

Minutes - UNBSU Council Meeting

UNB Student Union 2022/2023

February 12th, 2023; in-person meeting



Present:

- Kordell
- Rose
- Annie
- Amanda
- Isabella
- Ryan
- Warren (virtual)
- Keri (virtual)
- Molly (virtual)
- Ally (virtual)
- Sarah
- Jorja (virtual)
- Sean
- Alexa
- Kartik (virtual)
- Zach (virtual)
- Sangeet (virtual)
- Gaia (virtual)
- Heer (virtual)
- Kisenge (virtual)
- Jordan

Not Present:

- Bradley
- Patrick

Regrets:

- Halle
- Brittany
- Emily
- Amy
- Kate
- Minh

Also present: Josh (Council Chairperson), Kallie (Council Secretary), Priyam (DCRO)

1. Call to Order

- Council chairperson, Josh, calls the meeting to order at 5:11 PM AST.

1.1. Roll Call

- Council chairperson, Josh, performs roll call.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Chair - The agenda was sent out on Friday via email. Does anyone have any questions about the agenda?
 - Motion: Be it resolved that the agenda for February 12, 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 really do not have any remarks. I just want to say thank you to those who made it to this early council session. I appreciate you coming out and trying to make the new time work within your busy schedules. For those of you who have emailed me about being unable to attend you will not be penalized for not attending since this is a special circumstance.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Chair - The previous minutes were hyperlinked in the agenda that was sent to all of you. Are there any questions?
 - Motion: Be it resolved that the minutes from the previous council meeting are approved.
 - Mover: Chair assumed
 - Secunder: Ryan
 - Notes: No discussion
 - The vote was taken using unanimous consent. Motion carries.

5. Substantive Business

5.1. CASA Presentation

- Kordell - Hi folks. As you know we have two representatives from Casa here today, Wasiimah Joomum the Member Relations Officer and Sana Banu the Director of Membership. They are here to present about what CASA does and how they operate so I want to move that we grant them speaking rights for this presentation and to speak beyond the time constraints that are laid out in the Bylaws.
- Chair - Are there any questions?

- Motion: Be it resolved that CASA can be granted speaking rights on behalf of Kordell with Council's approval for the presentation to be able to speak beyond the time constraints allotted in the Union's bylaws and policies.
 - Mover: Kordell
 - Seconder: Sean
 - Notes: No discussion
 - The vote passes. Motion carries.
- The two aforementioned representatives from CASA present on how they operate and what they can do for the Student Union. [\(Presentation\)](#)
 - Chair - Are there any questions? If there are no questions right now, the slides will be attached to the minutes for people to review, so if questions arise later please reach out to the email that is provided in the presentation. I just want to say a big thank you to CASA for presenting tonight.

5.2. Approval of the Updated UNBSU Committee Membership List

- Chair - We have a few more changes we need to present. I will display them on the screen to highlight the changes. There are not too many. Essentially, the only changes are to the Advancement Committee and the Policy Committee. Recommendation is to put Abby Sensabaugh in those positions. These are the only changes..
 - Motion: Be it resolved that the UNBSU Committee Membership List be approved as presented.
 - Mover: Chair assumed
 - Seconder: Jordan
 - Notes: No discussion
 - The vote passes. Ryan abstains. Motion carries.

5.3. Update Minutes from November 22nd, 2022

- Chair - There is just an addition to some previous items from previous agendas involving the appointment of the Forestry and Environmental Management Councilor. We had to strike a motion that was made. I have hyperlinked the updated minutes in the agenda in case anyone wants to review them. Does anyone have any questions?

5.4. UNBSU General Election Update - Extension

- Priyam - The campaign period is under way as of 4:30 PM on Friday, February 10. The all candidates meeting was held virtually due to the campus closure from the weather. With the lack of nominations, the nomination period was extended until noon on Monday, February 13. I have a list of the positions that needed to be extended, which include Vice President Academic, Vice President Events and Services, Arts Councilor, Kinesiology Councilor, Law Councilor, Science Councilor, Forestry and Environmental Management Councilor, Management Councilor, Nursing Councilor, Renaissance College

Councilor, Residence Representative, Accessibility Representative, Gender and Sexual Diversity Representative, two Inclusion Representatives, Off-Campus Representative, Women's Representative, Part-Time Student Representative, three One-Year Student Senators, one Two-Year Student Senator, and two One-Year Board of Governors Representatives.

- Chair - Are there any questions for Priyam?
- Kordell - I just want to encourage everyone to share that the nomination period has been extended on social media. Reach out to your friends or fellow students and encourage them to run. The more nominations, the better, but it is also great to have more voices around the table. Any chance we get to nominate a new person is a new student we can get engaging with the Student Union.
- Alexa - I was in Kordell's office on Thursday and asked some questions about what the summer commitments look like for certain positions. Being a councilor is not a big summer commitment, but I was wondering if the executive position summer commitments should be advertised. It might be helpful for those individuals who are unaware how the Union runs and operates.
- Chair - Are there any questions? If there are any questions that arise outside this meeting, feel free to send me an email. any questions?
- Annie - My only concern is that the forms are due tomorrow, so posting that new information now might not be helpful, but I will include the suggestion in my transition report.

