

Council Minutes January 29th, 2017

Absent: Councillor McLean, Senator Orozco

1. Call to Order

Council is called to order at 7:06pm

2. Approval of Agenda

Mover: Councillor Toner

Second: Councillor Doucet

Item 5.4 to be covered by Councillor Cameron

Addition item 5.8- Inclusion Representative Positions- Councillor Doucet

Addition of item 6.10 Report of the Arts Rep- Councillor Banks

3. Chair's Remarks

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

Item 5.4, nominations close & candidates meeting February 10th

5. Substantive Business

5.1 2016-2017 Final Budget-First Reading- VP Beairsto

Automatically deferred to Finance Policy Committee.

5.2 Call for Awards Committee- VP Tozer

Awards committee that picks activity awards will be struck soon, let VP Tozer know if you'd like to join.

5.3 Bylaw Amendments- Second Reading- President

Received legal consultation, all clear by lawyer. In the process of passing these, will have to change titles in bylaws as well. As per procedures, will advertise changes this week.

BE IT RESOLVED that bylaw 1 be amended as was circulated and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amendments be effective as of May 1st, 2017.

Mover: Councillor Ward

Second: Councillor Toner

Councillor Payne: did lawyers question election?

President Daley: no issues

Vote passes unanimously

5.4 Internal Committee Report- Councillor Cameron

Internal Committee wished to examine school spirit, researched different universities' methods to improve UNB student experience. Committee feels plebiscite question would be appropriate, circulated wording is rough. Would like to discuss.

VP Beers: understands the goal of plebiscite question, however; feels that plebiscite won't allow for good feedback.

Councillor Cameron: have also thought of survey... VP Bempah suggested starting with plebiscite to bring awareness to UNB administration.

Councillor Toner: agrees that students won't be able to give constructive feedback... feels question has negative connotation. Agrees to improve school spirit, but question could be more refined.

Councillor Payne: wording is ambiguous, does call for negative response. Worries about image portrayed by results as very few students would agree 100% with all administrative choices.

Councillor Ward: mentioned that SU would be in between for students & admin? Would SU just provide student feedback to supplement university's actions?

Councillor Cameron: lots of alumni report positive experiences but has spoken with many recent grads with different opinions.

Councillor Ward: agrees but suggests collecting more thoughts/opinions on which to construct a plebiscite question.

Councillor Cameron: university is very slow to act, worried that alumni with negative experiences in recent years will create more difficulty to change, wishes to start solving problem as soon as possible.

Councillor Whelan: feels that plebiscite will not get a good picture of student opinions, suggests more extensive method to gather information.

Senator Renaud: addresses recent grads with negative opinions...personally graduated recently and returned to UNB in 2014. Faculty strike contributed to issues, change in presidents, etc. Agrees with characterization that alumni feel there has been a decline in university regard. Wishes to identify issues and make it clear students want them addressed.

Councillor Banks: can't site specific grievances, but agrees conversation needs to be started. As representatives, council needs to identify issues for students. Need more information/stats before posing plebiscite.

Councillor McLaughlin: Seconds Councillor Banks, echoes VP Bempah's goal to address school spirit but feels that may be oversimplified. Overcrowding and faculty relations should be addressed as well in order to improve school spirit in turn.

Councillor Cameron: finds issue in identifying direct causes. Alumni satisfaction is key to campus activity.

Councillor McLaughlin: agrees with Councillor Cameron, suggests town hall over plebiscite.

Councillor Hebert: based on feedback in discussion, two options could be open ended question: "what's something that could be improved", or TextBroke method of writing board to gather general info.

Councillor Cormier: school morale translates into school spirit, addresses academic/faculty concerns.

Senator Reid: echoes concerns. Concerned with administration being aware of issues, wondered what committee would be good to address school spirit.

Councillor Cameron: Internal Committee has identified committee to present report to.

President Daley: appreciates engagement in topic, suggest tasking VP Bempah to create comprehensive strategy to collect the needed information.

