire a staff member (events coordinator) for students to give feedback to regarding programming for the new student centre

*WINTER:* Will there be two AGMs every year? Would we have to call it something different? Does it matter? (suggested "Bi-Annual General Meeting")



*MACKIE*: Will think about renaming the AGM further with the other members on the Executive Committee; suggested “Semi-Annual General Meeting”

*WINTER*:

- Complimented the quality of the Executive reports for this meeting.

**b. Report from the Vice-President Advocacy & Awareness**

**MOTION #4:** That the report from the Vice-President Advocacy and Awareness dated October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be received.

*Moved by; FOSTER  
seconded by MACCARTHY.  
No noted abstentions.  
No noted opposition.  
Carried.*

**Discussion:**

*WINTER*: How was Walk a Mile Her Shoes?

*HANNAH*: well-attended, well-received

- lots of support from the community/faculty/staff

*MUYLAERT*: What was the Drink Smart swag that was given out to students?

*FOSTER*: Stated that she reached out to Drink Smart over the summer for material to encourage students to drink responsibly; many students took the free products

*WINTER*: What is relationship stress [campaign]?

*FOSTER*: Noted that some students have a hard time going back home

- Acknowledging different types of relationships and identify the stressors that are unique to each of them
  - Friends: look for warning signs in friends; will have the opportunity to make new friends during this day of the campaign
  - Family: how to set up healthy boundaries
  - Relationship: healthy relationships with romantic partners
  - Professional: reaching out to Student Learning and Transitions; how to resolve workplace conflict professionally; this event is RSD approved
  - Self

*WINTER*: Worried about the perception of the event; happening after reading week when it is a common time for long-distance romantic relationships to end.

*FOSTER*: In the midst of working with Rebecca on advertising to make sure it is not perceived



this way.

*MACKIE*: Asked for any questions/comments regarding Sarah McGowan's report. There were none.

**c. Report from the Vice-President Finance & Administration**

**MOTION #5:** That the report from the Vice President Finance and Administration dated October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be received.

*Moved by SULLIVAN;  
seconded by CARTWRIGHT.  
No noted abstentions.  
No noted opposition.  
Carried.*

**Discussion:**

*MUYLAERT*: Why is the Ancillary summary late?

*SULLIVAN*: That was Nipissing University's responsibility.

*MACKIE*: Talked to Casey Phillips

- they are trying to work out how the information will be presented;
- there is the possibility of accidental omissions in their report they have never had to do this before

*WINTER*: Did NUSU ever hire a health plan students?

*SULLIVAN*: No; reached out to Melody but she was busy

- might get Rebecca to use some of her office hours (5 hours/week) for those duties

*WINTER*: Asked if a health plan student will be hired next semester

*SULLIVAN*: Hopefully; dependent on funding

*WINTER*: Asked why so many students have stayed opted in this year as opposed to previous years.

*SULLIVAN*: roughly 2000 students have opted out; we do not know exactly why many students have stayed opted in this year

*MACKIE* and *WINTER* discussed why NUSU chose to work with We Speak Student as opposed to Green Shield (CFS). NUSU's contract with We Speak Student expires January 2020 and there is an option to switch providers. Going through CFS sounds like less work for NUSU because CFS would act as the broker for NUSU to Green Shield.

*WINTER*: stated that any changes to student health plan must be voted in a student referendum

*MACKIE*: stated that it would have to take at the March AGM

**d. Report from the Vice-President Student Life**



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**MOTION #6:** That the report from the Vice President Student Life dated October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be received.

*Moved by MACCARTHY;  
seconded by WINTER.  
No noted abstentions.  
No noted oppositions.*

**Discussion:**

*MUYLAERT:* Are there any plans to make significant changes to Frosh Week especially with the timeline of the building?

*MACCARTHY:* Yes; still meeting and discussing with Executives and Staff. No details have been finalized but hoping to have a concrete plan for January.

