

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Nipissing University Student Union
Monday, September 27, 2021 – 6:30PM – Zoom

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Attendance:

President:	Joseph McIntosh	Present
VP Student Life:	Emily Wilson	Regrets
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	Regrets
CHAIR / SPEAKER:	Sami Pritchard	Chair
RECORDED BY:	Jill Aelick	Office Administrator
STUDENT MEMBERS:	Montana Taylor	

1. Call to Order

The Board of Directors meeting is called to order at 6:39PM. *PARSONS* offers a traditional land acknowledgement.

Thank you everyone for being here and listening as I present our land acknowledgment for our meeting this evening. I am honoured to be given the opportunity to lead our reflection on the land in which we gather.

First, I would like to acknowledge that the Nipissing University Student Union is in the territory of the Robinson-Huron Treaty of 1850 and that the land on which we gather on for our Board of Directors' Meeting is the Nipissing First Nation Traditional Territory and the traditional territory of the Anishinabek. We offer our gratitude to our First Nations for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. Additionally, I would like to acknowledge that many of us are joining in virtually from different territories. It is important for us to engage in self-reflection and education to acknowledge and be respectful of the ancestral significance on the land in which we all gather.

I would also like to acknowledge that this Thursday, September 30th marks Canada's first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. With the last residential school closing only 23 years ago, it is important that we acknowledge the ongoing impacts of these atrocities and honour the lost children and survivors, their families and communities. This day is a direct response to Call to Action 80, which called for a federal statutory day of commemoration. In addition to wearing orange, I encourage all of you to take time this Thursday to review the 94 calls to action made by The Truth and Reconciliation Commission. While doing so, reflect on your own actions and the efforts you have made to be an ally for Indigenous peoples in Canada. We must all move forward in the spirit of partnership, collaboration, and reconciliation.

Once again, we respect and are grateful to gather as settlers on all of these lands.
Thank you.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There is none.

3. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: That the Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for September 27th, 2021 be adopted as presented.

*Moved by BROWNLEE;
seconded by PARSONS.*

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 MCINTOSH;
seconded by BROWNLEE.
CARRIED*

MOTION: BIRT the motion to approve the minutes from the August 18th, 2021 meeting as circulated be tabled until the next meeting of the BOD.

*Moved by BETHUNE;
seconded by PARSONS.
CARRIED*

Discussion:
There is none.

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

1. Executive Reports

a. Report from the President

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

*Moved by PARSONS;
seconded by BETHUNE.
CARRIED*

Discussion

BETHUNE asks for confirmation regarding the inauguration of Montana Taylor and Harikesh Panchal. McIntosh clarifies that both will be ratified following the upcoming AGM, until that time they are both non-voting members, and Montana will begin training with Joe next week.

b. Report from the Vice-President Advocacy and Awareness

MOTION: That the report from the Vice-President Advocacy and Awareness dated September 27th, 2021 be received.



*Moved by PECOSKIE-SCHWEIR;
 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.

MOTION: to table the report from the Vice-President Student Life dated September 27th, 2021 to the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

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

Discussion

Emily Wilson was unable to attend the meeting and did not submit her report due to illness and therefore there was nothing to approve.

2. Committees

a. Audit & Finance Committee

Discussion

BETHUNE asked about the reasoning behind moving money to another budget line. McIntosh said that the executives wanted to see where else they could move the money from and found the President budget line and the Vice-President Finance line hadn't been touched so it made sense to move it to honorariums.

MOTION: That the budget change and to move \$1500 from the President's budget line and \$1500 from the VPFA's budget line to the honorarium's budget line changing it to \$5000.

*Moved by MCINTOSH;
 seconded by BETHUNE.
 CARRIED*

b. Elections Committee

Elections are over and both nominees have been elected into their positions. Congratulations to Montana Taylor, our new Vice-President Finance, and Harikesh

Panchal, Director-at-Large.

c. Governance Committee

An update will be made at the next board meeting.

d. Campaigns and Green Initiatives Committee

There will be no campaigns for September due to the busy time that is returning to school and the opening of the Student Centre. Green initiatives will be this Saturday at 12pm at Bellevue park in Thibeault Terrace. Information graphics with information about the community will be published on Saturdays.

e. Shine Committee

Both shine events in September went well, looking forward to a shine movie night, trivia night, and upcoming giveaways. Congratulations to PECOSKIE-SCHWEIR who was named the national "Shiner of the Month" for August.

f. Social Committee

Dates have been solidified for upcoming events and giveaways.

3. Question Period

BETHUNE asked if Sarah Pecoskie-Schweir had seen the student's email regarding the Indigenous studies petition. He notes that the student has reached out to faculty and community members, looking for NUSU's support. PECOSKIE-SCHWEIR says she will respond to her message and let the student know to contact Senate and help her get her message heard. BETHUNE says she has a faculty member willing to alter their course to make it more available to non-Indigenous studies students, like an "Indigenous 101" course. BETHUNE added the petition to the chat for others to read/download.

4. New Business

- a. Next land acknowledgement will be from **Anna Brownlee**

5. Closed Session

MOTION: That the meeting of the Board of Directors move into Closed Session

*Moved by BROWNLEE;
seconded by PARSONS.
CARRIED*

MOTION: To amend that Sarah McGowan be asked to join the closed session meeting for item number 4.

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

HOUGHTON declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Discussion:

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

6. Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting of the Board of Directors dated September 27th, 2021, be adjourned.

*Moved by BETHUNE;
seconded by PARSONS.
CARRIED*

Adjourned at 8:09 p.m.