

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Nipissing University Student Union**  
Tuesday, September 8th, 2020 – 1:00 PM – Online

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**Attendance:**

President:	Hannah Mackie	Present
VP Finance & Administration:	Ward Loveday	Present
VP Student Life:	Shannon MacCarthy	Present
VP Advocacy & Awareness:	Mykayla King	Present
Director-at-Large:	Patrick Bethune	Regrets
Director-at-Large:	Hannah Brown-Thiesen	Present
Director-at-Large:	Charlotte Foster	Regrets
Director-at-Large:	Sarah Pecoskie-Schweir	Present
CHAIR / SPEAKER:	Sammi Pritchard	CFS Representative
RECORDED BY:	Rebecca Dubeau	Office Administrator
STUDENT MEMBERS:	There were none.	

**1. Call to Order**

The Board of Directors meeting is called to order at 1:05 PM. *BROWN-THISEN* offered a traditional land acknowledgement.

**2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

There was none.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION #1:** To adopt the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting dated September 8th, 2020, as circulated.

*Moved by PECOSKIE-SCHWEIR;  
 seconded by BROWN-THIESEN.*

**Discussion:**

There was none.



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*No noted abstentions.  
No noted opposition.  
Motion carried.*

#### **4. Approval of Minutes from the June 30th Meeting.**

**MOTION #2:** To approve the minutes from the June 30th, 2020 meeting as circulated.

*Moved by MACKIE;  
seconded by PECOSKIE-SHWEIR.*

#### **Discussion:**

There was none.

*No noted abstentions.  
No noted opposition.  
Motion carried.*

#### **5. Approval of Minutes from the August 17th Meeting.**

**MOTION #3:** To approve the minutes from the August 17th, 2020 meeting as circulated.

*Moved by MACKIE;  
seconded by BROWN-THIESEN.*

#### **Discussion:**

There was none.

*No noted abstentions.  
No noted opposition.  
Motion carried.*

#### **6. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was none.

#### **7. Committee Reports**



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### a. Governance Committee

**MOTION #4:** That the amended Elections Policy be approved by the board of Directors.

*Moved by MACKIE;  
seconded by KING.*

### **Discussion:**

*MACKIE* stated that members of the Elections and Governance committees know all if not most of the changes made to the policy. Most of the changes were small and were made to provide more inclusive language for an online election (e.g. graphics, where to turn in packages) and removed some of the more physical language (e.g. submitting packages in-person at the NUSU office). The one non-COVID-related change was in terms of communication and social media infractions; a candidate who gets an infraction via social media will be notified by email and also potentially by direct message on the platform from NUSU's official account.

*No noted abstentions.  
No noted opposition.  
Motion carried.*

## **8. New Business**

### a. Auditor's Presentation

*MACKIE* stated that next Wednesday (September 16) is the presentation to the Board from the auditors. *MACKIE* sent out an email and is awaiting response whether the auditors can change the time of the meeting from 2 PM to 1 PM instead. Materials will be sent out either Friday, September 11 or Monday, September 14th. Next Wednesday's meeting will also have this month's Executive reports.

*PECOSKIE-SHWEIR* noted that she will not be present but that she will forward any questions she may have prior to the meeting.

## **9. Question Period**

*PECOSKIE-SCHWEIR* stated one of her course syllabi said it was mandatory that all students own a webcam without exception.

*MACKIE* asked if *PECOSKIE-SHWEIR* knew what components of the course required the webcam.

*PECOSKIE-SCHWEIR* stated it was for their tests that are locked-down and there is also a proctor.

*MACKIE* will look into it further. It's an interesting concept considering there have been many discussions at Nipissing around having a purchasing policy for courses. Anything like that



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should be worked into tuition fees if it is mandatory for courses. There are webcams that can be purchased on their own that can be plugged into a computer via USB. While it is an option, it also depends on cost; is this accessible? It seems to be a question of privilege and wealth and if students are able to pay for external technology like webcams.

## **11. Adjournment**

**MOTION #5:** That the meeting of the Board of Directors dated September 8th, 2020 be adjourned.

*Moved by PECOSKIE-SHWEIR;  
seconded by BROWN-THIESEN.*

### **Discussion:**

There was none.

*No noted abstentions.  
No noted opposition.  
Motion carried.*

**The meeting moved into closed-session at 1:15 PM.**

1:15 PM – Meeting adjourned.

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Sammi Pritchard,, CHAIR

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Rebecca Dubeau, SECRETARY



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