

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Nipissing University Student Union**  
Thursday, March 24th, 2022 - 5:30 p.m. - Zoom

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**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Nipissing University Student Union**  
 March 24th, 2022 - 5:30 p.m. - Zoom

**Attendance:**

President:	Joseph McIntosh	Present
VP Finance & Administration:	Montana Taylor	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:	Riley McEntee	Present
Director-at-Large:	Harikesh Panchal	Present
 CHAIR / SPEAKER:	 Sami Pritchard	 Chair
RECORDED BY:	Jillian Aelick	Office Administrator

**1. Call to Order**

The Board of Directors meeting is called to order at 5:33PM. Harikesh Panchal offers a traditional land acknowledgement.

**2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

There is none.

PRITCHARD reminds the Board of the new voting system for all forthcoming Board meetings. It is decided that going forward, the Board will use the green check mark emoji to signify they are “for” a movement and the red X emoji to signify their opposition.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION:** That the Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for March 24, 2022 be adopted as presented.

*Moved by HOUGHTON;  
seconded by PARSONS.  
Motion does not pass.*

**Discussion:**

BETHUNE moves that the closed session be moved to the end of the agenda.

**MOTION:** To amend the agenda to move agenda item #5 to agenda item #9.

*Moved by BETHUNE;  
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 March 24, 2022 meeting as circulated.

*Moved by PANCHAL;  
seconded by HOUGHTON.*

**Discussion:**

BETHUNE has a concern regarding the last meeting and the proper agenda not being distributed, the agenda had the motion for the by-law approval being in the wrong spot and he wants it noted that it was wrong. MCINTOSH clarifies that the correct agenda was uploaded to the meeting page on Boardable but the outdated agenda was uploaded to the documents folder, this has been corrected.

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

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

- a. **MOTION:** That the Amended By-Laws be submitted to the membership of

the corporation for final approval at the next Annual General Meeting.

*Moved by BETHUNE;  
seconded by BROWNLEE.*

**Discussion:**

BETHUNE explains that the amendment made to the bylaws is present in section IX.03, he explains this change is necessary for future elections. MCINTOSH reviews the changes made on the new by-laws for those who are not on the Governance committee.

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

**6. Executive Reports**

**a. Report From the President**

**MOTION:** That the report from the President dated March 24, 2022 be received.

*Moved by BROWNLEE;  
seconded by PARSONS.*

**Discussion:**

There is none.

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

**b. Report from the Vice-President Finance and Administration**

**MOTION:** That the Report from the Vice-President Finance and Administration dated March 24, 2022 be received.

*Moved by BROWNLEE;  
seconded by BETHUNE.*

**Discussion:**  
There is none.

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

**c. Report from the Vice-President Advocacy and Awareness**

**MOTION:** That the Report from the Vice-President Advocacy and Awareness dated March 24, 2022 be received.

*Moved by PARSONS;  
seconded by PANCHAL.*

**Discussion:**  
There is none.

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

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

**MOTION:** That the Report from the Vice-President Student Life dated March 24, 2022 be received.

*Moved by PARSONS;  
seconded by HOUGHTON.*

**Discussion:**  
There is none.

*No noted abstentions.*

*No noted opposition.  
Motion carries.*

### **8. Question Period**

BETHUNE asks WILSON if anyone from the political science program has reached out about starting a club, WILSON explains that yes, they are almost ready to go regarding starting a club, there are a couple changes needed to be made regarding their constitution but everything has been approved by Casey Phillips pending those changes be made. PARSONS asks WILSON about when the hiring for O-week coordinators will be, WILSON explains that there will be no O-week coordinators due to a lack of support from those positions in the past, NUSU is currently hiring for summer positions that will replace the need for coordinators, they will be helping with the planning process for NUSU's O-week. PARSONS asks if there will be another hiring process for more positions for O-Week, WILSON explains that there are only O-Week leaders being hired this year as coordinators and camera crew are no longer being hired, NUSU is looking to hire a professional photographer this year.

### **9. New Business**

a. Next land acknowledgement will be from Montana Taylor

b. Reports from the Board

There is none.

c. Governance Committee Nominations

#### **Discussion:**

MCENTEE and PANCHAL nominate themselves to fill the vacant positions.

**MOTION:** That the Board of Directors elect Riley McEntee and Harikesh Panchal to fill the vacant position in the Governance Committee.

*Moved by PARSONS;  
seconded by BETHUNE.*

#### **Discussion:**

There is none.

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

d. Elections Policy Review

**MOTION #1:** The Elections Policy, as amended, be approved by the Board of Directors.

*Moved by PARSONS;  
seconded by BROWNLEE.*

**Discussion:**

BETHUNE explains the four main amendments to the elections policy, he reviews the various changes. He clarifies that this is to ensure that there is no confusion for executives in the future. WILSON motions to refer the policy changes to the Governance committee.

