

Council Minutes January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Absent: Senator Orozco, Councillor Cuizon

1. Call to Order

Council is called to order at 7:03pm

2. Approval of Agenda

Mover: Councillor Toner

Second: Councillor Doucet

President Daley requests moving substantive business to item 5

3. Chair's Remarks

Hopes council has had a good start to semester.

4. Approval of Minutes

Typos: item 6.4 week\*, item 6.11 \*good not food

5. Substantive Business

5.1 Pub Tour Policy- Senator Renaud

As noted in memo, number of concerns with banning of pub tours. Main problems are that pub tours will happen anyways, with not favourable results for students. Good fundraising opportunity for student associations, now going to private businesses. 12 Bars participants encouraged not to wear jackets in winter. Residences have sober chaperones, safer when run by residences. Suggest motion that SU advocates for pub tours to be reinstated and be run by student societies. Does not have voting rights, invites motion.

Councillor Banks: When referencing reinstating for student societies, would like to include residences as well. Would you also advocate we reinstate within res as well?

Senator Renaud: Yes

VP Beairsto: Agrees with many strong points, has seen reaction and results. Thinks it's worth looking into, at least by committee review.

Councillor Payne: addresses VP Beairsto, since societies are under SU, why do we have to follow university policy?

VP Beairsto: Met with insurer over summer, discussed that pub tours are no go with SU. Point in memo that even if there was a lawsuit, it would be very unlikely UNB would lose the lawsuit, not the case for SU.

Councillor Payne: Difference in promoting and allowing, doesn't understand how university restrictions apply to SU's societies.

VP Beairsto: Has never said yes/no to pub tours, didn't change any SU permissions.

Councillor Hebert: Concern with 12 bars, happened before ban and after...worth looking into portion of students going after ban.

Councillor Whelan: same point as Councillor Hebert.

President Daley: echoing VP Beairsto's comment, deliberately doesn't endorse SU's societies doing pub tours. UNB stance is that they won't approve pub tours associated with UNB's name. Motions for ad hoc (determined in discussion) committee to review and bring to council two meetings from now on Feb 12.

Chairman Whitney asks if any committees would be appropriate.

Councillor Doucet suggests ad hoc or policy.

President Daley agrees ad hoc would be suitable.

Senator Renaud: should specify timeline, policy is pilot for this year, timing for review on policy is optimal.

Second: VP Beairsto

Councillor Payne: should be cautious in discussion, implies that UNB policy applies to SU societies. Should make firmer stance that societies are ratified by SU and not under UNB's policies. Supposed to be completely separate, also important for issues outside of pub tours.

President Daley: asks for suggestion to amend motion, or simply noting comments and acknowledging this discussion.

Councillor Banks: agrees with Councillor Payne, advocate for university to review pub tour policy.

Councillor Whelan: implemented primary event organization training from university and have complied, already following university's policies.

VP Beairsto: tough to separate, lots of groups depend on space from university, compelling groups to comply with university rules.

Senator Renaud: very much agrees with Payne's concerns, saw in undergrad and recently that admin will frequently rule by fiat, say something will be a certain way and expect it regardless. To some degree SU has already been abiding to admin terms but doesn't need to continue.

Chairman Whitney calls vote

Vote passes unanimously

Councillor Payne: should create membership for ad hoc committee.

President Daley: suggests email call for meeting time, or gather interest now.

Councillor Payne, Senator Renaud, Councillor Whelan, Councillor Doucet, Councillor Banks, VP Beairsto volunteer.

## 5.2 Policy Committee Report- Councillor Murray

Bylaw one was reviewed further and S53 had clauses (c) and (d) appended to it. S53 now reads as:

“A vacancy shall occur in any office by reason of death, resignation, or disqualification pertaining to section 19, the Council shall:

(a) In the case of an executive councillor, appoint an ordinary member by a two thirds majority vote and hold an election in accordance with Bylaw No. 2 if more than four (4) months remain in their term.

(b) In the case of a General Councillor, hold an election in accordance

With Bylaw No. 2. “

(c) In the case that a councillor delivers a written resignation letter to council

(d) At the discretion of the Council by majority vote, if he or she fails to attend three (3) or more meetings of the Council.