*MUYLAERT* wants updates to Frosh Week as they come. *MACCARTHY* agreed.

*WINTER:* What is the NUSU trip to Leisure Farms?

*MACCARTHY:* Targeting first year and international students to arrange attendance to a “haunted” walk.

*MACKIE:* [First year and international] students typically don’t have cars in their first year but still want to experience things in the community.

*MUYLAERT:* Changes to Community Fun Fair?

*MACKIE:* CCF and Block Party was good on the same day (cost-saving)

- Block Party was extremely well attended
- In early conversations with city about how to grow and engage with the North Bay community a little more with the Community Fun Fair.

*Natalie* requested a brief recess at 7:56pm. The Board agreed unanimously.  
Session resumed at 8:02pm.

**8. Committee Reports**

a. Audit & Finance Committee

The Committee has not met since the last Board of Directors meeting.

*SULLIVAN* and *MACKIE* went over draft financials from the last year.

- *MUYLAERT* asked about increases in staff salaries, namely the significant increases to



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staff salaries in 2019; *MACKIE* recommended that raises should be on a payscale to better regulate increases; *WINTER* asked if this should be in closed session as it was regarding private incomes to NUSU staff; *MACKIE* said that because no specific numbers were being disclosed, it was acceptable to discuss in open session.

### b. Elections Committee

*MACKIE*: difficulty finding times to meet with all of the Committee members

- had to move Package due dates/Campaign/Election timeline as nobody submitted a package for the initial due date
- there is one candidate running in this by-election who is running for both Director and Large and Student Senator

### c. Executive Committee

None.

### d. Governance Committee

None.

### e. Green Initiative Committee

*FOSTER*: no report; will likely be meeting in November

### f. Campaigns Committee

*FOSTER*: No report; will likely be meeting Tuesday, October 9, 2019

### g. Shine Committee

*FOSTER*: No report; will likely be meeting in November.

### h. Social Committee

*MACCARTHY*: No report; will likely be meeting in November.

## 9. New Business

### Student Code of Conduct

**MOTION A:** To approve the student code of conduct.





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*Moved by WINTER;  
seconded by COOPER.  
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No noted oppositions.*

**MOTION B.1:** To recommend to dissolve by-law 2 to membership.

**MOTION B.2:** To recommend to dissolve by-law 3 to membership.

*Moved by COOPER;  
seconded by MACCARTHY.  
No noted abstentions.  
No noted oppositions.*

*WINTER* recommended to make it two separate votes at AGM. *MACKIE* agreed.

#### **Office Hours During Reading Weeks/Christmas**

*WINTER* recommended allowing students to take an extra bag from the Food Bank the week prior to Thanksgiving. No noted oppositions or abstentions.

**MOTION A:** To add to the hours of operation policy that the Tuesday before Reading Week be off for NUSU staff.

*Moved by COOPER;  
seconded by WINTER.  
No noted abstentions.  
No noted opposition.  
Carried.*

*MACKIE:* Recommended to close the office Friday after the end of the exam period for Christmas Break this year.

#### **The Next Board of Directors Meeting**

*MACKIE* recommended 6:30pm on Monday, October 28. The Board agreed unanimously.

#### **Nipissing University Open House: Call for Volunteers**

*MACKIE* asked the Directors to consider volunteering for the NUSU table at Nipissing University's Open House on November 2, 2019.



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## **10. Question Period**

*MACKIE*: CFS invites locals (student unions) to bring up motions that they can spearhead on behalf of all student unions within their membership; each local can vote whether or not they support motions

NUSU is planning to bring up two motions:

1. water access for everyone in Canada
2. push the government to mandate for reading weeks of both the fall and winter semesters

*COOPER*: Asked for clarification if voting for a motion would be supporting the concern and not necessarily NUSU taking sole responsibility and direct action.

*MACKIE*: Yes, to show support for other institutions and their concerns

- opportunity to talk to other universities
- CFS would represent locals on their proposed issues.