**MOTION #2:** To refer the elections policy to the governance committee for review

*Moved by WILSON;  
seconded by TAYLOR.*

**Discussion:**

PRITCHARD explains that the entire motion will go to the Governance Committee, it will be added to the Governance committee agenda for the next meeting and once it is approved there, it will then come back to the Board of Directors at the next board meeting for final approval. WILSON (favour) explains that she wants it moved because this type of movement usually goes to the Governance Committee first and wants to ensure we continue following this process, especially since this is not a time sensitive issue so there can be further discussion at the Governance Committee. BETHUNE (opposed) explains that there are time sensitive issues about to come up in the Governance Committee and he would like to pass this amended policy now to ensure it gets passed and not forgotten at the next Governance Committee meeting. BETHUNE explains there has been discussion between the board members before this meeting and he feels that the board agrees to move these items today. MCINTOSH (favour) points out that the current motion requires the original motion to be added to the committee agenda, therefore eliminating any chance it is forgotten about and that moving it to the Governance Committee allows everyone to understand the policy changes. PARSONS (opposed) agrees with BETHUNE and points out that the executive had the opportunity to speak with BETHUNE before this meeting as explained in his email with the motions.

*No noted abstentions.  
WILSON, TAYLOR, and MCINTOSH are opposed.*

*Motion not carried.*

MCINTOSH explains his concerns with the policy being passed, he feels there is confusion with the wording and left to interpretation it would disqualify an executive to run for reelection. BETHUNE understands the concern but points out there are bolded words to avoid confusion in 5.1.6.1, he suggests adding another point to further avoid confusion, recommending "this in no way disqualifies an executive to run for reelection." BETHUNE believes that this is an important point as it prevents the turnover with executives running for multiple positions at once, winning multiple positions, choosing one position and leaving the other vacant. PANCHAL (favour) feels that the language used is simple and clear enough. MCINTOSH asks to refer the amendment (5.1.6) to the Governance Committee. PRITCHARD explains MCINTOSH can no longer refer the motion to the Governance Committee as that motion already failed, confirming we are currently approving the original motion: to approve the amended elections policy.

BETHUNE POI (POINT OF INFORMATION) BETHUNE asks if there is anyway to amend the text of the motion by passing a special resolution with a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote. PRITCHARD suggests two options. The first is amending the motion, to say for example "be it resolved that the elections policy, as amended, with the exception of section 5.1.6.1, so that the amendment to this motion that currently exists, to say that the elections policy as amended (with the exception of section 5.1.6) be approved by the board of directors." meaning the elections policy would be approved with the exception of section 5.1.6. She suggests adding an additional point, "be it further resolved that section 5.1.6 be referred to the Governance Committee for further review." The second option is to throw out Robert's Rules of Order and vote in opposition to the chair's decision to uphold Robert's Rules of Order and have the board make a decision for the amendment. BETHUNE follow up POI, if they just want to amend the point, could they move that the elections policy be amended with the exception of 5.1.6. MCINTOSH wants to go with PRITCHARD's motion.

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:** The elections policy, as amended, excluding 5.1.6 be approved by the Board of Directors.

*Moved by MCINTOSH;  
seconded by WILSON.*

**Discussion:**

PARSONS (opposed) to the amendment, she doesn't have any confusion with the wording and doesn't think they should make an amendment.

*No noted abstentions.*





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*MCINTOSH, WILSON, AND TAYLOR are opposed.  
Friendly amendment not carried.*

BETHUNE presents an amendment. "MOTION: The elections policy, as amended, [with the addition of 5.1.6.1 "The above point (5.1.6.) discussing the ineligibility of elected executive candidates to run for an executive position in the same term cannot be interpreted to disqualify a current executive director from running for re-election"] be approved by the Board of Directors." PRITCHARD suggests adding the word "stating" to the motion. BETHUNE makes the correction.

**MOTION #3:** The elections policy, as amended, [with the addition of 5.1.6.1 stating "The above point (5.1.6.) discussing the ineligibility of elected executive candidates to run for an executive position in the same term cannot be interpreted to disqualify a current executive director from running for re-election"] be approved by the Board of Directors"

*Moved by BETHUNE;  
seconded by PARSONS.*

**Discussion:**

BETHUNE thinks this is a pretty good compromise and this allows the governance committee to focus on other topics.

*MCINTOSH abstentions.  
WILSON and TAYLOR opposed.  
Motion carries.*

**Discussion:**

For the Motion #1, as amended.

BETHUNE and PARSONS would like their vote noted that they are in favour.

