

## **AGENDA – 4<sup>th</sup> UNBSU Council Meeting**

UNB Student Union 2019/20

October 20, 2019; 19:00 in SUB 103

Regrets: Emily McMillan, Camryn Smith

Not present: Emma Huestis, Khaleem Farooq Shaik



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

#### **Roll Call**

*Chair Gill performs roll call.*

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

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

Mover: Pittman

Seconder: Archibald

*Vote passes unanimously.*

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

*Council Chair, Gill, makes her remarks by saying "For the people in the back corner, I cannot see you so please place your placard in the air."*

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

*Computer Science Councillor, Sean Mackenzie, states that on page 18 of the previous minutes, it writes "tears" when it should be "tiers".*

*Motion to accept this amendment.*

Mover: Pittman

Seconder: Archibald

*Vote passes unanimously.*

*Motion to approve amended agenda.*

Mover: S Mackenzie

Seconder: Archibald

*Vote passes unanimously.*

## **5. Substantive Business**

### **5.1 Updates from Faculty Councillors**

*Computer Science Councillor, Sean Mackenzie, updates council by stating that he spoke to the director of co-op about making changes to the co-op handbook for the computer science faculty. He has been working on his councillor project which involves composting and more sustainable options for the faculty. He met with Fredericton South MLA, David Coon, to discuss experiential learning.*

*Law Councillor, Chris Lutes, updates council by stating that he attended a meeting for the Law Students Society where they talked about tuition and general business for the law students. He went to Senate regarding the renaming of the law building. He had a meeting with relevant stakeholders within the law school, and they are formulating an advocacy strategy.*

*Engineering Councillor, Shanece Wilson, updates council by stating that she has been working with Nadia Wysote to do presentations at Head Hall, for first-year engineering students, on how they can support and consult Indigenous people. She is also working with Hilary Swan to get Bystander Intervention Training for first-year students, with engineering specific scenarios. She has purchased a smudge kit for the EUS office.*

*Science Councillor, MacKenzie Brimicombe, updates council by stating that she has been meeting with the presidents and vice presidents of each departmental society within the Faculty of Science for her councillor project this semester, which is to form the Science Society. She will be taking the proposal to the Associate Deans once it is ready. She was supposed to meet with Janice Lawrence and Angela Regier, but the meeting will be rescheduled.*

*Renaissance College Councillor, Olivia Penney, updates council by stating that her councillor project centers around inclusion and representation at Renaissance College. She has been having meetings with different focus groups, but most recently she has had an open forum where students can discuss ideas. Based on that, she is currently working on editing the RCS constitution to include an Indigenous representative.*

*Management Councillor, Molly Pittman, updates council by stating that she sat on the Business Society board meetings to discuss their constitution. Her councillor project is the New Brunswick Women in Business Conference, which is happening in two weeks and they already have a sponsorship for next year.*

*Kinesiology Councillor, Jessie Bennett, updates council by stating that her councillor project will be on holistic health which will hopefully be happening during wellness week. She has been meeting with different people to get that going and make it as educational as possible.*

### **5.2 Grace Mangusso: First Year Councillor Role Update**

*Vice President Internal, Grace Mangusso, reminds council that this is the third reading of the by-law regarding the First-Year Councillor role. Internal Affairs Committee defined the role and decided to keep the title First-Year Councillor, as opposed to New Councillor, because they felt that a student in the role would no longer identify as a new student towards the end of the year. Students in their first year of university or their first year at UNB can run for the position.*

Fazio: “Does the same definition apply for students who can vote for this position?”

Mangusso: “Yes, we are going to talk to ITS because anyone can vote for a lot of our non-faculty councillor positions. It is really hard to differentiate in that way, but we would have statistics on who would be in their first year at UNB, due to Orientation week.”

### **5.3 Craig Fernandez: Third Reading of By-law Amendments**

*President, Craig Fernandez, presents that the by-law currently reads: “First-Year Student Representative, to be elected by first-years students in a By-Election during the Fall semester of each year.” This is open to interpretation so the students decide who best represents them. ITS should be able to support that, in their software.*

Fazio: “Have we defined “first-year student” in our by-laws? I know that you said it could be confusing going forward.”

Fernandez: “It is intentionally not defined because we do not define international students or other things like that. We are leaving it open to interpretation.”

