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UNBSU Council Minutes

Regrets: Emily Meagher, Mick Jefferies, Eke Kalu.

1. Call to Order

Chair Smith calls meeting to order at 7:04pm.

1.1 Roll Call

Secretary Williamson performs roll call.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to add the Structure of UNB presentation as item 5.2, and the Ad Hoc Code of Conduct committee update as item 5.3.

Mover: McGinn

Second: Hebert

Vote passed.

3. Chair's Remarks

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 October 1st Minutes

Cormier: On pg. 10, Mick Jefferies' last name is no longer 'Stone'.

Mover: Bempah

Second: Wilson

Vote passed.

4.2 October 15th Minutes

Cormier: On pg. 8, Andrew Stewart's last name is misspelled. On pg. 18, the campaign mentioned by Eke Kalu is the 'It Begins Here' fundraising campaign.

Mover: McMillan

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Second: Wilson

Vote passed.

5. Substantive Business

5.1 By Elections Oral Report

Bempah: As you remember from last week, we had many issues with our election results on ITS. They were resolved as of Monday, so Matt Poirier, our Chief Returning Officer, is now able to make a full by elections report. I will now lend my speaking rights to him.

Poirier: As Herbert [Bempah] mentioned, and all results but one are now out: one result is not showing because of accented characters in someone's name. In total, 369 ballots were cast, representing 7 percent of the student population.

- Senators (3 seats): Olivia Hamilton with 214 votes, Craig Fernandez with 169 votes, and Haley MacIsaac with 158 votes. The fourth candidate, Jeremy Slayter, had 105 votes and did not win a seat.
- Beverage Services Board of Directors Student Representatives: Chris McGinn with 99 votes, Madison Beairsto with 98 votes, and Emily Eisan with 92 votes. All three were accepted.
- Computer Science Councillor: Téa Fazio, with 32 YES votes and 1 NO vote. Unfortunately, these results won't show because of the accented character in her name.
- Education Councillor: Mariacristina De Rose, with 3 YES votes.
- Indigenous Councillor: Ryan Wallace, with 286 YES votes and 10 NO votes.
- Board of Governors Representative: Herbert Bempah, with 320 YES votes and 6 NO votes.
- OER Plebiscite results: 342 YES votes, 5 NO votes. Plebiscite passed.
- Brunswickan Board of Directors representatives: Not part of the Student Union.

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Bempah: Thank you, Matt. Any questions?

Iyengar [To Bempah]: Yeah, who voted 'no' against you?

Bempah: That's a good question!

McGinn: It was me.

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McGinn: Just kidding, for the record.

Bempah: Please don't include that in the minutes.

Secretary Williamson did include that in the minutes because she takes her job very seriously.

Motion to accept the by election results as presented.

Mover: Bempah

Second: Tozer

Vote passes.

Abstentions: Bempah and McGinn.

Bempah [Addressing the newly elected council members]: Myself and Chris [McGinn] will reach out to you very soon for council transition. Welcome, we're very happy to have you!

5.2 Structure of UNB Presentation

Student Senator Jesse Reid presents the Structure of UNB to council. Reid explains how it's imperative as a UNBSU council member to know how UNB administration is structured, as councillors often need to confer with administrative staff within their role. In detail, Reid then guides council through the UNB organizational chart. He highlights persons of interest, the VP Academic George MacLean and the branches under him, and whose positions have changed in recent years.

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5.3 Ad Hoc Code of Conduct committee update

Tozer: The ad hoc Code of Conduct committee that we assembled in our last meeting met today, to review and make some changes to Jackie [Toner]'s Student Code of Conduct. The biggest change we made was about where violations of the Code will get reported.

The original Code of Conduct stated that violations of the Code would come to council. Instead, they'll now be sent to a separate committee, which will consist of the Chief Conduct Officer (Chief Returning Officer), the UNBSU president, the direct supervisor of the person involved, and the SU general manager. If the UNBSU president is the person called into question, the Council Chair and a voting member of council (Appointed by the Chief Conduct Officer) will also sit. Any appeals will then be brought to the Student Appeals Board.

Motion to send the Student Code of Conduct to the Policy and Advancement committee.

Mover: Tozer

Second: Beairsto

Vote passes.

Bempah: The Policy and Advancement committee meets this coming Sunday at 5pm.

6. Reports to Council

6.1 Vice President Student Life Brian Tozer

- Wellness Week just ended, to great success! I helped out Madi [Banks] with several events.
- The student housing website is now completely launched. No landlords will be charged to advertise this year, to encourage their participation in this initiative.
- I've been doing general housekeeping things for Saferide, including collecting an outstanding payment from a partner.
- I met with the Campus Food Coordinator to finalize Harvest Party details.

