

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Nipissing University Student Union
November 16, 2022 - 6PM - Hybrid

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Attendance:

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

1. Formal Opening – Call to Order

The Board of Directors meeting is called to order at 6:12PM.

2. Land Acknowledgement

LaFOREST 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 November 16, 2022, as circulated.

*Moved by BROWNLEE;
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 October 26, 2022 meeting as circulated.

*Moved by PARSONS;
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 November 16, 2022 be received.

McENTEE states that he attended the CFS Conference with Montana, Jared and Josee. He has also been working on a gambling campaign as the main age group that struggles with gambling is 18-24. He has been in community meetings in regards to this and hopes to bring in tangible stuff next year. Currently, he is working on getting graphics out. Lastly, we had a successful Euchre night and are planning on having another one next semester.

*Moved by GAGNE;
seconded by COOKE.*

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 November 16, 2022 be received.

*Moved by GAGNE;
seconded by PARSONS.*

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 November 16, 2022 be received.

PANCHAL states that he has been focusing on student advocacy, specifically for international students. We had another town hall for international student concerns and NUSU will be proposing a report to the administration for how we can meet their needs. PANCHAL and Jared attended an informal tea with President Kevin Wamsley. Discussions included financial concerns with Nipissing University and a strategic enrollment management plan. Concerns also came up about Dr. Wamsley's living situation as he is currently living at the monastery and he was asked what his plans are for the future regarding this. Academic Week was a success and PANCHAL learned a lot. He will work on promotion moving forward. Diwali was a good night and he was very happy with the turnout. Shinerama plans are also underway with a charitable dodgeball tournament that he and Preston are working on.

*Moved by PARSONS;
seconded by BROWNLEE.*

Discussion:

PARSONS asks if the minutes for the international town hall will be provided to the board.

PANCHAL states that yes, they are just being edited and will be shared after.

GAGNE asks why the planning for Diwali was rushed and last minute.

PANCHAL states that the University was planning it and they were in contact, but their planning of Diwali was not timed out properly as they wanted to do it on the day of Diwali and they put out an email to invite people to do performances a few days before Diwali. They decided to come together, move the date to November, and work together to plan it.

McENTEE states that Canadore was also planning on doing something for Diwali with us and ended up doing their own thing.

BROWNLEE states that they did an awesome job for Diwali but unfortunately she is hearing some things from international students that it wasn't well received for some of them. She is wondering if the executives heard anything about this.

PANCHAL states that he only heard positive feedback about the event.

McENTEE states that he heard about international students having a poor interaction with a non-international student.

COOKE states that we can always look to do better for events. We could send out a poll or something asking students for feedback.

PANCHAL states that this is a good idea and we can make it anonymous. Also, the audience likes taking over the music, but they were trying to stay on the set playlist, so it was difficult to meet everyone's requests.

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 November 16, 2022 be received.

ENGLISH states that NUSU Crew and Orientation Leaders have been added to the RSD database. NUSU Crew will hopefully be launching soon as it is pretty much ready to go, just need a good time for it to go out (either later this month or in the new semester). In the last couple weeks, ENGLISH has been trying to revamp how he interacts with student groups to get active communication. He has been reaching out to student groups and setting up recurring meetings with some of them. He met with Vito from athletics to confirm the dodgeball tournament to raise money for Shine. NUPHEES suggested that we run it collaboratively and half of the proceeds go to Shine and the other half go to Noah Strong. ENGLISH has also been working on fundraising with student groups and has been creating a sports trivia night for NUPHEES where the proceeds go into their account. Every student group wants a formal so a lot of these meetings have been discussing this. ENGLISH is hoping to use the Student Centre and bar staff for these formals. Board Game Club, NCCF, and Best Buddies have had several events at the Student Centre. For Movember, we put forth a collaborative giveaway and shaved Harikesh's beard for it. It will have tiers where the next prize gets unlocked after a certain amount of donations to try to raise as much money as possible. ENGLISH has been working on Frost Week with a tentative date being the last week of February since we want to incorporate the Ski Night. We have been planning both outdoor and indoor events for it. Night Owls on the 5th, 6th, and 7th are coming up too.

*Moved by COOKE;
seconded by GAGNE.*

Discussion:

PARSONS asks if there have been any updates on international events.

ENGLISH states that we had the virtual sexy bingo which incorporated international students. This can be discussed further at the Social Committee meeting and we can brainstorm ideas for international students. We will also bounce ideas off each other about future events for the second semester at the Social Committee meeting.

PANCHAL will be having meetings with SOCU about cultural events and will go through their list of ideas - will loop in the Social Committee too.

COOKE states that we could also include a comment at the end of the poll for international students who attended Diwali and ask if there are any events they would like to see on campus this year.

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

7. Question Period

PARSONS asks for an update on the AGM and audit.
McENTEE states that it will be discussed in the closed session.

8. Business Arising from the Minutes

9. New Business

a. Next land acknowledgment will be from Harikesh Panchal

b. Elections Committee Election

MOTION: That the Board elect up to two nominees to fill the vacant positions in the Elections Committee, these being _____.

GAGNE states that he can join the Elections Committee.
BROWNLEE states that she can also join the Elections Committee.

*Moved by PARSONS;
seconded by COOKE.*

Discussion:

McENTEE would like to make an amendment to the motion to change it to “That the Board elect up to two nominees to fill the vacant positions in the Elections Committee, these being Jared Gagne and Anna Brownlee.”

*Moved by McENTEE;
seconded by PARSONS.*

Discussion:

There is none.

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

PANCHAL calls for a motion to reconsider.

*Moved by PANCHAL;
seconded by BROWNLEE.*

Discussion:
There is none.

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

McENTEE would like to make an amendment to the motion to change it so “and Anna Brownlee” be replaced with “and Josee LaForest.”

*Moved by McENTEE;
seconded by GAGNE.*

Discussion:
There is none.

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

c. Appeals Committee Election

MOTION: That the Board elect up to two nominees to fill the vacant positions in the Appeals Committee, these being _____.

*Moved by COOKE;
seconded by GAGNE.*

Discussion:
PARSONS states that no one here is able to join the appeals committee.
McENTEE states that Adam is the only person who could join the committee but he is not in attendance so it will have to be tabled to the next meeting.

The motion will be tabled to the next Board of Directors meeting.

*Moved by McENTEE;
seconded by COOKE.*

*No noted abstentions.
No noted opposition.*

Motion carries.

10. Closed Session

MOTION: That the Board of Directors Emergency Meeting dated November 16, 2022 moves into closed session.

*Moved by ;
seconded by .*

Discussion:
There is none.

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

11. Adjournment

MOTION: That the Board of Directors meeting dated November 16, 2022 be adjourned.

*Moved by GAGNE;
seconded by BROWNLEE.*

Discussion:
There is none.

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

8:01PM – Meeting adjourned.

Sami Pritchard, CHAIR

Nicole Seeley, SECRETARY