

## **AGENDA – 11<sup>th</sup> UNBSU Council Meeting**

UNB Student Union 2019/20

February 9, 2020; 7:00 in SUB 103

Regrets: Khaleem Shaik, Camryn Smith, Srijain Shrestha

Not Present: Emily McMillan



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

#### **1.1 Roll Call**

*Chair Gill performs roll call.*

*Chair Gill calls the meeting to order at 6:59pm.*

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

Mover: Wysote

Seconder: S Mackenzie

*Vote passes unanimously.*

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

*Council Chair, Gill, makes her remarks by welcoming council.*

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

Mover: Fernandez

Seconder: Brimicombe

*Vote passes unanimously.*

### **5. Substantive Business**

#### **5.1 Faculty Councillor Updates**

*Computer Science Councillor, Sean Mackenzie, updates that the letter, which was presented last semester and approved for support, has been approved in support of the STU Student Union and NBSA. It has now been sent to the Minister of Post-Secondary Education, the MLA for Fredericton South (Mr. Coon), and the Finance Minister (Mr. Steeves). He has heard back from Mr. Coon, and is hoping to hear back from the others.*

*Law Councillor, Chris Lutes, updates that he may be speaking to the Ludlow renaming working group. Parking Committee is working on their report, Policy Committee is lit, and elections are underway and there may be more than one person running for his position.*

*Management Councillor, Molly Pittman, is hiring the new team for the NB Women in Business Conference. She is sitting on a Board of Directors for the Business and Management Undergraduate Society, and they are currently working on the gala. She is working with the Faculty of Management and has been sitting on the Advancement Committee.*

*Science Councillor, MacKenzie Brimicombe, is trying to organize a meeting with the Dean of Science to discuss a sustainable funding model for the Science Society. She is working with the current presidents and vice-presidents of the existing science societies to organize the Science Gala. She had a meeting with Grace Mangusso and Maggie Forsythe to discuss arranging a sexual assault prevention training for UNB faculty and students.*

*Engineering Councillor, Shanece Wilson, updates that the iron pin ceremony is occurring this week.*

*Arts Councillor, Lidia Shibre, is working on her councillor project which is an Arts Formal on February 21<sup>st</sup>. She sits on the Arts Council, where she is reviewing the strategic plan and quality assurance review for the faculty. She is also on the Search Committee for a new Dean of Arts.*

*Renaissance College Councillor, Olivia Penney, updates that the RC Green Team will be hosting a distress event in March.*

*Kinesiology Councillor, Jessie Bennett, is working on creating new study spaces in the Kinesiology Building that are smaller and out of the way, potentially in the green space.*

## **5.2 Sam Arseneau: Club Ratification**

***UNB Mental Health Association:** they were a club a few years ago but have since rebranded a developed a completely new team. Their objective is to provide a safe and positive environment for students to talk about mental health and raise money for related charities. There are no issues in the constitution.*

Bouvier: “We ratified a similar mental health group a little while ago. Is there enough difference between the two groups to satisfy the clubs and societies policy?”

Arseneau: “With subjects like mental health, there is enough variation within the subject itself that different groups will not overlap. If it was four different groups all targeted towards soccer, that would be a little much. With something so diverse and important, I do not see an issue with ratifying another club.”

Fernandez: “This conversation has happened on council the last two years with the rise of mental health-oriented groups. Both times, council decided that they were not doing overlapping programming and, especially at a university where there is a lack of mental health resources, providing students with those resources is a good thing. It does say in our clubs and societies policy to not have overlapping groups but there is enough diversity for it to make sense, but that is a good point to bring up.”

Jefferies: “All these clubs are branches or chapters of national groups, so the programming and messaging is very different.”

Fazio: “We have had the discussion of duplication of groups over the past couple of years, so do you think that warrants changes and flexibility in our policy?”

Fernandez: “I am sure there is something that could be added to the clubs and societies policy to allow for these kinds of club. Policy Committee could take a look at it, although we are quite busy.”

Jefferies: “Last year, Jack.org and UNB Mental Health both hosted a conference. Maybe we can look into limiting that but having the ability to have these different clubs. Maybe we can try to get them to work together rather than hosting two separate conference and both receiving funding from the SU.”

Fernandez: “Perhaps we could write some sort of oversight of supervision of programming to ensure that programming does not overlap. I think that would be manageable, it would just require us to get a strategic plan for the year from all clubs and ensure that nothing overlaps, or encourage collaboration between the groups.”

*Motion to ratify the UNB Mental Health Association.*

Mover: Jefferies

Secunder: Lutes

*Vote passes unanimously.*

Zundel: “Given how loaded Policy Committee is right now with other responsibilities, would it be possible to refer this to Clubs and Societies Committee?”