*Motion to accept by-law amendments.*

Mover: Zundel

Seconder: Archibald

*Vote passes unanimously.*

#### **5.4 Sam Arseneau: Revised Budget Consultation**

*Vice President Finance & Operations, Sam Arseneau, presents the revised budget. Revenues are up, from the preliminary budget, due to the change of full-time students, as there are now more students paying into the Student Union. There is an estimate of 5,570 students per semester. With the change, the Sustainability Fund increased from \$10,400 to \$11,140. The Orientation Revenue increased from \$95,000 to \$105,467.25. In the administrative section, the office budget increased from \$16,000 to \$18,500 and insurance has increased from \$18,000 to \$19,700. In the advocacy section, the NBSA has increased from \$31,164 to \$34,033.32 due to the increase in full-time students, and CASA decreased from \$20,000 to \$17,796. In the council section, Councillor Orientation decreased from \$1,000 to \$500. In the student services section, the largest change was Entertainment, which increased from \$45,000 to \$75,000 because last year, the revised budget was \$47,000 and the final budget was \$73,500. Last year's team set the precedent for events such as the welcome back concert, winter carnival, and homecoming, so the budget has been readjusted accordingly. SafeRide has decreased from \$79,900 to \$74,483 because SafeRide financing paid off one of the vans. Honoraria has changed due to the addition of Townhouse, Get Out The Vote, and Drink Smart Coordinators.*

Wilson: "You mentioned the Sustainability Fund went up but the preliminary is the same as the revised."

Arseneau: "That would be a calculation error in excel and I will change that."

*Motion to send the budget back for review.*

Mover: Arseneau

Seconder: Brimicombe

*Vote passes unanimously.*

### **5.5 Chris Lutes: Reading of Ludlow Hall Position Statement**

*Law Councillor, Chris Lutes, proposed the position statement, drafted by the Policy Committee, regarding the renaming of Ludlow Hall.*

Fazio: “I think it is awesome! In the third section, where we say “runs contrary to nearly every value the University...” I wonder if that leaves wiggle room for argument. My recommendation would be to say “runs contrary to values the University...” because the nearly language potentially leaves space for conflict.”

Archibald: “What is the intention of the plaque?”

Lutes: “The idea is to put Ludlow’s name into the context of who he was and what he did in his life. As it stands now, his name is on the building and there is nothing saying who he was or what he did. While taking down Ludlow’s name, we do not want to run away from the fact that he was the name that was on the building for over fifty years so it would serve as an acknowledgement of that fact and the universities place in colonialism. We acknowledge that his name was on the building and we regret that. It is also a way to pivot around the argument of people saying that we are trying to erase history by taking his name off the building.”

Wysote: “I think this is pretty deadly and I enjoyed reading through it!”

Fernandez: “A huge thanks to Chris who wrote pretty much the entire thing and brought it to Policy Committee. Me made some small changes but he did some great work and did the proper consultations necessary to make this as good as it could be.”

Lutes: “Thank you! The third sentence now reads “ Even were that not the case, the practice of treating human beings as property has never been acceptable and runs contrary to the values the University of New Brunswick publicly expresses.”

*Motion to adopt the position statement.*

Mover: Lutes

Seconder: Brimicombe

*Vote passes unanimously.*

## 5.6 Chantelle Masterson: Social Media Policy

*Vice President Communications, Chantelle Masterson, suggests making a few changes to the current plan, such as ending the use of binary pronouns and updating the branding. The main change regards external requests, which currently says to distribute content for clubs and societies or if the message is of direct benefit or interest to students. It is difficult to limit the posts when there is already a lot of content related to Student Union events and clubs and societies. Discuss a better description of what is of direct benefit or interest to students, or which external requests the Student Union should support.*

Lutes: “Have there been any specific issues motivating this or is it proactive?”

Masterson: “When it comes to student projects or student groups that are not ratified, where do I draw the line?”

Fernandez: “I get a lot of these requests from private organizations that are not affiliated with the university. In their minds they are looking to help students but in reality they make money off of students. We have nothing to cite saying why we cannot do that because we do not have a policy to refer back to. We have to say that we do not want to and it starts a fight when they ask why. It would be much easier if it was more clearly defined, as to what we support online. As it currently stands, it is up to our judgment which leaves a lot of grey area and is exhausting and not professional. What do people think should be shared on Student Union social media?”

Pittman: “We are an organization so we should probably stick to what we directly support, such as ratified clubs and societies and our own projects. Of course we want to give students opportunities but there are a lot of different avenues that those people could go through other than the Student Union.

