

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Nipissing University Student Union
Friday, September 28, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. Room F303, Nipissing University
Approved at October 26, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting

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 Friday, September 28th, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.. – F303, Nipissing University

Call to Order – Friday, September 28th.

9:34 a.m. – Chairperson Daniel Goulard, President called the Board of Directors meeting to order.

1. Attendance/Land Acknowledgement

President:	Daniel Goulard	Present
VP Governance & Legal Affairs	Hannah Mackie	Present
VP Finance:	Andrew Wood	Present
VP Services:	Nicolai MacKenzie	Present
VP Communications:	Xander Winter	Present
Director-at-Large:	Brando Gasparin	Present
Director-at-Large:	Parker Anderson	Regrets
Director-at-Large:	Lauren Beatty	Regrets
Director-at-Large:	J'aime Brunet	Present
Director-at-Large:	Charlotte Foster	Regrets
Director-at-Large:	Cooper Allen	Present
Director-at-Large:	Daniel Miller	Regrets

CHAIR / SPEAKER: Daniel Goulard – NUSU President
 RECORDED BY: Erin Edge – Secretary to the Board

Chair said that quorum has been reached.

Land Acknowledgement:

“Nipissing University is located in the territory of Nipissing First Nation and within the Robinson-Huron Treaty of 1850. We acknowledge the territory to honour the land we are on today, and the continued presence of the Anishinaabeg peoples of Nipissing First Nation and to recognize our ongoing relationship with the community. We are honoured to live and work alongside the Anishinaabeg people of Nipissing First Nation”

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

If any Board members foresee a personal conflict of interest with anything in the agenda, please make it known now.

No conflict of interest was brought to the attention of the Board.

3. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #57: That the Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for Friday, September 28th, 2018 be adopted as presented.

Moved: MACKIE
Seconded: BRUNET

Discussion: To have a closed session before adjournment.

Abstentions: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

4. Adoption of Minutes

MOTION #58: That the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, August 20th, 2018 be adopted as presented.

Moved: FOSTER
Seconded: MACKIE

Discussion:
The President will send out emails notifying the student body of Director resignations.

Opposed: GASPARIN
Abstentions: BRUNET
MOTION CARRIED.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

6. Executive Committee Term Reports

a. Report From the President

(See Appendix "A")

MOTION #59: That the Board receives the Report from the President dated September 28th, 2018.

Moved: GOULARD
Seconded: MACKIE

Discussion:

The President has been meeting with municipal candidates on a non-partisan level and no meeting content has been shared with students. It's for NUSU's benefit for future relationships.

Abstentions: ALLEN and GASPARIN
MOTION CARRIED.

b. Report from the Vice President Finance

(See Appendix "B")

MOTION #60: That the Board receives the Report from the Vice-President Finance dated September 28th, 2018.

Moved: WOOD
Seconded: MacKENZIE

Discussion:

Executive reports will be submitted on time for future Board of Director meetings. WOOD will follow-up with the appropriate sponsors to maintain and create long-term relationships with the sponsors.

Abstentions: ALLEN and GASPARIN
MOTION CARRIED.

c. Report from the Vice President Services

(See Appendix "C")

MOTION #61: That the Board receives the Report from the Vice-President Services dated September 28, 2018.

Moved: MacKENZIE
Seconded: WINTER

Discussion:

Next year for frosh week, advertise that the students need to attend the events to get a lunch. MacKENZIE will provide the incoming team with ideas on how to focus frosh week on the froshes rather than the leaders.

Abstentions: ALLEN, GASPARIN and MacKENZIE
MOTION CARRIED

d. **Report from the Vice-President Communications**

(See Appendix "D")

MOTION #62: That the Board receives the Report from the Vice-President Communications dated September 28, 2018.

Moved: WINTER

Seconded: MacKENZIE

Discussion:

WINTER would recommend extending the Shine Day times to include over the dinner hour. He suggests even bumping the entire day back a bit so that the teams get the lunch and dinner rushes at locations.

MacKENZIE would be willing to run an event that is for students and involves Goosechase. WINTER agrees that the comedy club could have helped and he will reach out to them with future comedic events.

