

# Minutes - UNBSU Council Meeting

## UNB Student Union 2022/2023

October 2, 2022; in-person meeting



Present:

- Gaia
- Zach
- Kate
- Isabella
- Jill
- Ridhi
- Amanda
- Annie
- Kordell
- Rose
- Emily
- Rayleh
- Warren
- Amy
- Sangeet
- Luc

Not Present:

Regrets:

- Kerri
- Kianna
- Shayna

Also present: Josh (Chairperson), Abby (Council Secretary)

### 1. Call to Order

*Chairperson, Josh, calls the meeting to order at 7:08 PM ADT.*

#### 1.1. Roll Call

*Chairperson, Josh, performs roll call.*

### 2. Approval of Agenda

- *Amendment suggested including the discussion surrounding the open letter to Blaine Higgs, sent yesterday for the UNBSU to co-sign. They hope to have a response by October 14th, before the next council meeting.*
  - *Motion: Be it resolved that the Agenda for October 2nd, 2022 is approved with the amendment to include the open letter discussion.*
  - *Mover: Kordell*
  - *Seconder: Gaia*
  - *Notes: No discussion*
  - *The vote passes unanimously. Motion carries.*
- *Amendment suggested including a discussion on Le Maase.*

- *Motion: Be it resolved that the Agenda for October 2nd, 2022 is approved with the amendment to include the Le Maase discussion.*
- *Mover: Gaia*
- *Secunder: Zach*
- *Notes: No discussion.*
- *The vote passes unanimously. Motion carries.*

*Motion: Be it resolved that the Agenda for October 2nd, 2022 is approved.*

*Mover: Gaia*

*Secunder: Kordell*

*Notes: No discussion.*

*The vote passes unanimously. 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 don't have a lot of general remarks to get us started on this meeting. One thing to note is that we have been given resignation from our CRO, Tasneem, as well as our International Student Councillor, Kevin, and a Student Senator, Banvheet.*

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

*Motion: Be it resolved that the minutes from September 18th, 2022 be approved.*

*Mover: Kordell*

*Secunder: Jill*

*Notes: No discussion.*

*The vote passes unanimously. Motion carries.*

### **5. Substantive Business**

#### **5.1. Proposed Implementation of UNBSU COVID-19 Restrictions**

- *Gaia - Hello everyone. Just to give myself a little introduction, I sit on the Board of Governors and as a Student Senator. Given that I've had a conflicting work schedule for the past two meetings, everything I know about prior meetings has been told to me by other members of the council. As I'm sure everyone knows, COVID has yet to come to an end, the uptake of COVID vaccines on campus has been disappointing with the booster (being around 50%), and NB has around 750 cases. Given that UNBSU members don't interact with each other much outside of council meetings, there is a substantial danger posed by COVID. As we are the body that represents students at the university and set rules for the students at the university, myself as well as Zach and Keri have drafted a resolution concerning COVID-19 protocols in the UNBSU Council Meetings. It was attached to the agenda for your review. We are open to amendments from the council, however, it is not in our best interest to pretend like the pandemic is over.*

- *Kordell - I certainly appreciate the rationale behind the set of proposals. I do agree that COVID as a pandemic isn't over. I would like to raise a couple of concerns. A review of the UNB COVID policy shows that the first item on the motion is not in line with the UNB COVID Policy. I clarified this with the VP Academic of the university, and while we support students making their own decisions within the policy, we could not put this proposal in place while saying it follows policy. I want to also ask the council how they feel about imposing more restrictions on the UNBSU which is already more strict than GNB and other stakeholders. I'm curious to see how the council responds to this.*
- *Gaia - Clarification, is the rule that students are allowed to be unmasked when seated and separated and when eating and drinking in a room less than 10?*
- *Kordell - No. The policy is such that when you're in the libraries, the SUB, and any events that are not required, you may be unmasked. You can look at the full policy on the school's website, but technically we are following UNB policy by allowing masks to be removed as we are in the SUB.*
- *Jill - I guess this is kind of two questions. But regarding the air filters, COVID is far from over and I am very sympathetic to that. Are you aware of any of the air filtration systems installed in the SUB or any other buildings? Is there any awareness of the cost of air filtration systems with HEPA filters?*
- *Gaia - The number that I found while searching was around \$300.*
- *Kordell - When doing some research on these filters, it seemed like the cost would be closer to \$2000. Given the size of the room, most air filtration systems are around a few hundred dollars but cover less area and are less successful. We would need to provide 3-4 to cover the cubic air in this space.*
- *Gaia - I am open to amending the proposal, as the air filter goes beyond what UNB has historically provided even during the peak of the pandemic. My main point is the hybrid model that I'd like us to consider.*
- *Kordell - In my opinion, the engagement in hybrid was very low compared to the completely online or completely in-person models we have used. I will clarify, there are points in the semester when hybrid seems to suit availabilities better than others.*
- *Gaia - I am posing this question to the executive - I am not aware of the budgetary state, would you believe that it is better to remove the HEPA filter or keep it in given the cost?*

