

## **MINUTES – 10th UNBSU Council Meeting**

UNB Student Union 2020/21

*January 17, 2020; 7:00 PM via Zoom*

*Annaka Roscoe is absent*



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

*Aodhan Murphy, Council Chair, calls the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.*

#### **1.1 Roll Call**

*Aodhan Murphy performs roll call.*

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

#### **Resolution 058-20**

*That Council adopts the agenda for January 17, 2020.*

Mover: Katelynn Pickel-MacDonald, Women's Councillor

Seconder: Molly Pittman, Management Councillor

**The motion is carried.**

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

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

#### **Resolution 059-20**

*That Council approves the Council meeting minutes for December 06, 2020.*

Mover: Molly Pittman, Management Councillor

Seconder: Luc Bouvier, Student Senator

**The motion is carried.**

### **5. Substantive Business**

#### **5.1 Councillor Updates**

*Annaka Roscoe is absent.*

*Breana Andrews, Indigenous Councillor, has nothing to report.*

*Brennan Marks, Inclusion Councillor, has nothing to report.*

*Fareeha Quayyum, Inclusion Councillor, has nothing to report.*

Katelynn Pickel-MacDonald, Women's Councillor: "The Women's Board of Directors sent out a link to see when we can all meet next."

Mia Scalabrin, Accessibility Councillor: "I had a meeting with Deanna to see when we can put out a survey on social media about students with disabilities. It was an idea that Xiuming Shi brought to my attention."

Nihla Hussain, International Students Councillor: "I have a few meetings for the International Week coming up."

## **5.2 ALPS Letter**

Sean MacKenzie, President: "The original document that was in the Google Drive was a letter from ALPS explaining their reasons for wanting to move forward with this. The form was created if the Board of Governors would need any information from us. The plan is that we would like to task Policy Committee to review all of our policies and by-laws to ensure that they are now representative of ALPS. The letter talks about the reasoning behind the changes in their representative body and the next set of plans. The main thing to look at is that ALPS has not been able to have a complete Board in several years. Therefore, they have not had the proper support or infrastructure required for their members. Two of the members are already graduated yet have remained on the board to ensure ALPS are represented to some extent. This change has been discussed for several years; however, we're hoping that 2021 is the year when it happens. We hope to advocate for ALPS more frequently. Looking at the financial side of things, this is the crucial point for us. This is the main point I'll bring to the Board of Governors to look for approval on.

Additionally, we're looking to charge these students a flat rate of \$30. Right now, they're being charged \$12/per class. We would make this change due to an increase in services they would have access to and an increase in advocacy they would receive. The difference also guarantees that we continue with specific funding. As of right now, we have a bursary program out of the

Student Union. Part of the agreement is that we would continue topping up the College of Extended Learning (CEL) scholarship funds. Every year, they are topped up to \$10,000 to give money to part-time students. That, paired with our current Sobeys gift card program, are the only requirements they have for us. They also wish to have an ALPS representative on Council. Due to the risk of cost, the students won't be covered by our insurance provider, at least not at the moment. I'm open to any questions, comments, or concerns."

Adriana Lefort, VP Finance & Operations: "Just as a heads up, the money for the SU bursary is not a fee charged through the Student Union fee. Students are charged an extra five dollars per term for that. So, if that's something that ALPS has access to, we may need to look into the topic further."

Sean MacKenzie: "This would be a separate bursary from the Student Union one. It's simply a continuation of the ALPS bursary that they currently have. We could divide it up between 25 and 5 if we wanted to."

Adriana Lefort: "Okay, so just to clarify, the breakdown of that fee will be \$25 to go towards the student union and then \$5 will go towards..."

Sean MacKenzie: "To some extent, yes. Whatever is required of that \$30 to top up the \$10k pot they currently work with is what would go towards that. It wouldn't be any more than \$5 per student."

This is a conversation I had with a representative of CEL who typically deals with these matters. I'm open to discussing adding a fee on top of it to make it its own separate thing."

Adriana Lefort: "This can be a discussion we have with the incoming VPFO for next year's budget."

Sean MacKenzie: "The reason why this whole process may seem rushed is that the person I've in communication with, Emmanuel Albert, has moved out West. He's swamped, so the odds of this happening in the future are a lot less likely. Moreso, I've been working with an individual from Financial Services who plans on retiring at the end of the year. We're pushing it now and looking

at how this can work in the future. Additionally, the Policy Committee will need to do a lot of reviewing of all of our policies and bylaws for this.”

