

Minutes - UNBSU Council Meeting

UNB Student Union 2022/2023

April 2nd, 2023; in-person meeting



Present:

- Kordell
- Rose
- Halle May
- Annie
- Amanda
- Isabella
- Ryan
- Warren
- Emily
- Keri
- Jorja
- Sean
- Jordan
- Abby
- Alexa (virtual)
- Zach (virtual)
- Brittany (virtual)
- Minh
- Amy
- Kate
- Gaia (virtual)
- Heer (virtual)
- Kisenge
- Ally (virtual)
- Sangeeth

Not Present:

- Sarah
- Bradley
- Patrick

Regrets:

- Molly
- Kartik

Also present: Josh (Council Chairperson), Kallie (Council Secretary), Drashtant (CRO)

1. Call to Order

- Council chairperson, Josh, calls the meeting to order at 7:01 PM AST.

1.1. Roll Call

- Council chairperson, Josh , performs roll call.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Chair - The agenda was sent out with all the pertinent documents hyperlinked. Were there any questions or did anyone have any problems accessing the agenda? Are there any amendments that need to be made?
 - Motion: Be it resolved that the agenda for April 2, 2023 be approved.
 - Mover: Chair assumed
 - Secunder: Sean
 - Notes: No discussion
 - The vote was taken using unanimous consent. Motion carries.

3. Chair's Remarks

3.1. Territorial Acknowledgement

- Chair - I just want to acknowledge that UNB stands on the unsundered and unceded ancestral homelands of the Wolastoqey peoples.

3.2. General Remarks

- Chair - I do not have much for remarks. I was out of the office this week due to personal stuff. Isabella and I are still working on the honorarias. You will receive an email probably by the end of the week, and if not, it will be next week. Your transition reports are being sent out to your successors, so they will receive them shortly. Are there any questions?

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Chair - The previous minutes were hyperlinked in the agenda. Does anyone have any questions?
 - Motion: Be it resolved that the minutes for the previous council meeting be approved.
 - Mover: Chair assumed
 - Secunder: Sean
 - Notes: No discussion
 - The vote was taken using unanimous consent. Motion carries.

5. Substantive Business

5.1. Presentation on UNB Budget Process

- Chair - We have some visitors here today to present, but they don't have speaking rights, so I will move to grant them speaking rights.
 - Motion: Be it resolved that Mark Warren and Bill be granted speaking rights to present item 5.1. without any time constraints.
 - Mover: Chair assumed
 - Secunder: Ally
 - Notes: No discussion
 - The vote passes. Motion carries.

- Bill - There are two things we would like to do. One is to provide an overview of how the budget process works at UNB. I think it is a valuable topic to cover. The second thing is we are at a very interesting time in the budget process because we are looking to bring together both budgets into one. Historically, Saint John and Fredericton have had two separate processes, so what we would like to do, with your agreement, is not only do an overview, but also get your feedback about the current process, how to improve, and engage in how to build a new process. What we will do first is the overview, then we have a few questions to go over. Mark will display them on the screen while I will be sitting over here typing to capture your comments.
- Mark - The first slide shows a high level overview of the process and the authority that we go through in Fredericton. We are trying to combine the two budgets. This slide is the authority levels as we go through the budget process. At the bottom is the portfolio managers, so the Deans and the and the leaders of the administrative units. Saint John has the same principles, just different committee names. Portfolio managers are any leaders of significant units on campus. Each Dean is a portfolio manager. The bottom level of people understand what is happening on the ground. ANother layer beneath that is a faculty that is multi-departmental. Each department supports their Dean, so someone like the faculty of arts has several departments beneath them. Those portfolio managers currently sit on the Fredericton Budget Advisory Committee. Each comes forward and takes part in the budget process. Going further through the chain, we have the Budget Committee who reports through the President's Executive Team. All of the approvals go through them. Leading that committee is the President. When it comes to employees, he is the head of the budget process, but he also has people to report to. Then there is the Finance and Property Committee, which is a sub committee of the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors has the ultimate approval of the budget and the final approval on the budget process. That is the hierarchy.
- Bill - Are there any questions on this slide before we move to the next slide?
- Mark - What we find is that the process is very timeline driven. We already talked about the approval process and each step we have to go through as well. We go through a series of phases. Usually, in September we are finalising the prior year's year-end statement. We then start into a new budget cycle. As we get to the end of September and October, that's when we start the new budget process. First, we prepare the base budget, looking at the high level and trying to look at strategy to determine what approach to take this year. Also, we look at assumptions to implement. Those could be salary increases, what's happening with utilities, things like that. We start a brainstorming process to come up with a list of assumptions. Once we have created a list, it still needs to be fine tuned. We then go through the process with the

