



NBSA Board Meeting Minutes **June 25th, 2021**

The second meeting of the 2021-2022 session of the Board of Directors of the New Brunswick Student Alliance was held June 25, 2021 via Zoom.

1.0 Call to Order

Charlie Burke, the NBSA Board Chair, called the meeting of the NBSA Board of Directors to Order at **1:06pm on June 25th, 2021.**

1.1 Roll Call

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| Executive: | Charlie Burke, Chair Charlotte Fanjoy, Vice Chair |
| Board of Directors: | Hannah Ehler (MASU) Sydona Chandon (STUSU) Adam Lambert (UNBSRC) Kordell Walsh (UNBSU) Tyler Magee (STUSU) |
| Staff: | Bibi Wasiimah Joomun, Executive Director, NBSA |
| Regrets: | - |
| Observer: | N/A |
| Absent: | Tea Fazio (UNBSU) |

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

It was **moved by MASU** to amend agenda to add section 8.2 "2021-2022 Annual Plan" under New Business of the Agenda

Seconded by UNBSU

Motion Passed Unanimously



3.0 Approval of the Minutes

Tabled

4.0 Reports

4.1 Chair Update

- Met with executive committee twice
- Currently setting up internal committees/priorities
- Executives will be attending the Sexual Violence Round Table with GNB on June 29th and July 6th as representatives of the NBSA. Charlie encourages board directors to provide feedback or reach out if there is any interest. Member institutions should be contacted as well for representatives.
- Charlie reminds directors to provide updates to the strat plan by the end of the month.
- Charlie is currently getting contact information for NBCC to discuss the possibility of observer status for this year.

4.2 Home Office Update

- Wasiimah has been busy planning the Maritime Student Congress in partnership with StudentsNS - encourages board members to reach out if they haven't been receiving updates
- Waiimah is working with the accountant to get last fiscal year wrapped up, to get the audits and taxes done.

4.3 Director Updates

- **MASU** - Waiting for the Ad Hoc Committee before further actions can be determined. Hannah discusses the hospital closure as their main concern at the moment as it affects students and community members in Sackville. Charlie and Hannah will be presenting the Three-Stream Recycling to council- encourages further discussion on this with other SU's.
- **STUSU** - Counter the costs campaign, STUSU will be meeting with administrators on Tuesday to bring forward asks. Sydona has also been attending the Maritime Student Congress.



- **UNB-SRC** - Working on hosting a Pride Week Online. Adam also attended the Maritime Student Congress.
- **UNBSU** - No further updates - Kordell also mentioned that UNBSU attended Maritime Student Congress and found it very beneficial to meet other student leaders.

Hannah (MASU) asks Kordell about the campus food bank service

Kordell (UNBSU) clarifies food bank service. UNBSU is working on two different projects. Looking to provide a food bank type service to students. Also working on a food hamper program in partnership with their local food bank - Greener Village. One project is to fill a need in the meantime, the other is a more longer term project, ultimately taking some weight off of local food banks, while still servicing student needs.

Hannah (MASU) thanks Kordell for the clarification.

5.0 Priority Updates

5.1 Sustainability - Kordell Walsh (lead)

- Committee has met and scheduled to meet once a month, along with a slack channel.
- Discussed goals of the committee; Housing, Food Security, and Recycling.
- Each committee member will be taking a lead on one of the goals - hoping for policies.

5.2 Accessible and Quality Education - Adam Lambert (lead)

- Committee has met and created a slack channel for communication. The committee plans on meeting once a month.
- The committee discussed advocating for OER's and elimination of Student Loan Interest.

5.3 Affordable Education - Sydona Chandon (lead)

- Committee has met and created a Slack Channel for communication. The committee decided to meet once a month.
- The committee identified three main goals being; Interest on loans, OERs, and making financial aid accessible

Charlotte (NBSA Vice-Chair) comments - Opens a conversation around the overlapping to ensure the committees aren't working on the same thing within different committees. Charlotte asks if the board would like to distinguish the differences between committees to ensure the work remains consistent.



Adam (UNB-SRC) comments - the need for more direct accessibility on campus like elevators will be one of the accessible and quality education priorities this year.

Wasiimah (NBSA exec director) comments - when we discussed in the annual planning, OERs fell under affordable education and the physical accessibility fell under EDI. With that being said, this is a good conversation to have, to avoid any overlap between committees.

Charlie (NBSA Chair) comments - Table this conversation to New Business under "2021-2022 Annual Plan"

5.4 Health and Wellness - Hannah Ehler (lead)

- No update

5.5 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion - Tyler Magee (lead)

- Committee has met and agreed to meet on a bi-weekly basis.
- The EDI committee will be appointing members from home SU's (specifically indigenous representatives, social inclusion representatives, etc.) to ensure there is a broader perspective.
- Committee set three main priorities for the year being; sexuality and gender competency, anti-racism and cultural awareness, and the decolonization of our institutions.

