

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Nipissing University Student Union
Wednesday, July 28, 2021 – 5:30PM – Zoom

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Attendance:

President:	Joseph McIntosh	Present
VP Student Life:	Emily Wilson	Present
VP Advocacy & Awareness:	Sarah Pecoskie-Schweir	Present
Director-at-Large:	Patrick Bethune	Present
Director-at-Large:	Shannon MacCarthy	Present
Director-at-Large:	Ethan Houghton	Present
Director-at-Large:	Mercedes Parsons	Present
Director-at-Large:	Anna Brownlee	Present
Director-at-Large:	Curtis Tilbury	Present
Director-at-Large:	Riley McEntee	Present
CHAIR / SPEAKER:	Sami Pritchard	Chair
RECORDED BY:	Armaan Dattani	Office Administrator
STUDENT MEMBERS:		

1. Call to Order

The Board of Directors meeting is called to order at 5:31 PM. *PECOSKIE-SCHWEIR* offers a traditional land acknowledgement.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There is none.

3. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: That the Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for July 28 be adopted as presented.

*Moved by WILSON;
seconded by BROWNLEE.*

Discussion:

There is none.

TILBURY joins the meeting at 5:33PM. *PARSONS* joins the meeting at 5:34PM.

No noted abstentions.
No noted opposition.
Motion carries.

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the July 7 meeting as circulated.

Moved by MCINTOSH;
seconded by WILSON.

Discussion:
There is none.

No noted abstentions.
No noted opposition.
Motion carries.

5. Nomination & Election of the Board Vice-Chair

MOTION: In accordance with point 7.5 of NUSU's By-Laws, that the Board elects one nominee from among its Executive Directors to fill the vacant position of Vice-Chairperson, this being Joe McIntosh.

Moved by BETHUNE;
seconded by PARSONS.

Discussion:
BETHUNE nominates *MCINTOSH*. *MCINTOSH* accepts the nomination and chooses not to speak to his candidacy.

PRITCHARD asks for an anonymous poll to be conducted to elect *MCINTOSH*.

No noted abstentions.
2 opposed.
Motion carries.

6. Executive Reports

a. Report From the President

MOTION: That the report from the President dated July 28 be received.

Discussion:

MCINTOSH elaborates on his report, highlighting his involvement in the Lakers 2 Lakers Panel at NSO and the tentative grand opening of the Student Centre which will be at 2pm on Saturday, September 17 and the week prior for select demographics, including a joint tour of the Student Centre for the Board of Directors as well as the Nipissing University Board of Governors.

Moved by PECOSKIE-SCHWEIR;
seconded by BROWNLEE.

Discussion:

BETHUNE expresses his excitement for the joint tour of the Student Centre with the Board of Directors and the Board of Governors. *PECOSKIE-SCHWEIR* says that this plan is tentative and the Director of Services will likely hold separate tours for the two Boards. *MCINTOSH* says that he would like to keep the tour together since this may be the Board of Directors' only opportunity to meet the new President of Nipissing University and network with the Board of Governors. The Executives will update the Board as plans are finalized.

BETHUNE adds that he is impressed with the quality of the President's Report this month. *MCINTOSH* says that the Director of Communications deserves the credit for her proofreading.

No noted abstentions.
No noted opposition.

Motion carries.

b. Report from the Vice-President Advocacy and Awareness

MOTION: That the Report from the Vice-President Advocacy and Awareness dated July 28 be received.

Discussion:

PECOSKIE-SCHWEIR elaborates on her work with the Nursing students and academic appeals, petitions, and advocacy. She attended the regional Shine Conference and she has networked with leaders at Wilfrid Laurier University.

The Shine events are confirmed and finalized. There will be a Community Shine Day, normal Shine Day, and Shinetober.

*Moved by WILSON;
seconded by MCINTOSH.*

Discussion:

There is none.

*No noted abstentions.
No noted opposition.
Motion carries.*

c. Report from the Vice-President Student Life

MOTION: That the Report from the Vice-President Student Life dated July 7 be received.

Discussion:

There is none.

*Moved by PECOSKIE-SCHWEIR;
seconded by BETHUNE.*

Discussion:

There is none.