FOSTER suggests more defense classes being offered but at a variety of different times so that students can attend them.

FOSTER leaves the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Abstentions: ALLEN and GASPARIN
MOTION CARRIED

7. Question Period

JB Q: Can you explain how the transition for the VPGLA is going to happen?

DG A: The current executives have been working together to make a document that has all the items that the VPGLA will be doing and that they will need to go over with Hannah Mackie in the VPGLA role. The transition is going to go slowly as she learns the role and gets updated on what's going on. There's also transition files that she will be reviewing and going over.

JB Q: Would it be helpful and beneficial to get reports from staff members to hear what they're doing?

AW A: No. The executive meet with the staff regularly and are able to see on a day to day basis of what occurs in the office and what the staff are doing. It's up to the executives to share to the Board what the staff have been doing.

HM A: We need to remember Governance vs Management. The executive will look at completing job descriptions and procedural reports as to what the staff does on a

regular basis so that they are available if NUSU needed to fill a position or a role changes. The executives will look at doing departmental highlights and making supplemental documents for the positions.

DG A: The executive will add staff portions to their report including what the staff have been working on and doing to keep a written description of the staff role.

JB Q: Can we implement some sort of online training for staff an executive to complete such as Health & Safety or Workplace Harassment?

HM A: Yes. Mackie will look into modules and training for the staff to complete.

JB Q: Can we by the October board meeting have a complete plan of what training is happening?

DG A: Yes.

JB Q: Would it beneficial to do another information session about the building for just students?

DG A: We will go over everything for the building at the Annual General Meeting.

BG Q: Can we try to get students to attend the Board of Director meetings?

DG A: Once the new Directors get elected and we set times for our meetings then we can advertise and try to get students out to the meetings.

8. Committee Reports

a. Audit and Finance Committee

There will be an audit and finance committee meeting occurring this month.

b. Campaigns Committee

There has not been a campaigns committee meeting yet.

c. Elections Committee

There was a successful executive election that just completed. The Director/Senator all candidates meeting will be held this afternoon. Hannah Mackie as the new VPGLA will become and transition into the CRO position for future elections.

d. Executive Committee

No report.

e. Governance Committee

No report.

f. Green Initiatives Committee

There was a meeting held on September 12th, 2018. They discussed plans for the year moving forward. They discussed some of the initiatives that the University of Guelph are doing and have taken some of their initiatives that they are going to try at Nipissing over the year. The committee will be working with the Environmental Group on campus to proceed with green initiatives. At Senate it was announced that Nipissing received a \$900,000 dollar retro-fit fund for the school. Earth day and earth hour are both happening in April this year. They are working on and would like to start a rent a bike share program this year so that hopefully next year's team will follow through with it.

g. Shine Committee

No report. The committee will be meeting soon to discuss the plans for the rest of the year.

h. Social Committee

The committee met on September 14th, 2018. They discussed events throughout the year. Halloween Haunt is taking place on October 20th, 2018 and we need to sell 25 tickets for it to proceed. There will be Christmas in November and a November movie night that they are planning for November. There will be another meeting before the next board meeting.

9. Other Business

GASPARIN comments that the executives do a lot of work but it's not always reflected in their written report. WOOD explains that to complete an indepth report that takes a lot of time, it also means that the time to complete that report takes away from other important responsibilities that that time could be better used.

Will the office be closed on the Tuesday during reading week? The members discuss how to rearrange the executives hours to accommodate closing the office on the Tuesday during reading week. The executives need to work their 20 hours of office time less 8 hours for the office being closed on Tuesday. The NUSU office will be closed on the Tuesday of the reading week.

MOTION #63: That the NUSU office be closed on Tuesday, October 9th, 2018.

Moved: MACKIE

Seconded: MacKENZIE

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION #64: That the NUSU executives will be required to work 8 less hours in their standard work week during the week of October 8th to October 12th, 2018, to accommodate for the staff holiday (Thanksgiving).

Moved: MACKIE
Seconded: MacKENZIE

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Closed Session

MOTION #65: To move the meeting into a closed session.