Fernandez: “I worry that a team could come in with less ability to say no, and turn the social media into a marketing platform.”

Pittman: “Exactly! We have a lot to share of our own, which is important.”

Fazio: “I totally agree and I wonder if the best way to do this is to put a restriction on initiatives that the Student Union has voted on and has produced a position statement. It would be restricted to clubs and societies or something that we could vote on, as a council.”

Jefferies: “It is really hard to determine which events we support and make comments about, such as World Mental Health Day. I think it would be really nice to have a policy highlighting days that we want to support, based on our student body. If we highlighted specific days, Chantelle could have a content calendar so that we are not scrambling to get something posted.”

Zundel: “I like what Tea and Molly are saying but I have some concerns regarding summer where there are no council meetings, so you would be limited. Also, adding something saying to use, where possible, gender neutral language in all social media posts.”

Pittman: “I think it would be really useful to have a list of dates to post.”

Fazio: “Have we looked at what other Student Unions are doing in terms of holidays? It might help us gauge based on our values.”

Masterson: “It is all over the place so there is nothing set.”

Wysote: “As councillors, since we are representing our constituents, we could come up with holidays and days that we celebrate. For myself, I know that there are different days that Indigenous students would celebrate. We could create a master list.”

Wilson: “If we do that, we will have to be very thorough because some groups may feel under-represented if we miss any.”

Fernandez: “I really like the list idea. Everyone can think of days that are relevant to them and their constituents and we will make a post in the council group encouraging you to do so.”

Jefferies: “Also, our policy states that we do not support anything under religion, as a whole.”

### **5.7 Chantelle Masterson: UNBSU Councillors Media Campaign Project Idea**

*Vice President Communications, Chantelle Masterson introduces the idea of an online poster campaign for councillors, highlighting councillor projects and letting students know what councillors do.*

S Mackenzie: “Which platform would this be located?”

Masterson: “Facebook and potentially a few Instagram posts.”

Wilson: “It would be neat to highlight projects specifically, whether it be an event or a service that councillors are doing. Showing that impact would be really affective.”

Fazio: “Would this compare to a bio, or would it be less wordy?”

Masterson: “It would be less wordy.”

Fazio: “What if we did a councillor coffee house, so that students could come and meet all the councillors.”

Mangusso: “These are not really a “get to know me” like a bio, but more so what you do as a councillor, which would hopefully promote people knowing that you exist as well as looking into your project or event. It is also a resource for people running in the next election, as a guide for knowing more about the role, as opposed to knowing you personally.”

Masterson: “I will contact everyone and set it up after the by-election so that we have all the other councillors.”

### **5.8 Grace Mangusso: Undergraduate Scholarship Regulations**

*Vice President Internal, Grace Mangusso, updated council by stating that UNB has recently changed their full-time student definition to someone enrolled in 3 courses or 9 credit hours. The UNB Undergraduate Awards regulations have not changed so, to qualify for scholarships, you must be enrolled in 4 courses or 12 credit hours. Victoria Sparse, the Director of Undergraduate Awards, stated that students enrolled in 3 courses or 9 credit hours can reach out to the UNB College of Extended Learning for scholarship support. The Internal Affairs committee feels that if you are eligible to pay full-time fees, you should be eligible to full-time scholarship support. Recommendation is to prepare a proposal which can be sent to Undergraduate Awards, asking that these regulations be changed.*

Bouvier: “As the university is bringing in more money to accommodate these full-time students, they should also try to expand that pot of money for scholarships.”

Shrestha: “Do you know why the scholarship office might be opposed to changing?”



Mangusso: “My understanding is not that they are opposed, but that they were not consulted in the discussion of changing full-time students, and that no one has taken the initiative to update them. Creating a proposal and sending it their way may fuel a fire and prompt some action.”

Fazio: “Do we want to go ahead and sent this to senate as well? It might be nice to send both our letter and your letter together.”

Mangusso: “I wanted to bring this forward to see if it is an appropriate way to proceed. I will look into it a little more and come up with what I want it to look like and bring that to the Internal Affairs Committee, and then council. From there, we can decide what would be the appropriate route, but we can have that discussion once the proposal is formed.”

### **5.9 Sam Arseneau: Ratification of Clubs**

*NB Women in Business – anyone can apply for chair positions but preference will be given to those that have previously held a position on the NB Women in Business team.*

Brimicombe: “I think that might be a good idea because you want your leads to be someone who understands how the society or club has been run previously. It is not usually written in a constitution but it happens regardless.”