*No noted abstentions.
No noted opposition.
Motion carries.*

MOTION: That the Report from the Vice-President Student Life dated July 28 be received.

Discussion:

WILSON elaborates on her report, highlighting the advancements in O-Week planning, which includes training for Nipissing staff regarding GatherTown and the tentative schedule being finalized. *WILSON* asks for two or three Directors-at-Large to volunteer some time to attend the Involvement Fair to answer questions. Anyone who is interested, other than O-Week Leaders and Club/Society Executives who are already obligated to attend, should contact *WILSON*. The Lakers Orientation schedule will be released soon as it has been submitted to Marketing.

WILSON thanks *DATTANI* for his help in the development of ClubHub. As soon as all the clubs submit their information for the website, it can be released.

WILSON presents the tentative O-Week schedule. It is noted that evening events have not been scheduled for a certain time yet. *WILSON* says that there will be one day with in-person activities, including Bubble Soccer, Tie-Dye, and Mini-Putt. *WILSON* says that there will be a bottle drive and movie night for Shine Day.

*Moved by PECOSKIE-SCHWEIR;
seconded by MCINTOSH.*

Discussion:

There is none.

*No noted abstentions.
No noted opposition.
Motion carries.*

7. Committee Reports

a. Audit and Finance Committee

MOTION: That the minutes from the Audit and Finance Committee be received.

Discussion:

MCINTOSH says that the minutes were to be released instead of a report because the meeting was so short. *MCINTOSH* says that the minutes were not sent out to the committee so the motion can be tabled.

MOTION: To table the reception of the minutes from the Audit & Finance Committee.

*Moved by MCINTOSH;
seconded by WILSON.*

Discussion:

There is none.

*No noted abstentions.
No noted opposition.
Motion carries.*

The Chair concludes the discussion and revisits the main motion as amended and calls for a vote.

*No noted abstentions.
No noted opposition.
Motion carries.*

b. Elections Committee

MOTION: That the report from the Elections Committee dated July 28 be received.

Discussion:

MCINTOSH elaborates on the report, saying that the committee discussed ways to attract more voters and more candidates for upcoming elections. He says that the Market Researcher has been doing research into how other student unions try to deal



with the same issues that NUSU faces. Most importantly, there will be two cohorts of students coming to campus instead of one. The Elections Committee will also be spacing out video promotions over the summer. *MCINTOSH* would like the Directors who attend the Involvement Fair to promote the election and raise awareness about their roles.

*Moved by MCINTOSH;
seconded by BETHUNE.*

Discussion:

There is none.

*No noted abstentions.
No noted opposition.
Motion carries.*

c. Governance Committee

MOTION: That the Board of Directors no longer recognizes the E-Commerce Policy.

*Moved by BETHUNE;
seconded by WILSON.*

Discussion:

BETHUNE comments in favour of the motion that NUSU does not sell anything online, so the policy is no longer relevant.

*No noted abstentions.
No noted opposition.
Motion carries.*

d. Campaigns and Green Initiatives Committee

Discussion:

PECOSKIE-SCHWEIR says that there is no report because the meeting was yesterday. She says that the committee developed a plan to get students more familiar with the city by starting a campaign called the People of North Bay, which would be like the People of New York Instagram. This would be instead of the Seven Days of what North Bay has



to offer.

The committee would like to do a passive green initiative once a month, as well.

e. Shine Committee

MOTION: That the report from the Shine Committee dated July 28 be received.

Discussion:

PECOSKIE-SCHWEIR says that the CHEL tournament will be held during Shinetober, and she thanks Xander Winter for his help in the planning of that event. The Director of Services has purchased reflective armbands to sell for Shine a Light, as well as stickers.

Community Shine Day will be at the Bandshell at Marathon Beach in less than a month. There will be mini-putt available for people to pay to play and there will be a family-friendly movie played at night. Concessions will be offered for an extra cost.

The Shine Day bottle drive will be held during O-Week. Another movie will be played at Residence.

PECOSKIE-SCHWEIR has reached out to sponsors and grocery stores to see if they could host Shine Day Bottle Drive donation boxes for two weeks.