## **11. Adjournment**

**MOTION #8**: That the meeting of the Board of Directors dated October 8th, 2019 be moved into closed-session. (8:50pm)

*Moved by; COOPER  
seconded by MACCARTHY.  
Carried.*

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Hannah Mackie, Chair

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Rebecca Dubeau, Recording Secretary



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## **President's Report to the Board of Directors**

Prepared By: Hannah Mackie  
Monday, October 28th, 2019

### **In this Report:**

- CFS on Campus
- The Building
- Homecoming
- Bargaining
- AGM
- CFS OEC
- Elections
- Senate

This report will be short as it has only been three weeks since our last meeting, and I was absent for reading week. Discussions and preparation around bargaining did take up a good chunk of time.

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### **CFS on Campus**

At the beginning of the month, we had the Canadian Federation of Students on Campus, who provided training to our board, and also tabled about the importance of educated voting. It was great to have them around and chat with the two representatives about other issues in Ontario and trends that they are seeing. They will be back on campus soon to table for ISIC cards.

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### **The Building**

The building timeline is speeding away, and our office is attempting to keep up. Warren and I have been consistently meeting to discuss initial functions of the space and big picture concepts. I have tasked Tayler and Mira with doing some budgetary forecasting and coming up with numbers for payroll/salaries so we can begin to see what is feasible in regard to positions for opening. Warren and I have also met with the architect and interior designer to discuss soft furnishings and furniture for the project. We will begin externally consulting on initiatives soon.



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### Homecoming

Homecoming has come and passed, and I would say it was quite successful. It was great being able to see so many of our teams win, and see our Laker spirit. We have had an internal debrief with the administration and discussed what went well, and what we might look to change for next year.

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### Bargaining

I am happy to say that a tentative deal has been struck with FASBU, and that a strike was avoided. Regardless of this Sarah and I still spent a great deal of time answering student questions and preparing for many different outcomes. We have discussed coming up with a "Bargaining Protocol" binder of sorts for institutional memory. We wish the bargaining teams the best as they move into bargaining with CASBU.

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### AGM

I have been working with Tayler and Sarah to get all the necessary information together for our AGM. As a different tactic to inform people about our AGM, we created a board that is in the hallway to the bookstore with different information.

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### CFS OEC

This past weekend I attended the CFS Ontario Executive Meeting, where we looked at different motions and shared our experiences on how the Student Choice Initiative has impacted our campuses.

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### Elections

I am pleased to announce Sarah Pecoskie-Schweir as one of our new board members and also the new Education and Professional Studies Student Senator!

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## **Senate**

Something else I have been working on is doing a revision of the senate by-laws and editing them to go to the By-Laws committee. There were some changes to positions and terms. There were some other language changes that I suggested as well.



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## Vice-President Advocacy and Awareness' Report to the Board of Directors

Prepared by: Charlotte Foster

Monday, October 28th, 2019

The month of October has been busy continuing to help students adjust, running campaigns, and student advocacy work. In this report, I will outline the events I have worked on for the past month.

### In this Report:

- Campaigns
  - Women's Health Graphics
  - Reading Week Campaign
  - Relationships Campaign
  - Glow in the Dark Zumba for Breast Cancer
- Student Advocacy
  - Student Concerns
  - Academic Advocacy
- Sarah's Report
- Monthly Goals

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### Campaigns

#### *Women's Health Graphics*

The women's health graphics, Laker's Wellness Checks, were posted once a week on our social media platforms. The purpose of these graphics is to help start the conversation around aspects of a woman's health that is often stigmatized. These have been quite successful, and students have been resharing the posts frequently. It has been a great way to start a conversation about women's health and to educate students.

#### *Reading Week Campaign*

During the summer months, I had met with the major departments within the school to talk about student trends within their department. For residence, they notice their first- years



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do not know how to use their reading week to their advantage, such as school work, what to get done at work, etc. To combat this, we made a detailed list of things to do over reading week for students to refer to. We also put up posters in all residence buildings to highlight some key aspects of reading week and reminding students to take time for themselves as well.

