

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Nipissing University Student Union**  
Friday, November 30th, 2018 - 8:30 p.m. - R226, Nipissing University

Approved by Board of Directors at February 1, 2019 Meeting

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Call to Order – November 30th, 2018

8:36 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	(8:47 am)	Present
VP Finance:	Andrew Wood		Present
VP Services:	Nicolai MacKenzie	(8:47 am)	Present
VP Communications:	Xander Winter		Present
Director-at-Large:	Brando Gasparin		Present
Director-at-Large:	Parker Anderson		Present
Director-at-Large:	Lauren Beatty		Present
Director-at-Large:	J'aime Brunet		Present
Director-at-Large:	Charlotte Foster		Present
Director-at-Large:	Cooper Allen		Present
Director-at-Large:	Daniel Miller		Present
Director-at-Large:	Ally McClure		Present
Director-at-Large:	Braeden Vavassori		Present

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

Chair said that quorum has been reached.

**Land Acknowledgement:**

As we begin this Nipissing University Student Union Board of Directors meeting, I would like to acknowledge that we are in the territory of the Robinson-Huron Treaty of 1850 and that the land on which we gather is the Nipissing First Nation Traditional Territory and the traditional territory of the Anishnabek. We respect and are grateful to hold this event on these lands with all our relatives.

**2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

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

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION #79: That the Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for Friday, November 30th, 2018 be adopted as presented.**

Moved: BEATTY  
Seconded: FOSTER

Abstentions: ALLEN  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

**MOTION #80: That the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for Friday, November 30, 2018 be adopted as presented.**

Moved: BRUNET  
Seconded: VALVASORRI

Opposed: ALLEN and GASPARIN  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**6. Executive Committee Term Reports**

**a. Report From the President**

(See Appendix "A")

**MOTION #81: That the Board receives the Report from the President dated November 30, 2018.**

Moved: GOULARD  
Seconded: BRUNET

Opposed: ALLEN, GASPARIN, VALVASSORI  
Abstentions:  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

**b. Report from the Vice President Finance**

(See Appendix "B")

**MOTION #82: That the Board receives the Report from the Vice-President Finance dated November 30, 2018.**

Moved: WOOD  
Seconded: ANDERSON

Opposed: GASPARIN  
Abstentions: ALLEN, ANDERSON  
**MOTION CARRIED**

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

(See Appendix "C")

**MOTION #83: That the Board receives the Report from the Vice-President Communications dated November 30, 2018.**

Moved: WINTER  
Seconded: McCLURE

Abstentions: None  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**d. Report from the Vice President Governance & Legal Affairs**

(See Appendix "D")

**MOTION #84: That the Board receives the Report from the Vice-President Governance & Legal Affairs dated November 30th, 2018.**

Moved: MACKIE  
Seconded: FOSTER

Opposed: GASPARIN  
Abstentions: ALLEN, ANDERSON, VALVASORRI  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

e. **Report from the Vice-President Services**

(See Appendix "E")

**MOTION #85: That the Board receives the Report from the Vice-President Services dated November 30, 2018.**

Moved: MacKENZIE

Seconded: BRUNET

**Discussion:**

Club days will be taking place from January 14-17, 2019.

Friendly amendment to MACKENZIE's report is that the tornadoes occurred in Ottawa, not Ottawa Valley.

Opposed: GASPARIN

Abstentions: ALLEN, ANDERSON, VALVASSORI

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7. Question Period**

Q: FOSTER - Is NUSU doing anything on campus to ease stress that students may have?

A: MACKENZIE - Wellness wishes are taking place in the library for two days. This is where we just show up and provide snacks and ask for wishes that the students would like.

**8. Committee Reports**

a. **Audit and Finance Committee**

No report.

b. **Campaigns Committee**

The committee met on November 15, 2018. The committee has decided to participate in the white ribbon campaign and going to partner with Katie Sills. This will be taking place in January.

There is going to be a campaign in the winter semester promoting the food bank. We want students to be aware that it's available to all students and remove the stigma from it.

A member suggests to get rid of the stigma, get board members and athletes to use the food bank. It was suggested to do a video to promote it.