hierarchy. We ask questions like are these assumptions acceptable and is the general strategy good. As an example, when we were dealing with Covid, we had to make drastic changes to our budget strategy and assumptions. We came up with a strategy to handle that. We then seek approval from the Board of Governors in order to proceed into the next phase of the cycle.

- Sangeeth - When you are considering both campuses, I assume that they have different budgetary requirements. Since it is all on a different platform, what is the basis you use to come to a common term?
- Mark - We work together on building the assumptions. If we look at increasing basic non-salary budgets, we collaborate on that and ask if there is enough in the budget to compensate for that. Saint John does have slightly different processes and we will talk more about that after the presentation. We won't have these two approaches once we combine the budget, it will just be one UNB.
- Bill - just to augment that thought process, the Saint John budget gets developed and the Fredericton budget gets developed, then they are consolidated into one budget. They are not created together, but are added together at the end of the cycle. They follow separate paths, then come together at the end.
- Sangeeth - Let's say that Saint John has three workers and Fredericton has five. These workers need salaries, so when considering the budget, Saint John will come up with a budget to cover three and Fredericton has to come up with a budget that has five. So, when coming to a common platform, would that not become tough for Fredericton? The budget can easily cover Saint John, But Fredericton's budget would come tighter, so for them it becomes tougher.
- Mark - There are currently two budget processes. We start by producing a first draft base budget. There is no case of can you find different numbers on both campuses. We assume that everyone in the budget is in the base budget and all salaries needed are included. In a deficit situation, we still build the base budget as everyone has a salary, but then we think of what reductions we need to make.
- Sangeeth - When the final budget is passed, would that situation come up where it is tough for one side where they would have to remove one worker to balance stuff out?
- Bill - The idea is moving from the current state so that it wouldn't be in a tougher state. That is not where we are right now, but that is the goal of one budget to get to a point of collective. We haven't figured out how that will work just yet. Changing something so entrenched in an organization will not be a small feat, but the idea is whatever is there for each campus is there and if we have additional dollars it would be this much for Saint John and this

much for Fredericton. It would be what would make the biggest impact for UNB as a whole.

- Sangeeth - When campuses get money, will it be tailored to their needs or future goals?
- Bill - Any additions are based on needs and are aligned with where the university is going. It is reflective of their growth strategy.
- Mark - We will be addressing this more as we go through the presentation. The first draft gives us the structuring. Then we both go and create two separate budgets, then combine the two at the end. I think your concern is how do we decide which campus gets the money. Each campus has had a budget that is very self-sufficient. This is from student enrolment on that campus, grants, and other activities that build the budget. Each campus then has the available money to spend when the budgets are approved. That is the current model. We would never let one campus get into serious financial hardship, but each budget lives within its own means.
- Sarah - As I am sure you are aware, after their second year, engineering students come from Saint John to Fredericton to finish their degree, so the Fredericton budget will always be more. If you combine the budgets, are we going to share most of the revenue?
- Bill - There are a couple of layers you have to think about. The highest level is trying to move towards one budget, however, on each campus, each faculty has their own allocation based on the activities that they have. As a result, a student's first year is only delivered at one location, so the revenue from that would be associated with that location. Wherever students go, the money follows them. At a micro level, there wouldn't be a change within faculties because it is based on where students are at.
- Mark - The first two years of their tuition will be in the Saint John budget. When they move to Fredericton, their tuition then becomes part of the Fredericton budget. Some of your questions may get answered as we go through the presentation, but feel free to put your hand up. I think now we are at the point of the budget process where we seek approval from the Board of Governors. Once we receive approval, we then take it away and start building the budget in each campus. The base budget includes all of the people, staff, and faculty, it includes the budget from prior years, maintenance, snow removal, and utilities. Then we ask ourselves what do we have left? Say we have a surplus, what is the best use for that money? Each budget committee has a portfolio manager and each manager knows the intricacies of their part of campus. In early December, we give each portfolio manager their budget. In a year of deficit, we have a reduction. They submit their budget to us, then we come back and refine the budget, adjusting anything from last year and any proposals for anything you may need. If there is anything, like a growth program or they need to set up something new and need funding, they

