

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION



**Board of Directors Meeting Agenda – Nipissing University Student Union**

Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – 12:00 p.m. – F303, Nipissing University

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**Attendance:**

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	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	Regrets
Director-at-Large:	Daniel Miller	Present
Director-at-Large:	Ally McClure	Present
Director-at-Large:	Braeden Vavassori	Regrets
Student:	Kirsten Cartwright	Present
Student:	Natalie Muylaer	Present

CHAIR / SPEAKER: Daniel Goulard – President  
 RECORDED BY: Hannah Mackie – VP Governance and Legal Affairs

Call to Order – March 1<sup>st</sup>

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm. Chairperson Daniel Goulard, President offered a traditional land acknowledgement.

**1. Call to Order/ Land Acknowledgement**

The Board of Directors meeting is called to order at 12:02 pm. Chairperson Daniel Goulard, President offered a traditional land acknowledgement.

**2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

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

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION #1:** That the Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 be adopted as presented.

*Moved by Lauren Beatty;  
seconded by Dan Miller.  
Carried.*

#### **4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

*J'aime Brunet enters: 12:04 pm*

Concern is brought forward about the minutes for these meetings and the way that they are done. An outside student member voiced their opinion on how there is a lack of context present, and difficult to understand if not present.

**Action Point:** To put an effort towards making the minutes for board meetings more clear and understandable for members not present.

More clarification and explanation was requested around the idea of having an external chair. Different options and pro's and con's were discussed. It is agreed that this would not be implemented in this term, and will be more of a decision for the next team, but a recommendation could be made.

**Action Point:** Daniel Goulard will look into different options, and bring them back to the board so that a recommendation can be made to the next Board of Directors.

#### **5. Adoption of Minutes**

**MOTION #2:** That the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 be adopted as presented.

*Moved by Ally McClure; seconded by Nicolai MacKenzie.  
Noted abstention from Brando Gasparin  
Carried.*

#### **6. Executive Committee Term Reports**

##### **a. Report From the President**

*Charlotte Foster enters 12:24 pm*

It is asked why (in the opinion of the current President) no one ran for President in the most recent election. Daniel responds by saying that he will not assume as to why a student may, or may not have ran for the position. Daniel says he would encourage all students to run and whether they do or not, is their own choice.

Nicolai speaks about the elections in general and says that students might feel intimidated, especially if they feel they need NUSU experience to run. He voices that he felt that way even

after submitting a nomination package. He mentions a way to combat this is to get as much information out there as possible about what the position is and what it entails.

There was an event ran for students in the nature of education about these positions and posts made on social media.

It is inquired what questions have been planned for the meeting the executives are having with Finance Minister and local MPP Vic Fedeli. The response is that a preparatory meeting has been scheduled for this as a group to discuss and plan.

A question is what brought about having an Annual General Meeting (AGM) in March. The response is that the intention is to ratify new executives and board members before they begin their term.

**Action Point:** Daniel Goulard will bring up the Annual General Meeting at the all candidates meeting and let the candidates know that they should attend.

*Parker Anderson leaves at 12:34 pm*

Discussion ensues regarding the AGM, and what has been decided around when they will happen moving forward. A recommendation to have two AGM's a year will be made to the incoming executive team.

**Board Recommendation:** That there be a minimum of two (2) Annual General Meetings in an academic year, one per semester.

*Parker Anderson returns at 12:36 pm*

**MOTION #3:** That the Board receives the Report from the President dated March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

*Moved by Daniel Goulard; seconded by Lauren Beatty.*

*Noted abstention from Charlotte Foster.*

*Carried.*

#### **b. Report from the Vice President Governance and Legal Affairs**

A question is raised around if the composition of the board will stay the same after going down an executive position. The answer is yes, there will still be ten (10) Directors-at-Large on the board with four (4) executive members.

Friendly amendment to change the date on the report to Thursday, February 28th, 2019.

It is asked if quorum for the Board of Director meetings should be changed to 50% of voting board membership plus one (1), from six (6) members. Discussion ensues on pro's and con's.

**MOTION #4:** To put forward a motion at the Annual General Meeting to change quorum at Board of Director meetings to 50% of voting board membership plus one (1).

*Moved by J'aime Brunet; seconded by Ally McClure  
Noted abstentions from Andrew Wood and Xander Winter.  
Carried.*

**MOTION #5:** That the Board receives the Report from the Vice-President Governance and Legal Affairs dated March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

*Moved by Hannah Mackie; seconded by Andrew Wood.  
Carried.*

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

**MOTION #6:** That the Board receives the Report from the Vice-President Finance dated March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

*Moved by Andrew Wood; seconded by Parker Anderson.  
Carried.*

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

A question is asked around why the attendance for the Build Your Future events was low. Nicolai starts by clarifying that these events were actually run by the Labour Market Group and Yes Employment. They were a series of events designed to give students knowledge and valuable resources they won't necessarily learn in the classroom. Also providing other avenues to searching for jobs other than just online. There were students at all of these events, but not as high as expected.

These resources might not be clear as to what services they provide.