Moved: WINTER
Seconded: MacKENZIE

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting moved to closed session at 12:06 p.m.

Meeting moved to open session at 1:13p.m.

11. Adjournment

MOTION #66: To adjourn the September 28th, 2018 Board of Directors meeting.

Moved: BRUNET
Seconded: MacKENZIE

MOTION CARRIED.

1:24 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.



Daniel Goulard, CHAIR



Erin Edge, SECRETARY



President's Report to the Board of Directors

Prepared By: Daniel Goulard
Friday, September 28th, 2018

This past month has been a heavy one in terms of things going on around campus and within the community. The biggest thing was Frosh Week as that took up the first few weeks since the last meeting. When that ended, the focus was managing both my time in the office as well as my school work. With that being covered over time, the main two things that have been keeping me busy are the elections and the meetings I have been having with the municipal candidates for the upcoming elections in North Bay. Finally, as always, I have been having recurring meetings with many people within the university to continue seeing what it is that we can do together to both make student life better and continue making Nipissing a great place to go to school.

This Report:

- Frosh Week
- Executive Elections
- Municipal Candidate Meetings
- Misc.

Frosh Week

So one of the biggest events that is held is Frosh Week. Frosh Week this year was amazing and it was great to be part of it in an administrative capacity. With being a Frosh Leader last year, I had an idea of what to expect but it was vastly different than from the previous year. Having the responsibility of the running of certain aspects rather than being a team leader was quite eye-opening and very rewarding. The goal was to make a great Frosh Week for incoming students to enjoy and the Services department did a great job orchestrating the whole thing. Nicolai, Warren, the coordinator team, all the leaders, and the rest of the office covered many aspects of the week and it went off with some real positivity. In my role, I was mostly a driver of a rental vehicle, handing out some spirit points, helping students and leaders when needed, and ultimately just being a support for those who needed it.

Executive Elections

Back in July, the VP Governance & Legal Affairs became vacant and at the following board meeting, we had decided to hold a by-election to find a replacement. Since the VP GLA

was the CRO beforehand, I took over the role for this election so that we may have a full committee to oversee this process. What has been done is that the Elections Policy was re-done to shore up any discrepancies from the previous policy. For the elections, we got two candidates: Hannah Mackie and Nigel Navgiri. As the campaigning has commenced, we hosted a debate for both candidates to give students a chance to ask questions of them and what they look to accomplish if elected. This whole process has been a learning experience and my Elections Committee has been a big help in making sure that the whole thing runs smoothly and I look forward to working with whomever is elected.

Municipal Candidate Meetings

Over the past few weeks, Dr. DeGagné and I have been meeting with municipal candidates for both the council and mayoral races. We felt that it was important to meet with them to gauge where they feel student issues and retention as well as the economic impact students have in the community. Having these meetings can raw out some knowledge in terms of how the people running see North Bay and what it has to offer and how the city can change to cater to keeping students in North Bay after graduation while also making the city a fun place to live in during the year. The community has more to offer in the downtown and Ferris areas, but students don't travel there due to ease and opportunity. The candidates seemed very attentive with what we brought up but time will tell that those who are elected will take action for students in the community to make North Bay more student-oriented.

Misc.

A few other things have happened in the past month involving NUSU. They include:

- We hosted our Welcome Back BBQ during the second week of classes. I unfortunately was sick that day, but it went very well and hundreds of students came out to grab some free food and see tables sat at by CFS, RBC, Shoppers Drug Mart, and more.
- Homecoming was a big event this past weekend and the amount of work that the Good Neighbour group has done really made a difference in our relationship with the homeowners. The group has been making sure students are behaving, the university went about sending out messages of proper behavior, and the police service was a strong and supportive presence in the community and all these approaches culminated in a safe and fun weekend that I feel encompassed what being a Laker is about. Continuing to meet with the Good Neighbour group will yield positive results and I look forward to working with them.