provide us with all the relevant information. For example, if there are a lot more applicants for UNB and they need more people to process these applications to keep the process flowing quickly, they would send in a proposal for an extra person in admissions. In early January, all of the proposals for additional funds are submitted. We then begin reviewing to make sure they have followed the rules and meet the criteria. They are then compiled into a package for the committees. In the committees, the importance of each proposal is discussed, if we have the funding, how many can we fund. The committees go through a debate and then they vote. Once that is finished, we normally have a good idea if the funds are available and how much we can fund. We then start a more complete budget at that point. We do go back to the three committees to provide a progress report. Come February, we have gone back to the Board of Governors and given an update. We continue preparing the budget with the information from the committees. We put together a final budget to review, and then have the Finance and Property Committee review it, then the Board of Governors. We are currently in that step now. They have the opportunity to ask us questions, doing their due diligence and doing the role of governance. At the end of April, we release the budget to all of the portfolio managers and give a big memo regarding the changes they have had based on the discussions. We are happy to answer any questions if you feel that anything has been left unanswered.

- Bill - This process happens over quite a period of time. One year kind of leads into the next. It really is an eight month process from start to finish.
- Mark - It is finished come May 1. Come year end, we produce an operating statement of how the budget compares to what has happened. In October, we are back into working on a new budget.
- Bill - I do want to do a time check. We sort of did a teaser at the beginning that we are talking about how it is now. It won't be totally different, however, the concept is how do we take that since Saint John has a process with differences and is independent, then consolidate it in the end. We want to move to one process from the beginning. It is very much at the ground zero stage, so when we saw we were coming, we wanted to take advantage of the time we had to get some feedback. It is sort of like taking a quiz just after the presentation. I think it is a bit broader than that. Some of the acceptable answers to these questions are we are not sure. Just starting out with the first question, what are your thoughts on the current budget process? You are just hearing this for the first time tonight, so maybe you would give it a two out of ten or one thumbs up or i think these things seem reasonable. We want to see what your thought processes are.
- Sangeeth - My overall consensus is that we may face some adversities. Hopefully, in the coming years we can improve the framework. Initially, when you started presenting, my concern was two separate things. Another thing is

what is the speed of development of both campuses and if we can bring them to an equal. The Saint John infrastructure is all new, so they have their speed and then we have a different speed, so how does it all balance out?

- Bill - Based on your reactions to those slides, is there ways that it can be done differently?
- Sangeeth - Another thing I am curious about, I presume you folks presented this at the Saint John campus?
- Bill - You are the first.
- Saneeth - I was just wondering what their thoughts were.
- Mark - That will be coming in the future. t
- Kordell - As someone who works in the system regularly, I think it makes sense and works well. One comment I have is it is not abundantly clear, but was a bit more clear after the presentation. Structurly, it is not clear when is the right time for students to start getting their voices out, not just through the Board of Governors representatives. We have never been contacted in the past about when the assumptions are being formed. That was just my one main comment, aside from those two representatives, it is not really clear the role of the Student Union and raising the student voice and building assumptions from the start.
- Bill - How do you currently bring forth parties to form the budget?
- Chair - We have one question from Alexa in the chat, if Fredericton and Saint John are currently paying the same fees, would UNB Fredericton nursing students pay different fees due to the equipment that is available, or would it be the same? Nursing students in Fredericton pay the same fees as UNB Saint John nursing students, despite the fact that there could be different equipment available.
- Mark - That is part of the process that we are going to go through is how to bring the two together, how best to approach this, and the challenge that we face. One thing is looking at how we do things differently, which things do we bring into the new process, or do neither of the current processes work and we instead create an entirely new one. One thing we have addressed is what happens with fees. We have to try to get some answers to those questions.
- Sarah - For example, first year engineering students on both campuses have the same courses, however, the software that we learn is different. Also, the cost of both of those softwares is quite different. Right now, we have access for free through the university, so if we are going to make the budget smaller, how do we look at these differences?
- Bill - That is up to the autonomy of the professors and the faculty on what they are going to use. Whoever is teaching the program will be determining those details. Once we go into the budget, think of instead of two pools of resources, it is one bigger pool, however, all of the faculties will be separate. You would pay whatever that cost is.