Arseneau: “My concern is that if it is written in a constitution, someone could cite this and raise potential issues in the future.”

Fazio: “The language raises a red flag because, as a Student Union, we do not want to support a constitution that has preferential language. Whether it is in the constitution or not, the positions are going to be filled based on the judgment process, but it should not have that limiting language in the constitution. I also wanted to bring up another concern because it says that membership is given to the chair and director positions. This raises questions because could it then be a club of only two people?”

Arseneau: “I do not see any issue in that because it is a conference. It would be similar to TEDx where the executive run it and there are volunteers, but not necessarily members.”

Fazio: “Is TEDx a ratified club?”

Arseneau: “Yes.”

Zundel: "I could not see where they spoke about their fiscal year."

Arseneau: "I was getting to that later on."

Zundel: "There is nothing in our policies stating that you cannot have preferential executive but, if we are going to be sending it back for other reasons, it may be worth saying that this is a red flag but does not necessarily have to change."

Arseneau: "It is not in our policy but, if we decide as a council that it is not something we want to allow, we can ask for that change to be made. Also, I do want to update the clubs and societies policy in the spring."

Jefferies: "The outgoing chairs can appoint the incoming chairs so if the outgoing chairs want to reapply again, would they just appoint themselves? I think they should have to remove themselves from the hiring committee, if that is the case because there would be no options for outside people."

Fernandez: "Who would the hiring committee be made of then? At other conferences, the chair has to appoint the succeeding chairs because there is no board, for a student-run conference, to form a hiring committee."

Jefferies: "My concern is that they can appoint themselves as the chairs, and no one would be overseeing that."

Arseneau: "We could go back and ask them to include a clause where they cannot run for two successive years, as chair. We do not get involved in the hiring process so we could ask that a clause be made."

Bouvier: "Going back to the membership issue, the current clubs and societies policy does state that membership for any club ratified by the Student Union must be open to all members. I feel like that is consistent with what is presented in the constitution, and is restricted to just the chair."

Arseneau: "That is typical with conference whereas, with a club, you can have anyone join and be a member. With conferences, it is a very different structure because there are the chairs and the directors. I agree that they should all be allowed to be members, but the issue is that if anyone can join then they

would have a massive executive team. It is more of a hiring process than a membership and I think that is where the discrepancy lies.”

Bouvier: “I imagine the primary purpose for conferences seeking ratified status is to enjoy the financial support that is given to clubs and societies. Are there any other mechanisms for an event like this, where it is not really a club or society, to get that same kind of financial support.”

Arseneau: “The precedent has been set when the last few conferences have been ratified and received funding. Other than club funding, there is not a whole lot in the Student Union that can give funding. There is the Active Campus Fund but it is only \$4000 for the entire year, so we would not be able to support all the conferences that are run by UNB students. Other than that, there is not a lot offered which is why conferences go this route. I see the issue with it, but it is the precedent that has been set in the past, which is not necessarily how we have to go in the future but it is where we are at right now.”

Lutes: “I am trying to understand the rationale for restricting the chair/co-chair from running multiple years in a row.”

Jefferies: “They can appoint the directors so my concern is going to be the same people over and over forming an exclusive bubble for this conference because membership is only the chairs and the directors. I have a problem with the two being able to run again and appoint themselves chairs since the outgoing chairs will appoint the incoming chairs.”

Lutes: “Who would appoint the chairs, if not the old ones.”

Jefferies: “That is where they would have to come up with another method.”

Brimicombe: “In the case that you do have the outgoing chairs reapplying to be the incoming chairs, there should be a clause that says other directors or other members are in charge of the hiring process, instead of the outgoing chairs. This way, you get a little less of a bias opinion. If there are multiple director positions, there are a few people that could be sitting on the hiring committee instead, that way they are not choosing themselves, but the hiring process is done by current members.”

Fazio: “I think that could be a good solution because I do not know that it is the Student Union’s place to dictate how a club should run itself but we definitely need to accommodate for some kind of

fairness. Maybe have a conversation with them asking if it suites their needs to add a clause when both chairs want to run again. We are having a hard time fitting this into our scope of a club or society, so I wonder if we can take these conference-style groupings and add them into our clubs and societies policy. That way we can accommodate them having budget access but have proper documentation and restrictions.”