The committee also wants to do another “so you want to be an exec”. This would be hosting an event to talk to students and let them know if they have any questions, the execs are open to answer them. They want to do something to get people into talk to us to get more nominations and candidates running for next year’s elections. We want students to know about the new positions and what each position entails.

c. Elections Committee

The election committee and specifically GOULARD are working on the election package to send out.

**MOTION #86: That the Board appoint BRUNET to sit on the Elections Committee for the remaining 2018-2019 term.**

Moved: WINTER

Seconded: MACKIE

**MOTION CARRIED**

GOULARD will be scheduling a meeting for the committee the first week back from the holiday break.

d. Governance Committee

The committee met after the last board meeting. They spoke about the code of Conduct moving forward. The committee will be meeting to meet to go over the draft Code of Conduct.

e. Green Initiatives Committee

The committee met and discussed the bike share program that they are planning to have ready by the end of the term. Currently they are looking into costs for locks, racks, helmets and exactly how the program is going to work. The committee will need to work with residence to see where the bikes could be stored and whether they would be willing to assist with the program. There will be waivers that students will need to complete so that they can use the bike share program.

The committee would like to do a water bottle campaign and promote that tap water is safe to use. They would like to have a booth with bottle water and tap water and teach students about the differences and see if the students can tell which water they drink is tap or bottled. This campaign will be taking place in either January or February.

g. Shine Committee

The committee met on November 15, 2018. They will be hosting a dodgeball tournament or similar event that teams don't sign up for, but where you show up, pay \$2 and get to play. This will be held in late February.

NUSU has a lot of Escape t-shirts for Shinerama that the committee want to sell. The committee would like to try and advertise on social media and sell the t-shirts at any events such as dodgeball tournament. They are going to reach out to the local Cystic Fibrosis chapter to see if they'd be interested in buying some of the t-shirts.

The committee for Cystic Fibrosis, along with Ilead, would like to do a Shine theme night at an event. This would be at an athletic game or event which would involve having a sea of yellow t-shirts to promote Shinerama.

h. Social Committee

The committee met on November 5, 2018, and discussed all the events that would like to run over the next month.

9. Other Business

GOULARD asks all the members to provide their timetables to him so that potential dates for board meetings in the new year can be planned.

There will not be a December board meeting.

GOULARD asks the members if they agree to close the office on the Tuesday during the February reading week.

All members agree to close the office on the Tuesday during the February reading week.

11. Adjournment


**MOTION #87: To adjourn the November 30th, 2018 Board of Directors meeting.**

Moved: WINTER  
Seconded: BEATTY

Opposed: GASPARIN  
Abstentions: ALLEN  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

9:23a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

  
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Daniel Goulard, CHAIR

  
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Erin Edge, SECRETARY



## **President's Report to the Board of Directors**

Prepared By: Daniel Goulard  
Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

In the month of November, quite a few big events occurred with long-lasting effects on the student union and the university coming in the near future. The main two of them were the AGM we hosted on October 30<sup>th</sup> and the Student Centre Groundbreaking Ceremony that took place on November 9<sup>th</sup>. I also attended the Board of Governors Retreat as well as some community events.

### **This Report:**

- Groundbreaking Ceremony
- AGM
- Board of Governors Retreat
- Community Involvement
- Miscellaneous

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### **Groundbreaking Ceremony**

November 9<sup>th</sup> marked a huge day in NUSU history as we held our Groundbreaking Ceremony to commence the construction of our upcoming Student Centre. This project has been ongoing for almost a decade and the many hands that have worked on this project can be seen at each stage of its completion. We had amazing representatives and speakers including Mayor Al MacDonald, MP Anthony Rota, MPP Vic Fedeli, NU President Mike DeGagne, Dr. Denyse Lafrance-Horning from the School of Business, Jade Nighbor, President of the Alumni Advisory Board, and many community members and university staff. This is a huge step forward in this project and I am excited to see the work being done on the lot during the construction process.

### **AGM**

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, we hosted our Annual General Meeting to discuss our summer reports, ratify all of our board and executive members, and pass changes to our organization. The biggest takeaways from the AGM include our executive restructure from five executives to four and our choice of BDO to be our auditor for this executive term. We also updated our membership of what went on throughout the summer and how we have been perceived in the local news and the community as a whole. We look forward to working with these changes and setting up future teams for success during their terms.

