

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Nipissing University Student Union
December 08, 2022 - 6:30PM - Zoom

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Attendance:

President:	Riley McEntee	Present
VP Finance & Administration:	Montana Taylor	Present
VP Advocacy & Awareness:	Harikesh Panchal	Present
VP Student Life:	Preston English	Present
Director-at-Large:	Adam Strang	Present
Director-at-Large:	Emily Cooke	Present
Director-at-Large:	Jared Gagne	Present
Director-at-Large:	Mercedes Parsons	Regrets
Director-at-Large:	Anna Brownlee	Present
Director-at-Large:	Josee Laforest	Absent
CHAIR / SPEAKER:	Sami Pritchard	Chair
RECORDED BY:	Nicole Seeley	Office Administrator
NON-VOTING MEMBERS:	Madison Moore	Director-at-Large
	Sydney Jonker	Director-at-Large
STAFF:	Rebecca Gough	Payroll & HR Associate

1. Formal Opening – Call to Order

The Board of Directors meeting is called to order at 6:54PM.

2. Land Acknowledgement

PANCHAL offers a traditional land acknowledgment.

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There is none.

4. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: To adopt the agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting dated December 08, 2022, as circulated.

*Moved by COOKE;
seconded by GAGNE.*

Discussion:

There is none.

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

5. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the November 16, 2022 meeting as circulated.

*Moved by COOKE;
seconded by BROWNLEE.*

Discussion:
There is none.

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

6. Executive Reports

a. Report From the President

MOTION: That the report from the President dated December 08, 2022 be received.

McENTEE states that he got to be a judge at the Santa Clause Parade and was a panelist in the second annual MENTAL Strength event. The NUSU Student Centre will be operating from 8:30am-4:30pm next week and Monday the 19th. We will be back from the holiday on January 3rd with hours being 8:30am-4:30pm and we will be back to our regular hours starting January 9th.

*Moved by COOKE;
seconded by STRANG.*

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 December 08, 2022 be received.

*Moved by BROWNLEE;
seconded by COOKE.*

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 December 08, 2022 be received.

PANCHAL states that the information session for the auditor general report will be discussed in the closed session. He attended the Board of Governors retreat and they discussed the past, present and future of the University. It was a good session to find out where the planning strategy committee will be heading. He has been addressing student concerns in regards to students staying on campus over winter break. He is going to see if there are any operational changes that can be made for students to have the option of staying over the winter break. PANCHAL has also been addressing concerns about residence parking and parking on campus. In regards to Shinerama, Preston, NUPHEES and Nipissing University Intramurals joined together for a dodgeball tournament where contributions went to Shine and Noah Strong. He is looking forward to hosting cultural events in the new year with SOCU.

Moved by COOKE;

seconded by BROWNLEE.

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 December 08, 2022 be received.

ENGLISH states that he met with StFX student life and they gave him a good idea for how to get more people to attend orientation events next year. An event is coming up where international students will be given a Canadian dinner and then be brought to a Lakers hockey game. He has been having consistent meetings with student groups and working to set up formals. He is in the early stages of setting up club week for next semester too. \$1005 was raised at the dodgeball and sports trivia events. We are going to try to incorporate more athletic events in fundraising moving forward. We will also be

partnering with more athletic games moving forward and we raised almost \$500 with the basketball halftime shows and donated it to the women's team fundraiser for breast cancer.

*Moved by COOKE;
seconded by BROWNLEE.*

Discussion:

GAGNE asks if we can have some French events to encourage the Franco-Ontarian culture in North Bay and for people to practice French socially.

ENGLISH states that he has heard that the French program isn't the best. There's a Francophone club working to get started now, but we will talk about incorporating more French events next semester.

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

7. Question Period

8. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Food Bank Policy

MOTION: BIRT the Board of Directors approve the Food Bank Policy, as recommended by the Governance Committee.

McENTEE states that the only changes made to the food bank policy were removing anything that mentions gift cards. We talked about this a few months ago and it passed at Governance so we just want to bring it to you to pass it here.

*Moved by McENTEE;
seconded by GAGNE.*

Discussion:

There is none.

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

9. New Business

a. Next land acknowledgment will be from Jared Gagne

b. AMICCUS-C

McENTEE states that AMICCUS-C costs \$550 a year to be part of. Sarah McGowan will be the primary point of contact and other staff will be secondary points of contact. It is essentially conferences and a support network for staff in student unions. It's a way to support our staff and give them the opportunity to go to workshops and conferences. We are still in the process of signing them up, but it should be finalized soon.

c. CASA

McENTEE states that he has signed up for observer status. There is an additional \$100 fee to attend conferences as an observer. Riley will judge the benefits of CASA and keep the board updated.

d. Code of Conduct

MOTION: BIRT the Board of Directors approve the Code of Conduct, as recommended by the Governance Committee.

HODGSON states that we added a social media policy and an attending the bar policy as well as a definition of NUSU representatives so it's more specific. With the attending the bar policy, you are going to be responsible for how you act and it states to don't wear any NUSU merch when you're there. The reasoning why we are leaning on the stricter side with this policy is due to our MOU with the University as we cant be seen promoting anything related to binge drinking.

*Moved by COOKE;
seconded by BROWNLEE.*

Discussion:
There is none.

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

10. Closed Session

MOTION: That the Board of Directors Emergency Meeting dated December 08, 2022 moves into closed session.

TAYLOR would like to make an amendment to the motion to remove the word "emergency" and to allow Rebecca Hodgson, our Payroll and HR person, to join the closed session.

*Moved by TAYLOR;
seconded by COOKE.*

Discussion:
There is none.

*No noted abstentions.
No noted opposition.
Amendment carries.*

MOTION: That the Board of Directors Meeting dated December 08, 2022 moves into closed session and includes Rebecca Hodgson.

*Moved by STRANG;
seconded by COOKE.*

Discussion:
There is none.

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

MOTION: That the Closed Session of the Board of Directors Meeting dated December 08, 2022 be adjourned.

*Moved by COOKE;
seconded by STRANG.*

Discussion:
There is none.

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

11. Adjournment

MOTION: That the Board of Directors meeting dated December 08, 2022 be adjourned.

*Moved by COOKE;
seconded by BROWNLEE.*

Discussion:
There is none.

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

7:29 PM – Meeting adjourned.

Sami Pritchard, CHAIR

Nicole Seeley, SECRETARY