

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Nipissing University Student Union
Friday, March 29th, 2019 – 12:00 p.m. – F303, Nipissing University

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Attendance:

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| 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 | Regrets |
| 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 |
| Student: | Kirsten Cartwright | Present |
| Student: | Natalie Muylaer | Present |
| Student: | Patrick Bethune | Present |
| Student: | Zach Cooper | Present |

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

1. Call to Order/ Land Acknowledgement

The Board of Directors meeting is called to order at 12:34 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.

*Kirsten Cartwright and Natalie Muylaer
 enter at 12:36pm*

3. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #1: That the Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for March 1st, 2019 be adopted as

presented.

*Moved by Andrew Wood;
seconded by Xander Winter.
Carried.*

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

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.

In regard to an external chair, there is more of a criterion that needs to be developed before beginning the process. Need to develop a framework of what NUSU is and is not looking for in an external chair.

*Zach Cooper and Patrick Bethune
enter at 12:39 pm*

It is also recommended to the next executive that they follow up about icy pathways and parking lots, as previously brought up, around October with facilities.

5. Adoption of Minutes

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

A suggestion is made for next years board to send out the minutes of board meetings ahead of the rest of materials. Preferably within a week so that they are fresh in people's minds.

*Moved by Xander Winter; seconded by Ally McClure.
Noted abstention from Cooper Allen
Carried.*

6. Executive Committee Term Reports

a. Report From the President

MOTION #3: That the Board receives the Report from the President dated March 1st, 2019.

*Moved by Daniel Goulard; seconded by Parker Anderson.
Carried.*

b. Report from the Vice President Governance and Legal Affairs

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

*Moved by Hannah Mackie; seconded by Ally McClure.
Noted abstentions from Brando Gasparin and Cooper Allen.
Carried.*

c. Report from the Vice President Finance

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

*Moved by Andrew Wood; seconded by Xander Winter.
Noted abstention from Cooper Allen.
Carried.*

d. Report from the Vice-President Services

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

Nicolai wants to clarify and add to his report by stating that Shannon McCarthy, the incoming VP Student Life, is doing a great job and is working hard to organize the selected coordinators. The frosh leaders have been chosen as well. Everything is moving well with planning for frosh 2019.

*Braeden Vavassori out at 12:51 pm
Moved by Nicolai MacKenzie; seconded by Andrew Wood.
Carried.*

e. Report from the Vice-President Communications

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

The question was raised, was Shifted a NUSU event or a community event? Xander answers that it was a combination of both.

Discussion ensues around the Student Appreciation Lunch. Good suggestions are made for next year.

*Moved by Xander Winter; seconded by Ally McClure.
Carried.
Braeden Vavassori in at 12:59 pm*

7. Question Period

The results of the AGM motion about quorum are asked for. The response is that it passed, Quorum for board meetings is 50% +1.

It is asked if there will be a board orientation for the incoming Board of Directors. The answer is yes, and some of the potential ideas around how it will be executed are shared.

It is inquired about what happened at the AGM. The incoming directors and executives were ratified, the changes to the board of directors quorum were voted on and passed, and there was also a building update given with good questions from students.

Discussion ensues around having two AGM's.

The question is asked around if there will be a by-election in September. The answer is yes. There are concerns around if we will have enough members to run business during the summer. The response is that the executives will regard that issue when it arises.

Discussion ensues around the AGM again and how it could be a good tool for communicating to students what NUSU is, and what their fees are going to. Also around how we will increase attendance. Looking at shifting the communication from the AGM just being a meeting, to what it can actually represent for students. Another point is ensuring consistency and on point messaging from the board and executive.

It is inquired whether or not there will be clear guidelines for frosh leaders and what is acceptable for this coming frosh. The answer is that it will be clear in our code of conduct as frosh leaders are volunteers and there is a section on conduct for volunteers.

It is asked if the incoming executive will be attending the final board meeting. The answer is yes they will be invited and the goal is to have every incoming director and executive at the last meeting to get a feel for next year.

Hannah Mackie out at 1:25 pm

8. Committee Reports

a. Audit and Finance Committee

Moving forward this group will meet and create a budget proposal for Tayler Sullivan (Incoming VP Finance and Administration). The sponsorship package will also be discussed.

Hannah Mackie in at 1:27 pm

b. Campaigns Committee

Have not met since the last board meeting. Potentially will meet about suggestions for next year. It is suggested that how to run more successful fundraisers and potentially look at Relay for Life and their success. Another suggestion is reaching out to more board members and students that

could potentially run campaigns with NUSU assistance.

c. Elections Committee

The elections committee and anyone involved directly with elections, will meet so that thoughts and concerns can be discussed from the last year and suggestions can be made for the next year.

A point for consideration that is asked for is outsourcing elections.

d. Executive Committee

The transition document has been circulated to the incoming executives. Meeting with important people have started with the new executive and many more have been scheduled for the future. There has been importance put on making the turnover less of a restart and more of a smooth transition. With this the executive is also ensuring that our jobs are still being completed.

e. Governance Committee

Looking to schedule one more meeting before the year is out.

f. Green Initiatives Committee

The different initiatives that they have run and are continuing to work on is discussed. The first one is the Tap vs. Bottle water challenge. This is to educate students that North Bay tap water is safe to drink. The committee is also running another photo challenge for students. They wanted to run a yoga event, but the instructor fell through. The earlier point has been reiterated around utilizing the board for other contacts.

g. Shine Committee

Ongoing discussion surrounding how to spend less money on running Shine day.

h. Social Committee

Intending to have one last meeting to discuss the last year and generate recommendations for next year.

9. Other Business

The incoming board is asked to potentially generate their ideas about next year and what their plans are for the next meeting.

10. Closed Session

MOTION #9: To move into closed session.

Moved by Xander Winter; seconded by Parker Anderson.

Carried.

11. **Adjournment**

MOTION #10: To adjourn the March 29th, 2019 Board of Directors meeting.

2:00 p.m. – Meeting adjourned.

*Moved by Braeden Vavasorri; seconded by Ally McClure.
Carried.*

Daniel Goulard, CHAIR

Hannah Mackie, Recording Secretary