

## **Minutes - UNBSU Council Meeting**

### **UNB Student Union 2022/2023**

*March 19th, 2023; in-person meeting*



Present:

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

Not present:

- Kisenge

Regrets:

- Amanda

Also present: Josh (Council Chairperson), Kallie (Council Secretary), Drahstant (CRO)

## **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 to everyone via email. Does anyone have any questions? Amanda is not here so we will scratch item 6.1. Unless any executive received her update. We will get her to provide her update in the next council session. Are there any amendments that need to be made?
  - Motion: Be it resolved that the agenda for March 19, 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 except for a reminder about the transition reports which I have also included a discussion on later in the agenda. Does anyone have any questions for me?
- Gaia - You received my report last night right?
- Chair - Yes. Are there any other questions?

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

- Chair - The minutes were hyperlinked in the agenda that was sent out. Are there any questions or any corrections that need to be made?
  - Motion: Be it resolved that the minutes for 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. Bylaw Recommendations: Chief Returning Officer**

- Drashtant - As the election is now over, we came up with some recommendations for the bylaws. I have just emailed the document to all of you. Under the bylaw recommendations, all of the regulations are currently temporary, so we feel that these suggestions would be beneficial to add into the bylaws. All materials must be approved by the CRO and the DCRO prior to public posting. No posters are allowed in classrooms and must be fifteen feet away from classrooms, labs, and instructional spaces. Candidates are required

to provide the CRO or the DCRO with an updated list of the locations of their posters. This would be beneficial so that the CRO knows the location of all the candidates posters at all times. For campus-wide candidates, the campaign funding is 400 dollars with a maximum of fifty posters, faculty representatives campaign funding is 200 dollars with a maximum of 25 posters, and non-faculty representatives have campaign funding of 200 dollars and a maximum of 50 posters. The poster count includes the posters in Residences. All campaign materials which are to be located in any building under the adjudication of the Residence Administration, must be submitted to the CRO no later than the Wednesday following the last all-candidates meeting. We think that having the CRO take the campaign materials to the Residence Administration will avoid confusion. I am looking for someone to motion to have these recommendations reviewed by the Policy Committee.

- Gaia - Having a maximum of fifty posters and twenty five posters, while good for sustainability, is not a good enough amount to be able to cover the entire campus.
- Drashtant - The way we looked at it is, specifically for faculty representatives, we counted every faculty building with the option to put a poster on one bulletin board in the main entrance. We also counted any other buildings like the SUB, residences, and meal hall as well.
- Gaia - Still, a maximum of fifty campaign posters feels low. I also have a few side questions. Some bulletin boards in the entrances of the faculty buildings are within fifteen feet of a classroom, so do we want to be specific that the main entrance bulletin boards are an acceptance because that is where most of the boards are located.
- Drashtant - Do you know of a specific place where this is an issue?
- Gaia - In McLaggan Hall the board is within fifteen feet of an instructional space.
- Sangeeth - While doing previous campaigns, I noticed that those boards that are closer to the classrooms are reserved for subject specific materials and are not for public use. We are not allowed to put campaign materials on those.
- Chair - Just to clarify what Drashtant said, it is not going to be written in the recommendation that it has to be on a specific bulletin board in the faculty buildings. The ideology is that perhaps candidates can put a campaign poster on a bulletin board in a faculty building that is fifteen feet away from a classroom, which could potentially be the bulletin board in the main entrance.
- Gaia - My counter was just that some of the boards are within fifteen feet of a classroom, but if they are specifically for public notices then we should be able to use them.
- Kordell - The way each faculty building decides what can be posted on their bulletin board varies from faculty to faculty. Some boards may not be for public use and some of them may require that you must ask the faculty or a

department within the faculty for permission to post your materials. Some faculties you can post anything wherever you want and some buildings require all posters to be up on a public board. It would be great to have more discussion on this.

- Gaia - I know that the Kinesiology building bans all posters except for on board that requires you to get approval a week in advance. I think that board is only thirteen feet away from a classroom so we wouldn't be able to use it anyway.
- Chair - I believe there is a digital board that people can use. I know in the by-election that there were campaign materials posted on it.
- Sangeeth - In the Kinesiology building there's a board next to a study space that I think seems like a safe space to put a poster.
- Chair - It might be something that the faculty has to approve.
- Gaia - The faculty does not have to approve that.
- Chair - Is there any other discussion? Is there anyone looking to bring a motion?
  - Motion: Be it resolved that the bylaw recommendations as proposed by the Chief Returning
  - Mover: Kordell
  - Secunder: Minh
  - Notes: No further discussion
  - The vote passes. Motion carries.