## **Board of Governors Retreat**

On November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, the NU Board of Governors hosted a retreat at the Canadian Ecology Centre in Mattawa. At this retreat, we engaged in discussions on how to best market Nipissing and to showcase the many great things that happen at this university. Hannah and I attended this retreat and even lead a roundtable discussion in regards to the student experience. There was even a presentation from David Lindsay, former Chief of Staff for the Ontario Government and current President of the Council of Ontario Universities as he discussed the current provincial political landscape and what is in store for universities across Ontario. I learned a lot and I had a very enjoyable and informational time that hopefully reflects in my work moving forward.

## **Community Involvement**

When it comes to my community involvement, I have been trying to attend as many events as possible with my schoolwork begin to ramp up. On November 6<sup>th</sup>, Sarah and I attended the open house for the new location of Grant Thornton LLP which was a nice event to showcase their beautifully designed space so congratulations to them. I also was one of the safety people during the Santa Clause Parade that was also attended by Lakers Athletics and some clubs. It was a great way to connect with the community and be a present force in the city of North Bay as role models and active citizens. We also had a Good Neighbour meeting with the city, the fire department, and the university representatives. We are looking at working on more initiatives and getting more feedback as we address this topic for the remainder for the year.

## **Miscellaneous**

Other than the main points addressed earlier, I have continued to meet with Senate and the Board of Governors to stay updated on the issues brought up in those forums and making sure students are being heard if there is something that does not align with a positive student experience. We had a Board training on November 2<sup>nd</sup> that was well attended as we had Dr. DeGagne speak on board roles and how to be an effective member in your role which I think benefitted a lot of us. The executives had dinner with Chancellor Cook and his wife Karen again which we really appreciate as they are making an effort to be present with the student representation as well as the university. I also attended the Lakers Men's Basketball Fundraiser on November 14<sup>th</sup> with Xander and Sarah and it was a good time that brought to my attention how much support the teams in this community have. There was also the Trans Day of Remembrance on November 20<sup>th</sup>, which was well attended, and I hope to continue supporting students in all ways that I can both appropriately and effectively.



### Things to Come

Winter break is coming and I know that after the exam period, it'll be well deserved. I will be sending out a finalized nomination package that accounts the new executive structure and meeting with the Elections Committee once we return from the break. I look forward to the last leg of this semester and finishing 2018 strong with a team that continues to have each other's backs. I hope you all enjoy your break and Happy Holidays to all of you.

## Appendix "B"

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

Prepared By: Andrew Wood

Friday November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The snow has finally come, and the weather seems to be a bit frightful as we approach the Christmas break. Things continue to move at a fast pace here at NUSU. We are continuing to strive as a team and work together with each other to better the students and NUSU as an organization. Hannah is now working in full and has been a tremendous addition to the team and the team atmosphere here in the office.

#### **This Report:**

The following report contains the main things I have accomplished during my last month in office. We are continuing to juggle finals and assignments with the work load here at NUSU. It has been difficult, but working alongside this team has made the work load bearable and together we have been able to accomplish a lot. We are working hard to continue to work with Kenalex and Mitchell Jensen Architects to move forward with the construction. I have also been working hard alongside Mira to get our banking information switched over to TD Bank to align our corporation with our loan we have acquired for the building project.

#### **Clubs**

Clubs continue to work hard on providing to the students. We at NUSU are proud to see how hard these students are working to promote the activities and events they believe in. As an employee, I can understand the amount of extra work these students put in out of the kindness of their hearts and the love for their club. We continue to help them financially where we can and make sure their financials are spent well and controlled. The events that they have been hosting have been great and we wish all clubs the best over their holidays and look forward to what they have to offer as we approach the new year and a new semester.

