



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday August 22, 2022**

1. Call to order

Rohin Minocha-McKenney, the Chair of the Board of Directors, called the meeting to order on August 22, 2022 at 1:07PM

2. Roll Call

Mount Allison Students' Union (MASU) P

St. Thomas University Students' Union (STUSU) P

University of New Brunswick Students Representative Council (UNBSRC)

P

3. Review of Minutes

[2.1] BIRT the Board of Directors approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors - Policy and Planning Conference from July 28th, 2022 as presented.

Moved by STUSU

Seconded by MASU

Motion CARRIES

4. Review of Agenda

[4.1] BIRT the Board of Director adopt the agenda as presented.

Moved by UNB SRC

Seconded by STUSU

Motion CARRIES

[4.2] BRIT agenda item 5.2 be postponed to the next Board meeting.

Moved by Chair

Seconded by MASU

Motion CARRIES

5. Reports and Presentations

5.1. Executive Director

Executive Director provided oral report followed by a written one.



Written report provided by ED:

Hi everyone, I hope it's really been a blast for your first few months getting into your positions. Where did time go ? We are almost into the first semester, just know I'm cheering you on and I am here to make your lives easier as we lobby provincially this semester.

So, what have I been up to at the home office since the conference? During the first week of August, I had meetings with the Social Inclusion Network which is led by Sarah Cassie, the new Local Immigration Partnership Coordinator. We will be having a more in-depth meeting within the next month seeing there were some changes in governance and partners were confused with the meeting times. Essentially these meetings are to facilitate social inclusion within the community and to share this on member campuses. During that week I also facilitated the student financial overview for the board which you all attended and was a very informative session. On the Thursday of that week I had meetings with Wasiimah to discuss some NBSA trivial things that needed to be on track, like website payment info changes among other things. I was also emailing back and forth with carter from square space which is our website contact. On Friday of that week I had a check in with Jeffrey Carleton(our amazing advisor) who gave me some critical advice on the relationship between the NBSA and external bodies. We also discussed some emails that were sent from UNBSU. During the 2nd week in August, I focused on ensuring invoices were sent for the policy and planning conference to all members, this basically took up an entire day of work. I also did some reviewing of old invoices etc from previous years. I also did all the depositing of our cheques for 40% of the fees on Wednesday (NBSA's admin day). I stopped by Our Accountants office to drop off a cheque and pick up files from previous EDs. This week was a lot of running around, I also spoke with our landlord to ensure moving out at the end of the month was still the plan. At the end of the week I had meetings with Alex to facilitate transitioning to Vice chair and I also had a few calls with Charlotte to discuss anything she wanted me to share with Alex. Finally, I sent an email to respond to UNBSU about collaboration for advocacy week after discussions with the executives and vetting of the email sent. During the 3rd week of August the executives had our biweekly meeting to chat about dates coming up like advo week and welcome week, among other things like board meeting setup etc. I worked on setting up calendar invites as I will be present for STUSU and UNBSJ welcome week which was confirmed for the first week of September. I also read through some of our marketing material and was in a few conversations with PETL to confirm their presence on STU's campus. I also had a meeting with StudentNS to share what has been happening on our campus and possible collaborations this year. At the end of the week I finalized the editing of 50 photos from the board conference.

Question:



- STUSU asked if there is any update from PETL for NB-EI Connect and NBSA Asks.
- UNB SRC asked about having PETL present on campus.
- Chair asked about Squarespace.

5.2. Roles and Responsibilities of the Executive (Chair)

Postponed to next Board Meeting.

6. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

7. New Business

7.1. Minimum Wage Discussion

Please see the [Letter from the Deputy Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training, and Labor](#).

- ED provided background on the Letter.
- UNB SRC supported the raising of the minimum wage.
- STUSU supported minimum wage increases but believed the consultation should be earlier and before the decision were made.
- STUSU questioned if the feedback is taken into account by the Government.
- STUSU said the minimum wage rate in other Atlantic provinces should be a factor.
- ED planned to send memberships' feedback back to Deputy Minister of PETL by the end of September as it is not urgent matter.
- Chair recommended bring feedback to the next Board meeting.

7.2. Financial Aid Advocacy

- ED opened the floor for discussion about NB-EI Connect.
- ED suggested the Board to have a policy focus solely on NB-EI Connect.
- Chair informed Board that La FECUMM decided to go with their other priorities. NBSA is the biggest group pushing NB-EI Connect.
- STUSU believed NBSA still need to work on NB-EI Connect through advocacy campaign and/ or asks as it is still a big issue for students.
- ED provided a solution through making info graphic or resource sheets.
- STUSU supported having an info graphic, believed NB-EI Connect should not be overlook because of resistance.



- MASU echoed STUSU's feedback on educating students about NB-EI Connect.
- UNB SRC concurred and raised the important of student consultation and have PETL accountable.
- STUSU believed NBSA need to be more persistent in pursuing NB-EI Connect through social media platform.
- ED concurred and believed it is important to set precedent with the Government and inform students.
- UNB SRC asked about the content/ focus of NB-EI Connect policy.
- ED said the policy will continue to push the four Asks.
- Board decided to continue with campaign.
- STUSU said the NBSA should provide update to students on NB-EI Connect.
- ED will follow up with a social media post.

7.3. UNBSU Interactions and Relationship with NBSA

- ED provided brief background.
- UNB SRC said there is a need to have a joint-statement, suggested NBSA to amend By-law and granted UNBSU Observer status.
- MASU said since the NBSA is a smaller organization comparing to CAUS and it is not comparable in term of having joint press-release.
- ED said it is important to have working relationship with SU across NB but there has to be a set boundaries.
- STUSU supported Executive's decision, and supported collaboration with set preamirters.
- ED said UNBSU stated clear they have no interested in becoming an Observer or collaboration if they cannot get access to data.

7.4. Committee Work Plans

- Chair provided a brief overview of creating Committee Work Plans and have them ready to present in the next Board meeting.
- ED suggested to Committee to find meeting time and work on the policies.

8. Discussion Item

None submitted.

- ED reminded primary delegates of each Institution to prepare institution reports.



9. Adjournment

The meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 2:22PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex Nguyen
Vice-Chair & Recording Secretary