

Vice-President of Finance Platform

Hello Nipissing University students. For those of you who do not know who I am, my name is Andrew Wood. I am currently a third-year student striving towards a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, double streaming in Finance and Marketing. In addition to this, I am also a student-athlete participating on the Nipissing Lakers Lacrosse team.

My Nipissing experience has been filled with excitement. Being involved with the school has enabled this to transpire. I have previous work experience with NUSU, as I worked in collaboration to present the Lakers first ever "Lakers Break the ice on Mental Health." I am greatly honoured to be a part of this success. This year, I earned a position through NU Works as an employee for Lakers Athletics. Also, being a team member for the Nipissing Lakers Lacrosse program has given me a sense of home and a family. I want to share this same atmosphere and sense of belonging with the NUSU team, creating a positive and welcoming environment. I am running to become your vice president of finance for two reasons. Firstly, my goal is to advance the involvement of all students who are attending Nipissing University. As well as, enriching each individual experience throughout their educational path.

Having the opportunity to withhold this position gives me the chance to continue and better NUSU. Below, are my ideas for which I am looking to implement in the following year:

Transparency:

What does transparency mean to me? It means, to simply give the student body a voice and a chance to be heard. This is something I if elected, would enforce immediately. I would like to give the students the ability to ask questions and bring forth issues or concerns. Alongside, having this dealt with in a timely manner and given the utmost attention. Transparency can be improved by:

- The student body - Students should know where their money is going and how effective it is being used.
- Myself - The more people that voice their opinion, the more diverse our school will become. Accepting new ideas and outlooks is what I believe is my role in helping this take place.

Student Building:

This is a very important topic that should be brought up to all Nipissing University students. As some may know, there is the discussion of a new facility being built on campus. I would like students to be informed about this fantastic new idea. With that being said, I would also like to inform the students about the potential cost incurred from this project, while minimizing the amount that students may need contribute into the project while innovating other financial possibilities.

Sustain the foundation placed:

There has been an incredible foundation set for the finance department of NUSU. I think it is necessary to continue what has already been implemented. With this being said, there is ALWAYS room for improvement. Nipissing University Student Union should continuously be growing and striving to improve, while still keeping what is known to succeed.

- Student Health Plan - implementing innovative concepts to the health plan while keeping the original integrity. An example of this is by further advertising the ability to opt out of the health plan.

It is an absolute honour to have an opportunity to be the voice of the student body. Being an upper year student in the Finance Stream, not only displays my knowledge that will be beneficial for this team, but also shows my passion that I have in this setting. Thank you for considering me to be your Vice President of Finance. Come share your ideas, and I will make them happen!