5.5. Ratification of "Girls STEM Up"

- Isabella - This is more of a conference rather than a group, but they are active. They were never ratified and are looking to get ratified to get access to the things we do and the support we offer. They sent me their constitution and it looks fine. I have never had any issues with them so everything looks good to me.
- Chair - Are there any questions?
 - Motion: be it resolved that "Girls STEM Up" be ratified as presented.
 - Mover: Isabella
 - Secunder: Ryan
 - Notes: No discussion
 - The vote passes. Motion carries.

5.6. Non-Faculty Councilor Updates

- Jordan - I had my check-in with Isabella and Josh last week and it went well. I am also trying to narrow in on what I might do my councilor project on, but that is mostly it for this week.
- Chair - Any questions?
- Abby - I finally found some time to book my councilor check-in for tomorrow. I also spoke to Josh at the Clubs and Societies Fair about trying to find

someone to fill the Arts Councilor position. I talked to some people but they weren't really interested. Some are mildly interested and others are not at all, but I will keep looking.

- Chair - Does anyone have any questions?
- Alexa - I actually might share that information about the nomination period to all the residence pages. I need to find a time that works to meet with you, Josh. I also attended the concert and am so glad that some people picked up the discounted tickets. I am probably going to talk more with the events team about my councilor project.
- Chair - Are there any questions?
- Kartik - I have no update.
- Zach - I have no update.
- Sangeet - I sat at a booth in the Clubs and Societies Fair just to give out some goodies and answer any questions students had about off-campus housing. Some people also had questions about running for my position. The second exciting thing is my councilor project was a success with 43 students who attended the information session. They all found the session very beneficial. We had members from SLIC come in and network with students and answer any questions they had regarding off-campus housing. Everyone enjoyed the pizza too so it was a big success. Maybe with the help of Council I can host a similar event on the STU campus. I sat in on the first meeting that Townhouse had after they got a new team. I sat in the meeting with them to see the team structure and what their plans are for the year. I also gave some suggestions as well.
- Chair - Are there any questions?

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

- No updates.

6. Reports to Council

6.1. Vice President - Events and Services

- Took some time off of work this week due to the concert being last week.
- Met with April, the Director of Counseling Services, about opening the conversation about the future of counseling services.
- Met with Molly to discuss the Winter Carnival, AUS, and Rail Jam.
- Prepared the agenda for the SL Committee after this and updated the meeting minutes.
- Put together the list of awards and other information.

6.2. Vice President - Research and Policy

- Spent a lot of the week getting ready for AGM for CASA, booking meetings and working with home staffer Trevor.
- Chaired the Federal Policy Committee meeting on Thursday.
- Had a meeting with David Emerson, the special advisor to the President.
- Took part in the first meeting for the Provost search.

- Had a one-on-one policy meeting with a CASA delegate regarding their policy package.
- Finished up advertising MLA Monday happening tomorrow.
- Started booking and creating questions for students for my Pizza and Policy event.

6.3. Vice President - Communications

- Created and distributed the newsletter.
- Added all Council minutes from this year to the website.
- Updates the website bylaws.
- Scheduled the MP and MLA event Instagram stories.
- Took Kallie's headshot.
- Added all upcoming events to the campus calendar on the website including Sex Week, MLA/MP events, AUD weekends, Winter Carnival, and more.
- Adjusted times on designs for Sex Week.
- Created and finalized Sex Week schedule post.
- Posted the schedule story with the updated times for Sex Week.
- Worked on Instagram stories, TV advertisements, Eventbrite Banner for Sex Week.
- Created Eventbrite page for Sex Toy Bingo with virtual and in-person options for tickets.
- Aided Halle May in collecting unused orientation tote bags.
- Added Sex Week to the homepage on the website.
- Finalized AUD Basketball Weekend post.
- Worked on the second alternate version to cross-post.
- Edited and began posting Rail Jam signup stories.
- Reposted information for Rail Jam on the events page.
- Attended and photographed Rail Jam.
- Went through the photos from the Reklaws concert and Rail Jam photos and uploaded the best to the drive.
- Made small edits to the general events website page.
- Updated the Winter Carnival Page of the website.
- Updated the AUS Basketball Weekend page on the website.
- Edited the elections post and rescheduled the final nominations post.
- Created and posted the extended nominations post and stories.
- Created campaign period start post and story.
- Updated the banner on the website for elections.
- Finalized the logo options and edits with the graphic designer for the podcast/radio show.
- Met with Josh to create descriptions and bios for the podcast platforms.
- Put together a posting platform on Buzzsprout for recorded episodes.
- Created a page on the website with all the information for the podcast.