#### **Nipissing University Student Centre**

The Student Centre is now well underway. Officially we have made our first installment to Kenalex and I am extremely excited and proud of everyone during this journey. This has been an incredible experience for myself working though this project. I am grateful for ALL my

previous executive teams as I would not have had the opportunity to give the students a home without the hard work and effort put in prior to my year. The groundbreaking ceremony was an absolute success and (again) I am proud of my team taking the lead on this and presenting to the public what NUSU has to offer to the community and what an amazing future NUSU and Nipissing University have. I apologize to the board for not attending this event as I was able to represent Nipissing University at the championship event that same day. I look forward to seeing the progress on the building and one day being able to stand inside and enjoy the amazing space we will have to offer.

### **Student Centre Loan Agreement**

The loan agreement is getting close to being completed. We are looking to book our swap for some time in December before we head into the new year. We are only waiting on a couple items; one from the University and another from our lawyers. This is progressing well and has ran smoothly due to the help from the University as well as Laura Mittelstadt from KPMG. Also, TD's head office in Toronto has been extremely helpful with providing us all the information and explaining the information in a way we can understand to make the most informed decision possible.

### **NUSU's Financial Obligations**

After having discussions with TD, we had to discuss with CIBC on who would have first right to our assets if NUSU as an organization went bankrupt. After speaking with CIBC, they were not willing to give up this spot and TD's 6.5-million-dollar loan would not take precedent over them. TD would not agree to this, so we were put in a position to decide on where our financial obligations will lie. After reviewing our options, we have decided to move our banking to TD to align our business with the loan. This streamline all obligations and everything that we do with our general expenses and banking. We are in the process of transferring our information and opening accounts. We have just finished signing our "safety loan" (if we ever need it). The result is a better interest rate and access to this amount at any point in the year; CIBC we could only access this amount during the months of August to October. We are continuing to work on moving our credit cards over as well, but need to complete other, more important, information first.

### **Finance Department**

The finance department has been hard at work assisting me in our payments and policies. Mira has been working EXTREMELY hard with the move to TD Financial and the building project. She has been an asset like no other and I can say with certainty that we would not be where we are today without her. She is continuing to help Hannah with the Governance side of the organization as well.

### **Things to Come**

I am looking forward to things slowing down during the exam season. This will allow me the time to meet with sponsors and catch up with them to discuss their partnership over the first half with NUSU. I will also be finalizing our Swap and fully securing the loan. Alongside this, I will be continuing to work on transferring our accounts over to TD and setting up the organization to succeed moving forward. Finally, I am looking to start looking into creating the transition document and ideas on what should occur during this transition period. A lot is changing, and I want the next VP Finance and Administration to succeed to their fullest.

## Appendix "C"

### VP Communication's Report to the Board of Directors

Prepared By: Xander Winter  
Friday November 30th, 2018

Since our last board meeting Wellness Week came to a close, Hannah has transitioned into her new role, we had reading week, and the health plan closed. It has been a busy month, but a productive month.

#### This Report:

- Health Plan
- Movember
- Ground Breaking
- Transition
- Performance Evaluations
- Elections
- Shine
- White Ribbon
- Who I've Met With
- Things Sarah Has Been Working On

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#### Health Plan

At this point there are still numerous questions regarding the student health plan. There was a large number of failed direct deposits resulting in cheques that had to be dealt with, as well as failed opt outs that I am working with We Speak Student and the finance department to figure out the reason for. Many students have emailed me this month still trying to opt out, wondering when they will receive their reimbursement, as well as asking how to use their benefits, both as to what is covered, and how to make a claim.

#### Movember

For Movember the communications department did a lot of campaigning on social media. We made many posts surrounding men's health, tackling suicide prevention, cancer, as well as mental health. These are difficult conversations to start, and we are hopeful that we helped to open some conversations on these difficult topics. We also sold movember bracelets at the front desk, Advertised for the Lakers Volleyball Movember Matches, the 3 on 3 basketball tournament, and the Movember Bar Night featuring Rob Watts.



## **Ground Breaking**

Our groundbreaking for the building project was on Friday Nov. 9th and went very well. Due to incimate weather we moved the ceremony inside. Attendance and media coverage was excellent, and all of our invited guests spoke very well. Unfortunately Andrew was unable to attend, so I emceed the event.