*No noted abstentions.  
WILSON, MCINTOSH, TAYLOR opposition.  
Motion carries.*

**10. Closed Session**

**MOTION:** That the Board of Directors meeting dated March 24, 2022 moves into closed session.

*Moved by WILSON;  
seconded by TAYLOR.*

**Discussion:**  
There is none.

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

**The meeting moved into closed session at 6:42PM.  
The meeting moved out of closed-session at 6:58PM.**

## **11. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** That the Board of Directors meeting dated March 24, 2022 be adjourned.

*Moved by MCINTOSH;  
seconded by TAYLOR.*

**Discussion:**  
There is none.

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

7PM – Meeting adjourned.

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

Prepared by: Joe McIntosh

March 24, 2022

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### **Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)**

Over the course of a week I attended meetings with other student leaders in Ontario to talk to and lobby with Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP). In those meetings we discussed student issues and CFS campaigns in hopes of gaining support from MPPs in our fight on student issues. My meetings included Michael Gravelle of the Thunder Bay-Superior North riding, Randy Pettapiece of Perth-Wellington riding and the Honourable Ted Arnott Speaker of Parliament of Ontario from the riding Wellington-Halton Hills.

### **Day-to-Day**

Continued work on helping answer student questions and concerns in regard to the health plan has been being done. Again, thanks to Jill Aelick for her help with the inquiries.

With the by-election running this month I have worked with Sarah M and the rest of the elections committee to run the elections as smoothly as we could given the circumstances of this year.

On March 10th I attended and gave our team's final Board of Governors report. The following day I also gave our report as Sarah PS was unable to attend as she was running in the elections.

During the day of March the 18th Emily and myself gave presentations and tours to prospective students during Nipissing Universities Open House.

### **Meetings**

Continued work with the university regarding operations and the process of hosting events on campus carried on. Along with those meetings, we have also continued in talks with the university regarding services such as maintenance, snow removal, security and safety. Again, if the Board or students have any concerns, please bring them to the executive team and we will make them a priority in our meetings with the university.

## **VPFA's Executive Report to the Board of Directors**

Prepared by: Montana Taylor

Date: March 21, 2022

From March 07, 2022- March 14, 2022 I was out of office, running my re-election campaign for NUSU VP Finance & Administration, where I was successful in being re-elected. This report highlights the rest of the time while being in office.

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### *SALES MERCHANDISE AND COMMITTEE*

- We have reviewed the survey data that was sent out to students to see what kind of merchandise they would like to see. We are currently reviewing cost options and samples to be able to view soon.

### *CSMHC*

- We did a live student survey via zoom to see how students would like to see the standard around campus student mental health. We received tons of feedback from students on how we can improve mental health.

### *Highlights*

- February 28 - March 04, 2022 was the Provincial Lobby week where various student unions in the province lobbied to MPPs. Various topics were discussed and asks that we had made to our MPPs are;

- A 25% reduction in tuition fees for the next 4 years, towards the progressive elimination of tuition fees for all is the only way to assure justice for marginalized and especially racialized students in Ontario.
  - A transition of OSAP from a loan to a grants based program and ensure eligibility for all students; domestic, international, graduate, and part-time and continuing education.
  - Address institutional inequities by providing direct funding to post-secondary institutions for Indigenous academic and cultural programming, Indigenous research, and mandatory anti-oppressive training for all institutional staff and faculty. Additionally, doubling the amount of funding to Indigenous Institutes to ensure reliable program funding.
  - Eliminate all differential fees for International students to ensure equity and equality.
  - An immediate reinstatement of OHIP to all International students, including those who are on implied status and remove the requirement of having a full-time job to access OHIP while on a Post-Graduate Work Permit (PGWP).
  - Enacted legislation to protect the autonomy and funding of student unions, student-run groups and organizations. This legislation will protect students' democratic rights and the student run services they rely on.
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*TO COME...*

- Working with current Executive team to help transition 2022-2023 NUSU Executive team
- Making Budget recommendations for next Executive team

## **VPAA's Executive Report to the Board of Directors**

Prepared by: Sarah Pecoskie-Schweir

Date: March 24th, 2022

March has been a whirlwind month with the end of term and academic year looming near. Due to the NUSU Director-at-Large and Student Senator elections I was out of office from March 7th-14th. Thank you to Sarah McGowan, Jill Aelick and my fellow executives for stepping up when I was out of the office to tackle some of the aspects of my position. As well, I would like to congratulate all of the successful candidates that ran in the Director-at-Large and Student Senator elections and the NUSU Executive By-elections.

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### **ADVOCACY**

With the end of term and semester, I have been sitting in on many senate subcommittee meetings and ad hoc committee meetings that are working on preparing Nipissing University for the 2022-2023 Academic Year. With the end of midterms I have also been assisting students with any concerns, appeals or petitions that have arisen. Thank you to Sarah McGowan for assisting students in my absence during the election period.