- Sarah - Right now, I don't pay for software because the university grants me access. Let's say the software used at Fredericton costs ten dollars and then on the other campus it costs twenty dollars, but I am still paying the same fees as the Saint John Students.
- Mark - Each student has different fees based on the software or equipment you have access to. This is kind of out of the scope of the budget and more up to the faculties. There were changes in the structures that you may be aware of. It will no longer be Fredericton and Saint John, just one UNB.
- Sangeeth - I think what you mentioned about the resource pool just being one big one, would it mean a change in the resources, as in both campuses will use the same software?
- Bill - The budget process doesn't determine what is being used in delivering courses. It could change, but it wouldn't be driven by the budget process.
- Sangeeth - I think that there will be more professors discussing that issue.
- Mark - That may be something that happens when we get one academic leader.
- Sangeeth - All of the leaders are the same and the budget is the same, so the professors will communicate and have the same courses for both campuses.
- Drashtant - In terms of surpluses and deficits, right now, with the separate budget, has there ever been a case where there was a surplus one year, then too much was spent and there was a deficit? With putting both of them together, will that make it harder to manage the deficit?
- Mark - Each campus runs their own deficit or surplus accounts separately. It is down to each budget to repay that. We have kept that completely separate between the campuses. Moving into one budget, we are trying to get away from that. There has been sort of a slight difference in the bottom lines between campuses, but nothing major.
- Chair - I know from my own perspective, the timeline seems good, the only thing of course is getting more of an opportunity for student voices to be heard. It would be really nice to see just more involvement from students in this process.
- Mark - It is certainly something we will try to bring in more.
- Sarah - I have been talking with my faculty and discussing the budget, and even though we have meetings with the Dean, students are not aware of when the budget process happens, so how do we bridge that gap?
- Mark - That is part of what we are trying to build. We are trying to get more engagement from the student body. Some discussions this year were too late in the process. We have a few ideas on how to get more feedback. One area is tuition, we try to get as much input as we could. We didn't have that committee this year, so I think that's where that issue came in. Another area of concern is the services offered by Student Services. We were thinking maybe that could be one area that you have some input. The portfolio manager for

Student Services and maybe if there is some sort of group of students that can get together to hear the feedback of the students and bring that forward in the budget process. Not quite sure how we can get involvement in the faculty level through the Dean's process. I am not sure how we would put that together. That is just a few of the thoughts we have had so far.

- Bill - What we are trying to figure out is what the process is in the different portfolios. How do we make the ability to have connectivity into that conversation with the portfolio manager in order to have input at that level. That is where the advocacy comes from is the portfolio manager. They need this in order to better serve students.
- Minh - In terms of when this could happen, talking about where you want more contact, I guess the most direct route is technically here. Obviously, communicating with all of the students is difficult. I think this would be the best outlet because we represent all of the undergraduate and part-time students.
- Kordell - To answer your question as well, that is what this is for and we have faculty councillors and you can go to other student societies and say here is the budget process, the work the Student Union does, and what we establish our budget advocacy process to be. There may be ways to engage students and faculties with Deans. Students at Renaissance College can walk right into the Dean's office because there are only forty students, but at UNB there are around three hundred students in a cohort. I am not sure structurally how that could be built out. Going back to the point about structured meetings with portfolio managers, I think it is a great point and will definitely take that into consideration. The executives meet with Student Services each month, so we can have those conversations. Minimal is available for things we are concerned about, so that may also be understanding the new role of that in structuring student perspective if there is going to be an advisory committee for the budget..
- Bill - The intersection of the budget portfolio holder and the constituents and having the conversation at the appropriate time is on our radar. We are trying to figure out where the best time for that would be. In March, it isn't that helpful, but if you look back in the first term, that would make a little more sense. Saying what we are hearing from students and the facts around that and saying well it would make sense if that budget holder says it would make sense or here is something you may not know. I think the dialogue at the appropriate time is important and that is what I am taking from this conversation.
- Chair - Are there any other questions from anyone? Anyone online?
- Bill - Thank you very much for letting us crash your party and this is the best Sunday I have had in a long time because we got to talk about the budget process.

- Chair - Any questions?
- Jorja - I think it is great that they are going to make an effort to have more student engagement. I was really happy to hear that.
- Chair - Anyone else?