## **Transition**

Due to the new executive structure for next year, our transition will have to be different this year because we will all have to take a part transitioning various execs. For example, the new VP Advocacy and Awareness will have to be transitioned by myself for much of the job, as well as Hannah for academic advocacy and chief student senator, and Nicolai for green initiatives. Because of this, I have started one transition document for all of the execs. There is a section for each of the new executive roles, that will allow us to all work on the documents for each of the incoming execs. This will also allow next years teams to see all of their coworkers documents as Cooper suggested at the beginning of the year, so that they know what is involved in each role, and if jobs are shifted they still have access to the information.

## **Performance Evaluations**

All of the executives met on Thursday the 22nd to do performance evaluations for our full time staff members. We will be meeting with them this week to go over their evaluations with them.

## **Elections**

I have been made DRO of the elections committee. I have have met with Dan and Sarah to discuss the election timeline as well as roles and responsibilities of the various people involved in the election, and creation of the new job descriptions and nominations packages.

## **Shine**

The cheque for the 2018 Shinerama campaign has been signed and mailed, totalling \$12,793.94! The breakdown is as follows:

Shine Ball \$2628.13  
Shine Day \$9,347.80  
Women's Soccer Bake Sale \$173.60  
Silent Auction (2017/18 exec) \$644.41  
TOTAL = \$12,793.94



We are very happy to have raised this money, and look forward to continuing our relationship with Cystic Fibrosis Canada moving forward.

### **White Ribbon**

After meeting with Katie Sills we were going to partner with her on the White Ribbon Campaign. The White Ribbon Campaign is in support of ending gender based violence, and the plan was to have people sign on, saying that they agree to this, and in return they would receive a white ribbon to wear to show their support. This was going to be done in the 16 days of activism at the end of November and beginning of december, but was moved to take place in january instead. I will still be helping Katie with some events for the 16 days of activism.

### **Who I've Met With/Events Attended**

- Candace Ghent
  - Meeting to discuss fairness and \$15
- Board Training
- Dinner with Chancellor Cook
- Katie Sills (Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Coordinator)
  - Meeting to discuss white ribbon and 16 days of activism
- Shine Committee
- Campaigns Committee
- Academic Regulations and Curriculum Committee

### **Things Sarah has been working on - November 2018**

#### **Labour Market Group/Yes Employment**

We will be running sessions called "Build Your Future" in January, February and March. We are hoping that the theme of building will allow us to "provide tools" for our students and set them up. This will be geared to different groups with upcoming graduating students being the first group. These will eventually be tied in to student retention, and food will be provided by the Labour Market Group.

#### **Good Neighbour Committee**

The title of this will be changed to Off-Campus Community Relations, and when we meet with external parties that committee will be called Good Neighbour Committee. We had a meeting where Tanya Vrebosch attended and had a great discussion with her (Deputy Mayor) as well as Off Campus Living, Casey and Deputy Fire Chief Mike Bechard. In the new year we are looking to meet again and have more of a conversation with the community.

### Student Advocacy

I have assisted Hannah with a couple of instances with students needing clarification or help with their course instructors or issues with their courses. We are looking to have a meeting with Nipissing University regarding the expansion of online courses and its relation to potential isolation, mental health issues and marks going down.

### Elections

I met with Dan and Xander about elections and our goal is to send out the nomination package before Christmas to allow students to put their platforms and campaign together over the break. We are wanting to highlight the changes of going from 5 to 4 executives and hold a session in January to speak about this more. This will be communicated to students via email before the holiday break.

### Habitat For Humanity

I met with the Habitat for Humanity committee who is wanting to do things with students to raise money. I suggested running an "International Food Night" at Canadore College and using their culinary students to help out with this. I also suggested that with it being on campus (at 100 Elements restaurant) it would allow for us to maybe get our students to help serve or join the Panthers and Lakers teams. If this is a success this could possibly be an event we host eventually at our new building.

### Groundbreaking Ceremony

Groundbreaking Ceremony went well and we were thanked for holding it indoors. We had great media coverage and the speakers, Mitchell Jensen Architects, Jon D'Agastino, and the Board of Governors were happy with the turn out. Thank you to J'aime and Lauren for attending as board members.

### Ignite #5

### Movember

We have been bringing awareness to Movember on our social media and through speaking to students. Lakers Athletics Movember Match raised \$84.40 by selling wristbands so thank you to Cooper for being the liaison for that. Nicolai ran a 3-on-3 basketball tournament where half of the proceeds went to Movember and the other half went to the Red Cross.

