

## **AGENDA – UNBSU Council Meeting**



UNB Student Union 2021/22

*October 24, 2021, Tilley Room 303 or by zoom.*

*7pm Council Meeting*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89635047181?pwd=MHRFV0xSSjNDbWhWZURzTTF4OXFhZz09>

Regrets: Mia Scalabrin,

Absent: Kianna Bear-Heatherington, Joshua,

### 1. Call to Order

Acting Chair, Matthew Gysbers, calls the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

#### 1.1 Roll Call

Acting Chair, Matthew Gysbers, performs the roll call.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

#### **Resolution 030-21**

***That*** Council amends the agenda.

Motion to Amend the Agenda

Interim Vice President Finance and Operations, Katelynn Pickel-

MacDonald voices, " I am changing re-ratification to de-ratification

for 5.5. That was my bad.”

Mover: Katelynn Pickel-MacDonald

Secunder: Brennan Marks

The motion passes.

### **Resolution 031-21**

***That** Council approves the agenda.*

Motion to Approve the Amended Agenda

Mover: Gaia Geoffery Noseworthy

Secunder: Seth Eichhorst

The agenda is approved.

### 3. Chair’s Remarks

Acting Chair, Matthew Gysbers, makes the remarks by stating, “I hope we have a great meeting today and everyone be happy.”

### 4. Approval of Previous Minutes

UNBSU President, Kordell Walsh, states, “ I would like to speak to that first. The previous minutes went out with some highlights because Ridhi wasn’t presented for last council meeting. So, Ridhi still took the minutes based on the recording. But there were some sections in recording where Ridhi couldn’t hear clearly. There were a few times that I got up to plug some things in and made it hard to hear. SO, highlights were just some things that we weren’t sure on, but we consulted with each other. Everything that is present in the minutes is correct, and

when they go up on the website they would go up without those highlights. It was just procedural for us to make sure we were on the same page. The highlights in the minutes don't mean anything specific."

### **Resolution 032-21**

***That** Council approves the previous minutes.*

Motion to Approve the Previous Minutes

Mover: Seth Eichhorst

Seconder: Jillian Carson

The previous minutes are approved.

## 5. Substantive Business

### 5.1 Non-Faculty Councillor Updates

Inclusion Representative, Maya Kors, states "no updates right now."

Inclusion Representative, Jillian Carson, says, " I currently don't have any major updates. I am thinking about if I want to do a councillor project or not. After my meeting with Deanna, we discussed some stuff. So, thinking about my position and what I want to do with it."

International Representative, Sangeeth Mylatt Veetil, voices, " One of the students tried to contact their academic advisor, and since they transferred here from Waterloo, and they wanted to speak to an academic advisor, but nobody was responding. So, I helped him contact faculty dean and that issue was solved. So, that's the only update from my side."

2SLGBTQIA+ Representative, Gaia Geoffery Noseworthy, states, " No updates particularly on the 203 front. I have been volunteering with some clubs on campus. It seems like many of the clubs have been successfully restarting operations, including the Debate Club which has to re-ratify, that we will be doing so soon, or maybe just update that its still running. Also, many of the societies have been re restarting that I am a part of. SO, I have good news on that regard."

## 5.2 Rapid tests

Acting Chair, Matthew Gysbers, remarks, "I had note from our last meeting to bring up rapid tests again in Substantive Business. Would anyone like to speak to that?"

Vice President Student Life, Brennan Marks, states, " So, I looked into SafeRide and transportation, and we will pilot it on Tuesday. Niko has some stuff coming out to me tomorrow to put on our socials

and share with our partner organizations. We will only do it in the grocery runs on Tuesdays because by the time SafeRide actually gets running it can be closer to 5:45 some days given people's schedules and lives. But 1-5 PM grocery run will also be doing stops down at the rapid testing clinic. We are going to test it this week to make sure it doesn't impact the time of the grocery runs; they haven't been super crazy busy so I think it should be good. And, if there is a need or if people are really interested in rapid test transportation, we will look at different solutions if it does kind of impede the grocery runs, whether that be putting another person on that shift because we only have one man for grocery runs. So, that's good news, that will start Tuesday and hopefully, lots of students will take up that resource to get down to the Kit Pickup Center."

Engineering Councillor, Houda El Hajjaoui, asks, " Where are we getting the rapid kits from?"

Vice President Student Life, Brennan Marks, responds, " So, its SafeRide to the Exhibition grounds, that are like the public pickup spots for rapid tests. So, we aren't supplying rapid tests. We are just providing transportation to the rapid kit pickup center on Smythe Street at the Exhibition grounds."