## **5.2. Policy Recommendations: Chief Conduct Officer**

- Drashtant - This recommendation is specifically regarding the Clubs and Societies policy. It is essentially because of the sexual assault issue that came up earlier this year. The recommendation is also attached in the email that I previously sent out. The recommendation is that any individual in bad social standing as verified by the Commissioner of Student Discipline and the CRO are ineligible to hold any position in any club or society ratified by the Student Union. They are also not allowed to run in any of our elections.
- Gair - What is the definition of bad social standing?
- Drashtant - We would follow the definition that the university has provided.
- Kordell - The individual must be convicted of an offense under the Student Disciplinary Committee. I think this is worth a discussion because I have a few concerns. We may be overstepping our reach with this recommendation. When dealing with issues of sexual assault, the decision is often only within the committee itself for confidentiality reasons, so I am wondering if by getting involved we are starting to overstep. If a student vandalizes UNB property does that mean that they should not be able to participate in any of our clubs?
- Gaia - I would like to add that it is important to talk about this. All of the constitutions have to define the rules in a club, and I am not sure if there is the

same rule in every single constitution. You might want to be more specific, like they are not allowed to be in any position of power within a club.

- Brittany - Perhaps it needs to be looked at on a case-by-case basis and have it brought up at council.
- Chair - That could be looked into, but from my experience, a lot of the time it is extremely confidential to the point where the full names of those involved aren't even included.
- Kordell - There is also the administrative component of being able to collect every club's and society's member list, then sending them to the university to have them sift through each document to see if students are eligible to participate in a club or not. I think we should chat about this more in Policy Committee.
- Gaia - This question is for anyone who may have an answer. Do we have any clubs or societies who serve more than just UNB Fredericton students?
- Kate - My society's constitution states that community members are eligible to join as well.
- Kordell - I think under the Clubs and Societies Policy, all clubs are eligible to be open to everyone, but the requirement is that fifty percent of the executives of a club have to be undergraduate students at UNB or any student who pays the Union fee. I think for the most part that every club has non-UNB members.
- Alexa - I was thinking that it doesn't make sense to go through all of the clubs and societies to make sure that everyone is all good to participate, but I do think it is important that if someone does have an issue, they can bring it to the Student Union and we can support them. In my personal experience, I have a no-contact order with an individual on campus where if we are both in the same place then one of us has to leave, but if I had been able to bring the issue to the Union, maybe the outcome would have been different.
- Brittany - I think the important thing to remember is that we have a duty to protect the safety and wellness of UNB students.
- Gaia - As a side note, there is also a huge difficulty of us having the right to ensure students are protected, but if we ban a student from participating in a club or society entirely, then we also ban rehabilitation on campus. There is that side of it where if a student commits an offense once, we may have ended their university career, even if they are allowed to stay and study on campus.
- Sean - I remember in the nomination form that if you have committed an offense within the last five years then you are unable to run in the election. If this recommendation is applied, would it still be that similar time frame? i
- Drashtant - Where we are relating the recommendation to social standing, we are thinking to keep it at five years but it could be discussed.

- Chair - That eligibility on the form came from Drashtant and I, as well as from the Secretariat's office.
- Kordell - I think the Student Union's role in student rehabilitation falls outside the scope of this conversation. When the university determines if any sanctions should be applied to an individual, they also take into consideration a rehabilitation plan either through completing community service or counseling sessions. I think at the committee level, it is often decided on a case-by-case basis.
- Alexa - I also want to add that I think the case-to-case basis is definitely the way to go because there is a huge difference between vandalism and affecting the safety of another student. Everyone should have the right to a positive environment so it should definitely be taken a lot more seriously than a materialistic offense.
- Annie - Especially with the confidentiality issues, we might not have a way of knowing if it was vandalism or assault, so that could complicate things.
- Gaia - We are talking a lot about changing the policies for clubs and societies and they are the ones who are responsible for the safety of their members. We can encourage safety because we as a Union have oversight of that and we can step in and stop someone who is affecting student safety.
- Chair - There was a conversation that happened a while ago between Isabella and I where we came up with three alternatives and pitched them to the clubs and societies. We got them to fill out a survey where we asked if they liked any of the options, if so, which one, and if they didn't like any, were there any other steps we could take. Isabella collected a lot of feedback, so stemming from Drashtant's recommendation, if it goes to the Policy Committee it could be worth looking at all of these alternatives.
- Gaia - I would be comfortable sending this recommendation to the Policy Committee with the added note to look at these other options.
  - Motion: Be it resolved that the policy recommendations as proposed by the Chief Returning Officer be submitted to the Policy Committee for their review and to be presented at the following meeting.
  - Mover: Ryan
  - Seconder: Minh
  - Notes: No further discussion
  - The vote passes. Motion carries.