The NUSU Fundraising goal this year will be a bit lower than usual at \$7340. This is significant because about 73.5% of Canadians with Cystic Fibrosis are diagnosed by the age of 2.

*Moved by PECOSKIE-SCHWEIR;
seconded by WILSON.*

Discussion:

There is none.

*No noted abstentions.
No noted opposition.
Motion carries.*



f. Social Committee

MOTION: That the report from the Social Committee dated July 28 be received.

Discussion:

WILSON congratulates the winners from International Chess Day. She also says that the committee will be running trivia night every third Thursday of the month for this academic year, which will be themed according to the month. The October trivia night will be part of Shinetober. Sexy Bingo will also be run once every semester, in addition to the one during O-Week. For World Photography Day, Aug 19, there will be a photography contest.

*Moved by WILSON;
 seconded by MCINTOSH.*

Discussion:

There is none.

*No noted abstentions.
 No noted opposition.
 Motion carries.*

8. Question Period

Discussion:

PECOSKIE-SCHWEIR reminds everyone to complete their AODA training soon!

9. New Business

a. Verbal Committee Reports

Discussion:

MCINTOSH says that the Director of Communications has recommended that, instead of spending time on writing Committee reports for the Board only to follow up with a verbal run-through, that the Executives only provide the Board with verbal reports from the Committees. *PECOSKIE-SCHWEIR* says that the minutes from all committee meetings will be shared with the Board as a whole. *BETHUNE* expresses discomfort with sharing the minutes of a committee meeting with the student membership because there is a lot of discussion surrounding contentious issues which go back and forth. He says that the

minutes do not always fully represent the Directors' opinions. *BETHUNE* is not opposed to this shift but asks for the Executives not to share the minutes. *MCINTOSH* says that he does not believe that Board reports are published, but *BETHUNE* says that it was decided at a previous Board meeting that they would be. Also, the Audit & Finance Committee at this meeting has a motion to share the minutes, which *BETHUNE* would like to keep unpublished.

- b. New Chair Email address; chair@nusu.com

Discussion:

MCINTOSH asks that any communication with the Chair of the Board should go through this new email. All Chairs in the future will have access to this email.

- c. Next land acknowledgement will be from Riley McEntee

Discussion:

There is none.

10. Closed Session

MOTION: That the Board of Directors meeting dated July 28 moves into closed session.

*Moved by BETHUNE;
seconded by HOUGHTON.*

Discussion:

There is none.

*No noted abstentions.
No noted opposition.
Motion carries.*

11. Recess

MOTION: That the Board of Directors meeting dated July 28 takes a five-minute recess.

*Moved by PECOSKIE-SCHWEIR;
seconded by WILSON.*

Discussion:

The meeting took a five-minute recess from 7:13PM.

MACCARTHY left the meeting at 7:15PM.

The meeting resumed at 7:18PM.

*No noted abstentions.
No noted opposition.
Motion carries.*

12. New Business

d. NUSU Budget Change

MOTION: That the Budget for the year 2021-2022 be amended to include an increase of the budget line "Honorariums" from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Discussion:

MCINTOSH motions to refer this to the Audit & Finance Committee.

MOTION: That the proposed change to the Budget for the year 2021-2022 that would increase of the budget line "Honorariums" from \$2,000 to \$5,000 be referred to the Audit & Finance Committee.

*Moved by MCINTOSH;
seconded by WILSON.*

Discussion:

There is none.

*No noted abstentions.
No noted opposition.
Motion carries.*

The Chair concludes the discussion and revisits the main motion as amended and calls for a vote.

*No noted abstentions.
No noted opposition.
Motion carries.*

13. Adjournment

MOTION: That the Board of Directors meeting dated July 28 be adjourned.

*Moved by MCINTOSH;
seconded by WILSON.*

Discussion:
There is none.

*No noted abstentions.
No noted opposition.
Motion carries.*

The meeting moved into closed-session at 6:19PM and returned to open session at 7:12PM.

7:21PM – Meeting adjourned.

Sami Pritchard, CHAIR

Armaan Dattani, SECRETARY