**Resolution 060-20**

*That Council amend resolution 05520 to add the recommendations listed in Section 1 of the UNBSU and ALPS amalgamation letter to the Board of Governors with a presentation to Council date of March 28, 2021.*

Mover: Sean MacKenzie, President

Seconder: Madeleine Smith, Nursing Councillor

**The motion is carried.**

Aodhan Murphy, Council Chair: “Can someone make the motion that Seth Corner is granted speaking rights for agenda item 5.3 and 5.4?”

**Resolution 061-20**

*That Council grants Seth Corner speaking rights for agenda items 5.3 and 5.4.*

Mover: Sean MacKenzie, President

Seconder: Vishnu Vardhan, VP Student Life

**The motion is carried.**

**5.3 Ratification of Fall By-Election**

Seth Corner, Chief Returning Officer: “You all should have received the election document that I prepared regarding the process and outcome of the election. From my point of view, this election went very smoothly. In terms of following bylaws and working with ITS, it went very smoothly. It states in the document how we established a timeline with ITS reasonably early on and how that set us up for success. I won’t go over the events schedule, but please feel free to ask if anyone has questions. We can certainly discuss. Are there any questions?”

I’ll go on then and make my recommendations on the results we ratified. Based on the election results, Téa Fazio should be ratified as VP Advocacy. Elizabeth Herbert should be ratified as the Education Representative. Anna Lee Leblanc should be ratified as the Kinesiology

Representative. Abhiiraj Nikram should be ratified as the Engineering Representative. Mridul Sharma should be ratified as the First-year Representative. Also, the majority vote of the referendum question should be ratified as well.”

**Resolution 062-20**

*That Council accepts the 2020 fall by-election results and the 2020 special election as listed in the December 9, 2020 report.*

Mover: Molly Pittman, Management Councillor

Secunder: Christopher Arisz, Law Councillor

**The motion is carried.**

Seth Corner: “I also wanted to note that total votes in the by-election were down from last year by about 20 votes. However, in terms of registered voter turnout, it increased. So for the next CRO, there will be an emphasis on the by-election. It was just an interesting year for the stats of the by-election.”

**5.4 Executive Review Report**

Sean MacKenzie, President: “Following the resignation of our former VP Advocacy, Kelsi Evans, the Executive along with our GM, Karen Miner, had been subject to an interview process to gain insight into the operations process of the Student Union. CRO Seth Corner conducted these interviews and conducted a review. He has now compiled an internal review of our Executive. Following the recommendation outlined in this review, the Executive is now tasked with creating a definitive change to how the Union is run to benefit all students. Some of these changes include fostering a better Student Union team dynamic and creating a healthy and lasting relationship with Council. With that being said, I would like to look to close sessions while also keeping members of the board of governors, senators, our CRO and our VP Comm in the close session.

**Resolution 063-20**

*That Council enters an in-camera closed session with non-voting members for the discussion item 5.4.*

Mover: Molly Pittman, Management Councillor

Seconder: Christopher Arisz, Law Councillor

**The motion is carried.**

### **Resolution 064-20**

*That Council returns to open session.*

Mover: Adriana Lefort, VP Finance & Operations

Seconder: Sean MacKenzie, President

**The motion is carried.**

## **Reports to Council**

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

- Deanna Merriam, VP Communications, states that she put out promotional content for studying strategies, Chit Chat and Coffee with ISAO, Dealing with End-of-term Stress Session, after the last Council meeting Colouring and Sip with the 203 Event, and the Office Trivia Night.
- She's done two Instagram giveaway contests, one in partnership with the SWEAT Club.
- Deanna attended a student messaging committee meeting. I met with the Accessibility Counsellor, Mia.
- She began recommendations for my exec job description policy.
- She worked with Adriana to submit a letter to the Student Sustainability Fund.
- She's been working with the graphic designer to update the DrinkSmart logo.
- She worked on social media content strategy, encouraging students to run for SU positions.
- She's been working on the brand book.