- *Amanda - I would raise the point that we should amend it given that we would spend students' money to get these filters without consulting them.*
- *Jill - If we purchase HEPA filters, we are only protecting the 20 people in this room, whereas we represent 5000 people that we won't be protecting and who are contributing to the payment for these filters.*
- *Gaia - I propose we amend the proposal to remove item number 3.*
  - *Motion: Be it resolved that the proposed implementation of UNBSU COVID-19 Restrictions be amended to disclude item 3.*
  - *Mover: Gaia*
  - *Secunder: Amanda*
  - *Notes: No discussion*
  - *The vote passes unanimously. Motion carries.*
- *Kordell - In terms of facemasks being strictly mandatory in this space, I have two concerns. One is the mandatory component. If for some reason a counselor comes back and says they have accessibility concerns, is there potential for them to feel singled out since they'd essentially be singled out? Would it be worth having a conversation about how this impacts the rest of the council operations? Would it impact SafeRide? I'm curious as to what others are thinking.*
- *Gaia - SafeRide would have been brought up by Keri if she was in attendance. I am focusing on the UNBSU meetings where we have to be here together to do our jobs. I am not familiar with the SafeRide policies that may be affected.*
- *Jill - I think, like most of you folks, that the hybrid model is a little concerning. I was on the council last year, so I am biased in that way. I attended from home last year for the most part. I would like to have a better idea of whether we have a preference from the other folks in this room. The SU has had better success when we are all here together. Can we get a gauge on the student's interest in online meetings?*
- *Zach - I think having the hybrid model available to us would be good, there are a variety of reasons aside from COVID that might make it beneficial.*
- *Amanda - I think it should be one way or the other. The hybrid model just hasn't worked in the past. People get missed, people feel spoken over, we move on before people have a chance to speak, etc. For the student body, all engagement online or all engagement in person will be better. Hybrid models are*

*awkward and weird. In my opinion, it's best if we can decide one way or the other.*

- *Gaia - One thing I left out on purpose is how we do hybrid. It is possible that we can make it so that students send their regrets that they are attending hybrid online. If someone is sick or uncomfortable, we should have that option. If we say that we won't require masks, and won't do hybrid, are we saying that councilors are required to put themselves at risk to be here?*
- *Kordell - I don't know if it makes sense to offer a hybrid with strictly mandatory masking. I think the bigger point is if we are leaving these motions intentionally vague to flush out a formal policy, I'd rather push it to Policy Committee. I would rather the recommendation for the council not lay with the executive. Accommodations may need to be looked at. If I could also note, Policy Committee is being set to meet this week, it could be added to the agenda for this week.*
- *Jill - This is something that can be flushed out, privacy concerns. If we aren't always offering the hybrid model, how is it that we can expect someone is telling us why they aren't here in person? I wouldn't want to invade anyone's privacy.*
- *Amanda - I think to add to Kordell, even if it goes to Policy, we should make a decision today about what next Sunday looks like.*
- *Gaia - Policy Committee is meeting this week?*
- *Kordell- Hopefully, a meeting time request has been sent out for this week.*
- *Gaia - I would like to motion to send the proposal as is to the Policy Committee with the expectation that we have a report back to the council next meeting.*
  - *Motion: Be it resolved that the proposed implementation of UNBSU COVID-19 Restrictions be sent to the Policy Committee as amended for further discussion.*
  - *Mover: Kordell*
  - *Secunder: Amanda*
  - *Notes: No further discussion.*
  - *The vote passes unanimously. Motion carries.*