5.2. Update from Policy Committee

- Kordell - Hi folks. The first item from the Policy Committee is about the bylaws that you reviewed last week and approved through the first reading. It is already eight, so I am not going to go through the changes since you heard them last week. If anyone has any questions, please let me know. If not, I will make a motion to approve.
 - Motion: Be it resolved that the changes made by the Policy Committee regarding the bylaws be approved.
 - Mover: Kordell
 - Secunder: Isabella
 - Notes: No discussion
 - The vote passes. Motion carries.
- Kordell - The second piece of the update is surrounding the clubs and societies. We talked about it a few weeks ago about the Code of Conduct. We reviewed the policy and there were a couple policy options presented and we came to the conclusion to not make any amendments to enforce the Code of Conduct on the clubs and societies, which would have been tasked to the CRO to reach out to students. The two pieces of the conversation was whether to require the executives of the clubs to be in good social standing and the second piece was if it should apply to all members. The first concern was the Commissioner of Student Standing having time to review all of the membership lists, as well as having to review when there is turnover of any club. It sounds administratively difficult, since there is currently not a standing commissioner, it is the Secretariat who is currently filling the position. Another part of it was considering if it is our place to enforce the Code of Conduct or should it be up to the university to enforce this on these committees. Is it our place to try and enforce these sanctions or should we do more advocacy to the university to ensure that there is more enforcement of these sanctions. Also, should it not just be the university following up on these sanctions. There was a conversation surrounding us working with the university when these sanctions are imposed. I think the conversation was more about that we are not sure if the problems would be fixed appropriately through our policies and should be more of a university policy. If they aren't working then we should be doing more advocacy to close those gaps instead of creating more policies which would create a nightmare to deal with. So that is the synopsis of the conversation. If anyone has any questions on why we made that decision, please feel free to ask.

- Minh - I just wanted to add mentioning the fact that all clubs have to go through a meeting. I think it is really important because I don't think we have the jurisdiction to sanction students, but we could make sure that it is easier for clubs to do so.

- Chair - Are there any other questions?

5.3. Clubs and Societies Ratification

- Isabella - I reached out to both of the clubs about a better description of their society. I will start with the Asian Student Association. I told them that we were curious about who they represent and how it is kind of broad since we have other associations that fall under that geographic area. I reached out to both clubs. I'll start with Asian society. I told them I was curious and it is kind of broad since we have other associations that fall under that geographic area. Their reply was "that it is broad, but that's what we intended. The clubs you have discussed so far are generalized Asian clubs where the focus is on preserving and promoting the cultural heritage of a particular ethnic group within the larger Asian community. Our club's purpose is to be the one to bring together people from different ethnic backgrounds and celebrate the diversity of Asian cultures. Additionally, it provides a space for those individuals who do not apply to the previously mentioned ethnic groups. Ultimately, our club is a place to welcome and celebrate the entire Asian community." We feel that it is fine to have this broader group. Maybe we can put in the description on the website that it is for everyone. Does anyone have any questions?
- Sangeeth - So does that mean that the students in, let's say, the Indian Society, get added to the Asian society?
- Kordell - I think they can choose which association they want to be in. It is not that different than what we do with the faculty societies. Like for the Science faculty, there is the general science society and then more specific ones, like the physics society. Students can apply to members of any of those societies.
- Sangeeth - So, in that sense, since we have the Middle Eastern Society as well, then that is three different societies, so students get to choose between the three?
- Isabella - If students are more interested in joining a more specific society, then they can choose which one they want to be a part of. They can also join both if they want to.
- Chair - The Asian Student Association is multicultural compared to the more specific associations.
- Sangeeth - I just don't want students to get confused.
- Minh - I am part of the Asian Student Association. I think it is important to note that a lot of Asian students do not have a specific society available to them. I think it is good to have a broader aspect of it. Maybe you want to be in a place where it is more specific and start to find your community. When you don't have a society, it is especially harder to find people you can relate to.

