

## Council Minute February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Absent: Councillor Wilson, Senator McGrath, Senator Kalu, Orozco, Mclean

Regrets: Senator Reid, Councillor Payne, Councillor Washburn, Councillor Labillios

### 1. Call to Order

Council is called to order at 7:02pm

### 2. Approval of Agenda

Mover: Councillor Doucet

Second: Councillor Banks

Addition of reports: nursing, science, engineering, kinesiology, forestry and environmental science

### 3. Chair's Remarks

Procedurally important tonight: bylaw readings and budget second reading

### 4. Approval of Minutes

Item 5.6 Councillor Payne "commends", not "comments"

### 5. Substantive Business

#### 5.1 2016-2017 Final Budget- Second Reading- VP Beirsto

Was recirculated for final approval with minimal changes, addition of alumni signing up to sponsor, and printing of posters for elections. Welcomes concerns or questions.

Motions for council to accept the budget as circulated.

Mover: VP Beirsto

Second: Councillor Cameron

Councillor Cormier: conferences line, budget increased from 15k to 18k, asks VP Beirsto to elaborate.

VP Beairsto- highlighted because wasn't a good increase, hoping to be more efficient in the future.

Vote passes unanimously

## 5.2 Bylaw Amendments- Third Reading- President Daley

BE IT RESOLVED that bylaw one be amended as circulated and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the amendments be effective May 1, 2017

Mover: President Daley

Second: Councillor Cameron

Has three components minimizing details of executive duties, less overlap, and readjusting how section 19 & 40-54 overlapped. Has been publicized the past two weeks.

Councillor Banks: wondering if anyone has received feedback, has heard positive comments from professors.

VP Beers: fielded questions via Facebook, with exception of one person, feedback was mostly positive.

Councillor Doucet: some people weren't happy with single vote changes on job descriptions. Noticed in bylaw 2 that any ordinary member can run, where bylaw 1 states you must be of a certain age to be a councillor.

VP Beers- bylaw 1 states you must be 18, conflicts with election rules but creates loophole that someone could run and be elected but have the position vacant the entire summer.

Councillor Cormier: If the bylaw is amended do we have to do another 3 readings?

VP Beers: Being 18 years of age will stay but could adjust to resolve the conflict. May just have enough time left to do it this year.

Vote passes unanimously

## 5.3 UNBSU Website Contents- Senator Renaud

Two items to address: first is debate coming up on Wednesday for executive candidates, wondering if details will be posted.

President Daley: yes, will be posted tomorrow.

Senator Renaud: Is there a particular reason the info is being put up tomorrow?

President Daley: candidates were told there would be debate, but the format was left up to The Bruns. Wanted to know how many candidates for each position, only got back to exec council with formatting on Friday.

Senator Renaud: Second concern about UNBSU Human Rights Policy, passed by council on last April 1<sup>st</sup>. Couldn't find it on the website. Position statement concerning UNB Board of Governor's Transparency is not posted either.

President Daley: Board of Governors policy is there in the minutes it was passed in, human rights policy: spent time emailing councillors, searching UNBSU drive, couldn't find it saved anywhere. Asks if any councillors have the final copy saved.

Senator Renaud has a pdf copy, will send along to policy committee with some friendly amendments to typos.

#### 5.4 Council Procedures Policy- President Daley

Was reviewed by policy committee, two changes as circulated: putting substantive business in item 5, guests that come to council have 5 minutes or approval for more time.

Motions to accept changes as circulated.

Mover: President Daley

Second: Councillor Doucet

Vote passes unanimously

#### 5.5 Committee Policy- Councillor Doucet

Met to discuss committees policy, key changes include more regular meetings 3x per term, inclusion of committees together for effectiveness (policy and procedures). Two committees were moved to ad hoc because they only take place in the summer.

Modification of non-faculty committees: instead of each non-faculty rep chairing their

own committee, there would be a separate committee chaired by the two inclusion reps and have every non faculty councillor sit on it.

President Daley: article 6 has been added regarding how people are informed of committee meetings.

Councillor Doucet motions to accept changes as circulated

Mover: Councillor Doucet

Second: Councillor Toner

Councillor Banks: just to clarify, the non-faculty councillors will have their own committee altogether. Wondering if that will hinder personal projects.

Doucet: still able to strike ad hoc for whatever they need, but talked about how 9 non faculty committees is hard to get councillors to them, this way you have all non-faculty councillors sitting on this committee and increases effectiveness of inclusion reps.

Councillor Hebert: as the off campus rep, saw benefit this year sitting in on off campus committees rather than making another and breaking it up further.

Vote passes unanimously

## 5.6 Advancement Committee Report- President Daley

Has been meeting to discuss potential for SU to represent part time students. ALPS president hoped that part time students could be absorbed and that ALPS could dissolve. Evaluated pros and cons, asking for mandate looking at how to incorporate.