## **5.2. Policy #1: International Student Policy**

- *Rose - This is the same as the other three policies I put forward last week. I've talked to the ISAO for this one, in particular, created a type forum, completed secondary research, and attended and collaborated with the CASA EDI Committee. I sent it in advance and also attached it to the Agenda for your review. If you have any questions about it, please let me know.*

- *Motion: Be it resolved that Policy #1: International Student Policy be ratified as an official Union policy as presented/amended.*
- *Mover: Chair assumed.*
- *Secunder: Kordell.*
- *Notes:*
  - *Kordell - I'm going to request an amendment to the policy as the title is the wrong one for this policy.*
    - *Motion: Be it resolved that Policy #1: International Student Policy is amended to the proper title for the policy.*
    - *Mover: Chair assumed*
    - *Secunder: Amanda*
    - *Notes: No further discussion.*
    - *The vote passes unanimously. Motion carries.*
  - *Gaia - I saw a \$500 number in the policy. Where did this come from?*
  - *Rose - Essentially, Inflationary rates. It won't cost the government an extreme amount of money, and it will allow some of the costs that you don't know will happen to be covered. When international students come here, they need to prove they can afford it. However, this money covers the grey area when it means the difference between getting here and having groceries and not having groceries.*
  - *Ridhi - As an international student, we usually have GIC which amounts to \$500-600. So the \$500 range is reasonable and can help cover the costs that you can't always predict.*
  - *Amanda - During the Great Computer Give Away, it is usually international students that get them.*
  - *Gaia - Similarly, I know there is a \$250,000 number in there. Where does this come from?*
  - *Rose - Ridhi and Kordell had a conversation with Sarah King and the ISAO that decided that that was a reasonable amount of money for the work-study program. There is a huge amount of international students that use the program so any more money to that program is a good thing. It can be used as a retention tool and promote NB.*
  - *Ridhi - The statistic is such that 80% of the population in the work-study program are international students.*
  - *Kordell - One of the highlights of our work-study program is that international students are a large part of the program, and international students are usually the ones requiring a program of this nature. To create 75 positions for a year, we would require \$250,000 to pay above minimum wage because international students are also the most likely to be minimum wage earners.*

- Rose - I just know that we try to make these policies in a way that is going to bring change. When we were talking with PETL, they were interested in creating more of these kinds of positions. We have a few more meetings with PETL until December, so it looks like something might get done with this.

- The vote passes unanimously. Motion carries.

### **5.3. Policy #2: University Funding Policy**

- Rose - Again, this is the same kind of policy as the previous few. I used a lot of secondary research, CASA documents on student debt, and maritime trends on student debt. NB has a large student debt compared to the rest of Canada. I also spoke with David Emerson on this.
  - Motion: Be it resolved that Policy #2: University Funding Policy be ratified as an official Union policy as presented/amended.
  - Mover: Chair assumed.
  - Seconder: Gaia
  - Notes:
    - Gaia - Same as before, the 2% annually for two years. Where does this come from?
    - Rose - This is a performance-based and operation grant. Discussion with stakeholders and what we think is realistic indicated that this number is reasonable. We do see the province coming forward with performance-based funding, but a huge ask wouldn't be possible right now. I know inflation is high, but this number makes sense all things considered.
    - Kordell - Something unique about universities in general, is that their cost of operation is independent of inflation. The increase to the budget is 3% a year, which the universities tend to match because their money is tied up in collective bargaining. Concerns about the operating budget are tied up in government, and the university may have to scramble and fall back on students. The 2% comes from the middle ground with the provincial government and the 3% typical ask.
  - The vote passes unanimously. Motion carries.

