

## **MINUTES – UNBSU Council Meeting**

UNB Student Union 2021/22

*January 16, 2022; 7:00 PM via Zoom*

*Regrets: Sean Mackenzie*

*Absences: Khanh Nguyen, Meghan Budd, Ariel Lee, Abbie Delaney, Maya Kors*



### **1. Call to Order**

*Matt Gysbers, Council Chair, calls the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.*

#### **1.1 Roll Call**

*Matt Gysbers performs roll call.*

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

#### **Resolution 056-21**

***That** Council adopts the agenda for January 16, 2022.*

Mover: Kordell Walsh

Seconder: Katelynn-Pickel MacDonald

**The motion is carried.**

### **3. Chair's Remarks**

### **4. Approval of Previous Minutes**

### **5. Substantive Business**

#### **5.1 Councillor Updates**

*Annaka Roscoe has no updates.*

*Brennan Marks attended the NBSA Review Committee meeting.*

*Breana Andrews sat in on a Student Life and Awards Committee meeting. She also has been meeting with individuals interested in her position as Indigenous Councillor.*

*Katelynn Pickel-Macdonald had a board meeting for the Women's Centre, and they discussed transition for next year.*

*Mia Scalabrin is absent.*

*Mridul Sharma participated in the Breaking Stereotypes campaign.*

*Nihla Houssain sat in a Student Life and Awards Committee meeting*

*Fareeha Quayyam participated in the Breaking Stereotypes campaign. She also met with Angela from the Human Rights office to discuss how she can be more involved in her councillor project next year as a volunteer.*

## **6. Reports to Council**

### **6.1 Vice President – Communications**

- **Amanda Smith:** I met with Ridhi regarding last minute change of plans for Book Buy and Sell
- Met with Kordell, went over updating bios on website and how we can offer more to students
- Met with Brennan, went over winter carnival changes
- Been working on a content calendar and in communications with Meredith, the Graphic Designer
- Newsletter was ready to go out but had to go on hold due to some problems with the campaigning email
- Answering student questions

### **6.2 Vice President – Student Life**

- **Brennan Marks:** SafeRide changes to service, SafeRide coordinator resigned last term so Katelynn and I worked over the break to hire our new coordinator, Nate Young who has been with SafeRide for 3 years

- SafeRide will only operate at the HIL as that's the primary building open, and we'll still do Tuesday grocery runs. Other stops returning when classes return in person.
- There's a change of plans with winter carnival, we're shifting away from it as a week and moving to it being a series of events throughout the semester. If events are phased, we can still do a bunch of great stuff and ramp things up as restrictions may lighten, so it gives us some more flexibility
- Breakfast program on pause until we're back in person, other food services are as normal

## **6.2 Vice President – Finance & Operations**

- **Katelynn Pickel MacDonald:** I completed my part for the primary event organizer training, an intro and outro need to be recorded but due to the campus restrictions I haven't been able to get on campus and finish those yet
- As Brennan mentioned we did SafeRide hiring, also the Townhouse Coordinator and RED Awards Chair
- Some clubs and societies are confused about what can and can't be done, so I will reach out to societies reminding them we can do virtual events
- There's a new club looking for ratification, so that will be up next week
- Worked with All Abilities club to help with programming, if you want to learn sign language stay tuned

- Libraries information package for what can be done on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor towards clubs and societies was finished
- In the debate between in person or virtual clubs and societies fair

### **6.3 Vice President – Internal**

- **Ridhi Sharma:** Councillor merch will be ordered soon
- Trying to get in touch with Shawna regarding CR/NCR option for this term
- Working on the OER and Exam Bank proposals
- I would recommend looking into an online portal for the Book Buy and Sell for the future if it is online so it is more accessible
- We had an emergency senate meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the invigilation software, the booster dose, and the campus return date being February 7<sup>th</sup> for all students
- Answering queries regarding COVID masks
- Met briefly with Amanda to plan for Breaking Stereotypes
- Honoraria cheques are at the Welcome Centre

### **6.4 Vice-President – Advocacy**

- **Ojaswi Joshi:** I will start by giving updates from last semester. I finished wellness week and the plant event was the most successful.