- Sangeeth - Asia has hundreds of different cities and cultures.
- Minh - I think it is however you feel or want to identify with and I think it is a good way to connect all of the societies together. It would be good to celebrate with more people.
- Chair - Are there any other comments? Would everyone be comfortable with ratifying the two clubs in one motion?
- Isabella - The Middle Eastern Society had the same response to the email I sent them as well.
 - Motion: Be it resolved that the following clubs/societies be ratified based on their current constitutions: Asian Student Association and the Middle Eastern Society.
 - Mover: Isabella
 - Seconder: Jorja
 - Notes: No further discussion
 - The vote passes. Minh abstains. Motion carries.

5.3.1. Ratification of the Asian Student Association

5.3.2. Ratification of the Middle Eastern Society

5.4. Preliminary Budget 2023-2024

- Isabella - Karen and I thought we already had this ratified, but apparently not. We changed some stuff along the way because as things came up, we were able to find, essentially, the real numbers. Nothing has drastically changed and I don't have any issues, but if there are any questions about it feel free to ask.
- Chair - Are there any questions?
 - Motion: Be it resolved that the Preliminary Budget for 2023-2024 be approved as presented.
 - Mover: Isabella
 - Seconder: Jordan
 - Notes: No discussion
 - The vote passes. Motion carries.

5.5. Faculty Councillor Updates

- Warren - I don't really have an update, but I would like to take the time to thank the executives for the SURA's. It was much appreciated.
- Emily - I am doing my second councillor project. I talked to my faculty a ton and they just wanted snacks to study. RC is now fed, they have lots of snacks and are happy and studying.
- Keri - I have no updates except that I volunteered at the Mental Health Conference.
- Sarah - I do not have an update, it is more of an announcement. I am not sure how many of you are aware of the Coaster Derby. This event was run every year before Covid and it is now going to be run again this year, but a lot of the

people who had technical knowledge of the derby have graduated. Last year I spent a lot of the summer working on my team's coaster and it was a lot of fun. You do not have to be a mechanical engineering student to participate. It is the highlight of my first year. Even if you do not want to enter the derby, it is still fun just to watch.

- Sean - Is this a bring your own coaster event?
- Sarah - Basically, you build your own gravity powered coaster. You and your team build it in the summer and it is a really cool event.
- Jorja - Today was Forest Fest. We didn't get a ton of people there, but I still think everyone had fun and since it was such a success, the society wants to keep it going next year as well.
- Sean - I am doing the final build of the website. The first wave of information is going on the website at the end of this week. I attended the SURAs and it was a great event. Congratulations to everyone who won awards. Also, I got to be on the podcast with Ryan and Sangeeth.

5.6. Non-Faculty Councillor Updates

- Jordan - I wasn't at the meeting last week, but last Sunday, I participated in Ryan and Halle May's breaking stereotypes campaign, I also attended the SURAs. The event was really nice and I got some good chicken.
- Abby - I don't have a huge update, I am just finalizing where to disperse all of my UNB resource pamphlets.
- Alexa - Last week, I also participated in the Breaking Stereotypes campaign and Halle May and I talked about the tickets available for the Last Class Beach Bash.
- Kartik - *sent Josh update. * (I have received 15 flags for my councillor project)
- Zach - I have no updates.
- Brittany - I have no updates.
- Sangeeth - I have two updates. First of all, on Friday, I had my second off-campus housing information session. It was a success, even though it was planned in a short amount of time. There were around twenty people who showed up. There were a lot of topics that came up in the discussions, but one thing that came up a lot was security deposits. We get a letter saying it has been submitted. Sometimes, the landlord's do not submit the paperwork that needs to be filed and instead just takes the money. I am hoping that I can start informing students on how those situations can be handled. My second update is, of course, the podcast. Please go listen to it because it was a great show. This is the last council meeting and it has been two years that I have been on council. I would like to thank the executives and all of the folks. Being in council for two years has completely changed me as a person. It is in general everything about me has made a complete 360. I got to experience a lot of stuff and met a lot of people, made a lot of connections, and made lasting memories. This is why I encourage all first-years to join. It changes you

as a person. We get to see what happens behind the screens. It gives you more leadership skills, so honestly, thank you to the Student Union for making me the person I am now, all of the skills I have learned and the memories I have made.

