

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Nipissing University Student Union
July 18, 2022 - 6PM - 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	Present
Director-at-Large:	Anna Brownlee	Present
Director-at-Large:	Josee Laforest	Absent
 CHAIR / SPEAKER:	 Sami Pritchard	 Chair
RECORDED BY:	Jillian Aelick	Office Administrator
GUESTS:	Sarah McGowan	Director of Communications
	Sarah Pecoskie-Schweir	Strategy and Infrastructure Assistant

1. Formal Opening – Call to Order

The Board of Directors meeting is called to order at 6:03PM.

2. Land Acknowledgement

BROWNLEE offers a traditional land acknowledgement.

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 July 18, 2022,

as circulated.

*Moved by GAGNE;
seconded by STRANG.*

Discussion:
There is none.

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

5. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the June 20, 2022 meeting as circulated.

*Moved by BROWNLEE;
seconded by PARSONS.*

Discussion:
There is none.

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

6. Closed Session

MOTION: That the Board of Directors meeting dated July 18, 2022 moves into closed session.

BIRT: That the Board of Directors allow staff members Sarah McGowan, Sarah Pecoskie-Schweir, and Jill Aelick to attend the Closed Session.

*Moved by GAGNE;
seconded by BROWNLEE.*

Discussion:

There is none.

No noted abstentions.

No noted opposition.

Motion carries.

The meeting moved into closed-session at 6:07PM.

The meeting moved out of closed-session at 6:38PM.

7. Executive Reports

a. Report From the President

MOTION: That the report from the President dated July 18, 2022 be received.

Moved by COOKE;

seconded by BROWNLEE.

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 July 18, 2022 be received.

Moved by COOKE;

seconded by BROWNLEE.

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 July 18, 2022 be received.

*Moved by GAGNE;
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 July 18, 2022 be received.

*Moved by PARSONS;
seconded by COOKE.*

Discussion:

PARSONS asks about the recruitment of Orientation Week leaders? ENGLISH explains he is reaching out to various departments at the school. NUSU staff will run the events and volunteers will be the leaders.

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

8. Committee Reports

a. Audit and Finance Committee

MOTION: That the report from the Audit and Finance Committee dated July 18, 2022 be received.



*Moved by COOKE;
seconded by GAGNE.*

Discussion:
There is none.

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

b. Elections Committee

MOTION: That the report from the Elections Committee dated July 18, 2022 be received.

*Moved by COOKE;
seconded by PARSONS.*

Discussion:
There is none.

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

c. Governance Committee

MOTION: That the report from the Governance Committee dated July 18, 2022 be received.

*Moved by BROWNLEE;
seconded by PARSONS.*

Discussion:
There is none.

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

d. Campaigns and Green Initiatives

MOTION: That the report from the Campaigns and Green Initiatives Committee dated July 18, 2022 be received.

*Moved by PARSONS;
seconded by GAGNE.*

Discussion:

There is none.

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

e. Shine Committee

MOTION: That the report from the Shine Committee dated July 18, 2022 be received.

*Moved by COOKE;
seconded by BROWNLEE.*

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 18, 2022 be received.

*Moved by PARSONS;
seconded by GAGNE.*

Discussion:

There is none.

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

9. Question Period

10. New Business

a. Next land acknowledgement will be from Adam Strang

b. Committee Members

ENGLISH announces there will be an election for the open spots on Campaigns and Green Initiatives Committee and Social Committee at the next Board meeting.

c. Regrets

A reminder to all board members to send regrets at least 48hrs before committee or board meetings if they cannot attend, otherwise they will be marked as absent.

d. Meeting Materials

A reminder to all board members to read the meeting materials before committee and board meetings to ensure they are prepared for the topics presented.

e. COCA Report

ENGLISH and MCENTEE provide a report detailing their experiences at the 2022 COCA Conference.

f. 2022/23 Budget

PARSONS asks what a discretionary fund under the President's portfolio is. MCGOWAN explains this budget line is to provide the President with funding to use for particular situations, PECOSKIE-SCHWEIR has written a policy with more specifics which will be sent to the directors. PARSONS asks if the budget is posted on the website? MCGOWAN says yes. PARSONS suggests adding an explanation to the budget line to ensure students are not confused as to what it covers. MCGOWAN explains that there will be a line by line document to be posted with descriptions of each budget line. PARSONS asks if the payroll and benefits covers all NUSU Staff and Executives. TAYLOR says yes, just the NUSU staff, it does not include the bar and restaurant staff. MCGOWAN explains that this budget does not reflect our current salaries, it allows for future employees to be hired. PARSONS asks about the automobile budget line, why is it so high? TAYLOR explains NUSU is purchasing a new

company vehicle. PARSONS asks if nothing on the budget is allocated to the bar? TAYLOR explains that the Music and Entertainment budget line would be used for external entertainment such as the time we brought in the video games or if we wanted to show a movie. PARSONS are the budgets higher than planned? TAYLOR explains that they looked at the proposed fees NUSU would receive and the proposed budget, more money was allocated to each budget line to ensure that we are on track to be in a deficit. MCGOWAN explains that now that the building is open, more events will take place which will require a larger budget. NUSU has also spoken to Nipissing about the DJ and Buses for the night club, night owls, etc. MCGOWAN explains that NUSU will coordinate with the campus library to ensure that students have access to on campus support as often as possible.

MOTION: That the 2022/2023 Budget be approved by the Board of Directors.

*Moved by COOKE;
seconded by PARSONS.*

Discussion:

PANCHAL applauds TAYLOR for her hard work on the budget.

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

11. Adjournment

MOTION: That the Board of Directors meeting dated July 18, 2022 be adjourned.

*Moved by COOKE;
seconded by BROWNLEE.*

Discussion:

There is none.

*No noted abstentions.
No noted opposition.*



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Motion carries.

7:14PM – Meeting adjourned.

Sami Pritchard, CHAIR

Jill Aelick, SECRETARY