- I spent time finishing NBSA advocacy week.
- I had a meeting for the Student Services Winter Orientation which happened on Saturday
- I completed my Yoga Teacher Training Course so next week I will be putting out videos on our YouTube channel. I've recorded and edited two videos and have plans for the next two weeks.
- I had separate meetings with Savannah and Brennan about Sex Week
- I met with Anajose and Sangeeth about the cultural week
- For both we're focused on getting volunteers right now
- I also met with the David Coon Youth Council about environmental policies
- Tomorrow I am meeting with Tea to discuss the EDI plan

## **6.5 President**

- **Kordell Walsh:** a lot of COVID conversations and committee meetings about changes to campus operations, the mask regulations, new dates for return, things like that
- Monthly meeting with VP Academic, was very COVID focused and getting information
- Academic Planning meeting, there was an update that a resolution was coming very soon and Senate would hear more

- A couple meetings with Becky from the SUB about the SUB's hours, operations, student space on campus – it seems like UNB will focus on libraries rather than the SUB as the SUB is seen more as social space
- Followed up a few times with the NBSA for direction on when our request would go to the Board, it went to the Chair in accordance with their bylaws so as far as I can tell we're in the clear but still going to follow up to pushing it along
- Some great diversity dialogue events coming up, will be going out on UNB social media, some good EDI based conversations happening
- Policy Committee held one e-vote and will be catching up rapidly, you'll be hearing from us next week
- Karen and I are hearing more from ALPS, trying to set up a meeting with BMO – they have all our information so it's looking good
- A lot of preparing for Investments Committee and Student Standings and Promotions next week
- Addressing student concerns regarding attendance, participation, camera requirements, and what is and isn't allowed or directing them to the best resources
- Working on fee increase proposal, general manager has sent along estimates for salaries increases and their costs, we'll be meeting more this week as an executive and hopefully coming back to council to chat more next week
- NBSA has not met since advocacy week

- CASA board meeting tomorrow, mental health social media plan to come as a follow up to International Student Social Media plan that went out in December. One of CASA's statistics was quoted by Bell for Bell Let's Talk Day. CASA's advocacy week to be pushed online, AGM pushed later in term to hopefully be in-person.

## **6.6 Status of Executive Review Recommendations**

### **7. Announcements**

Téa Fazio, VP Advocacy: "De-stress Fest is this coming week and we are going to be having some really fun activities in the quad. We need some extra volunteers for that so if any of you are free between 11:00 am - 4:30 pm then you can come to the quad and we'll have music and bubbles. It will be a lot of fun! Tuesday we'll be having physical activities and Wednesday we'll be having a night at the CAP. Thursday we'll have Disney-themed trivia at the Cellar with insanely cool prizes. Our number one prize for the trivia is a stay at Glamp Camp! If anyone can help out, please send me a message."

Madeleine Smith, Nursing Councillor: "It's been an intense year and we all survived it so I'd like to voice my admiration to the executive team because you've made it through and put out incredibly good work that I know will take the UNBSU forward in a great way. It's been great working with everyone. Cheers!!"

Abhiiraj Nikam, Engineering Councillor: "It's been amazing working with everyone and getting to know all of you!"

Sean MacKenzie, President: "I really appreciate all of your work and for consistently attending Council meetings, especially those of you who are working and studying remotely from around the world. I'm extremely grateful for you folks and I look forward to seeing the work that's done next year."

### **8. Question Period**

### **9. Other Business**

**10. Adjournment**

**Resolution 057-21**

*That Council adjourns the meeting.*

Mover: Katelynn Pickel-MacDonald

Secunder: Sangeeth Mylatt-Veetil

**The motion is carried.**

**The meeting is adjourned at 7:36P.M.**