### Advertising

AJ has been doing a great job helping promote different events or activities that either NUSU, clubs, or departments from the university have asked us to promote. We are gearing up for activities for second semester and already working on the advertisement for that.

### Red Cross

Sarah Malatesta brought an idea to us about raising money for the Red Cross Ottawa relief. This was in three forms: 3-on-3 basketball tournament, silent art auction and a coffee house. I was directly involved in the silent art auction and the students who participated raised \$177.50 for the Red Cross. The other half of the money goes to the student artists. Thank you to Nicolai and Charlotte for their work in organizing the coffee house (in conjunction with the Equity Centre) as well as the tournament.

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### Things to Come

Sarah and I have began meetings to plan next semester, and it looks like it will be great! We are working on planning March's Wellness Week, Bell Let's Talk, and our other campaigns and initiatives for the semester. I think that the time off over Christmas will be good for all of us to recharge and get ready for a new semester!

## Appendix "D"

### Vice President of Governance and Legal Affairs' Report to the Board of Directors

Prepared By: Hannah Mackie

Friday, November 30th , 2018

November has gone by very quickly and exam season is already upon us. November has also been a very busy month, full of different events and meetings. In my opinion it has been a successful month.

#### **This Report:**

- Francois
  - Advocacy
  - Groundbreaking
  - Academic Senate
  - Board of Governors Meeting
  - Other
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#### **Francois:**

Francois has been a fantastic addition to the office and we have really appreciated all of the hard work he has done. He is up to 30 hours a week now. Currently we are working on a code of conduct which we will see a finalized draft for at the next board meeting. Also Francois has started working on redoing the executive job descriptions in light of the recent changes.

#### **Advocacy:**

Sarah has been a phenomenal guide with student advocacy, with her memory of past student issues and how we, as a union have supported them.

#### **Graduate Students:**

The Graduate Students budget line falls under my purview and through working with Sarah and Erin, a survey was put out to the students on how to best support them. It seems that the

consensus seems to be a mix of bursaries/honorariums and social events geared towards grad students. We thankfully have been able to have a couple meetings with a few grad students and hear their issues, and I look forward to continuing to work with them in supporting their studies. The first event we will be hosting is a trivia night potentially at Casey's Bar and Grill towards the end of January.

#### Undergraduate Students:

Not much to say on this other than it has been a busy month with the number of students coming in and addressing various concerns. A discussion that has been taking place frequently is the number of students who come in with issues but are too afraid of repercussions to speak out, or meet with deans. As I am writing this, I have a meeting set up with Dr. Carole Richardson on Wednesday November 28th, to discuss this a little more, take a look at the way we are currently doing things and see if there are better paths and communication channels we can try. I will update on this the day of the board meeting.

#### **Groundbreaking Ceremony:**

It was wonderful to see so many members of the Nipissing and North Bay community come together to support this long awaited event. I look forward to their continued support.

#### **Academic Senate:**

Senate took place directly after the groundbreaking ceremony, and the only notable thing I can think of is that the standings and petitions committee have streamlined to give the ability to the Chair and Vice-chair to make decisions on the more simple cases on a week to week basis so that the cases that make it to committee are ones that actually warrant discussion. In the spirit of ensuring that students are advocated for, I have offered to sit in on these weekly meeting as a non-voting member to ensure the student voice is heard. I feel like this will really assist in students hearing responses to their petitions in a timely manner.

#### **Board of Governors Meeting:**

Board of Governors went well, again the only significant thing to note is the changes to the senior reappointment policy. I can speak more on this during the meeting if anyone desires.

**Board of Governors Retreat:**

This was a great opportunity to talk to other offices and groups in the university and community about students and where we can communicate better.

**Other:**

Board training went well, in my opinion. Hopefully you all enjoyed it. CAFC was attended by myself and Dan, and there seems to be no changes being made to ancillary fees for 19/20, other than potential CFS fee changes. Nicolai and myself attended OSACHS - Ontario Student Association Campus Health Symposium. It was a fantastic experience and I look forward to sharing my conference report with you all next meeting. Performance Evaluations are underway with the staff right now and going well.