### **5.3. Faculty Councilor Updates**

- Warren - I have no update.
- Emily - I have no update.
- Keri - I have no update.
- Molly - I have no update.
- Ally - I have no update.
- Sarah - I have no update.

- Jorja - I am currently just working on my councilor project.
- Jordan - What is your project?
- Jorja - I am doing Forest Fest. It was done for the first time last year and I am hoping to continue the event. It is a great opportunity for students in the faculty to connect with professionals in the related field.
- Bradley - I have no update.
- Sean - I have no update.

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

- Gaia - The UNB Joint Admission Senate Committee met recently. This committee talks about the processes of admitting students. If you are curious about the current problems that Canada and universities as a whole are facing is the rising rates of application fraud. A lot of students who have applied have falsified their English test score data. This issue is on the committee's purview, as it is becoming an increasingly large problem. That is all I have gotten from the Senate lately, and unfortunately I am unable to say much more on the subject.
- Chair - Are there any other updates?

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

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

- Updates will be provided next week.

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

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

- Updated and reposted blackshirt hiring document, as well as Townhouse Coordinator, VP Communications, and VP Research and Policy.
- Updated Instagram story highlights with elections and Sex Week.
- Reposted a couple stories on social media for the 203 and 5 days initiative.
- Reviewed Executive Position Description for VP Communications.
- Began creating a transition report.
- Created and distributed two newsletters.
- Created and posted the final drop day post.
- Uploaded all photos to the drive.
- Created and posted for hiring of blackshirts and stories.
- Created and posted for hiring of Townhouse Coordinator and stories.
- Created and posted for hiring of VP Communications and Research and Policy.
- Uploaded appeals form to the website in the news section.
- Uploaded the elections section of the website with the new results.
- Created the breaking stereotypes story and coordinated an editor.
- Met with Amanda briefly to discuss SURAs.
- Attended multiple weekly executive meetings.
- Posted in the news section of the website for the podcast.
- Added the podcast to Apple Music and a few other platforms.

- Created a website page for the podcast.
- Took and edited photos for an Instagram post introducing the podcast and uploaded the photos to the website page.
- Edited the audio and created 2 videos for the story advertising the podcast.
- Upgraded the podcast through buying a subscription to make podcasts upload indefinitely.
- Co-hosted an episode of the podcast in Ryan's place and aided in episode content creation.
- Created more stories for the podcast clips to advertise.
- Met with Josh surrounding podcast promotions.
- Edited photos from previous vents and included them in an MP Tuesday post, advertising the next event.
- Posted stories for MP Tuesday event (and updated the posts and stories with the new event information)
- Began planning Pizza and Policy advertisements with the graphic designer.
- Created the Townhall Tuesday post and stories
- Scheduled stories and posts for upcoming MP, MLA, and Mayor events and edited the photos being included.
- Created and posted an update story for the new Town Hall Tuesday location.
- Took photos and videos at the Wheel of Fornication event.
- Ran out to a couple of stores during Wheel of Fornication with Ryan and Kordell to restock supplies.
- Coordinated and aided the graphic designer in creating stories for Sex Week and posted them alongside a general schedule post.
- Printed and cut out schedules of Sex Week.
- Created a candidates page on the website, adding all the bios, photos, and links the candidates submitted.
- Created and posted stories for the debate with a question box.
- Walked Josh and Drashtant through the process of live streaming the debate.
- Created and posted voting opening and closing posts and stories.
- Took down the active pages and uploaded the election results.
- Made the final post for the AUS and stories.
- Attended the AUS trip and photographed the women's semifinals game.
- Captured and edited video content and posted finished products to TikTok and Instagram/Facebook.
- Created and posted stories for a call for volunteers for the Red n' Black Revue.
- Created a post and story for the Red n' Black Revue and an Eventbrite banner and posted them.
- Went through, edited concert pictures, and cross-posted them.
- Created a Rail Jam video and cross posted on Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok.



- Coordinated with the graphic designer for event story designs and created general Culture Week schedule story.
- Designed a post for the Global Gala and uploaded it.
  - Jordan - The stuff for breaking stereotypes looks great.

