



**Special Meeting of the Board of Directors - Advocacy Week
Thursday, March 16th, 2023**

1. Call to order

Rohin Minocha-McKenney, the Chair of the Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at 1:04PM.

As a provincial entity, the New Brunswick Student Alliance (NBSA) recognizes and respectfully acknowledges that it carries out its work on the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik, Mi'kmaq and Peskotomuhkati peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which these nations first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with the surrender of lands and resources, but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik titles and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations. We, the staff and members of the NBSA, pay respect to the elders, past and present, and descendants of this land.

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

Minutes will be reviewed at the next regular meeting.

4. Review of Agenda

[4.1] BIRT the Board of Directors adopts the agenda as presented.

Moved by: STUSU

Seconded by: MASU

Motion CARRIES

5. Reports and Presentations

5.1. Executive Director Report

Provided oral report and will follow up with a written report.

- Hi everyone, it's been too long and I hope you all are keeping up with the semester. My report today will be reflecting what I've been up to since late February and into the month of March thus far. I have been meeting with provincial colleagues from



our annual publication, “shared perspectives” to decide on a topic that I will be writing on from a provincial POV. A few of the suggested topics involve “ SFA clawbacks, international student regulation, and research funding. ” the theme this year focuses on “How can governments across Canada maintain sector sustainability while prioritizing student needs amidst the ongoing effects of COVID-19, economic instability, and inflation.” I’ll send a final draft on April 1st, but I’d love your suggestions on this for now.

- I’ve also been meeting with a meningococcal working group to discuss the effects of the disease and how we can prevent this from affecting our universities. I have another meeting with them today to create information packages for students. I’ve also met with PETL in the last week to discuss student housing and the current plan for the province going forward, we also chatted about a new program called “study NB” which is similar to edu Nova in Halifax. This will be a central hub for students to find information about studying in NB and answer FAQ. I also met with the World Education Services and our chair to discuss the issues involving international students. Much of that included recruiters sharing falsified information and misleading students about studying Canada, also involving lack of financial aid for International Students.

5.2. Campus Updates

STUSU campus updates

- Spring general election 2023
- #Shiftthenarrative Liberal Arts campaign
- MLA Monday w/ MLA Coon, collab. w UNBSU.

MASU

- Spring election 2023 & Executive transition
- Presidential search for new MtA President
- Institution advocacy report and & strategic plan
- MLA Monday w/ MLA Mitton.

UNBSRC

- Executive internal transition
- UNB Smart bag initiatives
- Ramadan preparation
- Tennant rights info session
- Affordability Week



- Spring general election 2023

6. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

7. New Business

7.1. Committees – where they are going and what we are doing

- Committee Chairs update on Committees' operations for re-assessment.
- Chair proposed ad-hoc Working Committee on Budget & ad-hoc Working Committee on Advocacy.
- Discussion on reducing/ combining the number of existing Committees.

BIRT the Board of Directors dissolve all current committees of the Board and NBSA and strike an Ad-Hoc Advocacy Committee and Ad-Hoc Budget Development Committee.

Moved by: STUSU

Seconded by: UNBSRC

Motion CARRIES

BIRT that the Board appoint Chris Tait, Alex Nguyen, and Rohin Minocha-McKenney to the Ad-Hoc Budget Development Committee and Julia Evans, Ngoc Huynh, and Faseeh Khalil to the Ad-Hoc Advocacy Committee.

Moved by: MASU

Seconded by: UNBSRC

Motion CARRIES

7.2. Work for the rest of the year

- AGM & Transition - Executive Committee
- Budget development - Ad-Hoc Budget Development Committee
- Policy review - Ad-Hoc Advocacy Committee

7.3. AGM and Transition

- AGM Date: April 22nd & 23rd, 2023
- Discussion on NBSA AGM awards
- Transition conference planning

7.4. Budget update

- Chair provides financial updates from Bookeeper.



8. Discussion Item

None submitted.

9. Adjournment

The meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 2:19PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Alex Nguyen
Vice-Chair & Recording Secretary