

## Minutes - UNBSU Council Meeting

### UNB Student Union 2022/2023

March 26th, 2023; in-person meeting



Present:

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

Not Present:

- Ally
- Bradley
- Sangeeth

Regrets:

- Molly
- Amy

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

## **1. Call to Order**

- Council chairperson, Josh, calls the meeting to order at 7:02 PM AST.

### **1.1. Roll Call**

- Council chairperson, Josh, performs roll call.

## **2. Approval of Agenda**

- Chair - The agenda was sent out on Friday with all of the pertinent documents hyperlinked. Did anyone have any issues accessing the documents? Kordell also sent out the documents from the Policy Committee. Did everyone have access to those? Are there any questions? Does anyone have any amendments?
  - Motion: Be it resolved that the agenda for March 26, 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 unsurrendered and unceded ancestral homelands of the Wolastoqey peoples.

### **3.2. General Remarks**

- Chair - I do not have very many remarks. Next week on April 2 is our last council session/ There will be no more meetings unless there is a need for an emergency session, but I doubt that will happen. If there is an emergency session, I will email everyone to notify all of you. There will be more information next week about the honorarias. That is about it for remarks. Does anyone have any questions for me?

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

- Chair - The minutes were hyperlinked in the agenda that was emailed out. One of the executive's reports is missing, so we will make sure to get that included. Are there any questions about the minutes?
  - Motion: Be it resolved that the minutes for the previous council meeting are approved as presented with the included report.
  - Mover: Chair assumed
  - Secunder: Sean
  - Notes: No discussion
  - The vote was taken using unanimous consent. Motion carries.

## **5. Substantive Business**

### **5.1. Update from Policy Committee**

- Kordell - Hi folks. We reviewed and approved the bylaw recommendations that were made by the CRO to present back to you. The policies will come next week, but where there was so much discussion needed, we felt that an actual

meeting would be better than an e-vote. I will go through each change and explain the rationale behind it. Under the campaign regulations, it formally said that no candidates are allowed to put campaign materials in classrooms. We have added labs and instructional spaces to that regulation since any of those spaces would be included, but were not mentioned in the previous bylaw. There is no reference to fifteen feet away from those spaces because we are still having conversation with administration on where that regulation came from and to make sure that it is worded correctly in the bylaw to reflect that. There are also conversations happening about the poster boards in the faculty buildings that have the boards too close to classrooms. We currently do not have enough information to fully comprehend how to incorporate that into the bylaw and how it would be enforced. We have reduced the poster count from 200 to 100 for the campus-wide candidates, with the feeling that 100 would be more sufficient than the limit of 50 that was suggested, as to give more flexibility, but also looking at the notion of sustainability. If this amount is not fully used, then we can reduce the limit in the future. For faculty representatives, we have reduced the limit from 100 to 50. We have increased the campaign expense allowances from 300 to 400 dollars, just noting it was still at 300 since I ran in my first election in 2018. Inflation means that 300 dollars can't go as far as it used to, and if we are expecting folks to have a better outreach with less materials, then we want to give candidates more flexibility to hire a graphic designer or have higher quality posters. We increased the executive positions from 300 to 400 and all the other position from 100 to 200. Then we have a requirement that candidates maintain an updated list of the locations of all their posters that will be shared with the CRO and the DCRO. This will be implemented because over the past couple of years, including this year, when issues with poster placements arise, candidates often do not remember where all of their posters are and it becomes a nightmare to try to locate the materials that go against the bylaws, so if we require a list it will make finding the locations of the materials and dealing with the issues a lot easier. Also, regarding the election ballots, it currently says that candidates names are stated in an alphabetized list of surnames, followed by their given name. We are changing their given name to their chosen name. It is on the nomination form of what they want their name to appear as, but we feel it is important to clearly label that candidates can run using their chosen name. I think that is everything for the bylaw changes and most of the changes were basically the recommendations from the CRO.

- Chair - Does anyone have any questions for Kordell or the Policy Committee? This is just the first reading, so these changes will be brought back up at the next session where we will vote to approve.
- Kordell - We need to approve this first reading.