- I have continued having meetings within the university and included in those were the first Senate and Board of Governors meetings of the year. Although I was away for the Senate meeting, I was able to be at Board of Governors and I am excited to work alongside both Senate and the board this upcoming year.
- The student centre has been approved at the Board of Governors and now we are looking at having a groundbreaking ceremony. Congrats to the building committee as their hard work and persistence in this matter has finally gotten the building signed off to start construction. Now, it is waiting for an exact timeline and look towards turning soil and getting this building started.

Summary

It has been quite the busy month and I think that it will continue to be busy. Making sure that both school and work are taking equal parts of my time will lead to me being successful in my role. With a lot of moving pieces with the municipal elections, the turnover with a new VP GLA, and the student centre soon to start construction, it is an exciting time to be a part of NUSU.

Things to Come

Things that I will be working on this next month will start with transitioning the new executive into their role and making sure they are comfortable with the new task load that they will be taking on. We are also hosting a Chamber After Hours event this Thursday from 4:30pm-7:00pm which I look forward to. The Director/Senator elections will be going on the next couple weeks and voting will start after reading week. Lastly, we will be preparing ourselves for the NUSU AGM which will be on October 30th.

If you have any questions about my report, please let me know and I will keep note of them as I make future reports.

Thanks,

Daniel Goulard

Appendix 'B'

Vice-President Finance's Report to the Board of Directors

Prepared By: Andrew Wood
Friday September 28th, 2018

This month has been incredibly hectic and rewarding all at the same time. It has been a complete change to everything I was used to doing during the summer months. It has been a new transition period trying to fit classes and work into the same schedule while still completing the required work in half the time. Finally, I was able to partake in this years Frosh Week. It was an amazing experience while being one of the busiest times! It was an incredible month full of lots of very positive information.

This Report:

The following report contains the main things I have accomplished during my last month in office. I had a very busy month that was productive. We have been working very well together and our team is growing stronger every day. The main points of interest I have been working on are the NOHFC Grant, The building tender, Student advocacy/petitions, and Frosh Week. These are just the main topics I have been working on alongside my every day work.

Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Association Grant

After applying for the NOHFC Grant, we have received a response from the Canadian Government. They had denied our request of two million dollars. After discussing this with Len Gamache and Ian Hall, they believe this is a wrongful denial. They came to meet with Warren, Sarah and myself to explain this. Ian has a high understanding of the government from his background. After discussing it with him, Len and Ian will be acting on this and are going back to NOHFC for them to reconsider our application. This is a recent event and they will be following up with more information when they get any. We will be having regular meeting moving forward.

Student Advocacy

I have been taking on the advocacy side of the vacant Governance and Legal Affairs position. I am currently helping students with any academic, online learning, or general inquiries. With the recent change to Nipissing's Distance Learning exam policy, we have had a

large number of students reaching out to NUSU to resolve this situation. I have been meeting with faculty and Dean's to discuss our course of action moving forward. After meeting with registrar, it does not seem like we cannot do anything as this decision is not going to be overturned. I am going to continue to rectify this situation for the students. This is a busy time for student advocacy as students are getting informed to the fees that need to be paid and academics that may seem unfair to them.

Frosh Week

Frosh week was a complete success from a Finance perspective. Our sponsors had a positive response and were pleased with NUSU and our first-year students. We had reached out and provided cards thanking them for partaking in our Frosh week. After handing these out we had quick discussions on their thoughts. We received great information from this and I will be following up with them in the future to have a more in-depth conversation about this as I feel it will be useful moving forward knowing what NUSU did well and what we need to work on in the future. Overall, it was a complete success.

Nipissing University Student Centre

After many years of work and countless hours from staff and executives, we have finally reached an agreement with Kenalex Construction. I am extremely proud of my predecessor's and my coworkers this year who have made this building possible. We are continuing to complete the last steps to start construction as soon as possible. This an absolute honour to be a part of and I look forward to seeing this project start taking place.

Things to Come

I am going to be focusing a lot of my attention on the building and helping out our new VP GLA as they transition into their new role. It will be a crazy month trying to get the building started and I look forward to the things to come!