VP Beers: feels discussion is circling, agrees TextBroke method would be appropriate.

Councillor Ward: suggests town hall/open forum to gather feedback, not necessarily just “what’s wrong”.

Councillor Toner: would like VP Bempah to outline strategy.

President Daley motions for internal committee to present strategy at the next meeting of council regarding campus engagement.

Mover: President Daley

Second: Councillor Hebert

Vote passes

Abstentions: Councillor Quintal, Councillor Cameron

5.5 Policy Committee Report- President Daley

Policy committee met before tonight’s council meeting. Looked into procedure, part time employee documents, etc.

5.6 External Committee Report- Approval of Position Statements- VP Beers

Has worked on three position statements. Motions for council to adopt TAB statement as presented.

Mover: VP Beers

Second: Councillor Doucet

Payne: comments executives for bringing issues to NBSA and feels law students would be satisfied.

Vote on TAB statement passes unanimously

VP Beers motions to send Open Educational Resource and Experiential Learning statements to Policy Committee.

Mover: VP Beers

Second: Councillor Banks

Councillor Doucet: Policy committee has already viewed OER, hasn't looked at Experiential Learning Opportunities yet, but council can approve OER statement tonight.

Motion to send both to committee is withdrawn.

VP Beers moves to adopt OER statement as circulated.

Mover: VP Beers

Second: Councillor Payne

Vote passes unanimously

VP Beers motions to send EL statement to Policy Committee.

Mover: VP Beers

Second: Councillor Doucet

Councillor Payne: doesn't think this motion is needed, review is automatic.

Vote passes unanimously

5.7 Discussion Item- Poster Printing for Election Candidates- President Daley

Secretary's note: excuse any discrepancies in this item due to the disarray of discussion and multiple proposed amendments. The final motion carries.

One topic that came up this year was cost for poster printing during election, wanted to gather feedback from council. Costs would be approx. \$3700 if only one candidate ran for each position and SU covered allotted posters. Depends on number of candidates running, number of posters wanted.

Councillor Payne: Believes when first mentioned it was suggested for exec candidates.

Councillor Cole: if to be done, suggests time commitment to running with proposal.

Councillor Hebert: if costs are being provided by SU, better off students may have advantage.

President Daley: number of posters and costs are capped.

Councillor Hebert: some may not reach those caps.

Councillor Doucet: believes this was suggested last year...addresses Councillor Cole, there is open debate where they express commitment.

Councillor Whelan: some councillors bail on running upon conducting campaign.

VP Beers: partial to covering half the costs, provides small financial commitment to running. Some candidates last year thought they were going to be reimbursed; feels should be implemented if reasonably possible.

Councillor Payne: is this financially possible regardless of the merit of the idea?

VP Beirsto: feels cap would be needed to address fluctuating candidate numbers. Could look into other ways to work it out.

Councillor Cuizon: agrees with covering half, some candidates would be discouraged by cost or running.

Councillor Banks: where would funds come from?

VP Beirsto: there are funds for election, Bruns ads, etc. Could allocated more.

Councillor Toner: Last year some positions had 3/4 candidates, some execs waste poster space through placement, is it a worthwhile investment to spend money on posters for today's campaign trends (Facebook, etc.). Posters aren't necessity to win.

Senator Renaud: purpose of two policies limiting posters and costs is to level the playing field between candidates. Beneficial policy for university students, would not suggest covering half...agrees on write up/debate to ensure candidate commitment. Can't ensure candidates will use full allotment of funds.

President Daley: SU doesn't reimburse any campaign costs.

Councillor Payne: last year CRO mistakenly told candidates they would be reimbursed.

VP Beairsto: wishes to call motion to look into what is feasible within SU budgets.

President Daley: can do so, but then would need liberty to move funds based on investigation as election is fast approaching.

VP Beairsto: in order to look into it, needs council permission to make decision autonomously based on findings.

Senator Reid: suggests that council could decide right now instead of sending to committee.

Councillor Payne: doesn't think autonomous decision is wise.