6.0 Internal Priority Updates - Wasiimah (lead)

- The internal communications committee will be meeting next tuesday to discuss where to start and how to go about the year.
- The finance committee will be meeting once a month - have not met yet.
- Outreach committee - Charlie has been reaching out to NBCC and Wasiimah is reaching out to La FEECUM regarding observer status.
- Reviewing internal documents - will be reaching out to Kordell soon, this doesn't need to happen as frequently as it will require a lot of work in short meeting times.
- Wasiimah has started compiling a list of people we should be consulting in hopes we can reach out before September.

7.0 Old Business

No old business.

8.0 New Business

8.1 COVID - Vaccine, Green Phase, Institution Updates (open discussion) - Charlie

- Second doses of the COVID Vaccine are being rolled out



- Officially hit 25% of our population has their second dose
- Some numbers coming out suggest that many people that get their first vaccine, believe that is all they need. This is concerning.

Adam (UNB-SRC) comments - the UNB-SRC posted a photo after all executive members received their first dose of the vaccine. Adam encourages other SU's to consider promoting it more as well.

Charlie (NBSA Chair) comments - that may be something the internal communications committee can work on.

Sydona (STUSU) comments - STUSU has been working on transportation efforts in relation to getting their students transportation for vaccines.

Tyler (STUSU) comments - STUSU has worked out a deal with Public Health, where they will be sending city buses to campus and filling them with students, transporting them to the Brookside Public Health Vaccination Centre (based on how many students sign up).

Kordell (UNBSU) comments -UNBSU has posted on social media and went to the pharmacy to take photos, encouraging students to get vaccinated. UNB, as an institution, is running vaccination clinics all through the summer, 4 clinics in July, 3 clinics in August all 11am - 3pm on campus. UNBSU has just been promoting that to their students as much as possible.

Hannah (MASU) comments - MASU has joined the faster together campaign, which promotes vaccinations. A lot of things in Sackville are walking distance.

Charlie (MASU) comments - Reiterates that MASU has joined the faster together campaign. Asks if this is something that the NBSA would be interested in committing to. Also working with SU to have a promotional campaign that will encourage students to get vaccinated.

Kordell (UNBSU) comments - 19tozero, Tea mentioned this to Wasiimah about the presentation to see if we would be interested in making this a cross campus presentation. Kordell asks for an update.

Wasiimah (NBSA exec director) comments - reached out to the person that Tea mentioned in the email and was hoping that this would be mentioned in the strategy and planning conference. Ultimately it is up to the board if this is something that everyone would be interested in considering. Suggests asking them to present in a board meeting to us first, then the board can decide.

Hannah (MASU) comments - *shows interest in getting more information* There is some uncertainty when it comes to presentations on campus and what that means, but states that anything is beneficial at this point when it comes to promoting vaccinations.

Conversation ends.



8.2 2021-2022 Annual Plan - Wasiimah

- Brings up tabled conversation about the overlap between Accessible and Quality Education and Affordable Education. Wasiimah states that OER's is under affordable education, but is open to changing that around.
- This document is for internal use only, just to keep everyone on track.
- Wasiimah plans on doing small infographics for our social media, just to demonstrate transparency.
- Wasiimah opens up for conversation.

Hannah (MASU) comments - the document looks great and thanks Wasiimah.

Adam (UNB-SRC) comments - OER's were discussed in the Accessible and Quality Education Committee, but after looking at the annual plan, the committee will meet again to revise and tailor their priorities to this document moving forward.

Sydonia (STUSU) comments - agrees and thinks the document is good the way it is, seeing as how OER's do fall under the affordability aspect.

Wasiimah (NBSA exec director) comments - Anyone can sit on committees regarding specific topics. Wasiimah asks to go into voting motion to approve the annual plan.

Charlotte (NBSA Vice-Chair) comments - mentions that student loans also fall under affordable education. Suggests that the Accessible and Quality Education Committee meets again to identify more clear priorities.

Kordell (UNBSU) asks - what is the difference between review, research, and advocacy?

Wasiimah (NBSA exec director) comments - There may not be policies yet, therefore, there will be a greater need to collect data for policies, etc. This is just a direction for committees.

Charlie (NBSA Chair) asks - is there any further discussion on this before we go into voting motion?

Wasiimah (NBSA exec director) comments - this annual plan can be amended at any time, it is just nice to have some direction that is formally voted upon.

It was moved by UNBSU to approve the 2021-2022 Annual Plan

Seconded by MASU.

Motion Passed Unanimously

9.0 Adjournment

It was moved by UNBSU to adjourn the NBSA Board Meeting of June 25th, 2021 at 1:46pm.

Seconded by UNB-SRC

Motion Passed Unanimously