Appendix 'C' Vice-President Services' Report to the Board of Directors

Prepared By: Nicolai MacKenzie
Friday, September 28th, 2018

This month Frosh Week 2018 happened. Before that, there was Leader Training. Lots of preparation went into the week all summer. We held the community clean up as a part of Frosh Week, and gathered food donations for our food bank while we picked up garbage. Once Frosh was over, the executive by-elections started, to fill the position of Vice President Governance & Legal Affairs. The Club Summit meeting, and Club Days both took place in the first couple weeks of school. There have been a few new club status applications.

This Report:

- Frosh Week
- Clubs
- Food Bank
- Elections
- Events

Frosh Week

I will touch on some of the highlights and important details from Frosh Week, if there are any further questions on the week or anything I left out that you are curious about. Let me know and I will be happy to answer.

Training

- The Coordinators arrived for their training on Monday August 20th and we spent 2 days preparing them for the week, and also planning Leader Training. We were also asked to speak to the Residence Life Team about the upcoming Frosh Week.
- Our Frosh Leaders participated in Leader Training from Wednesday August 22nd to Monday August 27th. During this time we had 3 full days of training, as well as assisting with residence move-ins, showcasing our shine stunt, and attending a flag raising ceremony at city hall.
- Training was successful and the guests we brought in to deliver training sessions were all helpful. We had the Equity Centre give a presentation on Conscious Talk. Margi from the Military Family Resource Centre presented on mental health. Amy Raymond, Kate Smith, and Dakota Heon, the Sexual Violence Prevention and Education team, presented

Consent ++ as well as Bringing In The Bystander. Paul Courville from Student Accessibility Services presented about supporting students with accessibility needs.

Frosh Events

- Frosh Week started on Tuesday August 28th with Opening Ceremonies, and finished on Sunday September 2nd with Closing Ceremonies.
- The week ran smoothly thanks to the help of all of the leaders, the coordinators and everyone in the office played a role in helping the week to run without too many bumps.
- Warren Lindsay and Sarah McGowan, spent a lot of time during the weeks of Leader Training and Frosh Week helping to execute the week. Without the two of them it would have been overwhelming, and would not have been as successful.
- Tuesday the 28th we had many guests speak at our Opening Ceremonies. We had: Alison Jackson from the Office of Indigenous Initiatives, Mayor Al McDonald, MP Anthony Rota, Police Chief Shawn Devine, President Mike DeGagne, Chancellor Paul Cook, and Interim Dean of Arts & Science Dr. Pavlina Radia.
- Wednesday the 29th we had the Speak About It performance talking about consent, and our Amazing Race where we bussed students around the city so that they could learn about the community and some local businesses. The stops were: The Algonquin Regiment, Yogurtz, Twiggs, Grounded Studios, Burger World, Popeye's, Rebuilt Resources, gd2go, Moose's Cookhouse, No Frills, The Health Unit, and Duchesnay Falls.
- Thursday the 30th saw our Muddy Olympics and we had community members join us once again. We had the fire station arrive to help us soak the field, and we had the Algonquin Regiment once again to run an obstacle course.
- Friday the 31st was our Beach Day at the North Bay Waterfront.
- Saturday the 1st was our Shine Day, which Xander took the lead on and it was a great day out in the community once again, this time raising money for Cystic Fibrosis Canada.
- Sunday the 2nd we brought students up the the school to learn a bit about the campus, then brought them down to the Thibeault Terrace for a Community Clean Up.
- We also ran evening events together with residence throughout the week, which were successful collaborations. They were: Movie Night, Outdoor Yoga, and Sexy Bingo.

Food Sponsors

- We had many food sponsors throughout the week that provided us with meals for all of our students and volunteers. These sponsors were: Burger World, East Side Mario's, and Casey's.

- We also had Twigg's and gd2go provide our Frosh Leaders with lunch during Leader Training.

Frosh Attendance and Feedback

- We sold 350 Frosh Tickets this year. Attendance for many events was great throughout the week, though there were some days towards the end of the week where attendance was lower than expected.
- I worked with the coordinators to make feedback surveys. One for the Frosh Leaders, and one for the Froshies (students participating in Frosh). These surveys ask about the cost of participation, the events, the people involved, and how the week could be improved moving forwards.
- So far, we have received 152 responses from Froshies and 25 from Frosh Leaders.