Chairman Whitney: if exec could examine and then send to financial committee would cover motions.

Councillor Banks: suggests informal vote on council opinion.

Councillor Ward: issue of equality in campaigning can't be tackled 100%. Covering half the costs would improve equality.

Councillor Hebert: thinks lower poster numbers would be beneficial, less posters and more coverage. Wouldn't be able to run fair campaign if some councillors had to pay X amount. Quality of candidates improves when more are able to run.

Chairman Whitney: Bylaw two states election poster rules, unable to change without bylaw amendment process.

Councillor Toner: suggests approach of if someone does have financial need, have candidates apply for funding. Don't want to risk quality over quantity of candidates.

Councillor Whelan: suggests allocating funding for X number of posters per building on campus.

Councillor Doucet: Motions for council to cover poster costs for executive candidates.

BE IT RESOLVED that the UNBSU covers the costs of posters for executive candidates.

Mover: Councillor Doucet

Second: Councillor Hebert

Doucet: just to get motion on floor. Can be amended to different motion.

Councillor Payne: all councillors or exec candidates?

Councillor Doucet: Exec.

President Daley: better for SU to do printing of posters than costs.

Councillor Payne suggests amendment:

BE IT RESOLVED that the SU offers to print posters for executive candidates up to limits specified in bylaw 2.

Mover: Councillor Payne

Second: Councillor Doucet

Beairsto: does this count towards total budget towards election?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the costs of poster printing count towards the exec candidates' total budget for the election.

Councillor Murray: any idea what this would cost?

President Daley: based on numbers from last year, approx. \$1500

VP Beairsto: would double election funds line, just for reference.

Councillor Payne: does cost reduce if printed in black and white?

President Daley: yes

VP Beairsto: if regarding equity, may be issue with colour vs. black and white printing.

Councillor Payne: still improvement over current.

Councillor Banks moves to call question.

Chairman Whitney: clarifies motion, BE IT RESOLVED that the SU offers to print posters for executive candidates, all movers are ok with wording.

Councillor Payne opposed on calling question.

Chairman Whitney: current vote is on language of motion and amendment.

Vote passes.

Councillor Cormier: addresses Beirsto, is this larger than coverage last year?

VP Beirsto: completely new.

Councillor Payne: suggests coverage of **

Councillor Whelan: suggests amendment specifying X number of bylaws posters or equal price of colour.

Councillor Banks: can't go over \$300 or 200 posters.

Council breaks.

Councillor Whelan:

BE IT RESOLVED that the UNBSU offer to print posters for executive candidates up to a value \$24 (100 black and white posters),

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost counts towards the total campaign fund limit.

Mover: Councillor Whelan

Second: Councillor Murray

VP Beers: if this comes out of funding, better spent on encouraging students to be engaged in campus, concerned with certain images being printed in black and white.

Councillor Doucet: addresses VP Tozer, what is cost of 100 colour posters?

VP Tozer: \$45

Councillor Doucet: motions to amend Councillor Whelan's motion to value of \$45.

Councillor Banks: direct price will have to be amended every year.

VP Beairsto: feasibility of funding isn't a concern.

Councillor Murray: isn't scope for this election? Not amendment to any policies/bylaws.

Chairman Whitney: just for this year's election to cover printing costs.

Vote on amendment passes.

Vote on motion.

BE IT RESOLVED that the UNBSU offer to print posters for executive candidates up to a value \$45 (100 colour posters),

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost counts towards the total campaign fund limit.

Opposed Councillor Banks
Abstentions VP Beairsto, VP Tozer

Motion carries.

Councillor Payne motions

BE IT RESOLVED policy committee explore potential policy regarding election posters.

Mover: Councillor Payne
Second: President Daley

Vote passes unanimously.