Law Councillor, Seth Eichhorst, asks, " Instead of doing

transportation each Tuesday, is it possible to just pick up kits 100-300 kits and put it them in the UNBSU office, and let people pick them up?”

Vice President Student Life, Brennan Marks, replies, “ So, I haven’t contacted Public Health because it seems like they would be too busy. The way that the clinic works is they will only let you take the amount you either. Sometimes, they will look at how many people are in the car and only give that much or sometime, they will come in your household. So, I couldn’t go to the clinic, and they wouldn’t just give it to me because they have a daily limit of how many they are allowed to give each day. So, it’s a chance on Tuesday, if for some reason, its really busy that morning, that by 1 PM they might have already completed their daily stock, and that just a risk we are taking. To my knowledge, they haven’t been running out very early. But, no, I haven’t reached out to see if we can get tests delivered or anything like that.”

Vice President Communications, Niko Coady, adds, “ I was just going to say that I met with Maggie (CSASA), student services, and counselling services looked into that as well. The government is saying we are just doing the rapid tests stations for now because they don’t have an unlimited supply. But, once they hopefully will have more, then we can request to have a box of them at the SU

Office. So, we just have to wait till this kind section gets settled, and hopefully in a few weeks as the rapid test station is open, we will be able to get some. I think that's a good idea."

### 5.3 Indigenous Nursing Student Association Seeking Ratification

Interim Vice President Finance and Operations, Katelynn Pickel-MacDonald, states, "The Indigenous Nursing Student Association is looking to seeking ratification. Basically, they are an association within the Nursing Faculty for indigenous students at UNB. Their constitution was pretty standard. I looked through it. Nothing that was wrong with it. They are very eager to start and getting it up and running. I told them I will bring it to this council, and if it gets approved they will start right away."

Law Councillor, Seth Eichhorst, asks, "I think in constitution, I think it says that all indigenous nursing students are automatically members of the association. Is that self-declaratory?"

Interim Vice President Finance and Operations, Katelynn Pickel-MacDonald, replies, "I will just use an example for faculty, so if you are part of a faculty, you are automatically in the association. So, its the same thing. It doesn't mean they have to be active members, but they are members, if they so choose."

Law Councillor, Seth Eichhorst, inquires, "How are they determining who is indigenous and not?"

Interim Vice President Finance and Operations, Katelynn Pickel-MacDonald, replies, "I never clarified how they are choosing. I am assuming UNB looks at indigenous status. I don't think they are asking proof for indigenous status; if that clarifies anything."

2SLGBTQIA+ Representative, Gaia Geoffery Noseworthy, adds, " I can also speak to that. Because I am part of the indigenous groups on campus. Essentially, you self-declare as indigenous with UNB, they kind of automatically put you in the indigenous groups.

Generally, and more recently, its Teams. But, you are put into groups automatically by UNB. They have a system for dealing with that. I do have a question, though. How does this group differ from existing indigenous institutions on campus and how large is the nursing indigenous population? Because I haven't heard much about it till now."

Interim Vice President Finance and Operations, Katelynn Pickel-MacDonald, responds, " I am not sure how large the population is. I think it was more to be able to have that voice for nursing students that are indigenous and also to be able to liaison with the Nursing



Society already. If you read through the constitution, its pretty similar; from my emails, with the founder or the person seeking ratification, it seems like a branch and it is its own association but it's going to work strongly with the Nursing Society."

Engineering Councillor, Houda El Hajjaoui, asks, "Did they clarify why they want to be its own association?"

Interim Vice President Finance and Operations, Katelynn Pickel-MacDonald, responds, "In their objective, basically, its to provide safe space to indigenous nursing students, to advocate their needs, to provide indigenous students to develop social and emotional connections between students and support system, to promote conversations of UNB indigenous nursing students to the community and population, promoting equity and healthcare, and connect with alumni and other indigenous nursing professors for leadership and learning opportunities, and providing opportunities for financial support to indigenous students. So, basically these are things that the Nursing Society would probably want to but Nursing Society is looking at all the students, where the Indigenous Nursing Student Association wants to have that focus to make sure their constituents' needs are being advocated for.

Vice President Student Life, Brennan Marks, " I want to read on to

the record, there is an indigenous nursing program at UNB as well, that's housed out of the Nursing faculty building on the Fredericton campus. In Arts, I believe there's a lot of different societies for sectors of Arts. This will be like a different sector in Nursing faculty."

### **Resolution 033-21**

***That** Council ratifies the Indigenous Nursing Student Association.*

Motion to ratify the Indigenous Nursing Student Association.