- Rose - We did advocate for regulation of the AirBNB market and have seen that certain provinces did have an appetite for regulation, so I would love to chat with you on what we advocated for. W
- Sangeeth - I also brought ym successor to the off-campus housing event and showed her how to set things up. I think it would be a great idea for other councillors to do this as well.
- Minh - I went to the SURA's and there was a dessert with chocolate and whip cream that was really good. That is actually about it for my update. Sangeeth gave a really wonderful speech, so I won't follow up with anything. This is my first time on council and I won't be returning, unfortunately. It was a really good experience and it is a really cool set up on how things can work within these types of bodies.
- Amy - I finally got my councillor project approved by ResLife. My knock-off GooseChase was sent out to everyone living in residences. There are twelve photo challenges in total. Most of them revolve around destressors and exam study breaks. Also, there are some disclaimers at the top that say to not send anything inappropriate. All students will pick their house and can submit one form each, then I can tally how many students participated from each house. Other than that, residence events have been taking off in the month of March. There were lots of formals and charity events which was great. Also, thank you for planning the SURA's. I was unable to attend, but I heard the event went really well.
 - Jordan - Can RA's participate in the challenge?
 - Amy - I don't see why not.
- Kate - My councillor project is finally happening this Wednesday in the HIL Third Floor Event SPace. Please stop by, there will be a lot of food and thousands of dollars in period products, both disposable and sustainable, so come up and grab whatever you need. I also attended the Red n' Black Revue and the SURA's and they were both awesome events. Also, I can't believe that this is the last council meeting.

5.7. Student Senator/Board of Governors Updates (Optional)

- Gaia - I don't have any particular updates regarding my position, but I want to thank everyone for such a good year for UNB. It has been a wonderful year and I want to thank everyone for that.

6. Reports to Council

6.1. Vice President - Events and Services

- Submitted and approved timesheets for both coordinators.
- Conducted interviews for both VP Communications and VP Research and Policy.
- Went over the final pieces for the SURA's, including the script, presentation, and speeches for the award winners, dietary restrictions to the Delta, plus delivering the cheque to the Delta.
- Went over the proofs for the awards and submitted for final approval.
- Went to Oromocto to pick up the awards.
- Set up a carpool for the SURA's and picked up Ethal to bring her to the event.

6.2. Vice President - Research and Policy

- Had the Pizza and Policy event which was super great and got some feedback.
- Attended the SURA's.
- Had a meeting with Jackie from sustainability to discuss the teach-in for climate change.
- Took part in the climate change teach-in and justice which was super great and well attended.
- Chaired and spoke about the student experience at the event.
- Went to the legislature to attend the debate regarding the future of NB-EI Connect.
- Spoke to many stakeholders, including the Minister of Post-Secondary Education Training and Labour.
- Took part in the UNBSU Policy Committee meeting.
- Had a meeting with David Emerson, the special advisor to the UNB President for government relations to discuss the federal and provincial budget, an upcoming meeting we have together on housing, and general updates.
- Spoke with a student regarding spouses attaining a visa.
- Gave some feedback on the design of the food and housing policy paper for CASA.

6.3. Vice President - Communications

- Created and distributed the newsletter.
- Went through all of the AUS, Red n' Black Revue, and SURA images and uploaded them to the drive.
- Posted a Global Gala recap.
- Posted a Sex Week Trivia post alongside the 203.
- Edited images and posted a Red n' Black Revue recap.
- Updated 10 clubs on the clubs and societies website page.
- Began working on a to-do list for the next VP Communications for the summer for easier execution throughout the year and continued working on my transition report.
- Attend and photographed the Pizza and Policy event.
- Redesigned the Advocacy page on the website as requested by Rose with 7 new initiatives and images from this past year's events.

- Uploaded the Breaking Stereotypes videos and headshots to the drive.
- Currently working with Ryan and Halle May to finish filming the last few interviews.
- Finalized the Last Class Beach Bash eventbrite, including info and a banner.
- Finalized and posted a scheduled story for Destress Fest.
- Posted Destress Fest schedule and the event descriptions.
- Add all of the destress Fest events to the campus calendar with graphics and info.
- Began coordinating with the graphic designer surrounding event stories for Destress Fest
- Created and posted separate posts for Last Class Beach Bash and cross-posted on the UNBSU and Townhouse accounts and just uploaded to the campus events page as well.
- Currently facilitating a ticket split to divide under and over 19 tickets for the Last Class Beach Bash and have been transferring/adjusting pre-existing orders.