5.8 Councillor Doucet tables item until next meeting.

6. Reports to Council

6.1 VP Student Services- VP Tozer

Entertainment: I have been working to secure entertainment for later in the semester. I have been in contact with a few agencies, and I have chatted with other schools to get a better idea of what is working for them and to get the best price. I am very much open to suggestions for this! SURAs: I have begun to compile the details for SURAs. I have reviewed our options for catering, and have started to make some decisions for the menu. I have also begun to look at options for awards and possibly restructuring how some awards are decided. Red N' Black: I have continued to work with the coordinators to ensure the show goes off without a hitch. We met with the manager of Memorial Hall to sort out all the technical details of the show. Ticket sales have also begun. They are \$5 for students and \$10 for the general public. SafeRide: I have been dealing with some HR issues over the last two weeks in regards to SafeRide. I have also been able to secure \$2500 in sponsorship from the UNB Associated Alumni. This will allow us to look into a few possibilities for this semester to possibly expand the program. I have also gone through and tracked how many students used the service first semester. Fall 2015 to Fall 2016 saw an increase of 768 UNB student uses.

6.2 VP Finance & Operations- VP Beairsto

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is beginning to be advertised through our social Medias, and posters should go up next week. Just a reminder that it is February 8th, in Carleton room 139 from 5pm – 8pm.

Finance: The final budget has been prepared and will be forwarded to Finance Committee this Sunday. Additionally we have had funding requests from a few different conferences, and lots of club funding requests to be reviewed by Finance committee. I have also been coordinating with Shelley Clayton from Financial Aid at UNB to book space for a tax clinic.

Clubs and Societies: The typical event approval and troubleshooting of the day to day issues arising from particular clubs. I met with Qmunity to discuss their coming events for the semester, as well as the Music Society and African Caribbean Student Union to discuss funding this semester. Another gentleman booked a meeting time to talk about a possible club he is hoping to start up as well.

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 a meeting later this afternoon (Friday Jan. 27, 2017) in order to discuss redefining how the Shinerama Honoraria is allocated. In addition to this there will

be a conversation around changing the Orientation week fees. BlackShirt applications are now open, and the dates for RedShirt information sessions have been booked. I sat down with the Orientation executive last week as well to figure out the dates for the hiring process. Additionally Summer Orientation And Registration (SOAR) will be held on April 29 and May 27th this year.

SERM: SERM met on Friday of last week. The main discussion points were Pillar Pub type events and Pub Tours. The SERM committee struck an ad-hoc committee to address the Pillar Pub issue, which I will sit on. I also pushed to get a spot on that committee for a member or two of the EUS as they have extensive experience running these events with no issues. As for Pub Tours, an ad-hoc committee of the UNBSU sat down on Sunday evening and discussed pushing to bring them back. In conclusion we found that there was not a strong of platform to stand on to push for bringing them back. However, there will be a review and report of SERM done to hopefully improve the program before next year. The first step of this will be to survey clubs and societies and students in general about their experiences with SERM. SERC also discussed coming out with a policy ending off campus formals for residence groups. This is a matter that the UNBSU may want to partner with proctors and the Residence Representative board to discuss.

6.3 VP Internal- VP Bempah

UNBSU: This week, I attended both the Mental Health Committee and Internal Committee meetings. Internal Committee had series of discussions about our current project proposed by James Cameron about researching into why there is low engagement at UNB and how we can potentially increase school spirit. We researched into successful programs created by schools that a notable for school spirit including, StFx, Mount Allison, Western University amongst many others. There was also a plebiscite proposal from members of the internal committee of which will be discussed at our meeting on Sunday. Mental Health Committee also met to solidify projects for the year. We are planning on holding two Random Acts of Kindness, collaborating with Councillor Banks for a written with love campaign and a dog room on Valentine's Day. Additionally, we discussed some potential events for Destress fest. Very excited for all these programs. Cultural cafe Coordinator Marc Cuizon and I also met to discuss our goals and plans for cultural cafe. We have decided to host an event at clay cafe. Marc is also currently planning a Trivia night at the Cellar for international students as well. We are yet to discuss the other events we plan to hold this semester. Will certainly keep you updated. Book Buy and Sell coordinators and I also met to begin our transition report. I had a couple of interviews with the Bruns about Breaking Stereotypes and Black History Month. I also met with a representative of the International Student Association to discuss a project they would like us to collaborate on, International Development Week.