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

- Vishnu Vardhan, VP of Student Life, states that he worked on the SafeRide Operational Plan to reflect new changes. They're also working on making the Curry Centre a new pick-up location. Right now, if you want the Curry Centre as a pick-up location, you have to send a message to the Facebook group. We're doing this to make it a smooth transition. I am also working on the SafeRide sponsorship package.
- In terms of ACE, Brennan and I are working hard to collect the resources we need. We've worked on the website and logo design. We hope to release these things this semester.
- In terms of Slic, it's working like it did in previous semesters. A post will be going out soon to let students know that it is fully operational. We'll hire a Junior Coordinator soon,
- In terms of food, new food bags will be starting very soon. I have the groundwork all laid out. The post will be going up on Jan 24th, orders will be due on Feb 3rd, and we'll do curbside pick up at the Student Union building on Feb 11th.
- Katelynn has now been hired as Director of Campus Events.
- I'll be meeting with the DrinkSmart Committee this week to finalize the policy changes and task the policy committee to make those changes and ratify those changes.

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

- Adriana Lefort, VP of Finance & Operations, updates that she knew that Council would have hiring coming up, so she's been prepping everything for DCRO Chair and Orientation Chair hire. She also notes that she will be chairing the hiring committee for the DCRO since Sean has expressed interest in re-running in the general election.
- Adriana contacted both the Adhoc Committee and her clubs and societies committee to meet this upcoming week.
- She is waiting on final approval from the Student Sustainability Committee for a proposal to reimburse students in self-isolation for grocery delivery fees. She's just waiting on the

last support from the committee members. She's been working with one student who has a proposal to use it for a project.

- She and Vishnu met with the STU student union to renegotiate the contract for SafeRide.
- She's been looking into recommendations for the hiring procedures.
- She attended the Policy Committee with Sean.
- She attended the post-secondary relations committee.
- Adriana started working on the final budget.
- She's currently reviewing three new clubs and societies constitutions along with her Clubs and Societies Coordinator.
- She's been in contact with RBC as they reached out to host an event with Mt Allison and the UNB BAUS.
- She met with Madeleine to budget for her coordinator project.
- Finally, she has been working on prepping for team-building activities to be held this week.

#### **6.4 Vice President – Internal**

- Grace Pelkey, VP Internal, states that the extended withdrawal deadline after the last Council meeting.
- She held the CASA Board call.
- This week, she had a Student Promotions Committee meeting and attended a Retail Service Review meeting.
- Grace was also approached by the Academic Sub-Committee, who have asked for the Council's results of the survey that Sean and Grace put out earlier in the semester for the Senate this month to help explain their decision. She created a report and sent that off.
- Grace found a provider for Naloxone and found out how many numbers and how that can be provided.



- Grace also planned the Council transition for the incoming Councillors who were ratified tonight. That's taking place next Friday.
- In a few weeks, is a Student Promotions Review for all members. Grace has been reviewing all of their policies to make recommendations. She's also edited the Councillor handbook.
- She's been handling students' concerns about academics this semester.
- Finally, she's been working on changing all of the honorarium forms.

### **6.5 President**

- Sean Mackenzie, the President, says that the Advancement Committee has been hard at work on the ALPS proposal. He also notes that the Policy Committee has been working very hard on all policy changes to date.
- Sean states that he attended two CASA Board meetings as well as one NBSA Board meeting. He also wrote a report for the NBSA meeting he will be having this upcoming Wednesday.
- He attended both the Fredericton Self-Isolation Committee and the By-Campus Health Committee.
- Sean also attended the Transportation Task Force, which is essentially a task force that looks at transportation and sustainability on-campus.
- Sean met with David Coon and Megan Cormier, VP Education, from the STU Student Union. They discussed changing MLA Monday to be held the first Monday of every month. The first MLA Monday will be February 1st.
- Finally, he sat on the retail review committee with Grace.

### **6. Announcements**

Grace Pelkey, VP Internal: "This is more of a reminder. Please sign up for your Councillor check-ins. I put the link to sign up in our Council Facebook group, but if you want me to, I can email it to you as well. Next week will be the first week where all of our new Councillors join us. Going

forward, I would love it if we could all turn our cameras on, especially next week to introduce ourselves, but also to make it more engaging and more like it is in person.”

**7. Question Period**

**8. Other Business**

**9. Adjournment**

**Resolution 065-20**

*That Council adjourns the meeting.*

Mover: Adriana Lefort, VP Finance & Operations

Seconder: Vishnu Vardhan, VP Student Life

**The motion is carried.**

**The meeting is adjourned at 9:00 PM.**

**Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_

**President:** \_\_\_\_\_