Fernandez: “ I do think it is potentially overstepping for us to tell a conference chair that they could not come back. As somebody who has chaired a conference before, it is a pile of work. To tell that person, after they have put all that effort into building this conference, that they could not come back and do it again, is overstepping by the union. I do see the concerns and the monopoly that it creates for the people at the top since they can set the entire structure. I also see that there is a big gap for conferences in our clubs and societies policy. For context, student-run conferences at UNB were not a thing until TEDxUNB 2017, which was started by two past Student Union presidents. Since then, there has been a huge spike so funding should be properly accounted for in the policy. My recommendation would be that the Clubs and Societies and Finance Committee make a recommendation to Policy Committee, because a conference planning team is not a club but that is the only way they can fit in right now to access the money.”

Fazio: “I know that we will have to go through the process of adding a subsection for conferences. That being said, this event is coming up so if we do proceed with this suggested chair provision, we should approve it as a club for now, so that they have access to the finances they need.”

Arseneau: “I agree because if we decide to not approve this, because it is a conference, then we would need to go back and de-ratify every conference group that is already ratified. I think we should revise this so that we are comfortable with the changes being made and move forward with the ratification process. Then we can go to the Clubs and Societies and Finance Committee and Policy Committee to make the appropriate changes.”

Jefferies: “I am still unclear if we are going to be asking them to re-evaluate their procedure. I do not disagree that a chair cannot come bac, but I also see that they do have the opportunity to make it

exclusive since they are charging students for tickets. I do not think we should support something that is going to be an exclusive group. I think they should change their structure with appointing chairs if both chairs are going to be reapplying.”

Brimicombe: “If they put in the clause, that if one or more of the chairs are rerunning, then they would move down to one of the existing directors to help appoint chairs. That would avoid any bias and work fine as long as the people applying for the position are not involved in the process. They would have to step down while someone else on the team would step up, which could be done voluntarily or split the decision equally. There are many ways that it could go and it would have to be clearly stated in their constitution.”

Mangusso: “What do other conferences do?”

Arseneau: “It has not happened that a chair runs again so they usually pick the incoming chairs.”

Mangusso: “If we have ratified them in the past with the precedent that has been set, it would be unfair to not approve them if all our other conferences operate with the same type of system. That could be something that we could look at as a whole, if we are revamping our conferences, but it would be unfair to tell them that they cannot do what every other conference, that has been ratified, continues to do.

Fazio: “There would need to be two changes made. One to the current hiring of the lead positions, so that there is a restriction that says they cannot hire themselves. Then a subsection that states if there was a case where they want to run for the position again, other arrangements have to be made.”

Jefferies: “We are here to make changes and not go by precedent from the past. I understand that we want to be consistent, but we are here to make changes that are best for students. We are making this decision so we need to make sure that we are on the same understanding moving forward.”

Arseneau: “There are a lot of things in clubs and societies that we are trying to fix this year and set a new standard. The only issue is, if we make this change and they hear about other conferences doing that, then it is a massive problem down the road.”

Fernandez: “I think the best solution moving forward would be to allow the Clubs and Societies and Finance Committee to look at the best standards for conferences, rather than making this one change. Accept the NB Women in Business Conference because changing one clause in one conference, that is happening in two weeks, is counterproductive. The best way to tackle this issue at the root would be policy change and then asking that every ratified conference resubmit a constitution.”

Bouvier: “I agree that this needs to be tackled systematically. In terms of us going by the precedent that has been set from TEDx 2017, I do want us to recognize that the precedent was set where that conference was particularly close with the Student Union, and that might be perceived as a little icky in terms of us upholding rigorous policy.”

Fazio: “I wonder if the best method going forward would be to ratify this club with a condition that we will review this club, included with all the other conferences that are currently ratified, as we do this policy change. That way, they can get their funding but we can guarantee that this review is going to happen for everyone.”

Arseneau: “We cannot do conditional ratifications.”

Fazio: “I think that probably serves the same purpose, as long as there is clear indication that this is going to happen.”

*Motion to send this constitution back for review.*

Mover: Arseneau

Secunder: Gallant

*Vote passes unanimously. Molly Pittman and Sarah Albert-Belanger abstain.*

*Motion to task the Clubs and Societies and Finance Committee with reviewing the conference structure under the clubs and societies policy.*

Mover: Arseneau

Secunder: Lutes

*Vote passes unanimously. Molly Pittman and Sarah Albert-Belanger abstain.*

*UNB Musical Theatre – a minimum number of people required to maintain membership in the club.*

Lutes: “I have not heard of anything like this before but my guess is that it has something to do with a minimum number of people you need to put on a good show.”