*Motion that Clubs and Societies Committee be tasked with reviewing the clubs and societies policy to provide for similar clubs not duplicating programming.*

Mover: Fernandez

Secunder: Zundel

*Vote passes unanimously.*

## **6. Reports to Council**

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

- Things that have been posted:
  - Sex week.
  - Councillor pictures.
  - General election - nominations have been extended.
  - Moving Out and Moving Up video series has been posted on Facebook. Waiting to post on YouTube and Instagram until she gets the closed captions.
  - Black shirt applications.
  - Arts Formal / Masquerade Ball.
  - Red Awards – nominations close on Friday.
  - Breaking Stereotypes.
- Current challenge is finding the time to post everything while ensuring maximum engagement.

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

- Working with the UNBSU Food Coordinator to hire a new Gardening Coordinator for the 2020/2021 year.

- Attended the Alumni Council meeting. It was supposed to be in Saint John, but was hosted in Fredericton due to the weather, therefore, so she was not able to speak. Will be speaking at the April meeting instead.
- The next Safetalk training is March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Working with the DrinkSmart Coordinator to organize a free TIPS training session on March 26<sup>th</sup>.
- UNBSU Food – waiting on the SU lawyer to help sign a data sharing agreement with Greener Village for the food bags.

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

- Currently hiring black shirts and Red Awards directors.
- Will be attending the upcoming Fredericton Budget Advisory Committee meeting.
- Has been meeting with SERC and Policy Committee. Reviewing funding requests for clubs and councillor projects.
- Mark Walma has organized the Student Events Risk Management Committee meeting this week where they will be reviewing policy surrounding SERC and implementing changes.

### **6.4 Vice President – Internal**

- Message Grace if you have not yet done your councillor check-in for the semester.
- Reminder to pay for your council sweater at the Welcome Center (\$34).
- Met with Maggie Forsythe to discuss sexual violence prevention training for faculty and students.
- Meeting with the GSA regarding two academic proposals that were put forward last year.
- UNB Scholarly Communications and Publishing Librarian, Mike Nason, attended a conference in Toronto and has sent all the discussions to Grace to review.
- The professor questionnaire is going well.
- The Student Success Committee is almost ready to release a document defining student success, which contains a lot of photos of students. Grace has suggested that they use photos taken by student photographers.

- Breaking Stereotypes – will be filming February 22nd-23rd. Very brief application form for those who are interested in participating.
- Strategic Planning launch is Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **6.5 Vice President – Advocacy**

- The breakfast program has been approved. Will be starting on Monday February 17<sup>th</sup> (10am-12pm) and then continuing every Monday after that (8am-10am). Will be a collaborative project between the Wellness Team and the Food Team.
- Currently doing housing sustainability research for NBSA.
- Advocacy Committee will meet this week.
- Advocacy week in Ottawa – Mick and Craig are leaving on Thursday. Working on a document with the National Advocacy Committee, where he will be writing an article about how to conduct yourself on social media.
- Breaking Stereotypes – the first link he sent was private so he will send a new link.

### **6.6 President**

- Gearing up for Ottawa on Thursday – doing a lot of reading and preparing their asks for government.
- Red Awards is going very well so far.
- Working with Anthony Gatto to organize Rail Jam and the AUS basketball trip.
- Policy Committee – working on committee policy and by-law #2.
- Board Advancement Committee – discussing UNB alumni and UNB marketing and how to develop a better alumni network.
- SU Advancement Committee – working on the governance review of the SU and discussing the absorption of ALPS.
- Sean Mackenzie’s letter was very well done and the NBSA was very impressed!
- Will be attending the Fredericton Budget Advisory Committee meeting.

- The fire department has made student housing a priority issue for city council. They will be sharing documents about tips and tricks for living in a safe house. The fire department will be inspecting student housing and publishing a document stating which houses pass inspection.
- Craig and Grace will be meeting with the president of the Association of University of New Brunswick Teachers (AUNBT) to discuss the collective bargaining process at UNB and how students will be affected if classes are cancelled.

## **7. Announcements**

*Lidia Shibre is excited for her councillor project, the Arts Formal, and encourages everyone to attend and tell their constituents. Tickets are \$10 for Arts students and \$15 for students that are not in the Faculty of Arts. The theme is masquerade/1920s.*

*Kelsi Evans informs that tomorrow is the last day to buy tickets for the Reaching Higher Conference.*

## **8. Question Period**

Bouvier: "Is there an update on the UNB Ski and Board Club?"

Arseneau: "There is no official update."

Evans: "When the fire department inspects student houses, will they receive a notice?"

Fernandez: "They will talk to the landlords and arrange a meeting to see the property."

Evans: "Can students say no or is it through the landlord?"

Fernandez: "I think it will be through the landlord, similar to an apartment viewing, where the landlord will notify you that it is happening."

Shibre: "They will be posting places that pass inspections and those that do not? Have they looked into the possible legal problems?"

Fernandez: "It is still very early, and I imagine they will look into all the laws, but I do not know what the process would be for that."

## **Other business**

*Craig Fernandez presents an opportunity for a council member to attend the annual Student Technology Fund Fee Committee. He noticed that the SU is able to appoint a student to attend the meeting.*

*Adarshna Chhetri volunteers for the position.*

## **9. Adjournment**

Mover: Jefferies

Seconder: Lutes

*Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.*