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6.2 Vice President Finance & Operations Grayson Beairsto

- Met with Maggie Forsythe, Jackie Toner, and some Engineering Society representatives, as we're interested in hosting an event within the faculty about toxic masculinity.
- I worked on the Code of Conduct today with the ad hoc committee.
- Completed a letter to CERM, met with faculty presidents, and Clubs and Societies.

6.3 Vice President Internal Chris McGinn

- I had a senate meeting last Tuesday;
- Also, an Academic Advising Council meeting on Wednesday. We talked a lot about appropriate terminology, as a broad list of such has been asked for by Arts faculty peer mentors. The council will construct such a list and will send it on to me, to all of you, plus to all student leaders on campus.
- I met with Cathy Wilson to discuss further improvements to the tutor bank. She doesn't have any power over the tutor bank, but she's super on board with the initiative. I also discussed with her a student networking event that we'd like to host, and she's interested in that.
- Worked on Destress Fest, which is the last week of November. Preliminary planning stages.
- Code of Conduct ad hoc meeting today;
- Working on the Novel Exchange program.

6.4 Vice President Advocacy Madi Banks

- As Brian [Tozer] mentioned, Wellness Week was this past week! Everything went wonderfully. I'm hoping to get a full report done soon, and I can send it to you all if that interests you.

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- Working on initiatives with NBSA and CASA this week. We're extending the hiring deadline for the NBSA executive director.
- UNBSU Reconciliation meeting this week, so I'm preparing for that.

6.5 President Herbert Bempah

- This week we've been talking about the Red Awards a lot! We sent out interview requests for the team. BMO is also sponsoring this event, so we're meeting with them to talk about the program.
- The 24/7 Study Space Proposal has been completed.
- The second Multicultural Initiatives event is coming up, at Renaissance College! We'll keep you updated.
- I met with Jackie [Toner] about how we can promote the Chosen Names Position Statement that we adopted recently. We hope to be reaching out to the media on Tuesday about this.
- I attended many Wellness Week events;
- I presented to more faculties about OERs this week. The Forestry Council is likely on board, and will vote on it at their next council meeting. I also presented to Kinesiology, but I'm not quite sure how they feel about it.
- UN SDG conference was yesterday! I co chaired this conference, and it went well.
- Sometime later this week you'll likely receive a survey emailed to you from the SUB committee: 'what do you use the SUB for'? We want to hear students' input on how we can improve the SUB, with the ultimate goal of getting the building back under UNBSU management.
- I met with the Policy and Advancement committee today;

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- I went to UNB Board of Governors meeting for the first time, and I will be presenting to them on October 30th with Chris [McGinn] regarding the add/drop course deadline extension and the grade forgiveness policy.

6.6 Arts Councillor Perry Dykens

- I've been having fun going to the Arts Council meetings and listening to my professors complain about George MacLean. However, they are receptive to what I have to say, which is encouraging.
- I've been holding my weekly office hours;
- Everything that I'm planning in terms of my council projects are happening next semester.
- I'm taking over the Arts Matters conference from the Arts faculty. Richard Du is making a logo for our committee, which is wonderful!
- I reached out to the Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia, to get help with a Purple Day on March 26th.
- I'm creating an Association of Wellbeing Clubs and Societies in the Arts faculty. Purpose: to have a communal space to talk about events and plan together.

6.7 Forestry Councillor Louis Cormier

- I've been talking to our faculty's Equipment Room Manager about buying more faculty equipment for next semester. This is also my second councillor project.
- My first councillor project is buying free appetizers/drinks per table at our Faculty auction on the last day of classes. Still figuring out the logistics on that.
- My office hours are on Tuesdays, from 12pm to 2pm.
- I met with my Student Advisor and spoke about some upcoming meetings, plus the possibility of a soup lunch offered by the faculty.

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- I helped with the dog room event during Wellness Week, which was pretty good despite the lack of dogs.
- I met with the Policy and Advancement committee today;
- I am now the Treasurer on the Forestry and Environmental Management Society.

6.8 Renaissance College Councillor Simal Qureshi

- I'm the VP of the Renaissance College Society. Our Haunted House event is coming up on October 27th, from 7pm-10pm!
- Next thing I'm working on is a coffee house, and I'm hoping to put a different spin on the conventional idea.
- Most likely we'll have a movie night event next semester, which would be held at the RC building and open to everyone.
- Thinking about a potential multicultural food party in December? We'll see.
- I've also been helping with the Breaking Stereotypes campaign. Launches November 9th!