### **5.4. Appointment of Interim Chief Returning Officer**

- Kordell - This one is kind of a discussion among the appointment. We aren't sure where to go from here. As Josh mentioned in the Chair's remarks, the CRO resigned from the position of CRO as she had too many commitments. We are in a position where nominations for elections open on Monday. I have sort of picked up the CRO's responsibilities so that we can communicate the positions for the nomination period. I would continue this until we receive an application for CRO, however, the ethics of overseeing an election that oversees me are concerning. One of the executive positions is open during this period, so it could look like a conflict of interest. The Appeals Board would

*provide a second line of defense, but I propose that either I take it on or a counselor does.*

- *Motion: Be it resolved that Kordell Walsh be appointed as Interim Chief Returning Officer at the recommendation of the UNBSU for the 2022/2023 year.*
- *Mover: Kordell*
- *Secunder: Sangeet*
- *Notes:*
  - *Gaia - Isn't our previous CRO still on campus? Could we reach out to her?*
  - *Kordell - No, she has moved to UNBSJ.*
  - *Gaia - I want to put a call to the whole council, the CRO is vitally important. It is a pretty good position for the councilors to develop, etc. It is a good chance to provide an unbiased election and see the inner workings of the council. Can I ask a question of the executives? What will the CRO be overseeing in the upcoming elections?*
  - *Annie - There is a really large list that can be found in our nomination period media.*
  - *Kordell - It certainly is an issue. It's something they've been seeing across all SUs. I just want to clarify that everyone across the country is having this issue.*
  - *Zach - What is the list of responsibilities?*
  - *Kordell - The job description is on our website as well as in bylaw 2. Communicating closely with IT services to ensure that ballots have the correct names and in the correct order, overseeing eligibility (take all the candidates' names and student numbers and pass them forward to confirm academic eligibility of all councilors and financial eligibility - in good standing with UNB), overseeing the campaigns (review of all campaign media). Those are the big points, as well as collaborating with the Brunswickan about a debate or news article with the election, and working with Annie to ensure that the election is being promoted.*
  - *Gaia - I'm just mentioning this to all the councilors - the next item is DCRO, you can also apply to the DCRO position which is kind of second in command. Do you have any concerns about the president running the election, versus the level of experience? I would ask the council, do you have an opinion on that?*
  - *Jill - I don't have a major response, I just want to highlight that it is a significant role. As the executive currently overseeing the is the council, I want to see all the positions filled, but I have every*



confidence that Kordell can do this unbiasedly. We must have two folks who can work together to do this (CRO and DCRO).

- Gaia - I am asking the opinion of the council - do you think that the best option is to appoint Kordell to CRO and search for the DCRO until someone comes forward for that position?
- Kordell - I have general concerns, I'm not the most comfortable with me or any of us overseeing the election due to a conflict of interest. I want to be in this role as little as possible to avoid this conflict, so the interim positions would hopefully be for as little time as possible. I think there is an inherent conflict of interest, and I would be most comfortable knowing that no one is having their character questioned or having an appeal put forward against them.
- No nominees.
- The vote passes. Kordell and Warren abstained, and Zach voted against it.

#### **5.5. Appointment of Interim Deputy Chief Returning Officer**

- Kordell - This is the same thing. It would be fantastic to have someone who could support me as a second set of eyes to mitigate any decision. There is a much lower commitment level than DCRO, and the job description is also outlined in bylaw 2. It's more of a supportive role.
  - Motion: Be it resolved that Zachary Fontaine be appointed as Interim Deputy Chief Returning Officer at the recommendation of the UNBSU for the 2022/2023 year.
  - Mover: Kordell
  - Secunder: Gaia
  - Notes:
    - Gaia - I would like to give a statement to everyone. If you're considering running for a senator position, you can't be a CRO in any form. Being a CRO is, however, a really good way to understand what is happening behind the scenes. I highly recommend it.
    - Zach nominates himself.
  - The vote passed with Kordell abstaining as interim CRO. Motion carries.