### **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

International Women's Day was on March 8th, 2022. NUSU created several graphics in which Lakers could tag a woman that inspired them, is strong and empowers others. These graphics were made to help spread awareness, positivity and

inclusiveness surrounding the day. NUSU also shared the joint statement that was issued to the Honourable Jill Dunlop of the Ontario Legislature that requested the Ontario government to require all post-secondary institutions to provide free menstrual products campus-wide. NUSU called on the government to subsidise these products for Northern Ontario institutions as most schools in the North receive less funding from the government.

### *ACADEMIC WEEK*

NUSU held a second Academic Week from March 14th-18th, 2022. The events for this week included a Virtual Pi Day Maths Drop-In hosted by Student Learning and Transitions; What Can I Do With My Degree Presentation by Career Services; Graduate Studies Student Success hosted by the Teaching Hub; Schools (Not) Out for the Summer hosted by Academic Advising; International Student Success hosted by Academic Advising; Education and Professional Studies Meet and Greet; Arts and Science Meet and Greet; we also promoted the Anne Clendinning Memorial Lecture and the Dave Marshall Leadership Awards. We ran a goosechase during Academic Week where the winner received a brand new macbook air and also did an Instagram giveaway where the winner received a prize bundle including a scanmarker pen. We had multiple students come in first place for the Goosechase, so we did a draw for the macbook air and all of the students that came in first place that did not receive the macbook won a \$25 giftcard of their choice. Thank you to all the departments at Nipissing University who helped to make this event a success.

### *TRANSITION*

I continue to meet with Harikesh weekly to go over the ins and outs of the VP Advocacy and Awareness role. I would like to thank Harikesh for coming out to the Arts & Science Meet and Greet during Wellness Week to help lend a hand for this event. I have also been working on general transition documents for the new executive team to review as a whole.

### *TO COME...*

- Wellness Week Review



## **VP SL's Executive Report to the Board of Directors**

Prepared by: Emily Wilson

Date: March 24, 2022

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### General Update:

Over the last month I have attended several meetings. I have continued my bi-weekly meetings with Dr. Casey Phillips where we have discussed student group applications and elections, the student groups policy, and upcoming events. I have also met with several student groups upon request to answer questions or address concerns. I also discussed with some groups the support they need for their upcoming events and elections. I attended two sessions for Ontario's lobby week which was a great experience. Sarah McGowan, Jill Aelick and I met with chartwells to discuss the possibility of collaborating in the future on events to address student food security. I attended Nipissing University's Board of Governors and attended their governance training as well. I also met with an individual from Game on Entertainment about the possibility of coming to North Bay for an event. I have also answered emails, assisted with student group elections, and completed transition documents throughout this month. I attended Shoot for Change, the Women's Hockey Final, and Relay for Life as well.

### Student Groups Update

In the past month, Relay for life hosted their annual event, Best Buddies had a t-shirt making event, NUBASE in collaboration with the Men's basketball team and Nipissing University hosted their first annual shoot for change event, Alpha Gamma Phi hosted their formal NUPHES hosted a trivia event at the Fox and The Fiddle and the Math and Computer Science group hosted a games night at

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the student centre. Several other groups hosted virtual events via zoom throughout the month as well. All of these events were a great success. In the past few weeks, student groups have been hosting their annual spring elections where all their executive positions are available for candidacy. Most elections have now come to an end and their election results have been shared via email with each individual group. Some groups have needed to extend their election period which we have done on a case by case basis. Each student group chose a student delegate to be the main point of contact during the election period. I created a shared google drive folder for each student group where their nomination forms, candidate pictures, graphics and voting forms could all be found. The last of the student group elections will be completed by the end of the month. Congratulations to all incoming student group executives! Below are upcoming student group events:

- Criminal Justice Social - March 22
- Alpha Gamma Phi Bowling - March 22
- Alpha Gamma Phi Senior Send Off - March 27
- Motionball NU Zumba - April 1
- Best Buddies Birthday Night - April 8

**O-Week Leader Update:**

Orientation leader applications for O-Week 2022 are now open and available for students to apply. We have extended the application deadline and applications will close on March 30th, 2022. This extension was to ensure that NUSU's incoming VPSL will be available to participate in interviews. Interviews for all leader applicants will take place from April 4th to April 8th, 2022 online via zoom.

**Events Update**

NUSU hosted the Bachelor Final Rose event on Monday, March 14th where we welcomed students into the Student Centre bar area to watch the live event. We sold pizza, snacks and soda and all proceeds were donated to the Nipissing Transition House. On the following Wednesday, we hosted the Women's basketball team in the space to watch the Men's final game of the season live and gave them a tour of the space. Both events were successful. NUSU also



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provided buses for Shoot for change, the women's Hockey Game and the Equity Centre's Drag Show. Below are upcoming events:

- Sexy Bingo - March 22
- Curling Night and Trivia - March 25
- Night Owls - March 28, 29, 30, April 5, 6, 7
- Game on Entertainment (Video Game Night) - March 28