- Motion: Be it resolved that the first reading of the Election Campaign Regulations changes provided by the Policy Committee are approved as presented.
- Mover: Chair assumed
- Secunder: Halle May
- Notes: No discussion
- The vote passes. Motion carries.
- Chair - We will do the second reading at next week's session to finalize the changes.

## **5.2. Clubs and Societies Ratification/Recognition**

- Chair - There are five clubs and societies that are seeking ratification. I did compose a general motion so what we will do is give the floor to Isabella to provide the details of each club all at once. Any questions can be addressed at that time and then we will vote.
- Isabella - There are a lot of clubs just trying to get their constitution in before the end of council. The UNB Model United Nations constitution is fine, but I feel there are some changes that need to be made. The head of the club is going to meet me to discuss these changes. They want to hire their positions and not elect them, but they use some vague language. I just want to make the constitution more clear by making a few changes. The five clubs looking for ratification are the UNB Model United Nations, the Asian Student Association, The North American Young Generation in Nuclear Society, the UNB Reproductive Justice Society, and the Middle Eastern Society. There is nothing I feel that conflicts with these clubs and all of their constitutions look good.
- Chair - Are there any questions?
- Gaia - Does the Reproductive Justice Society overlap with the Menstrual Society?
- Isabella - I don't feel that there is overlap because they are talking about the rights of women and pregnancy. The Reproductive Justice Society is more broad and focuses on the reproductive rights we should have as women and reproductive health. I personally don't think there is any overlap.
- Sangeeth - There is already an Indian Association, a Muslim Association, and many others, so what do they mean by Asian Student Association?
- Isabella - That is a good question.
- Sangeeth - Just because, geographically, there are a lot of countries that are in Asia so maybe there needs to be some more clarification.
- Isabella - I could research out to them and see more specifically what they are looking to get.
- Sangeeth - They should specify a more specific category.
- Chair - Are there any other questions?

- Warren - My question is in regards to appointing rather than electing positions. Is this the standard for other clubs?
- Isabella - In the policies, it states that you are supposed to be elected in, but if a club wants their positions to be hired then i have to bring it to the Finance Committee. It just has to be approved.
- Chair - There was a very similar item you brought up during one of the previous council sessions where the Menstrual Health Society wanted to switch from elected-in to hired positions. It just has to be written in the constitution and approved. Are there any other questions? Are people wanting to break the vote down into each separate club?
- Isabella - We could ratify the other three clubs and I could ask the Reproductive Justice Society and the Asian Student Association a few questions, then vote on those next week.
  - Motion: Be it resolved that items 5.2.2. And 5.2.5. be tabled until the next council session.
  - Mover: Isabella
  - Seconder: Kordell
  - Notes: No discussion
  - The vote passes. Motion carries.

#### **5.2.1. Ratification of UNB Model United Nations**

- Chair - Is there anyone looking to bring forward this motion?
  - Motion: Be it resolved that the UNB Model United Nations be ratified based on their current constitution.
  - Mover: Isabella
  - Seconder: Sean
  - Notes: No discussion
  - The vote passes. Motion carries.

#### **5.2.2. Ratification of the Asian Student Association**

- This item is tabled until next week's session.

#### **5.2.3. Ratification of the North American Young Generation in Nuclear Society**

- Motion: Be it resolved that the North American Young Generation in Nuclear society be ratified based on their current constitution.
- Mover: Isabella
- Seconder: Kordell
- Notes:
  - Sangeeth - Are you able to give a description of this society?
  - Isabella - They are a non-profit organization that provides opportunities for young professionals, recent grads, and current students who are passionate about the nuclear industry. This includes leadership, professionalism,

networking, engaging and informing the public, and inspiring nuclear technology. There are currently 190 NAYGN chapters across North America and the organization continues to grow.

- Chair - Any other questions?

- The vote passes. Motion carries.

#### **5.2.4. Ratification of the UNB Reproductive Justice Society**

- Motion: Be it resolved that the UNB Reproductive Justice Society be ratified based on their current constitution.
- Mover: Isabella
- Secunder: Sangeeth
- Notes: No discussion
- The vote passes. Motion carries.