#### **5.6. Ratification of The Thoughts Conference**

- Isabella - This is the Connect the Thoughts Conference, which hasn't been ratified yet. They've been active for a while, and nothing conflicts with the UNB Clubs and Societies. That's pretty well it.
  - Motion: Be it resolved that The Thoughts Conference be ratified.
  - Mover: Chair assumed.
  - Secunder: Kordell
  - Notes:

- *Luc - Should they be ratified as a conference rather than a club based on their constitution?*
- *Isabella - Yes that's my wording mistake. They asked to be ratified as a conference.*
- *Gaia - They have a huge executive, do we expect any problems with them?*
- *Jill - Based on other conferences and clubs, they have a big list of executives.*
- *Isabella - We have a lot of clubs and societies that have lots of executives and have no issues.*
- *Kordell - Connect the Thoughts has been good at filling all of those positions, so there aren't any concerns about their inability to fill any positions. They have been maintaining engagement year after year, it just depends on the organization. Conferences typically have larger executives.*
- *Gaia - I can confirm that this is a well-written constitution. It seems like they put their effort in.*
- *Amy - I am of the executives for the Reaching Higher conference and it is the same amount of executives.*
- *The vote passes unanimously. Motion carries.*

#### **5.7. Presentation of Revised Budget for 2022/23 Year**

- *Isabella - There aren't a lot of changes from last year that I want to note. The big one is that I will make note of the conference budget increasing due to the return of in-person conferences. I worked on the budget with Karen, so numbers are good for now but will change as we go, but this is the revised budget as of right now.*
- *Kordell - I want to note that returning members of the council that in previous years that we would have final numbers of students that we drew budget from, however, Financial Services had some uprooting about a month ago and are far behind. We don't have the finalized budget because of this. 5500 is still our best guess, depending on when they send the finalized numbers.*
- *Gaia - I would like to say that this budget is pretty standard. Our surplus last year was around \$8 so we are typically pretty precise with our numbers. Are we supposed to approve the budget?*
- *Kordell - I always thought we had to approve the budget, but our financial bylaws dictate that it is just a presentation.*

#### **5.8. Non-Faculty Councillor Updates**

- *Zach - I met with Gaia and Keri regarding the COVID proposal that we discussed earlier.*
- *Sangeet - I attended the Sex Education conference last week, and this Friday I attended the second-ever Truth and Reconciliation Day ceremony. I will be helping the VP Student Wellness with Sustainability Week. Jill and I will also*

*be putting up posters for good off-campus resources for the off-campus students.*

- *Amy - I was chatting with residents this week and had an overwhelming response about the meal hall. There were complaints regarding hours, that food isn't cooked, and that supper wasn't edible. As well, the house committees are almost entirely first years, and most of them have presidents by now. I will be doing some training soon with these presidents. There have been lots of requests for inter-house competitions, so I'm looking into starting that as a councilor project.*
  - *Gaia - When Amy brought up that the meal hall is failing at its job, everyone gave it a laugh. That is incredibly concerning information, is there anything we can do as a council?*
  - *Kordell - We can raise it with Student Services that these complaints are filling in. Students need to be pushed to fill out the survey about the retail services contract coming up. For the forum that was held in the SUB, a lot of consultation happened with students, however, students weren't engaged. The university moves forward with contracts regardless of whether students respond or not, so students should be encouraged to fill that out. However, we will bring it forward to student services.*
  - *Ridhi - Piggybacking off of that, I had a meeting with Sudexo, and they are very willing to hear our complaints. So Amy, if you want to write up an email that I can pass on to Sudexo, that would be helpful.*
  - *Gaia - The SU can also put forward a letter as a motion too if you're interested.*
  - *Amy - I brought it up because I know the contract is under review. I don't find it substantially worse than in other years. I sent out the survey to residents because they were thinking it was about the convenience store locations on campus. So a lot of them are filling it out now, with that clarification that it is about all food services on campus.*
  - *Jill - There is a culture around meal hall, a laugh is the general go-to when talking about meal hall. I can send you, Amy, an email in a little bit that has the contact information of the person that held the forum last week. You can reach out as a counselor to explain what your representatives are experiencing.*
  - *Sangeet - This is something I've heard from other students in residence. One student barely ate from meal hall because he didn't feel fulfilled so he would buy more and keep it in his residence. He struggled with Halal food, and as a Muslim student, was only offered fish and vegetables. If that person wants to eat meat, and they are paying high amounts of money, they should be able to eat what they want. They aren't very allergy friendly when combined with other food*

restrictions. Maybe when we put the survey out as one big thing, students are afraid to speak out. But one-on-one, students can feel safe enough to discuss their feelings.