Discussion ensues around reasons as to why there might not have been high attendance. Moving forward it is discussed that utilizing departments and program chairs might be useful in targeting certain groups of students.

**Action Point:** Hannah will have a discussion with the Provost surrounding department based career planning.

It is then brought forward that there is a career counsellor on campus every Monday named Erin Doyle through Student Development Services.

*Natalie Muylaer and Kirsten Cartwright leave at 1:14pm  
Andrew Wood leaves at 1:15 pm*

**MOTION #7:** That the Board receives the Report from the Vice-President Services dated March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

*Moved by Nicolai MacKenzie; seconded by J'aime Brunet  
Carried.*

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

It is asked whether or not NUSU is planning on running any awareness campaigns around gambling with the new casino opening in North Bay.

Xander says absolutely yes. If they cannot incorporate it into the upcoming wellness week, then a strong recommendation will be made to next years team to do this closer to the casino opening.

*Dan Miller leaves at 1:16 pm*

*Andrew Wood returns 1:17 pm*

**MOTION #8:** That the Board receives the Report from the Vice-President Communications dated March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

*Moved by Xander Winter; seconded by Lauren Beatty.*

*Carried.*

## 7. Question Period

It is asked if there were minutes taken at the last closed session of the board, and if they will be circulated. The answer is yes there was minutes taken, and they can be circulated to the board members.

The next question is about the pathways and parking lots and how dangerous they are. Discussion ensues about the potential action that can be taken, and speculation as to why the current status of those areas are in the state they are in.

**Action Point:** Reach out to Facilities and Casey Phillips about this and give a heads up to the incoming team proactively for next year.

The issue surrounding the lack of parking is brought up. The executives voices their support for any student struggling and offered to assist with any students having issues contacting security and residence to get a response.

Office closure on the Tuesday of reading week is mentioned, specifically around whether the office should be closed on that day. The decision is to leave the closure on a term by term decision of the current board.

*Brando leaves at 1:38 pm*

*Brando returns at 1:39 pm*

## 8. Committee Reports

### a. Audit and Finance Committee

No report.

b. Campaigns Committee

No report.

c. Elections Committee

There has been a change in the composition of the committee; Daniel Goulard will continue as the Chief Returning Officer (CRO), Andrew Wood will be the Deputy Returning Officer (DRO), the two board elections officials will be Charlotte Foster and Parker Anderson, and the Chair of the Appeals Committee will be J'aime Brunet. Daniel speaks about elections, stating that nominations packages are due March 8th at 3 pm, and the all candidates meeting will follow at 4:30 pm.

The question is raised, even though Danial is the President can students still ask him elections related questions. Daniel responds yes, and he would answer them as the CRO, not as the President.

Dan is asked if he ever contacted our lawyer about the elections policy and its enforceability. Dan says he has not but will look into it.

d. Executive Committee

There has been a lot of conversation around ancillary fees in the office. We have been meeting with people such as Cheryl Sutton and Casey Phillips to see what our future is going to look like, and how to best balance the cuts on both ends. There has not been a lot of information from the government, and until we have more, there is not much we can do. For optional fees, we do know we (as NUSU) are going to have to operate as more of a business and market/communicate our services more to students so that they recognize the value we provide and opt in to our fees.

e. Governance Committee

A doodle poll was sent to members to set up a meeting about policy review and by-law changes.

f. Green Initiatives Committee

The bike share project is getting off the ground and there is hope to implement for this summer. Conversations need to still be had with facilities and residence surrounding storage and renting procedures. Another event the committee has been working on is an Earth Hour inspired yoga session. This will be from 4-5 pm on March 30th. Also looking at a potential geo-filter for snapchat, so students can show off what they're doing for earth hour.

Earth Day is happening April 22nd, which is when most students are gone so the committee is considering a photo contest.

The last event to mention is an awareness event around plastic water bottles, where students will drink a sample of both tap water and bottled water and attempt to guess which is which. All participants will be entered into a draw to win some NUSU water bottles.

g. Shine Committee

Will be meeting soon to discuss recommendations for next years team.

*Lauren Beatty leaves at 2:08pm*

h. Social Committee

Will be meeting to discuss things that went well, and did not go well to make recommendations to next years team.

*Lauren Beatty returns at 2:11 pm*

*Brando Gasparin leaves at 2:11 pm*

**9. Other Business**

NUSU is up for renewal on the cyber liability insurance policy. The board needs to decide whether or not it should be renewed. Discussion ensues around the specifics of the policy, cost, and other considerations.

**MOTION #9:** To renew the cyber liability insurance policy for a one year contract beginning on March 14th.

*Moved by J'aime Brunet; seconded by Parker Anderson.*

*Noted abstention from Parker Anderson.*

*Failed.*

The next point is determining the date of the next board meeting.

*Cooper Allen calls in at 2:13pm*

*Cooper Allen ends call at 2:16 pm*

*Brando Gasparin returns at 2:18 pm*

The next board meeting has been set for Friday, March 29th, at 12:30 pm.

**10. Adjournment**

**MOTION #9:** To adjourn the March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 Board of Directors meeting.

2:21 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.