#### **5.2.5. Ratification of the Middle Eastern Society**

- This item is tabled until next week's session.

### **5.3. Non-Faculty Councilor Updates**

- Abby - Hello, everyone. This week I worked on my councilor project. It is a UNB Resources 101 project which is in a pamphlet format. I collaborated with Annie to design it with a UNB theme, so thank you for your help with that.
- Kartik - I also worked on my councilor project and it is going really well. I reached out to different countries about sending us their flag. I wrote some code to send out an automated message and have already received some replies. Belgium will be sending their flag, but I also heard from some countries who didn't want to send their flag.
- Zach - I have no update.
- Brittany - I have a few things. I helped Kartik plan for culture week and helped him book performers for the Global Gala. I worked on making sure that all of the council members are getting their honoraria. I invited Rose and Kordell to one of our council meetings, submitted my transition report, then met with Kordell and Isabella about the council honoraria form. I completed that and got it submitted, and my councilor project for this year is forming the structure for the Indigenous Council and creating the bylaws.
- Sangeeth - I am currently working on my second off-campus housing information sessions. I have contacted Sean and Marie and they said okay to the timings. I have also contacted Josh about it and Annie, as soon as I get an okay from the SUB, I will send you an email about getting posters made for that.
- Annie - Like I said last time, it is really short notice, but I will try my best to make it happen.
- Minh - This week I did one of my volunteering events at a conference. I think we should note this down for later in the future, but they had some de-stressing activities at this conference that I thought were great ideas that

we could use at future events. There was a room that had a bunch of colouring books and fidget toys, like pop-its and play-doh, and all of those types of fidget toys. I do not think I am much of a fidgeter, but I really liked it. It was very relaxing and I was surprised by how much fun I found that room to be.

- Chair - I forgot to mention in my general remarks, a want to gove a big thanks to Minh and Keri for volunteering at that conference. I stopped in eerie few hours to see how things were going. There was kinetic sand, therapy lights, therapy dogs, and soothing music. It was very nice.
- Kate - Hello, everyone. I do not have much for this week. My councillor project is the Spring Pickings event and it was moved to April 5 due to some of the items not coming in on time. It is from 11 to 4 in the HIL Third Floor Event Space. Other than that, I volunteered at the red n' Black Revue, which was really fun and I think that is everything.

#### **5.4. Student Senator/Board of Governors Update (Optional)**

- No updates this week.

### **6. Reports to Council**

#### **6.1. Vice President - Events and Services**

- Submitted timesheets for my coordinators.
- Had discussed with Hilary from ISAO about a student looking for transportation outside of the safeRide service area. We are going to have a meeting about carpooling ideas but we haven't met yet to look at the logistics or legality of it as an option.
- Picked up cheques for the SURA's and the Red n' Black revue from Alumni. They sponsored both events
- This past weekend was the Red n' Black Revue. We had to make a pivot from a three-course meal because we were having difficulty with tickets. Met with Josh and Cindy at Sodexo about extending the date for submitting our meal requirements.
- Had multiple meetings with Becky from the SUB and Molly for the planning of the event.
- Had a meeting with Molly, Josh, and Ryan for the event too. Was at the red n' Black Revue and took photos at the event.
- Went to Walmart with Halle May to shop for snacks for one of her events.
- The SURA's are this Thursday at the Delta. Met with Isabella multiple times over the last couple of weeks for planning.
- Created the type form for nominations and went over it with Isabella and Kordell.
- Had an executive meeting and voted on some SURA awards as well.
- Met with Isabella to go over the menu and submitted our choices.
- Completed a Typeform for registering for the event.
- Went to the Trophy Man with Isabella to look at awards and decided on ones that we thought the winners would like.