6.9 Science Councillor Seshu Iyengar

- I have also started my office hours. Side-note: everyone here in science is guilty of not coming to my office hours.
- I've been working on the 24/7 Study Space proposal with Herbert [Bempah]; this has now gone to Barbara Nicholson and George MacLean. The proposal asks the university to open the science concourse as a 24/7 study space; if all goes well, this will be open during our current midterm/exam season and then a future permanent feature. Student statements are included in the proposal, as are concerns that need to be addressed. These concerns include security and the mental health implications associated with a late-night study space.

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6.10 Inclusion Councillor Mick Jefferies

Not present; report moved to the next council meeting.

6.11 Business Administration Councillor Chantal Beriault

- I host my office hours on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30am-1pm in the business lounge;
- I helped with the Wellness Week Paint and Sip event.
- I met with Lizabeth Lemon-Mitchell last month to talk about their hiring process for TAs. It's currently a poor process that relies on professor-student connections; it should be a streamlined application process. I plan to follow up on that soon.
- I attended our faculty council meeting. This was discouraging, as not enough professors turned up to meet quorum.
- Working on my councillor project.

6.12 LGBTQ Councillor Jackie Toner

- Over the summer, I worked with Maggie Forsythe to write a new curriculum for the Sex and Ice Cream program within residence. We're still getting feedback on that, but we feel it went pretty well in its first pilot year.
- I presented at Residence Leadership training about supporting LGBTQ students within UNB residences.
- Unveiled new Gender-Neutral bathroom in the Currie Center, which took about a year and a half to finalize.
- Hoping to unveil the Identity Policy Statements this coming Tuesday.
- I sit on the UNB Policy Committee as a student representative, for the new Chosen Name Policy that's being drafted;

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- I also sit on the Data Initiative group, to redesign ITS services to include the Chosen Name/GN policies.
- I gave presentations to UREC staff/fitness instructors on how they can best include LGBTQ people at the gym.
- I consulted with Mark Walma on the pronoun pins that you can see around campus;
- Continuing work on the UNBSU Student Code of Conduct. I will further bring it to Maggie Forsythe to get her input on further additions to the Conduct concerning rape culture on campus.
- My office hours are on Friday;
- Working on the second annual Transgender Day of Remembrance ceremony on November 20th.
- Planning with UNBSU executive members on the Sex Week that we'd like to do in February.
- Qmunity UNB updates: all going well! Many people are engaging with our events and programs.

6.13 Nursing Councillor Emily McMillan

- Been attending the NUS meetings; currently working on the Halloween escape room event. We're also planning the Deans List dinner.
- Sitting on UNBSU External Affairs committee.
- Volunteered with the Wellness Week Paint and Sip event.
- I've been contemplating what to do with my councillor projects. I may get some NPLEX (Nursing license test) games and host a games night with Nursing upper students, or a Nursing-based Paint and Sip.

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- I'd really like to get involved with the Sexual Wellness Week, and talk about contraceptives and STIs as a nursing student.
- My office hours are Wednesdays 6pm-7pm in the SUB, subject to change.

7. Announcements

7.1 Councillor of the Month

McGinn: I will present the October Councillor of the Month at the beginning of November. The September Councillor of the Month is always engaged with UNBSU events and council meetings, and I think they're doing an amazing job as a returning councillor; they go above and beyond their councillor responsibilities. Councillor of the Month is Shanece Wilson!

7.2 UNB Law Viscount Bennett Lecture

Pilgrim: On Thursday October 26th at 5:30pm, the Law faculty is hosting the Viscount Bennett Lecture. This year, Dennis Edney will be lecturing on the rule of law in the age of fear.

7.3 UNBSU Reconciliation Committee

Banks: The UNBSU Reconciliation committee meets this Thursday October 26th, from 6-8pm in SUB room 102.

7.4 Rural Issues Workshop

Lutes: This Thursday October 26th from 4pm-5:30pm, there's a Rural Issues workshop in room 202 of the Forestry and Geology building. I will be the discussant! Delicious local food will also be available.

Iyengar: And coffee?

Lutes: And coffee.

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7.5 Free Breakfast Fridays

Bempah: Free Breakfast Fridays were launched this past Friday! Please come! October 27th! We hope to rotate locations, so we can get all over campus and speak with all kinds of students.

Lutes: What time?

Bempah: 10am-12pm.

7.6 Office Hours Form

McGinn: Please fill out your office hours in the form I sent out on FB and Slack. Fill them out so we can get them on the website, and hopefully we can get some more people out to your office hours!

Iyengar: I hoped once too, Chris.

8. Question Period

Cormier: Can Richard Du send council the logos?

Bempah: I can share them with you all via email.

Toner: UNB has a faculty logos directory – can we do the same on our website?

Bempah: We can talk about it and get back to you!

9. Other business arising from this meeting

10. Adjournment

Mover: Beriault

Second: McMillan

Vote passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.