

AGENDA – 6th UNBSU Council Meeting

UNB Student Union 2019/20

November 3, 2019; 19:00 in SUB 103

Regrets: Brandon Archibald, Chantelle Masterson, Sarah Albert-Belanger, Molly Pittman

Not present: Luc Bouvier, Camryn Smith, Emma Huestis, Khaleem Shaik



1. Call to Order

1.1 Roll Call

Chair Gill performs roll call.

Chair Gill calls the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mover: Fernandez

Secunder: Arseneau

Vote passes unanimously.

3. Chair's Remarks

Council Chair, Gill, makes her remarks by saying "Just to remind you that if you want to speak during discussion time, make sure you put up your placard up, so I can see it, then I will put your name on the speakers list and then you can speak when I call your name. If you are the person who submitted the item, you do not need to raise your placard, you can automatically respond. Also, please do not interrupt anybody either."

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mangusso: "On page 11 it has "attended" but is supposed to be "intended"."

Motion to amend the previous minutes.

Mover: Mangusso

Secunder: Lutes

Vote passes unanimously.

Motion to approve the amended minutes.

Mover: Brimicombe

Seconder: Zundel

Vote passes unanimously.

5. Substantive Business

5.1 Non-Faculty Councillor Updates

Residence Councillor, Maddie Thibodeau, updates council by stating that she is meeting with the Sodexo managers to discuss re-starting the Food Committee. She is also working with the nursing community to get clothing donations for the Out of the Cold Shelter, which is downtown. She posted in the proctor's and president's Facebook pages to share it in their houses. Maddie is planning on starting a Google Docs so that everyone knows about the different residence charity events, formals, etc.

LGBTQ Councillor, Eric Zundel, updates council by stating that Policy Committee has been bumping! He has also been volunteering consistently at the 203. The 203 board and Qmunity executive are discussing a number of projects. He is working towards his councillor project, the No Big Deal campaign, which is about putting the onus on people to use the preferred pronouns of others. He also spoke at the Pride in Education conference, about what the Student Union, UNB, and the 203 is doing regarding queer related stuff.

Inclusion Councillor, Emily MacKenzie, updates council by stating that her and Kelsi Evans have been discussing collaborating for their councillor project. They had a meeting planned with Kathy Wilson, to acquire data about inclusivity at UNB, but the meeting had to be moved until next month, so they are currently brainstorming for ideas without that information. She also met with Alice, the chair from then Women's Centre, and Grace Mangusso to talk about menstrual products. Herself and Alice are meeting with Becky this week to discuss a trial run in the SUB and then they will collect data to write a proposal.

Inclusion Councillor, Kelsi Evans, updates council by stating that she is working with Emily MacKenzie on a project and they are thinking of pushing it to next semester. They are working on a language project – what language students should use when talking about topics such as religion or race.

They wanted to meet with Kathy Wilson to do a survey, but they may be able to do one themselves, however more planning and logistics still needs to be done.

Indigenous Councillor, Nadia Wysote, updates council by stating that she has been collaborating with the Women's Centre to recruit volunteers. She also attended the MSP Conference with Mick and left with a full heart! She has been helping organize an exercise with proctors and house committees in residences. She gave a speech at the NBWIB conference and has also been organizing a coffee workshop where 30 people have already registered.

5.2 Sam Arseneau: Finance/Clubs and Societies Committee Update

Vice President Finance and Operations, Sam Arseneau, presents that the Finance/Clubs and Societies Committee met to discuss how conferences will fit in the Clubs and Societies, as well as where the Clubs and Societies Policy is lacking. The policy needs a new section for conferences with different stipulations and clauses. They also discussed different things that are currently in Clubs and Societies Policy that are not working or emitted. They would like to do a complete overhaul of Clubs and Societies Policy.

Motion to task Policy Committee with the rewrite of the Clubs and Societies Policy.

Mover: Arseneau

Seconder: S Mackenzie

Vote passes unanimously.

5.3 Sam Arseneau: Club Ratification

UNB Naach – removed the stipulation that 50% of members had to have previously performed dance.

Motion to ratify UNB Naach.

Mover: Arseneau

Seconder: Zundel

Vote passes unanimously.

UNB Lifeline – removed the minimum requirement of one academic term to be eligible to become an executive officer. For data collection, they said that they can direct people to the services, or if the person prefers, they can give their info to be booked by the group. They can do this as long as they are following the guidelines in the UNBSU Data Policy.