At the moment I am unsure of how feasible that project is but I will certainly keep you all updated

Pet Projects: The Breaking Stereotype campaign has taken most of time this week. As the trailer and film has gone through series of editing to ensure that it is ready. I am happy to say though that Breaking Stereotype project is halfway completed and ready for release. The campaign will be launched next week. This is one of the coolest things I have ever done as VP Internal and I am very fortunate to have the opportunity to create this. The documentary style film will be screening on February 9th at Carleton Hall 139. I think this project will create awareness on this topic

6.4 VP External- VP Beers

Provincial: The provincial budget will be dropping next week so we are preparing for this and prepping a press release/blog in response. Travis and I attended the State of The Province which went well and we had the opportunity to speak with government, the UNB administration and other stakeholders. I also attended David Coon's Youth Round Table where we had a discussion surrounding a youth assembly and the rentalsmen.

Sexual Assault Campaign: The campaign has wrapped up with mostly good engagement and good media pick up. I also attended the Task Force meeting this past Friday and discussed posters that will promote the CSASA. Finally, the Federal government made an announcement to provide \$400,000 over three years for integrated care to the Fredericton Sexual Assault Centre.

Municipal: We are waiting to receive a proposal from the city regarding the possibility of a Universal Bus Pass. Student Union: I ordered new merchandise for the SU including new mugs, pens and water bottles.

6.5 President- President Daley

UNB: UNB participated in three announcements this week, some of them of more value than others but none the less important. The launch of their cyber security institute, the Fredericton Sexual Assault Center received funding from the federal government and Emeras contribution to the development of SMART grid technologies.

UNBSU: Met with the campus garden group who had hit few barriers in the progress of their project, of which the UNBSU has a vest interest in its success. We also met with Kathy Wilson, the new Assistant VP of academic success. She seems to have an interest in supporting the interests of underrepresented groups. I have also been working on

putting together notes to create the first UNBSU Annual Report in the hopes to present during AGM. Following the storm closures we we're pleasantly impressed by the notice that UNB gave students- this was a caveat in our agreed upon Storm Closure Communications Policy. Frustratingly so the campus closures moved the UNBSU focus group to this coming Monday. I spent significant time working on those questions and tweaking them to meet the needs of my team. Lastly, I have done an interview with the Bruns in regards to the storm closure policy and the ongoing discussions with ALPs.

NBSA & CASA: Katie has confirmed all of our information for CASA AGM in March. The NBSA has been working diligently this week in regards to the precreation for the provincial budget- the prep is always plan for the worst hope for the best. In addition, I attended a town hall on electoral reform for the province and prepped notes with our ED who is presenting to the committee. The main messages are polling on campus and municipal election dates. We spoke with Michael, the ED from CASA who will be joining us for a short presentation during our AGM. Katie and I also attended State of The Province, one of the big benefits of that was having many of the key players in the PSE sector all together to speak prior to the budget. Marketing: Ali has finalized the photo catalogue, completed promotional material for breaking stereotypes, worked on AGM and Red & Black Revue promotion, and organized posters for the street team to promote AGM. Updated the communication plan to reflect new events or changes in event details. We also have to give an acknowledgement to our Graphic Designer Richard Due, he has been working diligently with us and Ali to tackle much of our communications issues.

6.6 Business Representative- Councillor Quintal

- 1) Office hours Mondays from 11:30am to 13:00pm and Thursdays 9am to 10am in Tilley Hall 203 (Business society office/lounge)
- 2) Committees you're sitting on Internal Committee
- 3) Your Councillor Project Decided on the student faculty committee: First meeting was an introduction. Second meeting will happen within the next week or two.
- 4) Other info from your constituents (eg. if your faculty is doing an event that's not SUrelated, feel free to include it here just to let everyone know what's up!). I have also been busy with working for the TMX. Other activities are participating in NBIF's Breakthru and APEX at UNB.