- Gaia - Recall that I am on the Senate and the Board of Governors, so we can kick up some organizational noise. The Board might have a lot more to say, so as a Board member, I can bring this up as we sign the contract. I won't say anything without your go-ahead, but if you would like that, I can put it on the next Board agenda.
- Amy - I didn't mention it to cause a whole debate about meal hall. I just brought it up because of the contract. All dietary restrictions are being met this year, the Halal food honestly looks better than the other food. I will keep updating you folks on meal hall, but other than the survey, they'll eventually get used to it.
- Kordell - To that point, we did raise the importance that any new food provider maintains the dietary restrictions available. Meal hall has done pretty okay at setting meals aside for dietary restrictions. I just want to thank you, Amy, for bringing that up as a counselor.
- Sangeet - Shall I do this on my end? Is the form still open for feedback?
- Annie - No it isn't.
- Amanda - If you talk to Jill, you can get the information for the person doing the survey.
- Sangeet - I can reach out to the residence students one on one.
- Kate - The Women's Center had their first board meeting, and it was a success. The center isn't fully open yet, but they hope to be fully open this month. There are some posters around campus that are separate from each other, an old poster from the SHC and a poster in Head Hall and Carleton. These posters had archaic language that no longer represents students at UNB. So please keep an eye out for posters with any language that may be deemed inappropriate so we can remove them.

### **5.9. Letter to Premier Blaine Higgs**

- Kordell - Yesterday afternoon, I received an email from the NB Health Coalition. They are starting an awareness campaign requesting that any changes made to the public health system are done with the idea of strengthening the system and with the opinion of key stakeholders taken into account. The government has indicated that large changes are coming, so that would be the motivator for this letter. They are looking for co-signers, both charities, and not-for-profit organizations. They want to emphasize an intersectional approach to the public health system. There is some language worth highlighting to folks: somewhere referred to the private sector stealing from the public sector (could be concerning messaging), and they just use some strong wording that folks should glance over or review. In terms of the general messaging of the letter, there is nothing too controversial. The hopes are that they are going to create a separate policy document, where if we

were co-signers, we could influence that document in terms of international student asks as well as just students as key stakeholders in the health system. Is it in our interest to sign?

- Gaia - Kordell mentioned the strong language, I don't see that language as too controversial. I would highly encourage not attempting to moderate the language, as sometimes strong language is required. For something as severe as health care, I would recommend we maintain the language. We should sign on to it as a council, but I don't have the right to vote on that. I am in favor though.
- Kordell - I would rather the council bring up a motion to sign if we are to sign.
  - Motion: Be it resolved that the UNBSU be a signing organization on the Open Letter to Blaine Higgs.
  - Mover: Zach
  - Secunder: Gaia
  - Notes:
  - The vote passes, with Warren abstaining. Motion carries.

#### **5.10. Discussion on Le Maase**

- Gaia - One of my friends informed me that the SU had been contacted to join in on the protest movements being held by Le Maase regarding EI. I would like to ask the council why we didn't respond to this organization.
- Kordell - I haven't received anything, and none of the executives have to my knowledge. When the initial decision was made about NBEI Connect, we made the conscious choice to not join any protests as we didn't have the time to meet with Minister Holder in the interim. We felt that before we had meetings with the Minister, it wouldn't be appropriate for our organization to endorse protests. Since then, I haven't heard of any movements. If you know the email, it would help to determine who they reached out to, and how. It could have been lost in transition.
- Gaia - I'll tell them to send another email.