### *Relationships Campaign*

The relationships campaign was to aid students to navigate different types of relationships. For a week, we focused on the following relationships: family, friends, romantic, professional, and self. The campaign ranged in handing out coffee with materials, to colouring pages with materials, a workshop, and an Instagram quiz. For this campaign, I partnered with the Sexual Violence and Prevention coordinator, and Student Learning and Transition. Although there was not overly high attendance at the in-person events, the students who did come were appreciative and said they gained knowledge through the materials and the collaborative partners. For myself, I would say this campaign was a success due to the impact on the students who attended.

### *Glow in the Dark Zumba for Breast Cancer*

This was an exciting partnership with The Studio to help raise money and awareness about Breast Cancer. I decided to run this event as we often run a Movember event, but not necessarily anything for Breast Cancer Awareness month. The event was held at The Summit, Kindra was the Zumba teacher, and was a \$2 donation for the class. In total, we raised \$289, and had about 68 participants!

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## **Student Advocacy**

For the month of October, there have been multiple student advocacy concerns that I have been aiding students with. I have also attended the Appeals, Awards, and Petitions committee throughout the month to advocate for student needs in an Academic Senate sub-committee, and have also attended the Petitions Executive Meetings bi-weekly.

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### **Sarah's Report**

#### ***Homecoming***

Homecoming happened on the weekend of the 4th of October. There was great results from our sports teams as well as from student and community attendance. This year NUSU were more involved in homecoming especially in posting graphics and social media content regarding homecoming.

#### ***Student BBQ***

On October 9th, NUSU hosted a student BBQ in place of the September 25th cancellation. We were able to have face-to-face time with many of our students and it was a great opportunity for the vendors who were able to attend.

#### ***Federal Election***

NUSU was very involved in reminding students to vote, where to vote and how to vote. We received great feedback about the level of involvement we had within student awareness of the Federal Election.

#### ***Other Projects***

We were extremely happy and relieved to hear that a tentative deal (soon to be confirmed and approved) has been made between FASBU and Nipissing University. This took a considerable amount of time in replying to students' concerns and questions. Over the next few months I am looking to get items ready for the student centre, incoming executives and other awareness initiatives that students need.

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### **Monthly Goals**

One of my goals for the month of November is to run a successful Wellness Week, November 18- 22, 2019. This will aid students to hopefully remain general wellness as they start preparing for exams. Another goal of mine is to run a successful Men's Health Campaign, similar to the Women's Health Campaign. I will also be running an event for Movember to help raise money for research. Finally, I will continue to work diligently on student concerns and academic concerns.





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## **VP Finance and Administration Report to the Board of Directors**

Prepared By: Tayler Sullivan  
Monday, October 28th, 2019

### **This Report:**

- Building update
- Homecoming
- RFPs
- Health Plan
- Student BBQ
- Ancillary Fee Update

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### **Building Update**

There will be no building update in the October report because Warren will be providing an overall building presentation during the AGM.

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### **Homecoming**

For homecoming Shannon and I attended the alumni awards, which were held Friday, October 4th. The awards and recipients are as follows; the Dr. James Jamieson Influential Alumni Award was received by Julio Viskovich, the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award –was received by Alicia Gal, and the Rising Star Alumni Award was received by Alysha Young. The Honorary Alumni Award was given to Gordon H. Durnan, the previous chair to the board of governors. The award ceremony was very well received, by all who attended. The speeches from the award recipients were very well put. It was very nice to see that so many graduates still continue after graduation with the same mindset that Nipissing tries to instill into all students.

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### **RFPs**

We have sent out three requests for proposals for our new auditor for the coming fiscal



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year. the three auditors chosen for consideration this year are BDO, KPMG, and Grant Thornton. Our last year's auditor position was awarded to BDO, as they were able to provide us with the lowest price, and best service. At this coming AGM, we will choose this year's auditors.