Mover: Katelynn Pickel-MacDonald

Seconder: Houda El Hajjaoui

The vote passes unanimously.

## 5.4 Drink Smart Rebrand

Vice President Student Life, Brennan Marks, states, "A big project that my predecessor Vishnu worked on was DrinkSmart rebrand to ACE (Alcohol and Cannabis Education). That's the rebrand. And in all the craziness of the policies that had to be reviewed last year, it never made its way into our updated policy. The actual policy around DrinkSmart is in its committee; it has an associated committee that I chair. I would like to task Policy committee with updating the DrinkSmart Policy to reflect the changes to Alcohol and Cannabis Education and once that's done, we will want to change the service to replace DrinkSmart. It was sent out with the email for this week's

council, the suggestions that me and Vishnu worked on last year for the policy updates. Any questions?"

### **Resolution 034-21**

***That*** Council tasks the Policy Committee.

Motion to task the Policy Committee with updating DrinkSmart Steering Committee Policy

Mover: Brennan Marks

Seconder: Sangeeth Mylatt Veetil

The vote passes unanimously.

## 5.5 De-Ratification of UNB Spring

Interim Vice President Finance and Operations, Katelynn Pickel-MacDonald, voices, " So, basically, UNB SPRING is looking for de-ratification for this year, because the program they have with YMCA, masks are not being worn in the pool, and that doesn't align with UNB Policy. So, after talking to the Co-chair we decided it was best for them to seek de-ratification and they are working as a separate club outside of UNB with no association with UNB. Any questions?"

Law Councillor, Seth Eichhorst, asks, "After COVID, would you seek to get recertified again or is it going to be a separate thing?"

Interim Vice President Finance and Operations, Katelynn Pickel-MacDonald, replies, " That would be upto the next year's executives or at the end of the year, if they so choose to be ratified within this year, then that's definitely something they would be allowed to do."

Engineering Councillor, Houda El Hajjaoui, asks, " May I ask what is UNB SPRING?"

Interim Vice President Finance and Operations, Katelynn Pickel-MacDonald, replies, " Its basically, UNB students volunteer every Sunday at YMCA, and they do activities such as swimming and playing in the gym with children that have special needs. The issue is when they are in the pool they don't wear a mask, and that doesn't work with UNB's policy. The pool is a big aspect of what they do."

UNBSU President, Kordell Walsh, states, " Something that is worth clarifying too. SPRING typically doesn't collect money from the Student Union to operate and their insurance also would work off of YMCA. So, its not like SPRING is being put in a situation where they are losing funding or access to insurances."

Interim Vice President Finance and Operations, Katelynn Pickel-MacDonald, adds, " Its already a pretty established club. They aren't

actively seeking, like they always want to new members, but they don't need Student Union right now to boost their platform."

### **Resolution 035-21**

***That Council de-ratifies UNB SPRING***

Motion to de-ratify UNB SPRING

Mover: Katelynn Pickel-MacDonald

Seconder: Houda El Hajjaoui

The vote passes with one abstention

Vice President Student Life, Brennan Marks, speaks to abstention, " I am an executive of the club, so I will abstain."

The motion passes.

## 6. Reports to Council

### 6.1 Vice President – Communications

Vice President Communications, Niko Coady, says, " I hope everyone had a wonderful week. A lot of website updates from me this week, I got the list of ratified clubs from Katelynn. All the clubs and societies pages are updated like cultural, academic, sport and, special interest clubs are all done. All their contact information and their bios are up-to-date. So if you have friends or see incoming students that are looking to join a club or society, it's on the website, and all their information is accurate. I also did the candidates page for the election.

Candidates have sent in their bios and information, it went up Friday, it's now available on the website for students to be welcomed to learn more about any of the candidates. I worked on some student night promotions for the night at the CAP next Thursday. Molly gave me all the information needed which is great. I also worked on the promotions for the Boo Bash that's happening next Friday, sat down with Molly and ran through what she was looking for, so that the first ones going up on Friday. I also met with Will to discuss what the elections are going to look like this year as e-services is no longer the platform that will be used for the elections. I just wanna make sure that we're able to put promotions that clearly outline how you will vote on the SharePoint site. So, Will is working with the IT Services, so as soon as he has all the information we will sit down again and I will make sure there are promotions on the page and the website so that students should be able to easily understand how to vote this year. I met with Mark Brennan and work-study student Kiley from the library, we were talking about social media collaborations. I believe Kiley is going to do an Instagram takeover on our page after reading week and they also just started their own research commons Instagram page. Meredith finished the finance week lookbook for us and it looks awesome, so that will be really great for financing. I put out the Humans of the UNBSU campaign post and we already