- Submitted the award winners and a design idea we would be interested in to the business we will be working with.
- Been working on the presentation with Isabella for the event.
- Met with Kierra the week before about my current position that she will be taking over. Also connected with Kierra about COCA, an event for VPES that she has registered for.
- Met with Kordell and included Kierra in the upcoming hiring for her coordinators.
  - Sean - What is the dress code for the SURA's?
  - Amanda - It is technically business casual, but some people wear suits and dresses, so it is whatever you are comfortable with. There will be good food and a bar as well.
  - Sean - I thought we were not allowed to drink at Student Union events?
  - Kordell - Since the event is not mandatory, you are allowed to indulge if you would like to.

### **6.2. Vice President - Research and Policy**

- Spent a lot of last week advertising the Pizza and Policy event.
- Worked on the press release with Kordell regarding the 2023-2024 GNB budget.
- Attended CASA's AGM in Halifax.
- Had a meeting with the executives regarding the SURA's.
- Took part in the last meeting with the home office to get ready for AGM on Monday.
- Worked on consultations for AGM for delegates all through Thursday.
- Have been working on questions for the climate change teach-in happening on Wednesday.
- Took part on the last MLA Monday.
- Had a meeting with Brittany and Kordell regarding the direction of policy and consultation with the Indigenous Student Council.

### **6.3. Vice President - Communications**

- Facilitated and videoed elections giveaway post.
- Updated the website banner on the homepage.
- Added the Chair, CRO, and garden coordinator to the hiring section of the website and created and scheduled posts for them.
- Facilitated the Pizza and Policy content (post, story, and poster) with the graphic designer.
- Created and posted a story about the advocacy statement post on social media and uploaded the document to the website.
- Posted the last few red n' Black Revue advertisements.
- Reposted CASA content from the conference.
- Adjusted Abby's pamphlet to match the branding and work for distribution.



- Created a What's New With the SU podcast video snippet advertisement for the episode with David Coon.
- Created and posted a post and stories for the Breaking Stereotypes campaign.
- Adjusted the volunteer form.
- Contacted the Accessibility Centre with the volunteer sign-up form.
- Reviewed the content and questions.
- Attended the recording session today and took headshots of each participant.
- Briefly met with Halle May a couple of times surrounding Destress Fest events.
- Created an Eventbrite, including the banner design for the Last Class Beach Bash.
- Created graphics for the Last Class Beach Bash.
- Created a schedule post for Destress Fest, as well as a logo.
- Created a scheduled story for the events.

#### **6.4. Vice President - Academic**

- Contacted the participants for the Breaking Stereotypes campaign.
- Put together a document for the event.
- Booked spaces for the event.
- Filmed segments for the event.
- Interviewed David Coon for the What's New with the SU podcast.
- Attended several meetings with Josh.
- Wrote the script for this week's episode.
- Recorded this week's episode.
- Met with Josh to write the script for the Red n' Black Revue.
- Met with Josh, Molly, and Amanda regarding the event.
- Emceed the event with Josh.
- Contacted Wilfred Langmaid on behalf of a student.
- Prepared for the upcoming Senate meeting.
- Currently working with Halle May and the MHA for exam study kits.

#### **6.5. Vice President - Finance and Operations**

- Had a meeting with Amanada regarding the SURA's.
- Met with two clubs.
- Met with Josh.
- Did a lot of interviews for the Blackshirts, which goes into next week.
- Had Friday off for a school event.

#### **6.6. Vice President - Student Wellness**

- Met with Becky, Molly, Pat and Abby.
- Met with Molly.
- Did some Last Class Beach Bash planning.
- Booking CP.
- Completed the SERC form.
- Booked Signature Sound.
- Met with Jhanvi about a Stress Management workshop.

- Met with Abby about collaborating with MHA for Destress Fest.
- Met with Miriam, the Student Engagement Coordinator, about collaborating on the Exam Destress kits.
- Booked a space for Exam Destress kit making.
- Worked on the Breaking Stereotypes campaign with Annie and Ryan.