It was agreed that B1 could come back to the next council meeting and be considered as first reading again. It was also noted that because the revisions to the Executive Councillor positions and the fact that these revisions will likely not be passed in time for candidate nomination in the UNBSU election, we must be as transparent as possible while revising these roles.

Clubs and Society Policy were reviewed and small wording changes were made to S4.4 regarding "Loss of Ratified Status". It now reads as:

"4.4. If a group requiring physical activity waivers from their members, as described in section 2.4.4, is found to have members who have not filled out these waivers the group will immediately lose its ratified status."

Policy Committee reviewed the External Position Statement of Upfront Grants, suggested changes to it and sent it to External Committee. The content changes suggested were for the UNBSU to advocate for the inclusion of law students in eligibility for the program and a sliding scale for students with household income above the TAB threshold. Structural changes were also suggested to the document as well as more referencing.

Policy Committee reviewed the Council Procedures Policy and agreed to the updated Council Agenda Structure as suggested by the Advancement Committee as well as changes to guest speaking limits under S3.13.

### 5.3 Orientation ad hoc Committee- VP Beirsto

Bylaws to revisit, main one is basis for Shinerama honouraria. Constitution for orientation must have ad hoc committee, need SU councillors, welcomes members. Will send email and set meeting.

Councillor Whelan, Councillor Toner, Councillor Hebert, VP Tozer volunteer.

### 5.4 Approval of General Election Timeline- President Daley

Reviewed timelines, confirmed with bylaws. Nominations open Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:01 am. Nominations close January 10<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. Candidates meeting at 4pm January 10<sup>th</sup>. Campaign period begins Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Campaigning closes prior to voting, which opens February 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:01am. Voting closes Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:59 pm.

Second: Councillor Doucet

Councillor Banks: have we decided if voting will be done through e services?

VP Bempah: have been looking into getting membership list, only way to have elections on our own. Doesn't look like we'll be getting it any time soon.

Chairman Whitney calls vote

Vote passes unanimously

#### 5.5 Clubs & Societies Policy- VP Beirsto

Updates have been sent to Policy Committee, can approve based on changes.

Second: Councillor Hebert

Vote passes unanimously

#### 5.6 Bylaw Amendments- President Daley

Chairman Whitney adds 2/3rds majority vote will approve first reading.

President Daley: touch on adjustments, bylaw 1 section 19 process of removing councillor overlaps with sections 46-54. Identified merging. No major changes, just reorganization. Readjustments of exec positions, VP Beers presented name changes and was adopted. More reliance on job descriptions than bylaws. Final portion that was adjusted, wording identifies quorum number misprint.

Chairman Whitney points out typo "emoval of councillors".

President Daley motions that bylaws be adopted as presented, effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

Second: Councillor Doucet

VP Beers: how does that affect elections?

Chairman Whitney: doesn't, will inform candidates that these changes are in process.

President Daley: can distribute information to candidates as it will be public knowledge at that point.

Councillor Payne: have changes been ok'd by lawyer?

President Daley: doesn't think this would drastically affect legal standing.

Councillor Payne: in past, governing documents reviewed by lawyer. Just heads up that it is occurring. In changing titles and removal procedures, important to at minimum inform.

President Daley: Lawyer is aware that it's happening but haven't been handed documents. Just shifting of responsibilities and reorganization, but opinion can be obtained.

Councillor Banks: May not understand timeline, anyway to get bylaws approved before election?

President Daley: no, 3 readings approved will be after election.

Councillor Cormier: will people be confused entering running for VP Advocacy vs. Internal?

President Daley: running for positions as they stand but will be informed of changes to come.

Councillor Washburn: question moving forward, Education councillors may have to miss meetings based on different school dates, any exceptions for this?

President Daley: no permissions in these changes, falls under bylaw 2, not bylaw 1.

Councillor Banks: in addition to informing candidates, if these changes do happen, how do we inform constituents of title changes?

President Daley: following second reading, it may be publicized and can be distributed.

Senator McGrath: did mention that changes are very minor in responsibilities, not a huge impact on positions.

Chairman Whitney calls vote

Vote passes, opposed Councillor Payne.