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### Health Plan

The health plan Opt-out ended on October 4th. Most of my hours in and out of the office have been dedicated to solidifying the opt-outs and dealing with opt-out application discrepancies. I wish I could say that there haven't been many. Most of the discrepancies have been because of students using their preferred name on the applications, rather than the legal name they are identified by through the university. The other discrepancies are a mixture of students who started the application and never finished, students who are Canadore students this year through a joint learning program. And finally, students who have withdrawn from courses after the 10-day deadline for Nipissing to provide a direct refund.

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### Student BBQ

On Wednesday, October 9th, NUSU held their welcome BBQ, which was renamed the "student BBQ". It was originally supposed to be held on Wednesday, September 25th. However, the weather did not allow for the event. Many of our sponsors attended on October 9th and the event was an amazing success. I myself sat with Mira, our director of finance at the NUSU table to speak about the AGM, and the services provided by NUSU.

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### Ancillary Fee Update

We have received the total number of Ancillary fee opt-outs for the winter semester. I am happy to report that 68% of students remained opted-in. Meaning that out of a total of 5180 students, a little more than 1500 opted out. Compared to last year our fees revenue is at 99%. However, this is also because of the fees being charged to distance/online learning students as well as on-campus students. We will now need to amend the budget to reflect the new fee totals.



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### **Things to Come**

- Auditor choice at AGM
- Nipissing November 2nd open house



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## Vice-President Student Life's Report to the Board of Directors

Prepared By: Shannon MacCarthy  
Monday, October 7th, 2019

### This Report:

- Education Orientation
- Club Summit Meeting
- Club Days
- Club Meetings
- NUSU Crew
- Ontario Universities Fair (OUF)
- Community Fun Fair
- NUSU Student Block Party
- Meeting with Mayor Al MacDonald
- Lakers Orientation Debrief
- Frosh Week Review
- Homecoming Preparation
- Warren's Report

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### Club Summit Meeting

The Club Summit meeting took place on Wednesday, September 11th, 2019. The purpose of this meeting was to organize all clubs with NUSU to make sure that all clubs understand the updated Club Policy, updated forms on the NUSU website, and more. More than half of the clubs were in attendance. The meeting went incredibly well with a presentation style conversation open to questions and comments from the clubs. Clubs have been on the same page as NUSU up to this point with room bookings, event approvals, poster approvals, and more since the Club Summit meeting, so I would say it was definitely a successful meeting.

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### Club Days

Club Days took place for four days in September. It began Monday, September 16th and ended on Thursday, September 19th. The reason we did not extend Club Days to take place on the Friday as well is because we thought there would not be a significant amount of traffic as it is a Friday, and many students do not have classes. Club Days was a successful event. I heard of many clubs having new recruits, lots of questions were answered. This year, clubs were not able to participate in Club Days and recruit new members if they were not present at the Club Summit meeting. The reason for this was because there are so many changes this year with



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clubs, forms and the updated Club Policy that NUSU did not feel comfortable with clubs operating without having reviewed the new information.

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### **Club Meetings**

Clubs have had the opportunity to meet with me separately if they missed the Club Summit meeting to still gain all the information from that meeting. NUSU made the decision that clubs are not to operate until they have all the updated information to act in best practices with NUSU. I have had a few meetings with clubs who missed the Club Summit meeting, and still continuing to have those meetings.

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### **NUSU Crew**

NUSU Crew had our first meeting on September 20th, 2019. At this meeting, we reviewed NUSU, the staff and executive positions, what NUSU Crew is, the operating budget for the year, the incentives and perks of being a NUSU Crew member, expectations, volunteer opportunities coming up, and more. We had our second NUSU Crew meeting on Wednesday, October 2nd to begin planning some events for the year. We had many volunteers come out to help with the Community Fun Fair, NUSU Block Party, Welcome BBQ, and the Federal Election Debate. We have been rewarding NUSU Crew members for their participation.