Councillor Banks: if we were to absorb the representation, how would this affect part time students running for council?

President Daley: representation on council has to be discussed further, and bylaw changes would have to be done next semester.

Chairman Whitney: is allowance for part time member to be President in bylaws.

Councillor Cormier: asks about timeline considerations.

President Daley: moment we start representing is when we start collecting fees, ambitiously next January.

Councillor Banks: because it won't be completed because this term is up, is there a plan in place for next executive?

President Daley: would come as mandate from council to carry it on, but could potentially vote it down.

#### 5.7 Position Statement re: Experiential Learning- VP Beers

Wrote up statement, circulated with documents. Motions to adopt as circulated.

WHEREAS experiential learning helps students identify their academic and career paths, develop skills, and increase professional connections, and better prepares students for entry into the labour force; and A 2013 graduate survey found that over 63.1% of students who participated in paid internships received job offers upon graduation; and

WHEREAS the average debt of New Brunswick post-secondary students graduating with debt is \$35,200; and Students frequently have to bear additional costs associated with their participation in experiential learning opportunities

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The University of New Brunswick Student Union advocates that the University of New Brunswick increase the number of internships offered by each Faculty and program; and The University of New Brunswick Student Union advocates that the Government of New Brunswick, businesses and the University of New Brunswick provide financial or academic compensation to students who participate in Experiential Learning opportunities.

Mover: Councillor Beers

Second: Councillor Doucet

Vote passes unanimously

#### 5.8 Orientation Policies- VP Beirsto

Came up a few weeks ago with house-keeping updates to Orientation policy, major change in orientation bylaws grounds on distributing Shinerama honoraria, expanded to

include Black Shirt hiring and training, Red Shirt reunion, and hiring successors. Financial policy house-keeping updates: addition of amendments section, and orientation fee.

Motions to adopt changes as circulated.

Mover: VP Beairsto

Second: Councillor Doucet

VP Beers: friendly amendment on position statement that expired, states that we reserve the right to request that political or faith based groups not be present at orientation events, feels it would be appropriate to add this.

Chairman Whitney: more substantial addition above friendly amendments, could refer that for review or decide where to put it now, can address in business arising.

Vote passes unanimously

## 6. Reports to Council

### 6.1 VP Student Services- VP Tozer

Has been working on Red and Black Revue, went well. Craft Beer tasting March 30<sup>th</sup>. Communicating re: health plan, dealing with mechanical issues with one of safe ride vans, will be replaced soon. Planning year end awards ceremony. Planning end of semester event with services committee, meeting after council.

### 6.2 VP Finance and Operations- VP Beairsto

Worked on final budget, drafted preliminary budget due Feb 24<sup>th</sup>. Fee changes proposal, SERM had Formals issues past few weeks. Formals likely able to run for the next year, pillar pubs will work with SU on how to best run. Events approval and requests. Picked interviewees for Black Shirts.

### 6.3 VP Internal- VP Bempah

Breaking stereotypes stream was great. Received letter from President Campbell praising projects. Planned Valentine's Day dog room but was cancelled due to weather, rescheduling. Internal committee was mandating to collect info re engagement at UNB, only had chance to meet once due to weather, scheduling. Sarah Rothman will meet with

committee at next meeting. Cultural Café Clay Café event went well, planning next events soon. Focusing on creating as many programs as possible before end of the year.

#### 6.4 VP External- VP Beers

Got stuck in Toronto due to weather, but was able to talk to Rice Fuller re: counselling waiting times, changing to same day/next day structure for counselling. Increased number of student intakes per day from 22-36, substantial increase especially being down a counsellor due to mat leave. Has been updating position statements. Brian Gallant announced funding for PSE but not where it's going. Women for 50% conference has been rescheduled. Has been fielding questions about bylaw amendments.

#### 6.5 President- President Daley

UNB: Due to the weather the UNB Board of Guvnors meeting was cancelled.

UNBSU: I spent time discussing with the CRO about further collection of candidates for the vacant spots. I lent Grayson a hand with his results collections of surveys. The Oweek chair and I sat down and spoke about their roll and that of the shine chair. I updated the ALPs President on Advancement Committees work looking at how we can represent part-time students. Policy committee met Sunday and discussed adjustments to the policy we're bringing forward at council. I also attended an MPHEC board call, related to this position is interested to hear from PETL representatives what is on their agenda.

NBSA: We had our bi-weekly board call; it was pretty smooth as per-usual.

Marketing: Ali have been promoting the dog room (tragically cancelled), the extended nominations, and redshirt event. She is also going through the photos taken at last week's events and putting them in our catalogue.