got three applications and I only put it up on Friday, so that is awesome. I think it will be really cool to be able to see everyone share stories, if you know, anyone that just is like really cool on campus, and you would love to see them highlighted, then please fill the form on our website. I also met with Brennan again to talk about 1785 after we got the samples. We are kind of shifting our direction a little bit away from clothing because we have so much clothing on campus, but we are still gonna to do some designing and try and figure how we can build that UNB essence because that was the original goal of 1785. I attended Redshirt orientation awards on Friday evening, just took some pictures with those folks. Just want to make sure we recognize that they did great work. I sat in on some SET interviews and we had a meeting on Friday to discuss hiring. I attend the COVID-19 Anti-Racism roundtable this afternoon.”

## 6.2 Vice President - Student Life

Vice President Student Life, Brennan Marks, states, “ I will start with campus events as Niko alluded to having a discount night at the Capital on Thursday. If you folks can please share the promotional stuff that will be going out, with your socials, if you don’t know what CAP is, it is a bar downtown and we partnered with them for some events, for example the Kick-Off Concert

and we also did these small little nights where just go and get some cheap drinks. It is also just a really great vibe. They have non-alcoholic options as well. It is just a nice local meeting spot to let off some steam after a tough week, so hope to see you there. SET interviews have been going well, we hired some folks which I am sure Katelynn will touch on as well. Niko alluded to the Boo Bash which this Friday, it is a pumpkin decorating event that we are doing on Friday from 11-2 PM and that's up in the ballroom. Me and Molly went gourd shopping this weekend for that so please go paint a gourd and get some candy. Me and Molly have been trying really hard to emulate the S Club ballrooms events and we have been running into a lot of trouble having them on campus, due to there isn't enough space that is open that late on campus anymore and obviously we are in middle of the pandemic, so we are planning right now for when the emergency order is lifted to have some ballroom events ready to go with a partnership with Khrome downtown. So, there will be having UNBSU Khrome Nights where we will have the top floor Khrome rented to provide students with the same vibe that S Club ballrooms did. That will be in partnership with STU SU. The SafeRide van is done and is being picked up on Wednesday, so that will rejoin the SafeRide squad next week most likely. We will be transitioning to a 4 location pickup. So, if you are not familiar with SafeRide, we



operate at the 3 locations. Allison and I will be working on different versions of that and seeing which one works best. I think we are starting with the Currie Center becoming a permanent pickup spot, but we will play with that based on the usage and all the drivers will be trained on how to operate the wheelchair lifts as well. SafeRide will be piloting the rapid test transportation, so please use that, tell your friends, its a great addition to SafeRide. UNBSU Food, the breakfast program continues, hopefully see you tomorrow morning. Nicole and I are debating If Mondays or Wednesdays are better. If you have any opinions on that please let me know. Campus FoodBox orders opened on Friday for November, they'll be open until this Friday. If you or know you know who is need of support from the food bank that is a great option. The garden which operates under UNBSU Food, group called Wasteland NB is implementing a composting project that we are excited about. They will be purchasing three composting bins and installing them on our garden and their team will be responsible for the upkeep and the operation of them, in turn will be giving them a garden pot and they will be giving our community garden compost throughout the season, which is really exciting. Meeting with Shelley Platten tomorrow to discuss finance week which we moved to the week after the reading week. As Niko said I also attended the routable discussion on Anti-Asian Racism and was

there to talk about our student assistance program in the counseling offerings that has and with the 203 and STU SU to discuss the plans for the Trans Day Remembrance ceremony which will be happening on November 20th. Gaia, I will be reaching out to you this week to touch base on that. It will be happening on the STU campus at 3 PM and I will send you more information as we get closer."

### 6.3 Vice President - Finance and Operations

Interim Vice President Finance and Operations, Katelynn Pickel-MacDonald, says, " We continue doing interviews for the Student Experience Team this week and we came to a conclusion. I sent out the emails congratulating the successful candidates as well as informing the unsuccessful candidates and in these emails, I am also including the volunteer typeform we have to make it that students know there are a lots of different ways to be involved with the Student Union, even if its not the position they applied for. We had the second Clubs and Societies fair on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, that went well, there was only 4 clubs participating in it. But, it seemed to go over well. I met with a couple different clubs and societies to go over COVID and guidelines. I also sent out email regarding COVID guidelines as well as a reminder of the rules that they haven't changed. I had

a meeting with Sarah about clarification for different types of events that clubs are allowed to have and after that, I talked to the SUB to reiterate the information that Sarah had given me, so that the SUB and UNBSU are on the same wavelength there. I had a Women Center Board meeting which went over very well. There were lots of discussions that happened. I informed of them they also have to request vaccination status of volunteers too just to make sure everything is safe in that sense. I sent out another email to all clubs and societies about Primary Event Organizer training that is on d21. Hopefully, after that, one person from every executive of clubs and societies will have that done. I did event approvals for clubs and societies.”