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

- Attended a planning meeting with Josh and Kordell.
- Recorded this week's podcast episode.
- Made a question form.
- Prepared questions for David Coon.
- Planned with Josh for future podcast episodes.
- Worked on questions for the Breaking Stereotypes campaign.
- Booked a filming location.
- Worked with the Accessibility Center.
- Attended the Senate Nominating Committee meeting.
- Spoke with students about the Senate Committees.
- Reached out to add names for the next Nominating Committee meeting.
- Worked more on the Exam Bank.
- Met about emceeing for the Red n' Black Revue.

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

- Helped Amanda with the planning of the SURA Awards.
- Went to an award shop.
- Attended an executive meeting.
- Met with a club.
- Attended a SERC meeting.
- Hiring for VP Communications and VP Research and Policy.
- Hired Abby Sensabaugh as the Townhouse Coordinator.

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

- Worked on the Breaking Stereotypes campaign with Ryan and Annie.
- Created a form for the Breaking Stereotypes campaign.
- Confirmed the therapy dogs for Destress Fest.
- Worked on my transition report.
- Bought stuff for movie night.
- Did the Nutrition Month event.
- Met with Kartik a few times.
- Met with Abby about collaboration for a dance.
- Met with Molly about collaboration for a dance.
- Met with Matt about booking a space for a dance for Destress Fest.
- Sent out forms for the Breaking Stereotypes Campaign.
- Did Cultural Week events.
- Attended the Global Gala.

#### **6.7. President**

- Met with Josh and Ryan regarding What's New with the SU.

- Had a check in with Christian, the Chair of CASA ahead of AGM.
- Had a Student Standings and Promotions meeting and read the meeting package for it.
- Did a bit more planning for the CASA conference in July at UNB.
- Met with the UNB Student Services Leadership Team.
- Did a What's New With the SU podcast episode.
- Attended the Academic Planning Committee and read the meeting package.
- Attended the Indigenous Student Council meeting and talked about their funding and about the process to establish bylaws/ a constitution.
- Worked on my transition report.
- Responded to some emails, met with Karen regarding budgeting, Isabella regarding Clubs and Societies, etc.
- Worked on the statement, but as I was out for about half of the week, I just haven't had a chance to refine the language. Hoping to do that Monday, send it to Council for review, and then distribute some time this week, but not certain, as my week will be jam packed with CASA AGM.

## **7. Announcements**

### **7.1. Councilor Transition Reports - March 19th, 2023**

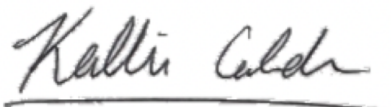
- Chair - I would like to thank all of those who have submitted their reports. They were due at noon today, but we did extend the deadline. Those will be sent to your successors if you have one, but if you don't then they will be filed until the next year.
- Gaia - If we are going back into the same position, do we have to write a second report for next year?
- Chair - My understanding is that this is an annual thing, so when writing the report next year you can reflect on anything that has happened over the year and add that to the report you already wrote. Are there any other questions? Does anyone else have any other announcements? Amanda has asked me to bring up the Red and Black Revue which is that Friday at the SUB. The tickets cost fifteen dollars and a free meal is provided. It should be a great night with lots of great performances, so if you do not already have a ticket make sure you get one. Please share this with your friends and constituents.
- Gaia - there was some talk about potential volunteer hours through this event, is that still a thing?
- Molly - If you want to volunteer at the event, just email me. We do not need a whole lot of volunteers, so if you are interested shoot me an email as soon as you can. Your dinner is not included if you are volunteering, so if you are looking to eat at the event then you must buy a ticket. Due to having the Sodexo workers catering the event, I do need to know of any dietary restrictions you may have by Tuesday.
- Chair - Are there any other questions about the Revue? Does anyone else have any other announcements?


## 8. Other Business

- Chair - Are there any pieces of other business that need to be discussed?
- Kate - I wanted to ask about the possibility of receiving a shipment to the Welcome Center or somewhere else in the SUB. I just have a shipment to make for my councilor project, but it is difficult to get it shipped to my house because it is quite big.
- Kordell - Do you mind sending me a message about the timeline and size of the shipment? I would not expect it to be an issue, but the Welcome Center is currently being emptied out to move to the Student Union hallway due to the renovations, so I just want to arrange the logistics.
- Kate - I definitely will. Thank you.
- Chair- is there any other business?

## 9. Adjournment

- Motion: Be it resolved that the UNBSU council meeting for March 19, 2023 be adjourned at 7:48 PM AST.
- Mover: Chair assumed
- Seconder: Sean
- Notes: No discussion
- The vote was taken using unanimous consent. Motion carries.

  
Secretary

  
President