## Appendix "E"

### Vice-President Services' Report to the Board of Directors

Prepared By: Nicolai MacKenzie

Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

In the past month there have been some students contacting me about starting new clubs. There are 2 new clubs, as well as 1 more that is likely starting soon. The food bank has seen consistent use leading up to the exam period. I attended a health symposium this past month. Some events were run to raise money and spread awareness for various causes, as well as providing the opportunity for our students to socialize, showcase their talents, and get some physical activity.

#### This Report:

- Clubs
- Food Bank
- Conference
- Events
- Things To Come

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#### Clubs

##### New Clubs

- After two students in the Child and Family studies program had shown interest in starting a club, but then realized that they didn't have the time to commit to starting it this year, a third student in the program has taken up the task. The Child and Family Studies Society will likely become an official club in the coming month.
- We do have 2 new clubs that have been officially approved. Classical Studies and Phys Ed. now have societies recognized through NUSU. The Nipissing University Classical Studies Club, and the NUPHES Council are now NUSU clubs.

##### Existing Clubs

- There are some students who have shown interest in doing work with Nipissing's chapter of jack.org and Erin helped facilitate a meeting between these students and representatives from jack.org to give them the information needed to get started in their planning for the year.

## Food Bank

The campaigns committee decided to work on a campaign to spread awareness to our students about the food bank. Some students from a social welfare class had come to Sarah with some research that they had done on student food banks.

Warren and Erin have been continuing to help ensure that the food bank is always stocked and organized for students to use and will be ready for a potential increase in usage.

## Conference

### Ontario Student Association Campus Health Symposium (O-SACHS)

- On Tuesday November 20th, Hannah and I attended the O-SACHS in the MaRS Discovery District of downtown Toronto.
- This conference was centered on mental, physical, and sexual health, as well as Canada's healthcare system and drug use. It was an educational experience that I will write more about in a conference report.

## Events

Sarah Malatesta had the idea of raising money for the Red Cross to support people who were affected by the tornadoes that hit the Ottawa Valley this fall, and we incorporated it into 3 events that we ran this past month. I will go into more detail on debriefs for all of these events in event evaluation forms and will share them in the future. The events that took place in the past month were:

### Coffee House

- The coffee house took place in the small cafeteria on Friday, November 16th from 6-9pm. This was a collaboration with The Equity Centre and Mackenzie Kelly who is the LLC Mosaic Don at Governors House. Funding for the event was provided by a SIF application so that all proceeds could be donated. It was held to raise money for the Red Cross and to provide the social setting for students attending and the stage for performers to showcase their musical and poetic talents. We raised over \$140 for the Red Cross and had over 60 students attend the event.

### 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

- On Saturday November 24th, we held the tournament in Gym A for students to get together and enjoy some physical activity. There was a \$5 entry per player and we had 7



teams register which led to us raising \$126. This money was split 50-50 between the Red Cross and our Movember campaign.

#### Movember Bar Night

- A bar night held on Friday, November 23rd at the Summit. I worked on this with Cooper and we brought in the Rob Watts Band to perform live music.

#### Student Art Auction

- We collected art submissions from students and then auctioned them off over the course of a week with the money being split 50-50 between the Red Cross and the student who created the art piece.

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#### Things to Come

##### Debrief & Evaluations

- I will be performing some event evaluations on events NUSU has run this semester, including Frosh Week 2018.
- This will include budget breakdowns, attendance numbers, and discussing any issues encountered while running these events, or things that went well.

##### Upcoming Events

- Wellness Wishes: Is taking place this week and will support students while they are studying for their final exams and working on term papers or assignments.
- Facebook Photo Contest: Is being advertised before and during the holidays and will take place once we return in January. Students will be able to submit photos of campus for a photo contest hosted on our social media.
- Snow Fest: Will be taking place on January 12th and will provide students the chance to get out and participate in something when they first come back from the holidays.
- Sexy Bingo: Meg Walker is a Don at Chancellors house, and she is working on a collaborative sexy bingo event that is tentatively scheduled for January 18th. She has asked NUSU to be a part of this event I am currently working with her on this.