

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Nipissing University Student Union**  
Wednesday, October 20, 2021 – 6:00PM – 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	Absent
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:	Jill Aelick	Office Administrator
STUDENT MEMBERS:	Montana Taylor Harikesh Panchal	
VISITORS:	Dean Decaire (BDO)	

**Formal Opening – Call to Order**

Call to Order – 6:04 p.m. – Chairperson Sami Pritchard calls the meeting to order.

**1. Land Acknowledgement from Anna Brownlee - Attendance**

I would like to acknowledge that today we gather on the traditional territory of the Anishinabek, on lands protected by the Robinson Huron treaty of 1850. I would like to thank the Anishinabek people for allowing us to gather here and build our communities upon their lands, for which we are forever grateful.



I think it is also important to acknowledge that although the Robinson Huron treaty protects the land of the Anishinabek, the government no longer honours the treaty in the way they initially agreed to, nor does it protect the rights of the Anishinabek people.

The government of Canada directly violates the Robinson-Huron treaty in restricting the Anishinabek people's rights to hunt and fish without their consent, restricting the self-governance of indigenous communities, and not providing enough resources to indigenous communities to offset living expenses, among many other atrocities.

Furthermore, I would like to acknowledge that some of us in this meeting may come from all over Turtle Island, and I ask that you all take a moment to learn who's land you reside on, and what you can do to be better allies to those whose land you walk on every day.

## **2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

There is none.

## **3. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION:** That the Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for October 20th, 2021 be adopted as presented.

*Moved by WILSON;  
seconded by MCINTOSH.*

### **Discussion:**

There is none.

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

## **4. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes from the August 18th, 2021 meeting as circulated.

*Moved by WILSON;  
seconded by MCINTOSH.  
CARRIED*

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes from the September 27th, 2021 meeting as circulated.

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

**Discussion:**  
There is none.

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

## **5. Presentation From Auditors**

### **Discussion:**

Dean Decaire reviews various documents. PARSONS thanks DECAIRE and asks what number should be projected in holding revenue. DECAIRE responds with 6 months of expenses, which is around \$3-400,000 for a reserve fund. He suggests a brief presentation to be made at the AGM to go over the new budget.

BETHUNE enters at 6:17pm.

TILBURY enters at 6:33pm

## **6. Executive Reports**

### **a. Report from the President**

MOTION: That the report from the President dated October 20th, 2021 be received.

*Moved by WILSON;  
seconded by HOUGHTON.  
CARRIED*

## Discussion

### b. Report from the Vice-President Advocacy and Awareness

MOTION: That the report from the Vice-President Advocacy and Awareness dated October 20th, 2021 be received.

*Moved by WILSON;  
seconded by BROWNLEE.  
CARRIED*

### c. Report from the Vice-President Student Life

MOTION: That the report from the Vice President Student Life dated September 27th, 2021 be received.

*Moved by PARSONS;  
seconded by BETHUNE.  
CARRIED*

MOTION: That the report from the Vice President Student Life dated October 20th, 2021 be received.

*Moved by MCINTOSH;  
seconded by PARSONS.  
CARRIED*

### d. Report from Elected Vice President Finance and Administration

MOTION: That the report from Elected Vice President Finance and Administration dated October 20th, 2021 be received.

*Moved by WILSON;  
seconded by BROWNLEE.  
CARRIED*

## Discussion

PARSONS congratulates TAYLOR on a great first report.

## 7. Committees

**a. Audit & Finance Committee**

MCINTOSH explains they are looking into the food bank budget line, comparing this year and previous years spending.

**b. Governance Committee**

The By-Laws have been sent to a lawyer for review for update.

**c. Campaigns and Green Initiatives Committee**

Academic week has great attendance projected. Wellness week is coming up in November.

**d. Shine Committee**

Shinetober ends after the movie night.

**e. Social Committee**

WILSON explains there was not a meeting this month due to the late September meeting. Recommends attending the upcoming Shine events. Student Group socials are being held the first week of November to offer students a space to meet within the student centre. Night Owls is happening at the end of November offering a place for students to study and relax before exams start. The entire building will be open for higher capacity.

**8. Question Period**

**9. New Business**

a. Next land acknowledgement will be from **Shannon MacCarthy**

b. Introducing Boardable

PECOSKIE-SCHEWIER introduces the new document sharing program "Boardable" and explains how board members can use this for future committee and board meetings. PARSONS asks if board members have access to other committee documents or just the committees that they are on. PECOSKIE-SCHWEIR explains that

they can only view the committee documents for the committees they are on.  
BROWNLEE asks if Zoom links will be provided through Boardable,  
PECOSKIE-SCHWEIR explains Boardable partners with Zoom for meetings and  
makes Zoom links easily accessible.

c. The approval of the Pregnancy and Parental Leave Policy

MOTION: That the Pregnancy and Parental Leave Policy from the Executive  
Committee dated October 20th, 2021 be received.

*Moved by WILSON;  
seconded by PARSONS.  
CARRIED*

**Discussion:**

**MCINTOSH** reminds the board that next Wednesday, October 27th is the Annual  
General Meeting, there needs to be 30 participants to meet quorum. Students who  
attend will be given a \$10 gift certificate.

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

**10. Adjournment**

MOTION: That the meeting of the Board of Directors dated October 20th, 2021, be  
adjourned.

*Moved by BETHUNE;  
seconded by MCINTOSH.  
CARRIED*

Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Sami Pritchard, CHAIR

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Jillian Aelick, SECRETARY