Clubs

New Clubs

- The Chemistry Society has officially become a club and is starting to advertise to students what their plans are for the year. They are focused on providing events and academic support to students taking chemistry courses.
- Other clubs that are in the process of applying are the Nipissing University Badminton Club, and the NU Faith, or Nipissing University Interfaith Society.

Club Summit

- Clubs attended the Club Summit meeting held on Wednesday September 12th, where I provided updates on how to plan events, advertise, recruit members, and run their club within the regulations of our Clubs Policy.

Club Days

- Club Days took place from September 17th - 20th.
- Erin Edge helped with the planning and execution of Club Days. Clubs booked tables outside of the bookstore and used them to advertise their clubs and what they plan to do this year to students.
- This year there were also many community organizations who wanted to attend Club Days. Since we didn't have enough space for everyone, we made sure that Club Days was only for clubs. We instead booked the community organizations for the following

week of September 24th - 28th. We have had: Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Algonquin Regiment, Community Living North Bay, St. John's Ambulance, the Human Evolution Lab, and Plan A Nipissing.

Food Bank

- We collected food donations for our food bank during our Community Clean up as a part of Frosh Week. We also received food donations from the Men's Volleyball Team from their Hunger Spike event.

Elections

- I was the DRO for the executive by-elections. I ran the all candidates meeting on Friday September 14th along with Parker and Charlotte, The candidates, or their delegates, came to learn about the rules of the campaign for them and their campaign teams to follow during the coming weeks.
- I reached out to Gerald Gallinger from Canadore to ask about a livestream of the debate, but they were unable to assist us with this event.
- I worked with Roger Dupuis from Technology Services to set up the online voting through blackboard.
- I worked with Scott Graham from the Registrar's Office to confirm the nominations.
- I arrived on Monday morning when the campaign period started on the 17th and worked with Erin to get all of the supplies ready for the candidates to start their campaigns.

Events

In the past month I attended some events on the behalf of NUSU, if you have any questions about these events, I would be more than happy to answer them. The events that I attended in the past month were:

- Athletics BBQ on Monday September 3rd
- Unmasking Masculinity, an event centered on our perceptions of masculinity and the effects it has on young males, run by Dakota Heon on September 4th
- TCAC Orientation Day, where incoming education students from outside of Nipissing

learned about our campus and about North Bay, run by the Teaching Candidate Advisory Council on September 9th

- RSD Information Session, where I learned about updates and changes to the RSD for this year, run by Samantha Fraser on September 11th
- Meet the Candidates, where I met political candidates running in the upcoming municipal election, run in part by NUSU on September 11th
- Homecoming, I volunteered at Homecoming helping the Alumni with set up and preparations of their BBQ, speakers, and signs for the day on September 22nd

Things to Come

Frosh

- I will continue to receive and analyze feedback from Frosh Week
- I will continue to meet with various departments who had a part in orientation, to discuss plans to improve for next year

Clubs

- As more club status applications are complete, I will review them and provide feedback if needed before sending them to Casey Phillips for final approval
- Clubs are starting to run events, so we will continue to support them and provide any assistance they may need in having a successful year

Events

- Planning of events will continue throughout the school year
- I will use feedback and surveys to help with the planning and running of events
- I will also continue to use the green initiatives committee and the social committee to help give outside opinions on some events and initiatives for our campus
- Working closely with the Communications Department will be important to advertise events happening to make sure that students are aware

Elections

- The Director/Senator by-elections are currently underway. The nomination period is almost finished and throughout these elections I will be an elections official.

Appendix 'D'

VP Communication's Report to the Board of Directors

Prepared By: Xander Winter
Friday September 28th, 2018

Since the last Board meeting a lot has happened. We have had Frosh Week, the first month of a new semester, and currently Wellness Week is in full swing. It has been an exciting, although very busy, time in the office, and keeping up with only 4 executives has proved challenging, although we have found a way to make it work. I look forward to the rest of the year.