## 6. Reports to Council

### 6.1 VP Student Services- VP Tozer

FROST WEEK: Frost week activities all went super well. We have had amazing turnout for all events, and we received some great feedback. Here is a brief break down of all the events and how they went:

MONDAY, January 9th: - Winter Campfire with marshmallows & maple toffee in the Quad (12:30 pm - 2:30 pm) Event had to be moved to Tuesday due to the cold weather. Students seemed to really enjoy the event. Many international students very much enjoyed the maple toffee. We also had many people toast marshmallows and hang around the fire.

TUESDAY, January 10th: - Karaoke at The Cellar Pub with \$300 worth of gift cards to be won! (9:30 pm - 11:00 pm) We had a packed Cellar for this event. We had a hard time getting singers to sign up at first, but eventually the list was full. Students also really enjoyed the gift card give-a-ways. Endurance music handled all the technical side of things, and we're great as always.

WEDNESDAY, January 11th: - SUB Carnival with inflatable games, cotton candy, and snow cones! (2:00 pm - 5:00 pm) This event had a very rough start, but overall went well. The cotton candy machine was broken, which was a huge let down though. The inflatable game just barely fit, however it ended up being fine in the end. We gave out 120 snow cones, and had over 50 students use the game.

THURSDAY, January 12th: - Wintersleep at the Fredericton Boyce Farmers Market with a limited number of student tickets available for \$15 in the Welcome Centre. This was a great concert, and a great way to get students downtown to explore Fredericton. We sold 117 tickets, which exceeded our goal of 100.

FRIDAY, January 13th: - Free snowshoeing in the woodlot (1:30 pm - 4:00 pm). We had so many students sign up for snow shoeing we had to create a waitlist. The students seemed to very much enjoy this activity. - Wall tent and hot chocolate in the Quad (12:00 - 5:00 pm) Many students stopped by for hot chocolate and check out the tent. This is a very cool, low key event.

## 6.2 VP Finance & Operations- VP Beairsto

Got some good work done while at home, mostly pertaining to reviewing the Orientation Bylaws, and Human Resources Policy. I am also working towards organizing the UNBSU Annual General Meeting for February 8th in Carleton 139. It would be great if you could all attend, as it is a part of the conditions for your Honoraria. Finance: Review of the UNBSU accounts is under way as I analyze our spending to date, and expected expenditures over our

final term. This is all in preparation for the Final Budget to drop on January 29th Council. Clubs and Societies: Planned and executed the Clubs and Societies fair on Friday. Well attended by groups, and while the student turnout was not as great as the fall fair this is to be expected with the reduced excitement from the beginning of the school year. I have been assisting our UAV club to secure insurance to fly their UAV's on campus. Seeing as the personal use of UAV's for enjoyment is still a relatively new hobby they are not widely insured and so we are hoping to work with the insurance agency to find a solution through a specialized policy. I am also still working to secure some additional funding from UNB for the Kin Games as they took a large hit from the loss of pub tours. This semester I am hoping to have an event for all the Faculty based Societies using SU funds. The hope is that the Societies can promote the event, and bring attendance while I plan it. Additionally I have been working through the usual event applications and funding requests. Cellar: I am hoping to meet with the board of directors for the Cellar soon, and also get the reapplication of the Liquor license complete. Orientation: I have been busy with Orientation for a few reasons. Firstly we are beginning to look at hiring Blackshirts, and starting to have some very preliminary Orientation executive meetings to prep for the summer months. Secondly I have been working on reviewing the bylaws and so will need to strike an ad-hoc committee to tackle and confirm these changes. Thirdly, the fees for orientation week need be raised and so this will also be tackled by the ad-hoc committee. However for the fee change I will also need to prepare a presentation for the BOG finance committee to justify the change.