Motion to ratify UNB Lifeline.

Mover: Arseneau

Seconder: Lutes

Vote passes unanimously.

6. Reports to Council

6.1 Vice President – Student Life

- Herself, Liam Lutes, and Software Engineering students doing their senior design project are working on making a SafeRide app. This will hopefully be done by March/April and implemented next year. Looking at more opportunities to reach out to engineering students to see if they would be interested in working with more Student Union initiatives for their senior design projects.
- Meeting with the Food Coordinator and other coordinators to prepare for funding requests.
- Encouraging coordinators to write transition reports for future coordinators.
- SLIC meeting with the new Undergraduate Marketing Representative. He is looking to help spread awareness of SLIC on social media so that it has more of a presence in the UNB community.

6.2 Vice President – Finance & Operations

- Started interviews for Townhouse executive team.
- Met with MacKenzie Brimicombe to work on her councillor project.
- Finance Committee met this week.
- Meeting with Just Church to ensure that they are taking to proper steps to avoid a similar situation in the future.
- A group at McGill University has been fined thousands of dollars because they sold samosas without taking the proper precautions and people got sick due to food poisoning. Be mindful if you see

anyone selling samosas, and if you are selling food, take the proper precautions and get a food waiver.

Shrestha: “Does the Student Union have a position on punishment for groups that sell food on campus without the waiver?”

Arseneau: “We require that they go through the SERC process and get a Sodexo food waiver but there is currently nothing in place that happens if you do not follow protocol. Probably a reason why a lot of people do not go through SERC is because there is no penalty.”

Shrestha: “Maybe that is something that we could pursue.”

Arseneau: “Yes, with the Clubs and Societies Policy review, I want to add stuff like that and say that if a group does this, they can be de-ratified. There is currently nothing that covers something like that.”

Zundel: “Some of this may be outside the scope of the Student Union and more UNB policy related. Your idea makes sense, but questions of food safety would probably fall under UNB jurisdiction.”

Arseneau: “I agree, the only thing we could do is de-ratify a group.”

Shrestha: “I think it may be cross-jurisdiction between the university and the Student Union because the club is funded by the Student Union.”

Evans: “When the ASRJ tries to sell food, we have to do it through UNB then they put you through Sodexo because you cannot sell something that Sodexo also serves at meal hall. I am pretty sure that it would be in Sodexo’s policy as well.”

Arseneau: “The main issue is that people are not going through the correct procedures and they are doing it on their own, so there are no mechanisms to stop it.”

Fazio: “Can they do that? Are groups allowed to sell food on campus without the procedures?”

Arseneau: “No.”

Fazio: “At that point, I feel like the Student Union is not responsible because it is violation of UNB policies.”

Lutes: “I do not know if this is a UNB thing or a Department of Health thing because at McGill, the Department of Health was doing a food inspection of one of the cafeterias on campus and they happened to see a samosa sale, which was something that you could not walk ten feet without running into a samosa sale. It is a tough issue because there are a lot of specific regulations that are mandated by the Department of Health. Stuff like wearing gloves, offering utensils, wearing hairnets, and there are all these different requirements and I do not think that it is within the bounds of the Student Union to regulate because we do not have the resources to do that. Even saying that the sales need to conform to the Department of Health standards and looking into it a little bit to see what these groups are expected to do and give them a means of finding out what is asked of them, so this kind of thing does not happen here.”

Arseneau: “My thought was not to police it but if there is an issue that the university brought up, it would result in de-ratification.”

Shrestha: “With food stalls on campus, we cannot be sure that they have gone through the procedures and there is no way for us to tell if they have gone through the waiver because there is nothing that they have to show?”

Arseneau: “We could say that they have to show their waiver.”

Shrestha: “It is concerning that if someone buys food, they do not know if it is tainted.”

6.3 Vice President – Internal

- Delivered thank you cards to Dr. Paul Mazerolle, Dr. George MacLean, and Michelle McNeil, with Student Union mugs. They were very impressed with council and felt that it was very engaging. All suggestions were sent to the Strategic Planning Steering Committee.
- Meeting with Mike to talk about exam bank. He drafted a one pager that will be sent to faculty members with more information about the exam bank. Waiting on ITS to get an email address so, for the time being, they can send information to Grace or Mike.
- Sexual Assault Reporting Cards – Hilary Swan informed that they are moving away from the plastic holders with cards due to cost. Will be using posters with the same information, but instead of taking

a card, you take a photo of the poster, which is more sustainable and cost efficient. Grace has printed 40 copies, and everyone can take at least one to put on campus.