This Report:

- Shinerama
- Frosh
- Welcome BBQ
- OA/CA
- Wellness Week
- Military Family Resource Center
- Community Engagement
- Building
- Who I've Met With/Events Attended

Shinerama

Shinerama went very well and we raised \$9,347.80! Overall the day went very well, although we did not have the highest turnout, and one location ended up leaving early to join another due to lack of community turnout at that location. Our guest speaker Vicky Foster spoke very well, and CFC North Bay helped us out by serving breakfast. All in all the event was a huge success, however, in future years finding a way to cut costs would be recommended.

Frosh

Frosh week was extremely successful, and I will leave most of that report to Nicolai. The one piece that I would like to touch on was Goose Chase. Goose Chase was an online scavenger hunt that students could download and participate on by completing various challenges. This went over extremely well and all feedback we received on it was positive. It provided the introverted Froshies something to do while others went to search for spirit points, and was a great way for teams to bond. I highly recommend that this is run again next year, and stay with the Communications Department so that it is not added to the plate of Services as they are

already extremely busy.

Welcome BBQ

We had a Welcome BBQ on Wednesday September 12th. This was open to all Nipissing students, and we had partners come in and set up tents to speak with our students. Those that attended were: CIBC, RBC, Algonquin Regiment, Shoppers Drug Mart, Rewire, and CFS. We had a good turn out, and students were very appreciative of the food that they were provided.

OA/CA

After conducting interviews we hired Allie Lishman as our Office Assistant and AJ LaCarte as our Communications Assistant. They have both been doing great work since they began.

Wellness Week

As I write this we have only completed the first two days of Wellness Week. Both of the first two days went well, and we look forward to the rest of the week. So far we have had Mirrorless Monday, Smash The Scales, Movie Night, Act Like A Kid Day, Friend Send, and RBC came in and talked about Financial Fitness. Moving forward we will have Romaine Calm and Carry On, RBC will come in again, the Friend Send will continue, So You're Thinking Of Becoming An Exec, Self Love Is The Best Love, Food For Thought, Self Defence with Action MMA, and a Comedy Night in the student lounge. I will have a breakdown of the success of the entire week in my next report.

Military Family Resource Center

We are very happy to say that we recently celebrated our one year partnership with the Military Family Resource Center! We look forward to continuing with this relationship.

Community Engagement

NUSU has been becoming more and more involved with the community making strong connections. One of these connections is with the Chamber of Commerce. On Thursday September 27th we will be hosting a Chamber of Commerce After Hours event. After this Ignite North Bay is hosting an event, and Sarah McGowan has done an excellent job of working with them and coordinating how the two events will work together. We also have Lauren Beatty sitting on the Young Professionals committee of the Chamber. We are excited to see these connections coming together and look forward to see our community ties continue to grow.

Building

With the building beginning to move forward this means that we must keep the media and student body updated. We have sent out a media release about the building and announced the awarding of tender over our social media platforms.

Who I've Met With/Events Attended

- Terra Nevrencan (Manager Student Counselling Services)
- Unmasking Masculinity
 - An event run by Dakota Heon to talk about how the stereotype of what it means to 'be a man' can be harmful
- Annual Staff Awards for Exceptional Performance and/or Service Committee
- Leona from the Equity Center
 - Nicolai and I met with Leona to discuss the events that they hope to run throughout this year
- Social Committee
- Lakers Orientation
- All Candidates Meeting
- BOG Community Relations Committee
- BOG Fundraising Committee
- Lakers iLead Meeting (Cooper Allen)
- Genevieve de Bruyn (Manager, Residence Life) & Courtney Meyer (Supervisor, Residence Student Education)
 - Meeting to discuss the collaborative events between Residence Life and NUSU during Lakers Orientation
- Dr. Arja Vainio-Mattila (Provost and Vice-President, Academic and Research)
 - Meeting to discuss new Nipissing University restructuring
- Katie Sills (Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Coordinator)
- VP GLA Debate
- Board of Governors
- Homecoming Opening

Things to Come

Moving forward we will be finishing Wellness Week, as well as transitioning a new executive. I very much look forward to the new exec in office as it will help run a little smoother in the office as we all return to our original job descriptions.

I am also very excited to watch the building project take the next step forward, as I think



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