Here's an update on my faculty:

Business Society:

1. Annual BAUS GALA at the Wu Centre on February 3rd. Sold out tickets. Have entrepreneur guest speaker and the director of IBEC/Planet Hatch will speak.

2. BAUS/EUS Dodgeball in the works.
3. Elections in the works.

Finance Club: Hosting their own investment competition and students going to conferences

Peer mentor program: Will start their own speaker series with resume building being the first session. First date is Feb 6th in the business faculty. Every Monday for 4-5 weeks.

IBEC: Pitched, sponsored, and organizing having a speaker series BBA event with IBEC's series. This will most likely happen in March. Will be a panel setup for two companies.

6.7 LGBTQ Representative- Councillor Toner

Office hours: Office hours will still be Sunday 5-7 at the SUB.

LGBTQ Committee meeting: Hoping to have my committee meeting soon to give feedback to my councillor project this semester!

Updates: Met with Sula the UNB Human rights officer about incoming technology changes and policy for transgender students. Possibly will be doing a co-presentation in front of her board to help ensure attention go towards these changes.

Our Hopes:

- Student's choice on UCard.
- Pronouns and Professors policy.
- Advertise Human Rights officer as a major resource on campus
- "Sex" remains off class lists and possibly limits the information available to professors.

Long term:

- Allow students to have their preferred name on documents, class lists, and eventually degrees.
- Prevent discrimination within the classroom

Upcoming events:

Qmunity trivia Night

Boom event of a paint part in March.

Possible art battle on campus- interest?

Councillor Project – Pronoun posters I have been approached in the past in regards to supplying a pronoun based passive education for students, faculty, and staff on campus. It was suggested to do a poster at entrances of major populated areas on campus to increase its visibility. Main goal is help normalize the use of pronouns and asking for them and why it's important within the UNB community.

Colors: hoping to do the school colors of red, black and white with maybe some grey etc.

Content:

- Why someone might identify with different pronouns
- Why you need to respect someone's pronouns
- Explaining the different types of pronouns someone can use but are not limited too.

All this while showing the different options of possible pronouns someone might ask you to use. Size: 6'6 feet tall by 2'4 feet wide Possible locations: Head Hall DKT and McConnell Science concourse Entrance to Tilley MacLaggan SUB Bailey CC jones.

6.8 Women's Representative- Councillor McLaughlin

Office hours: Tues/Th from 1-2pm in SUB cafeteria. Has worked a lot with the women's center. If not a pre-existing volunteer it's hard to get involved, would like to have bigger presence in community. Events: Vagina monologues February 10th/11th at 7:30pm, suggested donation of \$5 for students \$10 for non-students, lunch and learn with Gender Studies Dept., cohosting movie night Women, Climate, and Change. Vera McQueen Foundation doing lunch and learn in February.

6.9 Off Campus Representative- Councillor Hebert

Office hours, 1-3pm on Mondays in Think Tank. Met with Town House president possibly amending constitution so that SU rep will have a seat on Town House council. Councillor project: thinking of collaborating on laser tag event, tentatively March 24th. Going to TH meeting on Friday.

6.10 Arts Representative- Councillor Banks

Office Hours Mondays in Tilley café 11:30-1:20pm. Councillor project of Arts Degree guide going well. Looking to reform peer mentors, Arts 1000, advisors, etc.

7. Announcements

Councillor Murray: CS casino night this weekend 50s theme, variety show.

President Daley: resignation of Inclusion rep Julija Rans.

VP Beers: SU nominations open tomorrow, encourages running.

Senator Reid: important to promote others running.

8. Question Period

Senator Reid: is there pizza at the AGM?

VP Beirsto: executive shall pick food.

9. Other Business Arising

None.

10. Adjournment

Mover: Councillor Doucet

Second: Councillor Ward

Council is adjourned at 8:48pm