Bennett: “Is the minimum number realistic?”

Arseneau: “I do not know.”

Penney: “I would say it is there for a reason because there is also a minimum number you need for a soccer team.”

Fazio: “I do not think this poses a red flag. The only concern I have is if the club did not meet their own quota, they would violate their own constitution. Having written it, I am sure that they are aware of that, but it may be worth having a conversation.”

Arseneau: “We do not have any restrictions anyway, so we would not have to step in for any sort of discipline. They also said a minimum of 70% meetings must be attended in order to retain membership. In other clubs, people who are not going to meetings at all can be removed by the executive. I understand why they set 70% but I do not know if setting a number is problematic.”

Bouvier: “You have to show up to rehearsal!”

Fazio: “Do we have any other examples of constitutions that have restrictions?”

Arseneau: “No, I wanted to bring it forward because there is no example of it in another club.”

S Mackenzie: “You may have been going to touch on this but I believe they have an issue of no fiscal year. The other thing I saw was that from time-to-time they will charge membership fees.”

Arseneau: “I have those as well, and there is also a section that says the director or musical director must be with the club for at least one semester, which is another restriction, which is problematic.”

Zundel: “They cannot place any restrictions?”

Arseneau: “Usually it is limited to UNB students but we cannot have time limitations.”

Fazio: “The club is responsible for electing their executive membership so if they think it is best that people with previous experience is going to be running the club, then that is their decision to make. However, the constitution has to guarantee that the opportunity is there for all students because that is what we represent as a Student Union, which is why these constitutions are written in a way that they cannot put restrictions on executive positions.”

Arseneau: “To make sure that everyone is on the same page, the issues are the time stipulation, so the minimum amount of time for the director, the language of from time-to-time an annual membership fee may be payable, and the fiscal year.”

*Motion to send the constitution back for review.*

Mover: Arseneau

Seconder: S Mackenzie

*Vote passes unanimously.*

***UNB Black Law Students Association*** – the executive members will be comprised of elected students in the Faculty of Law – should be open to all full-time UNB students. .

Lutes: “Did you have any contact with the members of this association? I am curious why they went through the Student Union rather than the Law Student Society, which is typically how clubs within the law faculty are governed.”

Arseneau: “I am not sure why they did not go through the Law Student Society.”

Pittman: “We had the Accounting Student Society come to council last year, but they also had to get ratified by the business society, so this may be a similar process.”

Lutes: “I do not know if the process is exactly the same. Maybe there is something within the business faculty where you have to get ratification from both the faculty and the Student Union. There were several new clubs created in the Faculty of Law this year that were never ratified here. From what I understand, clubs within the law society are under the umbrella of the LSS and then the LSS is under the umbrella of the Student Union. To maintain consistency, it should go through the LSS but there might be a reason why it is not.”



Arseneau: “The only reason that I could maybe see why they did not is because this is a chapter association, as it is with the Black Law Students Association of Canada. Regardless of why they did not go through the Law Student Society, they are restricting membership to law students specifically, which is not usually the case for faculty societies.”

Fazio: “If we are going to be consistent, we should not have restrictions in the constitution. Membership is most likely going to be students in that community, but we cannot restrict it.”

Arseneau: “The next point states that membership can begin upon payment of the Student Union fees, subject to deadlines outlined by the university. We have no way of knowing when they have paid their Student Union fees and I do not want to task Karen with checking so I am going to ask them to remove that.”

S Mackenzie: “I believe that would also cause part-time students to be excluded.”

Arseneau: “Technically the Student Union only covers full-time students and that is everyone who has to be allowed in a club. Typically, they are open to everyone, whether they be full-time, part-time, or a non-UNB member, but the Student Union only covers full-time students.”

Fazio: “My suspicion is that this is their way of saying that you have to be under the Student Union, so maybe we can clarify that for them.”

Arseneau: “Another issue is the fiscal year as they leave out five months and there is also no 31<sup>st</sup> of April. Also, elections will take place in late September, which is not a particular issue based on our policies but they do not have the opportunity for transition from the previous team so I will bring it up with them.”

Fazio: “Do we have a constitution-writing guide for clubs and societies, and does it have our fiscal year in it?”