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

#### **6.1. Vice President - Communications**

- Created sustainability adv for HIL Televisions
- Created Bi Election Nomination Posts
- Reviewed schedule for the month and determined post dates
- Designed clubs and societies fair posts
- Redesigned breakfast program posts and uploaded
- Drafted and finalized Truth & Reconciliation day posts and resources
- Finalized MLA Monday posts with STU
- Created and posted open positions on Instagram/Facebook stories
- Updated office hours on the website and designed and printed copies for exec doors
- Drafted newsletter
- Drove Ridhi to pick up sustainability week giveaway items

- Updated council section of the website
- Met with Kordell about Bi-Elections Campaigns and Communications
- Created and published Policy Forum advertisement
- Posted food bag reminder and Orange Shirt Day post
- Emailed the council about photos Sunday
- Drafted Bi-Elections posts, posters, and TV graphics
- Uploaded all sustainability events to the website calendar with respective images and added nomination period
- Updated elections section of the website
- Attended Truth and Reconciliation events and took photos which were posted with drafted paragraphs (photos uploaded to drive)
- Took council headshots and some group photos for website and marketing and updated the website
- Finalized sustainability posts and scheduled them
- Met with Kianna, Amanda/Lucy, Jillian, Ridhi, Kordell, and Rose

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

- Took part in a meeting with Sara King regarding work-study programs.
- Got three of my provincial policies approved by the council.
- Met with a couple of professors regarding policy forum speeches.
- Completed the financial aid policy which I will be bringing to the council after Thanksgiving.
- Completed 3 presentations for training for advocacy week.
- Took part in the food services focus group.
- Printed off posters for MLA Monday.
- Chaired the Federal Policy Committee.
- Worked on housing and food policy for CASA which will be published later this year.
- Finished up all MLA logistics with the STU Student Union.
- Ordered a couple of items for advocacy week for volunteers.

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

- Monday - Approved and submitted Molly and Jigme's hours, and held a Food Services Focus Group with students.
- Tuesday - Helped set up the Breakfast Program and brought tables and posters down, met with Matt from the SUB to discuss the future Breakfast Program and location, picked up laptops for the great computer giveaway and brought them to the Welcome Center, picked up posters from student engagement coordinator and helped in putting them up, had a meeting with Annie and Lucy about promoting the breakfast program, and discussed with Lucy the Director of Greener Village and created a tracking form for our volunteers.
- Wednesday - Met with the executives to go over what we have been doing.

- *Thursday - Met with Jigme, our SafeRide Coordinator, and Kordell about our current drivers and insurance policy and had a short discussion with Kordell about my committees and planning to set up meetings.*
- *Had to get the gas card for the SafeRide drivers.*
- *Reached out to Security and Res Life for my upcoming committees.*
- *Molly and I met about the upcoming student night and the conversation we had with STU SU. We also discussed Winter Carnival and are beginning to plan for that with Nick and Kathleen, our talent agents we have been working with.*
- *I connected Mark from CHSR with our VPFO about the upcoming Clubs and Societies Fair.*

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

- *Finalized the budget with Karen.*
- *Interviewed Clubs & Societies Coordinator with Kordell, and we are going to hire them.*
- *Set up a weekly meeting time with my committee.*

#### **6.5. Vice President - Academic**

- *Tidied up more Book Buy and Sell stuff, contacted students with a final ask for them to collect their leftover books or money made. I have moved and organized students' books and made them available in the Welcome Centre for pick up on Monday and Tuesday this week.*
- *Had assisted our previous CRO in getting set up with the email account*
- *Chatted with Kordell and Josh, the chair about the absence of the CRO*
- *Chatted with Kordell further about the interim CRO positions*
- *Chatted with marketing to get information for one of our councilors*
- *Sent out information on councilor projects to two of our councilors*
- *Attended a weekly executive meeting which was wonderful*
- *Met with Miriam from Student Services to talk about academic integrity programming and she updated me on some happenings at Student Services*
- *Attended the food services meeting with the executive team on Monday morning*
- *Searching and having conversations around the Interim student senators' positions*
- *Worked with Annie to update the council page on the website*
- *Worked with Annie to reopen both the CRO and DCRO positions for hiring over this past week.*

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

- *Had competency cultural training with ISAO where we spoke about the health care system (Medicare for students).*
- *Kordell and I met with ISAO to discuss the university's support towards Sri Lankan international students, we directed them to resources, and I briefly spoke with Rose and Kordell about the same matters, healthcare access for international students and Medicare.*