#### 6.6 Inclusion Representative- Councillor Doucet

Attended policy and external committee. Met with VP Beirsto re: SERM and Formals. Has been working on councillor reform, "student at larges" changed to "inclusion reps", still don't know what to do. Trying to develop job description along the same lines as exec positions, welcomes any feedback. Encourages questioning candidates running for council.

#### 6.7 Nursing Representative- Councillor MacMillan

Gala at The Delta, was questioned about not hosting it on campus. As a student living on campus, it's nice to go to an off campus event. Likes idea UNB events at different venues. Went very well. Apparently didn't go as well last year even with higher attendance. Would like more help planning in the future or combining with another faculty. First councillor project went well.

#### 6.8 Science Representative- Councillor Ward

Collaborating with science peer mentors for coffee house project this semester. Met with students during office hours inquiring about getting more seating in the science concourse. Reached out this week to gather more opinions, will speak with Angela Legere to address the issue.

#### 6.9 Engineering Representative- Councillor Cameron

Changed office hours to Tues 1pm-2pm. councillor project with Councillor Murray, March 18<sup>th</sup> in Head Hall, Settlers of Catan tournament, giving away Catan boards. Goals to have bonding between eng and CS.

#### 6.10 Kinesiology Representative- Councillor Whelan

Councillor project to do speaker series from different health professions. Luncheon in sub. Volunteered for Red and Black Revue. Got good feedback on Breaking Stereotypes. Faculty vs. students Kin basketball game at Currie, Thursday 4:30-5:30.

#### 6.11 Forestry and Environmental Management Representative- Councillor Cormier

Office hours 11:30am-1pm Monday, exec has accepted councillor project, and running for re-election.

### 7. Announcements

Councillor Toner: Cyclethon is this Friday at Currie starts at 6pm, 12 hours, teaching at 9:30.

### 8. Question Period

President Daley: science variety show happening?

Councillor Ward: no, decided instead of having it this weekend cancelled for students to catch up on work from weather delays, doing coffee house instead.

Toner: Addresses VP Tozer, met with human rights officer this week and are working on different projects...wondering if trans healthcare (medications, etc.) was accounted for in health plan or has ever come up?

VP Tozer: hasn't come up, but will look into it. Right now looking at increasing counselling services allowance from \$300-1000.

Councillor Toner: would that be more than 6 hours of total counselling time for students?

VP Tozer: counts towards off campus counselling, would pay for approx. 10 sessions.

Councillor Cormier: while getting signatures for nominations, had a lot of questions about providing phone numbers. Was wondering purpose of this.

President Daley: a few things in nomination forms that could be adjusted. Can be looked into with CRO.

## 9. Other Business Arising

Councillor Doucet motions for policy committee to review Human Rights Policy.

Mover: Councillor Doucet

Second: Councillor Toner

Senator Renaud: the meeting last year required for the policy to be posted on the website, a few typos to fix. Recommends motion to include posting to website.

Councillor Doucet agrees to amendment posting to website after review.

Motion passes unanimously

VP Beers motions for orientation committee to review the statement regarding political and faith orgs in o week.

Mover: VP Beers

Second: Councillor Ward

Councillor Cormier motions for policy committee to review bylaw 2 election age requirements.

Mover: Councillor Cormier

Second: Doucet

Motion passes unanimously

Senator Renaud: Board of Gov's transparency statement is in minutes, requests it's posted as individual policy.

President Daley: will take care of it.

VP Bempah: didn't add councillor of the month, would like to address. Also councillor transition coming up, asks councillors start preparing transition report for successor. Can work on format of report to distribute.

Councillor Doucet: discussed with Councillor Payne, do you feel it would be more effective in the spring with previous council? General question for discussion.

President Daley: event with new and current councillors in the works, has looked into this.

VP Bempah: will give deadline for transition reports. Councillor of the month: for due diligence and reading of reports, attendance, councillor of the month is Councillor Cormier.

Senator Renaud: was indicated exec was informed of format of debate and will inform candidate on Monday, why Monday instead of immediately? Delay to create promo materials?

President Daley: Friday afternoon did not have the format from individuals moderating, no reason to hold it back. Format is Q & A.

Senator Renaud: Candidates were confirmed the week before, Bruns took one week to prepare?

President Daley: Mon-Tues confirmed candidates, had some delays with storms.

Senator Renaud: Wouldn't be a problem that execs know the format if execs weren't also running.

Execs besides President Daley just found out right now.

Councillor Banks: know last year it was Q & A, has an idea of format due to last year's debate.

Senator Renaud: concerns were start time, location, intro statements.

President Daley: echoing statements about advanced info, the CRO will inform candidates tomorrow.

VP Beers: execs present inherently have advantage.

Senator Renaud: suggests note for next year that CRO handles debate information.

## 10. Adjournment

Mover: Councillor Doucet

Second: Councillor Toner

Council is adjourned at 8:03pm.