### 6.3 VP Internal- VP Bempah

Book Buy and Sell: We held our Winter Book Buy and Sell this week. Due to past descriptions of the Winter BBS, we decided to shorten the Sale Days to one day. This BBS went extremely well. We had a few minor challenges but overall, the event was better than the Fall Semester. As a result of the job well done by volunteers and coordinators, we agreed to award the volunteers not only with the 10% discount and first pick on books, but with Sobey's gift cards as well. It is my hope that in the future, volunteers are awarded better benefits as without them, the program would crumble and be unsuccessful. Additionally, the coordinators and I will soon be evaluating the Book Buy and Sell, writing a Transition report but most importantly, discussing how we can expand Book Buy and Sell to last throughout the year. For example, we are looking at

recommending a Novel ExChange program for fiction and nonfiction readers throughout the year. I am very excited about this potential program and will keep you updated. Breaking Stereotype: As I have mentioned before, this project is a poster and film campaign that has mostly people of colour and international students speaking out about stereotypical experiences and how UNB community and hopefully the world can alleviate and reduce bigotry in our society. We completed filming last semester. Editing is currently on going and we are hoping to launch this project, sometime in February. We are also hoping to show a longer version of the film in a documentary style and open it to the UNB community. We will also have a panel of some people in the film to expatiate more on words that were said in the video. I am very hopeful that is project will be an eye opener for our community and create awareness for this topic as well. UNBSU: Travis and I have been discussing some other SU related items such as representation for the Education Faculty, Storm Closure Policy as well as International Student Health Care. You can find more of this related information in his report. Additionally, I will be forwarding an email to Registrar Shawna Bergin to discuss FRW and the next steps to ensure that the Student Union is fully part of the new academic date arrangements as well as to confirm that our needs and asks are granted accordingly. Cultural Cafe: I will be meeting with International Student Rep and Cultural Cafe Coordinator soon to discuss programs for the semester. We were unfortunately unable to meet this week considering Marc was not feeling well but I am hoping we can meet as soon as he recovers to plan these events. Internal Committee: This committee will be meeting on Monday to hopefully complete the project we begun last semester. Our project will essentially outline reasons that may contribute to low engagement at UNB and how the university can improve this shortcoming. We hope to make a presentation to council and recommend to the Engagement Committee about our findings and how the Student Union can work with the University about this issue.

#### 6.4 VP External- VP Beers

Text Broke: I have been organizing and am running another Text Broke campaign to get data on how much students spend on textbooks in the second term. So far it is going slow and not picking up much traction because there are so many other events going on. Hoping to boost it a bit more in the next two weeks. NBSA: I have been working on a position statement for law

students and TAB and we will be having our first board call since December next week. Sexual Assault Campaign: The majority of my time has been spent putting together the sexual assault campaign which will be released on Monday. I have been coordinating with UNB communications, Rice Fuller and Maggie regarding the statistics and the release of the UNB Sexual Assault Climate Survey report and hope the entirety of this will be released mid-next week. Municipal: Travis and I met with Darren Charters and Ken Forrest from Transportation about the possibility of an Opt Out Universal Bus Pass and are awaiting a proposal from them on what this program could look like. We have been coordinating internally with Financial Aid and AVP Mark Walma about the university's support and administration of this program and setting up a bursary for students who want the U-Pass but cannot afford it. Provincial: We are awaiting the release of the Provincial budget and will be attending the State of The Province at the end of the month. CASA attending AGM on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### 6.5 President- President Daley

Wishes to acknowledge the hard work on Frost Week.

Financial Aid has received approvals for emergency aid and will begin function.

UNB: We've met with Sara Rothman to discuss some of the adjustments that will take place for the Summer Orientation and to finalize some contracts with her in regards to the Oweek and Shine Chair. Also since we last met I attended the Board of Governors meeting. Working on amending certain policies, but revised version is public as of Jan 5<sup>th</sup> outlining that students may use judgement to stay home. \*\* I also attend the budget forum earlier this week. I have been meeting regularly with the co-circular team for updates on how they are marketing and recruiting. I also met with UNB climate action change committee, it was clear that this committee is in its early stages still. We've also been putting substantial pressure on the UNB administration while they collect information on potential international student health care providers. They have selected the winner of the tender and it appears as if it will have positive results for our students. Since last December we've I've met with the John Bigger, who is was the driving force behind editing the storm closure policy. I can say that we have successfully made sure they include all of our asks and are working with them on policy amendments to allow

for the grade processes to be explicitly tied with the policy. I have also worked with Herb on appointing an individual to serve on some of UNB's Appeals committees.

