

MINUTES – UNBSU Council Meeting

UNB Student Union 2021/22

December 6, 2021; 7:00PM via Zoom and Tilley 303

Regrets: Ridhi Sharma, Amanda Smith, Ojaswi Joshi, Meghan Budd, Houda El Hajjaoui, Stacie Smith, Maya Kors,

Absent: Khanh Nguyen, Ariel Lee, Joshua Makarov

1. Call to Order

Matt Gysbers, Council Chair, calls the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

1.1. Roll Call

Matt Gysbers performs roll call.

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution 053-21

***That** Council adopts the agenda for December 6, 2021.*

Mover: Kordell Walsh

Seconder: Gaia Noseworthy

Motion is carried.

3. Chair's Remarks

4. Substantive Business

4.1. NBSA Discussion/Vote

Kordell Walsh: You folks all have the documentation before you, and we've had this conversation at Council, so I don't think there much more I need to say. If there are questions or discussion points we can certainly go into them, but the brief overview again is that there have been financial concerns about the organization for several years now. Council last year conducted an official review and made the recommendation to sever financial ties with the organization, however this decision was after the NBSA's deadline in their bylaws. I sent an email to the Chair, Vice Chair, and Executive Director last week encouraging them to send in a written response based on the motion from Council, they expressed that they would by the Saturday deadline to meet the agenda for today. They expressed they would send this to the Chair, and neither the Chair nor I have heard from them. I don't believe there is a whole lot else to provide, so I will leave it back to you folks for questions.

Sean Mackenzie: I would recommend the motion be worded sever 'financial' ties with the organization, or sever financial contribution, rather than sever ties. And maybe we should include the move to apply for observer status in the motion.

Kordell Walsh: Agreed with the financial ties, however I think we should separate the motion for observer status, just because the NBSA themselves have acknowledged there's no real process to move

directly from Full Membership to Observer Status, so I don't want that to be a sticking point that they be contingent on each other.

Resolution 054-21

That Council sever all financial ties with the NBSA on serious financial concerns effective April 30, 2022.

Mover: Kordell Walsh

Second: Brennan Marks

Kordell Walsh abstains from the motion.

Katelynn Pickel-MacDonald abstains from the motion.

Brennan Marks abstains from the motion.

Seth Eichhorst votes for the motion.

Spencer MacDonald votes for the motion.

Abbie Delaney votes for the motion.

Emily Simon votes for the motion.

Mia Scalabrin votes for the motion.

Jill Carson votes for the motion.

Sangeeth Mylatt-Veetil votes for the motion.

Gaia Noseworthy votes for the motion.

Violet Sioux (proxy for Kianna Heatherington, Nuci Putawasuwini) votes for the motion.

Sam Salfi votes for the motion.

Kate Palmer votes for the motion.

Motion is carried.

Resolution 055-21

That Council reapply for observer status with the NBSA for the 2022-2023 year.

Mover: Kordell Walsh

Second: Sangeeth Mylatt Veetil

Mover: Kordell Walsh

Second: Brennan Marks

Kordell Walsh abstains from the motion.

Katelynn Pickel-MacDonald abstains from the motion.

Brennan Marks abstains from the motion.

Seth Eichhorst votes against the motion.

Spencer MacDonald votes for the motion.

Abbie Delaney votes for the motion.

Emily Simon votes for the motion.

Mia Scalabrin votes for the motion.

Jill Carson votes for the motion.

Sangeeth Mylatt-Veetil votes for the motion.

Gaia Noseworthy abstains from the motion.

Violet Sioux (proxy for Kianna Heatherington, Nuci Putawasuwini) abstains from the motion.

Sam Salfi abstains from the motion.

Kate Palmer votes for the motion.

Motion is carried.

5. Question Period

Vishnu Vardhan: Would we ever be entertaining applying for full membership status again?

Kordell Walsh: I don't think that is really our call to make, if next year's council were to hear them out and re-apply, I think that is their jurisdiction. But I think this is something to put in transition documents, just a substantial recap of the events so future councils are aware of how and why we came to this decision, and that way they can make an informed decision as well.

Kordell Walsh: I just have a question, I want to make sure that the second motion does pass – just with so many abstentions. I'd hate for us to leave the meeting and realize it did not pass and not be able to resolve it right away.

Sean Mackenzie: I was just checking Robert's Rules, and it does say that unless it states a majority of all members present, an abstention doesn't count towards the vote, so it should pass.

6. Announcements

Brennan Marks: It's wellness week! Show up to events – the schedule is on our Instagram, website, and Facebook!

7. Adjournment

Resolution 056-21

That Council adjourn the meeting.

Mover: Brennan Marks

Seconder: Gaia Noseworthy

Motion is carried.