#### 6.4 President

UNBSU President, Kordell Walsh, states, “ I met with Julie Redstone-Lewis from the Secretariat office to discuss the vacancies that occurred after the resignation of our two senators from last week’s meeting, plus the resignation of Deanna and through her position as VP Internal is a senator. And, we just discussed the openings and making sure that everything goes over smoothly from the Senate side of things, and just how the committees will be handled for those who resigned and what will happen to those

committees slots and they will stay vacant, and we will let the new senators to pick and choose which ones they want from the options that are available. I had the By-campus Self Isolation Committee which went well. There was a lot of discussion about self-isolations in the winter term, through the Christmas break and just how international students will likely still need to self-isolate, and the impact that will have on self-isolations on campus. There is a lot of planning going to making it as smooth process as possible. We had the NBSA board meeting again this week, and we approved some more policies. And, discussed Advocacy week which will be happening in the last week of November. We picked some of our priorities. We will be working on the Advocacy week document that goes out every week. And, Advocacy week is a series of meetings with members of Government at all three levels (federal, provincial, and municipal), as well as members of universities to promote policies to improve access to post-secondary education in NB. I had the President's task force on investing to address climate change which was a really interesting meeting; we received a presentation about sustainable investments and how we can be socially and environmentally be sustainable and how you can track the climate impact of your investments, which was really insightful. Its great to see there is work being done in

making our university investments sustainable socially and environmentally. Working on reading documents for upcoming meetings. I have Academic Planning Committee meeting through Senate this week, on Monday. We have NBSA Internal Documents Review Committee so that's going through NBSA's bylaws and working to make sure they are up-to-date and functional. Additionally, I reached out to a campus group, United Campus Labour Council to discuss the bus passes, if faculty or staff have considered having a bus pass and if there is room for us to collaborate to get a wider bus pass for members of the University rather than just students and maybe that can make it a little bit cheaper. Lastly, something must have happened this week in terms of the University notifying students of overdue payments. We received a lot of inquires regarding our insurance plan and how to opt out, even though we are almost a month past the opt-out deadline. Our general manager typically handles them. But there were a few folks who weren't happy with her response that was essentially you missed the deadline by a month, like you received a notification and choose not to. An insurance plan you can still make use of. So, she redirected a few of them to me so I tried to find resolutions and let them know; reiterate that you missed the deadline. So, that took a little bit of time on phone calls. I met with

Will for a bit and we chatted about the elections and all that.”

## 7. Question Period

Law Councillor, Seth Eichhorst, asks, “I have a general counsellor question. On honorary sheet one of the things is to help out with the student union events, does that involve planning something or just show up, how does that work?”

Vice President Student Life, Brennan Marks, replies, “So we are hoping you'll be able to volunteer, not so much in the planning capacity, just volunteering your time whether that be sitting at the breakfast program for a week or helping Molly with the Boo Bash not so much just showing up but maybe volunteering your time for an hour or two to come help operate the event. It is on my list to send you a list of all the events just so you'll know what's coming up and where your hands will be needed.”

Interim Vice President Finance and Operations, Katelynn Pickel-MacDonald, adds, “I just wanted to say if there is anybody that wants to fulfill that this week there is another clubs and societies fair and we need help set up which happens from 8:30am - 9am right now it's just been Kordell and I that have been doing it and but there

is a lot more people and then teardown which is 2pm - 3pm and that is on Friday, so if anybody is looking to fulfill that it's a n easy way you just have to move a couple tables and chairs."

## 8. Announcements

Interim Vice President Finance and Operations, Katelynn Pickel-MacDonald, says, " I guess just be mindful that we don't have any meeting next week or the week after that, so our next council meeting will be for November 14h. please vote.

## 9. Other Business

Acting Chair, Matthew Gysbers, states, "Since no one else has anything else to say."

## 10. Adjournment

### **Resolution 036-21**

***That*** Council adjourns the meeting at 7:47 PM.

Mover: Seth Eichhorst

Seconder: Jillian Carson

The vote passes unanimously.

Kordell Walsh - President



Ridhi Sharma - Secretary

  
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