- *Had the CASA EDI Committee where we spoke about the international forum for postsecondary institutions.*
- *Finished certifying for all our events for sustainability week. (Green Events).*
- *Annie and I collected giveaways from the local stores.*
- *Attended the weekly executive meeting.*
- *Met with Annie to discuss promotion timing for the content for Sustainability Week.*
- *Had a meeting with NB Reya Health. As a digital contraceptive counseling tool, they help you find the right contraceptive options for individuals. I brought this up during my meeting with UWC and we agreed that we will be meeting with Reya Health to understand their further asks. However, as of now, the ask primarily is education-based and raising awareness. They do not prescribe any medications. And, I will reach out to Kate if you would be interested in learning more.*
- *Attended the UWC's Board Meeting.*
- *Had a meeting with the experiential office (to discuss EDI resources that could help me shape the job description).*
- *Attended the UNB Diversity Dialogues meeting where we talked about TRC, black history month, and more.*
- *Went to HIL to do test runs for the DIY scrunchie workshop and Sustainable Webinar.*
- *Had a meeting with Diversity within Engineering where we spoke about accessibility concerns/ matters that the Accessibility Advisory Committee brought forth from a survey. And, so the couple matters would be: the doors having the same color as the wall, there being physical door knobs rather than an automatic lever system, the last step of stairwells being the same color as the landing, there is an elevator near Head Rest that hasn't been inspected since 2017 or so. And the lack of accessible entrance access in front of the geology building. So, I will be discussing this further with the team next week. But if you have any questions related to this please let me know. The doors of the entrances to the labs are heavy-weight-based.*
- *Attended the Truth and Reconciliation Ceremony with Annie and Sangeeth.*
- *Did a test-run workshop for Beeswax Wrap.*

### **6.7. President**

- *Attended the Food Services Focus group.*
- *Followed up with the Research Ethics Board regarding Mia's presentation from last week. The result was that they are good to move forward with their research as long as they don't publish it. This, however, will have implications for our plans for the Cost of Education campaign.*
- *Worked on the minimum wage submission which is due October 10th.*
- *Had a touch-base with the NAGSFA (National Advisory Group on Student Financial Aid).*



- Met with Ridhi and the ISAO regarding support for Sri Lankan students and general policy ideas.
- Attended Student Standings and Promotions (SS&P).
- Attended an interview for the Clubs and Societies Coordinator.
- Held an executive meeting.
- Hosted a National Advocacy Committee to discuss plans for the National Advocacy Campaign.
- Followed up with the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) Executive Director regarding the campaign ideas and feasibility.
- Attended the UNB Board of Governor's Finance and Properties meeting, and read the meeting package.
- Helped Amanda and Jigme with SafeRide.

## **7. Announcements**

- Kordell - All-encompassing announcements - election nominations period opens on Monday. Share the posts, and encourage your friends to run. We have a number of positions available for hire. MLA Monday is also coming up, held at STU. There are lots of things happening, please get the word out.
- Rose - MLA Mondays being held this Monday is the first one since COVID. It's being held at Sir James Dunn Hall from 12-1 PM. Another is coming up in November.
- Gaia - A quick note that the Clubs and Societies Fair is coming up soon.
  - Isabella - It's being held October 5th in the SUB Atrium from 8:30-4:30 PM.
- Annie - Follow our Instagram and share the posts on your stories, if you can. A lot is going on right now and we should spread the word.
- Ridhi - There is a beeswax workshop happening tomorrow from 12-3 PM. If anyone can stay back tonight to help move the tables and chairs in preparation for this, it would be great.

## **8. Other Business**

No other business.

## **9. Adjournment**

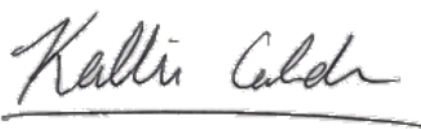
Motion: Be it resolved that the UNBSU Council Meeting for September 25, 2022, be adjourned at 9:03 PM AST.


Mover: Gaia

Secunder: Zach

Notes: No discussion.

The vote passes unanimously. Motion carries.

  
Secretary

  
President