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### **Ontario Universities Fair (OUF)**

The Ontario Universities Fair took place in Toronto from Thursday, September 26th to Sunday, September 29th. Hannah Mackie, Tayler Sullivan and myself attended on behalf of NUSU. It was an incredible experience and a great opportunity to interact with potential students coming to Nipissing for the 2020-2021 academic year.

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### **Community Fun Fair**

The Community Fun Fair took place Saturday, September 21st from 11:00AM -



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5:00PM. There was a good flow of people who attended the event at all times. I would estimate that we had approximately 200-250 people come through the Community Fun Fair. We have discussed the possibility of running this event again next year, and in collaboration with the Social Committee, we analyzed the event and what changes we would make.

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### **NUSU Student Block Party**

The NUSU Student Block Party took place Saturday, September 21st from 7:00PM - 11:00PM. This was a huge success. We had approximately 500 students in the event at one point. There was nothing but positive feedback and we are definitely thinking about doing this event yearly. The bus looping from the Block Party to The Boat was also an incredible addition to the event. There were no hiccups in the event; everything ran seamlessly.

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### **Meeting with Mayor Al MacDonald**

On Monday, September 23rd, the executive team and Sarah McGowan had a meeting with Mayor Al MacDonald. In this meeting, we talked about the initiatives that we have on our plates, some things that the city has going on, how to increase student retention, the possibility of collaborating and partnering on some upcoming events and future events, and more. It was an incredibly beneficial meeting, and NUSU is looking forward to working closely with Mayor Al MacDonald and the city of North Bay this year.

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### **Lakers Orientation Debrief**

Warren Lindsay, Charlotte Foster and I attended the Lakers Orientation debrief meeting on Thursday, September 26th. In this meeting, we reviewed Lakers Orientation as a whole, and then more specifically looking at Frosh Week, Residence Orientation, Mature and Transfer Orientation, International Orientation, and Lakers Academy Orientation. This meeting was constructive and important for NUSU to be a part of, as it provided a lot of open feedback for transitional documents for the next Vice-President Student Life.

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### Frosh Week Review

On Tuesday, October 1st, the NUSU Office staff and executive team met to review Frosh Week as a whole. This review included topics like promotion, ticket sales, Frosh Leader changes, Frosh Leader Contract changes, structural schedule changes, training changes, planning changes, coordinator recruitment changes, and more. With the building opening next fall, it is important to consider how the building will be affecting Frosh Week, and what Frosh Week will look like this upcoming year as a result.

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### Homecoming Preparation

NUSU has been selling hockey tickets for the Women's hockey game on October 5th at 7:00PM. We have been selling the tickets out of the NUSU Office, and from October 1st - October 4th, NUSU has been selling tickets in the NU Hallway, as well as Homecoming Bundles (which includes hockey ticket, NUSU hat, pop socket, face paint, and whistle necklace). We have had a "Spin to Win" wheel at the table in the NU Hallway for the chance to win a free Homecoming hockey ticket or Homecoming bundle. These "free" tickets and bundles to the students have been paid for by NUSU from the Student Activities budget.

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### Warren's Report

The following is a list of things that Warren has been busy with for the month of September;

- Cleaned up and organized office after Frosh
- Assisted with education orientation
- Sent info to the university re: cost saving measures on Student centre
- Prepared, organized and facilitated Fun Fair/Block Party event
- Met with external security company about Student Centre Security System
- Worked with Sarah on election debate planning
- Worked with Sarah on Ilead intern positions for office
- Attended Homecoming meetings with NU to coordinate weekends events
- Organized colour selection meeting at MJA for new Student Centre
- Met with RBC & Sarah RE: Wellness week
- Final Canada Summer Jobs payment submission and work completed forms filed



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- Updated account info with our insurance provider
  - Booked Tahoe in for winter maintenance
  - Lakers Orientation Frosh follow up meeting
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### Things to Come

- NUSU Trip to Leisure Farms
- Homecoming
- Clubs
- NUSU Crew