Arseneau: “Yes it does and I had sent it out.”

Lutes: “The fiscal year is specifically mandated in the clubs and societies policy, which would lead me to believe that a club or society putting a specific fiscal year in their constitution is kind of redundant, in the sense that they are bound to follow the policy anyway. I see a lot of clubs

getting that specific issue of a fiscal year being referred back to them and I feel like it sort of gums up the system without needing to because they are still bound to follow the clubs and societies policy. Also, on the law student stuff, I would suggest, before asking them to rewrite their constitution, to see if they want to go through the LSS because it may just be an issue where they did not know who to go to specifically. If they want to limit their membership to law students, which I imagine all the other chapters of Black Law Students of Canada do, they should have the opportunity.”

Arseneau: “If the Law Students Society is under the Student Union and this group is under the Law Students Society, they would technically be under the Student Union as well which means they cannot restrict their membership.”

Lutes: “There is no independent review, by the Student Union, of the clubs and societies that are under the LSS. Many new clubs got ratified this year without any approval by the Student Union. Just because this one club came to us instead of them, I do not think that the whole process should be changed around that. The LSS should be afforded some discretion when choosing which clubs to recognize.”

Jefferies: “It is important to note that law students pay an LSS fee.”

*Motion for the constitution to be sent back for review and to contact them about the LSS.*

Mover: Arseneau

Seconder: Brimicombe

*Vote passes unanimously.*

***UNB Naach Dance*** –difficult to differentiate executive committee and executive council, as they seem to be used interchangeably. Also states that at least 50% of UNB Naach Dance executive council members should have performed dance at UNB, which is unclear whether that be on the UNB dance team or through this group.

Fernandez: “We keep coming back to this issue on executive restrictions, so I think Tea brings up the best point that we can trust the better judgement of the club to likely elect who is best for them, so perhaps we ask that they get rid of the previously dancing thing and clarifying executive

council and executive committee. I could not imagine that they have a distinction so we are asking for consistency.”

Arseneau: “They seemed to reference executive council as the whole club but that is not what executive council would usually be called, so I would like to clarify if they are two separate things.”

Fernandez: “Perhaps they can signify if executive council is one body and the membership is different.”

*Motion to send the constitution back for review.*

Mover: Arseneau

Secunder: Lutes

*Vote passes unanimously.*

## **6. Reports to Council**

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

- The Student Sustainability Fund was launched.
- Sustainability week came to a close.
- Student Legal Information Centre has officially opened.
- Get Out The Vote came to a close.

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

- Sustainability week was a success!
- Post-secondary relations working committee – talked about dumpster programs that have been implemented to alleviate issues with people who live off campus, regarding burning furniture.
- Campus community garden is being put to bed this Friday at 5pm. Cleaning up and adding topsoil.
- Hiring 4 new SafeRide drivers.
- Looking into setting up DrinkSmart agenda items for DrinkSmart Steering Committee. Working with DrinkSmart Coordinator and Student Success Coordinator to provide TIPs training.
- Will be sitting on the parking ad hoc committee which is meeting this week.

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

- Worked on revised budget and clubs and societies funding.
- Alcohol policy met this week – next meeting is in November and will be the final meeting. Pricing model is decided by committee made up of administration and bar owners on campus. All energy drinks with warning labels will be banned in drinking establishments on campus. They will have premixed energy drinks instead. Mark Walma and Sarah Rothman will be invited to speak at council.
- A faculty member at Media Arts and Culture came forward with a complaint about a UNB club, Just Church, having ties to an anti-LGBTQ magazine. There was a meeting between the faculty member, the human rights officer, Sam, Mark Walma, and the members of Just Church. Determined that Just Church was not anti-LGBTQ, but were linked to a magazine associated with anti-LGBTQ beliefs. Moving forward, Just Church is looking for consultations on how to disassociate themselves because they want everyone to feel welcome.
- Fredericton Advisory Council – reviewing and discussing how to distribute funding going forward to ensure the university is sustainable.
- Student Sustainability Fund is now available.
- Wants to make sure that everyone on council is doing good!