6.4. Vice President - Academic

- Worked with Josh on WNWTSU
- Had the episode with Sean and Sangeeth
- Josh was away so I did it myself, we had a few problems but Josh edited them.
- I worked on breaking stereotypes
- Worked on transition report
- Attended the SURAS

6.5. Vice President - Finance and Operations

- Did interviews for VP Communications and VP Research and Policy.
- Did Blackshirt interviews.
- Attended the SURAs.
- Attended the Policy Committee meeting.
- Held a Selections Committee meeting.
- Worked on my transition report.

6.6. Vice President - Student Wellness

- Met with Pat to go over the floor plan for the Last Class Beach Bash.
- Picked up stiff from Anna the dietician.
- Bought supplies for Destress Fest.
- Ordered energy drinks for Destress Fest.
- Worked on EDI policy.
- Participated in a SERC meeting.
- Booked an electrician for the Last Class Beach Bash.
- Gave Abby the schedules and bags for MHA Self Care Study Kit.

6.7. President

- Attended interviews for both VP Research and Policy and VP Communications

- Prepared the package for the Policy Committee to discuss the Clubs and Societies policy.
- Attended SS&P.
- Attended SERC to discuss approval of student events.
- Attended the Community Post-Secondary Relations Committee.
- Went to the Legislature to view the debate on a motion regarding funding for student loans. The motion was calling on the provincial “government to bring forward a comprehensive assistance program to support access to post-secondary education.”
- At the Legislature, myself and Rose met with Trevoe Holder, the Minister of Post-Secondary Education Training and Labour; Susan Holt, the Leader of the Liberal Party (the party who brought forward the motion), and various MLAs from both parties.
- Worked on my speeches for the SURA’s.
- We had a Policy Committee meeting.
- Preparing for a couple of meetings this week.
- Worked on my transition report.
- Attended the SURA’s. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it.
- Responded to some emails, etc.
 - Sangeeth - I think people, all of us who have been here since 2021, we have seen council come from covid where we barely had any councillors, but with the extreme hard work from Kordell we have grown immensely so thank you for your hard work.

7. Announcements

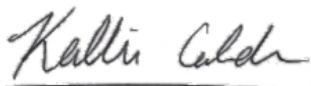
- Chair - The podcast this week features an interview with Paul Mazerolle. He can’t come live so we will be pre-recording the show. Ryan did a great job coming up with questions. We were expecting to have time for an hour long interview, but we are now only getting thirty minutes, To give you a run down, we will be addressing the tuition increase, how UNB is increasing it’s enrolment total, talking about the campus sexual assault policies, and talking about the policies regarding alcohol on campus. We will try to cover all of that tomorrow, but if there is not enough time, we will try to nail down the main points.
- Kordell - It is Isabella’s birthday today. We have a cupcake cake for her and there is food here to celebrate. I am not a singer, but if anyone would like to sing happy birthday, please feel free to do so.
- Rose - The last MP Tuesday is happening on the twelfth and there may or may not be a special guest coming with Jenica.


8. Other Business

- No other business.

9. Adjournment

- Chair - Before we adjourn, there are a few things I would like to say. As we all know this is the last session of the 2022-2023 UNBSU Council. I would like to thank you all for the hard work this year. It has been an absolute pleasure and honour to work with you all. We have done a lot of great work this year. From expanding out menstrual health services, committing outreach to clubs and societies, reaching out to off-campus students and much more. Of course I would like to congratulate Sean Briggs for faculty Councillor of the year, Kate Palmer for non faculty councillor of the year, Minh for rookie of the year, and of course just because I know emily loves it... congrats to her for faculty project of the year and sangeeth for non-faculty project of the year. I would also like to thank the execs for their work. There is so much we dont see from just sundays. Ryan Sullivan. Ryan came into the role later in the year, and has done so much in such little time. Together we created an initiative that is connecting with students on such as fast scale with potential for significant exponential growth for years to come. Big thank you to Drashtant Varma for his work as CRO. Your work and long hours will and have helped maintain, enforce, innovate, and create policies to uphold the integrity of the UNBSU. Lastly, to Kordell Walsh, thank you for your countless hours of putting up with me. Without you we could not have pushed so many changes. Saying all of that... that is all I have.
- Motion: Be it resolved that the UNBSU council meeting for April 2, 2023 be adjourned at 8:58 PM AST.
- Mover: Chair assumed
- Seconder: Isabella
- Notes: No discussion
- The vote was taken using unanimous consent. Motion carries.


Secretary


President