- Met with Mark from UNB Libraries and he went over the plan for the third floor of the HIL. Talked about possibility for further student consultation and Grace suggested that he speak at council.
- By-elections started on Friday and nominations will stay open until Friday November 8th at noon.
- NBWIB conference was today, which was Molly Pittman's councillor project, and Sarah Albert-Belanger also worked very hard on the conference, and Nadia Wysote also had a wonderful presentation!

Evans: "A few people have reached out to me and asked about the responsibilities of Board of Governors and First-Year Councillor. I did not want to give them a false explanation, so I was wondering if there is a website with a description of the positions."

Mangusso: "In our Council Policy, we have a breakdown of the different positions but none of them have a wholesome description of what they are so that is definitely something that we can include. We talked about doing the social media campaign after the election, but some more information about the details of the roles is important so I will make a note of that."

Penney: "For clarification on the posters, those will still be put up in washrooms?"

Mangusso: "The reason they are in the bathrooms in the first place is because you find yourself alone more so in the bathroom, so you may feel more comfortable taking a card or a photo, so it is a little more private. That being said, if you want to put a poster in a hallway, use your discretion for where you think it would be most valuable. If you want them for multiple bathrooms in your faculty building, I can print off more."

Jefferies: "We chose to put them in the bathrooms because it is not in your face everywhere. A lot of survivors of sexual encounters will not want to see stuff reminding them everywhere they turn, so bathrooms are a discrete place where you can ignore it if you want to, but it is also there if people do want to take a picture of it."

6.4 Vice President – Advocacy

- This past weekend, Mick was in Ottawa for the MSP conference. Nadia got voted as Co-Chair of the caucus and will be attending the Strategy and Policy Conference in Vancouver with Mick and Craig, at the end of the month.
- Had a call with the CASA liaison to talk about the GOTV event and how different advocacy campaigns are going at UNB.
- The executive has a meeting with Jenica Atwin, the newly elected MP, in the next two weeks.
- Working with outlaw to put together a position statement about Clinic 554, which will be supported by UNBSU.
- Working with community members to do something for the Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20th. The poster frames are booked and will have blank spaces which are taken up by members of the transgender community who could not be with us due to stigma and violence.

6.5 President

- The executive team did performance reviews since they are about half way through their terms.
- Had a meeting for the universities committee for the discrimination, harassment, and sexual harassment policy.
- Attended the universities advising council, which is made up of all the academic advisors. Looking at better supports for them and to be a liaison for students who have said what they like and do not like about advising at UNB.
- Sean Mackenzie had brought forward a proposal about change in provincial policy to the co-op program in New Brunswick. He had done amazing research and work for his meeting with David Coon. Looking at NBSA to adopt the policy. A great example of acting to change something in the community!
- Red Awards – met with last year’s chairs to discuss expectations for this year’s chairs.
- Position statements – had some difficulties taking old ones down and saved because there is no institutional memory in the Student Union. Ludlow hall position statement is finished and formatted and will be up as soon as possible.

- By-election is under way.
- Sat on interviews for Townhouse executive.
- Policy Committee is bumping and developing a good social media policy by collaborating with a lot of other Student Unions. Also started the by-law review – a long process.
- NBWIB Conference today – had a wonderful time! Congratulations to Sarah, Molly, and all the other organizers!
- Getting ready for NBSA advocacy week, which is during the fall reading week.

7. Announcements

Zundel: “Nov 20th is the Transgender Day of Remembrance. There will be a joint 203 and Qmunity event that day. It is still two and a half weeks away, so we do not have all the details but keep an eye out for that. It would be great to see some Student Union presence!”

S Mackenzie: “The Computer Science Association had their annual 24-hour charity marathon. Our goal was \$4000 to go directly to the IWK, and before the bake sale and door raffle, we are already at \$4371.45!”

Brimicombe: “The UNB Undergraduate Chemistry Society is hosting chemistry week. Monday is the periodic table of cookies in the Science Concourse. We are doing elephant toothpaste experiments on Tuesday. We will be tie-dying lab coats on Wednesday. Thursday is Brooklyn Nine-Nine trivia at the Cellar – we have prizes and over \$150 in free pizza. Friday is a movie night to cap off the week.”

8. Question Period

9. Other business

10. Adjournment

Mover: Arseneau

Seconder: Brimicombe

Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.