#### **6.4 Vice President – Internal**

- Internal Affairs Committee met to talk about open education resources and experiential learning.
- Met with Chris and the Law Students Society to talk about the Ludlow renaming and how to approach administration.
- Senate met and discussed when the decision was made, to change the full-time student definition, and who made the decision. The university stated that the board approved the change, but many board members do not remember doing so. Grace has asked when and has not received a response. Looking for more clarity into the decision making process and ensuring that student voices are involved. The university stated that the decision was based on recommendations in the tuition fee assessment in the 2019/2020 consolidated budget, however, this change in particular is not listed in the recommendations. Grace is going to continue asking questions and seeking clarity.

- Strategic planning town hall is this Friday from 2:30-5:00pm in Tilley 102. Very important that everyone goes and tells their constituents!

### **6.5 Vice President – Advocacy**

- Has been off sick – not in office or in classes.
- Mick and the Wellness Coordinator finished the schedule for wellness week, and are currently booking rooms.
- Did research for the NBSA - finished three policies for stance on Indigenous students and put forward four asks to provincial government. Mick and Nadia will be in Ottawa next week for the membership sponsor program.
- Town-hall with David Coon talking about how to implement more student voices in provincial government.
- Town-hall for the saving of clinic 554 at 7pm on Wednesday.

### **6.6 President**

- Helping the Multicultural Initiatives Coordinator plan the international food night.
- Townhouse has been getting Townhouse Executive together to plan events for the year.
- Community and post-secondary relations meeting – discussed how university students impact the city, with a lot of discussion focused on fires.
- Fall graduation was this week and Craig has an opportunity to be involved.
- First UNB Board of Governors meeting of the year.
- Sat on the alcohol policy meeting. Please prepare questions before Mark and Sarah come to council.
- Craig and Mick will be going to Vancouver during the last week of November for CASA.
- Sat in on senate meeting, looking to possibly get voting rights.
- Policy Committee now has three members from the general student body. Will be working on a review of all the by-laws to make them more user friendly and updating position statements.
- Student Sustainability Fund was launched.

- NBSA policy recommendations for the provincial government are done – centered around student financial aid.
- The parking committee has been struck and will be meeting this week.
- Will start on by-election tomorrow.
- A round of applause for Mick and Get Out The Vote Coordinators!

## **7. Announcements**

Wilson: “The 27<sup>th</sup> is the Coaster Derby, a tradition done by the Mechanical Society in engineering. If you live in residence on the East side, move your car because you will not be able to get out. It is really fun to watch, and there are free t-shirts and a barbeque.”

Mangusso: “The retail services review on campus is preparing for pop-up services this week. Looking to students to see what retail services they would like to see. They will be happening on Thursday 11am-1pm, looking for people interested in volunteering which would be excellent to use for volunteer event for councillor honoraria.”

Jefferies: “Voting day is tomorrow and if you have not voted yet, you still can at the Lady Beaverbrook rink 8:30am-8:30pm.”

Fazio: “Girls Stem Up tickets are officially on sale and we will be announcing speakers soon.”

## **8. Question Period**

Wilson: “ I have a question for Sam regarding the conversation about the alcohol policy. Is there any way that we can have a representative with EUS for pillar pubs?”

Arseneau: “That would be a question for Mark.”

Zundel: “A question to Sam, to clarify what the process is for which constitutions come before council every week. There is a lot of reoccurring issues that automatically send the constitution back for review. Is it mandatory that they come before us if they send it to you or is it possible that you send it back for review?”

Arseneau: “If the only issue is a fiscal year or something like that, I will send it back to them. If there is an issue that has not come up in the past or I am unsure about council’s position, I will bring it with all the issues at once.”

Bouvier: “Do you know, in the alcohol policy meetings, if pillar pubs have been mentioned? Do you know if the alcohol policy has any exceptions to us in terms of pricing? Do you know if it would be possible for student groups to continue to serve alcohol at student events?”

Arseneau: “The subject of pillar pubs has definitely been talked about quite extensively. The debate is that every other group on campus has to have Sodexo, the grad house, or the Cellar serving alcohol at the event, whereas the EUS has always done their own thing. That is definitely a conversation that there is no rule yet, as they have not said that the policy pertains to pillar pubs but they also have not said if they have an exception.”

Bouvier: “Is that something that students on the committee are pursuing?”

Arseneau: “Yes, we have expressed our concerns and our thoughts on the matter but nothing has been set.”

## **9. Other Business**

Fazio: “There is an event tomorrow night for the election result viewing, at the Capital Complex, and part of the proceeds are going to Clinic 554.”

## **10. Adjournment**

Mover: Evans

Seconder: Brimicombe

*Vote passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.*