UNBSU: I have spent time trying to make sure the UNBSU focus group has a balanced unbiased collection of students; it is harder than you might think. No matter what happens I know that the group of students that do make it out will be able to contribute. I spent much of my time over the break getting ready for this semester. Our semester prep meeting and end of semester review has help energize me and set the stage for another successful semester. I met with our CRO and DCRO to outline how to improve our elections this year. More importantly I wanted them to feel comfortable with the timeline and the processes. In short they are and it looks like it should run smoothly. As you will see at council, Policy committee has been hard at work and some of my time has been spent doing much of the administrative work that has been involved. Lastly, as you know I am always busy supporting these guys supporting these guys- not that they always need it or ask for it but I've tried and offered what I could for frost week and book buy and sell, supporting the sexual assault awareness piece, and clubs and societies stuff. We have also been able to work out a flat rate with our lawyers in regards to SLIC and general legal consultations. Nothing is set in stone yet but it looks like it will create more reliable budgeting and allow us to reduce some budget lines. Has been discussing international student health care with VP Bempah.

External organizations: Since December 4th NBSA has met twice, much of the discussion has revolved around how we have adopted in principle support the expansion of TAB to include law students. We have also gone discussed how we can use some our communications tools to promote NBSA work particularly post budget.

Marketing: Over the break Ali had put together branding guidelines with Richard and took the semester's event list and compiled a communications list. There are evidently some details still to be worked out but it offers a clear overview and a plan of attack for the semester. Ali has also been refining our photo catalogue and in contact with the marketing office to increase sharing of photos of our events. Lastly, she has been shopping around to improve some of our marketing materials.

## 6.6 Nursing Representative- Councillor MacMillan

In process of planning project, currently taking event organization training. Planning Nursing gala for Feb 18<sup>th</sup> at the Delta. Going to NUS meetings. Met with associate dean, due to course changes, will change office hours to Tues from 6:30pm-8pm at the SUB.

## 7. Announcements

VP Beairsto: posted in a Facebook group for volunteers for student feedback whiteboard.

Councillor McLaughlin: heard a lot of great things about Frost Week. Congratulates VP Tozer.

Senator Kalu: African Society Taste of Africa at Alumni building Saturday at 6:30pm.

## 8. Question Period

Quintal: came about last council year 15/16, memo sent to VP academic of grade forgiveness policy, does anyone know about ground work or progress on this?

Senator Reid: talked to old registrar before he left, no movement most likely due to switch over. David Hinton was very open to the idea.

Councillor Hebert: asks what policy entails.

Councillor Quintal: Gets rid of F on transcript if you were to fail a course.

Senator Reid: more of what Hinton was open to is that it stays on transcript but doesn't affect cumulative GPA.

VP Bempah: will be meeting with registrar to discuss next fall reading week, will mention this and inform Councillor Quintal.

Councillor Banks: for those who are on Board of Governors, wondering if you've heard about decision on switching language on diplomas.

Senator Renaud: was discussion two years ago on Senate, proposed change of language from Latin to English, only two voted in favour.

## 9. Other Business Arising

President Daley: two items, announcement councillor projects please send outlines. Motions for approval to send item to advancement committee for merger between Adult Learners, Part Time Students Committee and UNBSU.

Second: Councillor Doucet

Councillor Cormier: what does Adult Learner Committee do?

President Daley: represents part time students, advocate for keeping March break dates the same, push for child care on campus.

Councillor Banks: so requesting to merge the two student unions?

President Daley: amalgamation more than merger.

Councillor Banks: Would this require new councillor position?

President Daley: Depends on review.

Councillor Ward: not directly related, if they were advocating to keep March break where it is, was there movement to change it?

President Daley: Was stated on website as a success of committee, could've been done many years ago.

Chairman Whitney calls vote

Vote passes unanimously

Councillor Payne: Motions to send bylaw to lawyer, prior to second reading.

BE IT RESOLVED that the UNBSU executives inform our lawyer of the proposed amendments to bylaw 1 prior to the second reading.

Clarifies that waiting for response from lawyer is not needed, but just to inform.

Second: Doucet

No discussion.

Vote

Passes unanimously

## 10. Adjournment

Council is adjourned at 8:04pm