### **6.7. President**

- Attended the President Review Committee to speak on my experience working with the UNB President.
- Sent out stuff for the Policy Committee.
- Had a check-in with Brittany and Isabella.
- Had a quick meeting with Drashtant about the bylaws.
- Worked on the Statement regarding the food services which I sent out, however I received no feedback on.
- Also wrote our press release on the provincial budget, and just to highlight a few items: there was a 7.6 million dollar increase to Student Financial Aid in the province, a 2% increase to the provincial operating grant for universities with an additional 1.5% increase for universities that hit enrolment targets, 800,000 dollars to expand community supports for victims of sexual violence, and 1.7 million dollars allocated to the delivery of culturally relevant addiction and mental health services for Indigenous communities; which as you folks might remember, was one of our asks from our provincial advocacy week - so once again, our advocacy is seeing direct results.
- The entire remainder of my week was spent at CASA's AGM in Halifax. As a Board member, I had a bit of a larger role with presentations, supporting consultation sessions, daily check-ins in the evening, etc.

### **7. Announcements**

- Chair - My only announcement is regarding everyone's honoraria. Isabella and I are finishing up everything. I did send an email out to everyone to send two volunteer events to us. The deadline was today, but if you didn't send it by now, please get it to us by Tuesday. Since we only have one session left, next week we will be doing Councillor of the Month for March. The form will be sent out tomorrow and the winner will be announced at the last council session. Ryan and I hosted the Red n' Black Revue which was a lot of fun. We had a fire alarm go off during the event which wasn't fun, but other than that the event went really well. Huge shout out to Molly and Amanda for organising the event. I am also going to plug the What's New with the SU podcast. We have another episode this week, so make sure you tune in.
- Rose - The Pizza and Policy event is tomorrow. You can get some free pizza if you stop by. It is a great way to directly have your voice heard on the advocacy effort. It is from 2 to 4 in Room 103.

- Ryan - Also in the podcast, we will be interviewing Paul Mazerolle and are submitting questions earlier this week, so if you have any questions, please email them to either myself or Josh by tomorrow morning. If they are deemed appropriate, we will ask him in the next episode.
- Chair - Any other announcements?

## **8. Other Business**

- Sean - I will try to be quick. I spoke with a student earlier this week on a suggestion for a new location for a prayer room. There is only one available on campus and it really isn't that accessible. I think that if there was one in the middle of campus then it would be easier to use by all of the students, like maybe at the SUB with the new renovations going on.
- Chair - There is also one on the fifth floor of the HIL I believe.
- Kordell - I do not know the locations of all of them, but I could look into it more and if there are more locations I could help to increase the transparency. On the note of renovations, I think there is a bit of confusion on the scope of what is being done. There is not really any room being created in the first phase. They are essentially demolishing the first floor to be able to put the pharmacy and the book store in the SUB. Up in the old Social Club, where it will be renovated to increase space, I could talk to the university about putting one up there in the second phase of the renovations. There is no space being created in the first phase, they are just allocating that space to have a business or organisation moved to the SUB.
- Kisenge - Will the SUB be operating the same way once renovations are completed?
- Kordell - The SUB will be fully operational over the summer. There will be gaps in the services throughout that time with the cafeteria and the Sodexo contract ending. By the fall, the food services downstairs will be fully operational, but the blue room will not be. They are making plans to put that seating up in the ballroom for the time being, but once the renovations are finished there will be the same number of seats in the SUB.
- Sangeeth - That is an amazing point brought up by Sean. I was thinking maybe if other buildings like Tilley Hall would have space.
- Sean - Just branching off of that, we have a lot of study rooms in the residence buildings and not many people use them. Maybe sacrificing one of those rooms in each building for a prayer room would be a good idea.
- Sangeeth - I am assuming this will be able to be used by multiple clubs and societies on campus.
- Chair - Is there any other business?
- Halle May - If you volunteer for the Last Class Beach Bash, you will get free tickets to come.
- Chair - Is there any other business?

## **9. Adjournment**

- Motion: Be it resolved that the UNBSU council meeting for March 26, 2023 be adjourned at 7:55 PM AST.
- Mover: Chair assumed
- Second: Sean
- Notes: No discussion
- The vote was taken using unanimous consent. Motion carries.

Kaitlin Calder  
Secretary

Shane M. West  
President