6.4. Vice President - Academic

- Attended the radio show technical training.
- Attended the Senate Nominating Committee meeting.
- Worked on the committee lists.
- Held the first live show for the podcast.
- Prepped for next week's radio show with Josh.
- Prepared for Tuesday's Senate meeting.
- Worked on a SafeRide thing for Amanda.
- Responding to emails.
- Coordinated for the appointment of an arts student to an award committee.
- Coordinated for the last of the Book Buy and Sell books to be returned.
- Began working on a new Book Buy and Sell handbook for next year's event.

6.5. Vice President - Finance and Operations

- Took some time off of work this week.
- Spent Wednesday doing orientation Chair/Vice Chair interviews.
- Met with Miriam in regards to orientation and blackshirt hiring.
- Attended a SERC meeting.
- Did a councilor check-in.

6.6. Vice President - Student Wellness

*Update will be presented at the following council session.

6.7. President

- Attended a meeting with David Emerson, UNB's Government Relations Officer, regarding the pre-budget submission.
- Looked into some stuff for Brittany and the Indigenous Student Council.
- Gave the Sex Week posters to the SUB office to be displayed in the SUB washrooms.
- Did some outreach to begin planning CASA's Policy and Strategy conference for this summer. Looking to book conference center space and rooms for now.
- The committee to nominate the Board Chair and Vice Chair have submitted the names to the President's office, and then will be taken to the Board for approval.
- Booked the National Advocacy Committee with CASA, worked on the Casa Advocacy Guidebook.
- Had a CASA Board meeting.
- Worked on some revisions to a few Union policies to bring forward to the Policy Committee shortly.
- Also worked on some stuff for the action plan.
- Had a chat with some students who were looking to run in the upcoming elections for executive positions.
- Responded to emails, supported students, etc.
- Took a personal day on Wednesday, and Friday was a snow day.

7. Announcements

- Chair - I have a quick announcement about the radio show. The first show aired this past Thursday. It went really well and only one mistake was made by myself. Who knew an AUX cord had to be fully plugged in. Our main contacts from the radio station said we earned an A plus. On this week's show, we are going to be talking about Sex Week and will be having a guest come on the show, although we are not sure who it is yet. We are on the air from 4:30 to 5 PM AST on Thursdays. Stephanie and Erin send us the files that we then post to the platforms we are featured on. We just got put on Apple Music like two minutes ago and are also on Spotify, Amazon, and a few others. We are waiting to hear back from Google, iHeartRadio and TuneIn.
- Annie - The podcast is on iHeart Radio now.
- Chair - Perfect. We are also looking for councilors to come on the show so let me know if anyone is interested.
- Zach - I just typed my announcements and sent them in the chat.
- Chair - I will read it off. I was looking into a matter for the 203 in relation to menstrual products and condoms no longer being distributed by the Student Health Center. It turns out that the manufacturers are no longer supplying the SHC with these products, which isn't the greatest news. Also, I was made aware of an issue related to the SUB renovations. On the updated floor plan for the renovated SUB, there is no space denoting where the 203 is. The current room the 203 is in has been left blank on the new floor plan. As one of the only drop in spaces for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community in Fredericton, it is incredibly concerning to see this. Does this mean that 203 will no longer have a space in the SUB?
- Kordell - I will get back to you this week or by the next council session. I am almost sure that 203 will be remaining in the current space. This could have been a lapse in the presented floor plans. There will be no movement of 203. The Women's Center will be moved to the where the current radio station is, and into the old Social Club space after renovations. I am quite confident that 203 will remain where it is and should be operational during renovations.
- Chair - Does anyone else have any other announcements?

8. Other Business

- Chair - Is there any other business that needs to be discussed?
- Kordell - I wanted to go back to the CASA presentation. Now that the folks from CASA have left, are there any questions about their presentation that people were too nervous to ask while they were present? If you think of one later in the week just shoot me an email.
- Chair - Just a note for all. In their primary delegate section, it is not VP Advocacy anymore, it is now VP research and Policy.
- Annie - I just want to tell everyone to come to Sex Week.
- Chair - The Wheel of Fornication is tomorrow, as well as the crafting and consent event. Tuesday is Valentine's Day trivia at the Cellar. On Thursday

there is cookie decorating and Friday is Sex Toy Bingo. There are posts about Sex Week and elections on the website so please share those. Also, register for Sex Toy Bingo if you haven't already.

9. Adjournment

- Motion: Be it resolved that the UNBSU Council Meeting for February 12, 2023 be adjourned at 6:19 PM AST.
- Mover: Chair assumed
- Seconder: Ryan
- Notes: No discussion
- The vote was taken using unanimous consent. Motion carries.

Kaitlin Calder
Secretary

Samuel Wark
President