



NBSA Board Meeting Minutes **July 23rd, 2021**

The fourth meeting of the 2021-2022 session of the Board of Directors of the New Brunswick Student Alliance was held July 23, 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 **1:12pm on July 23rd, 2021.**

1.1 Roll Call

Executive:	Charlie Burke, Chair
Board of Directors:	Sydona Chandon (STUSU) Adam Lambert (UNBSRC) Deanna Merriam (UNBSU) - interim delegate Tyler MaGee (STUSU)
Staff:	Bibi Wasiimah Joomun, Executive Director, NBSA
Regrets:	Charlotte Fanjoy, Vice-Chair Kordell Walsh (UNBSU)
Observer:	N/A
Absent:	-
Late:	Hannah Ehler (MASU) - Proxied to STUSU



2.0 Land Acknowledgement - Charlie (Chair)

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by UNBSRC to approve the July 23rd, 2021 Agenda

Seconded by STUSU

Motion Passed Unanimously

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by UNBSRC to approve the July 09th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Seconded by STUSU

Motion Passed Unanimously

5.0 Reports

5.1 Chair Update (Charlie)

- Charlie has been sitting on the internal communications committee
- Charlie reached out to the NBCC student union - their general manager has gotten back and a meeting will be scheduled for August to discuss observer status. Charlie will follow up with the board, when there is more information
- The GNB Sexual Violence roundtable will meet in the middle of August and there will be a full day of planning on September 22nd, there will be lots of updates in the coming months
- The executive committee has been working on the upcoming conference
- Sydona will be taking our board photos during the conference

5.2 Home Office Update (Wasiimah)

- Wasiimah has been working on Maritime Student Congress which will be closing after this board meeting
- Wasiimah is working on the agenda for the policy and planning conference to make sure everything is ready
- The shared google drive is being updated so the board will have access to more documents. Committees will have access to the existing policies, Wasiimah mentions that some are expiring so committees can decide whether or not they would like to renew existing policies at the upcoming conference.
- Wasiimah is working on budgeting and mentions that home student union general managers will be receiving an invoice soon for the collection of membership dues now that we are moving into a new fiscal year.



5.3 Director Updates

- **MASU:**
 - Charlie encourages board members to send an email to masuexternal@mta.ca with any questions regarding the report
- **STUSU:**
 - Sydona received confirmation regarding the request of the Black Student Association at STU to have Kente Stole (significance to black students, a physical commemoration of the unique struggles they have faced while completing their degrees - a decorative accessory that is worn) within the convocation ceremonies.
- **UNB-SRC:**
 - No big updates
 - Adam mentions that the SRC is launching a newsletter and would like to include NBSA related material. Adam opens the floor for suggestions
- **UNBSU:**
 - No updates

6.0 Priority Updates

6.1 Sustainability - Kordell Walsh (lead)

- No updates

6.2 Accessible and Quality Education - Adam Lambert (lead)

- No updates

6.3 Affordable Education - Sydona Chandon (lead)

- Met this week and decided to meet bi-weekly
- PSE Funding will be another focus of this committee
- Main focus is to create policies for student loan accessibility to international students and PSE Funding increasing equivalent to inflation

Wasiimah (ED) mentions that the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce seems to have some of the same priorities, and suggests having a meeting to discuss this further and see if there is potential for collaboration.

6.4 Health and Wellness - Hannah Ehler (lead)

- No updates



6.5 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion - Tyler MaGee (lead)

- The EDI committee created a document for home SU's to give out to students who are interested in joining
- The EDI committee identified a clear selection/transparency process, seeing as how they will be essentially appointing students to the committee.
- Ty will send this document out to the board to review *Reminder*
- Ty runs through the document with the board and provides comments and clarification regarding each section.
- The EDI committee is a consultation based committee that plans on consulting all marginalized groups throughout the term, this document will ensure no one is tokenized during the process.
- Ty opens the floor for comments, questions, and suggestions.

Wasiimah (ED) comments, great work on this. Wasiimah asks if this document should get run through the Indigenous community to make sure we are respectful towards their way of doing things, seeing as how we want them to be involved in the process as well.

Ty (STUSU) replies, this would be a step-by-step process. Ty wanted to get consensus from the board before taking this to other communities for their involvement.

Wasiimah (ED) mentions, the Indigenous community might like to be involved in the process, rather than being told what to do. Wasiimah mentions it might be worth reaching out to the Wabanaki Centre to see if they would be interested in reviewing the document or be involved in this process, rather than sending them this document and asking for opinions. This may seem like we did the work on their behalf rather than sitting down and having a conversation about this process with them.

Ty (STUSU) agrees and says that can happen for sure. Ty has a meeting with Trenton next week, so this could be added to the agenda. Ty will send the document to Wasiimah and she will distribute it to the board.

7.0 Internal Priority Updates - Wasiimah (lead)

- Wasiimah has been working on the budget and hopes to have an update by the next board meeting.
- Wasiimah is still reaching out to people regarding consultation and building that community
- Communications committee:
 - August 9th - 22nd the introductory campaign: either record or write a blurb answering some of the questions laid out in the document on the google drive, the deadline to submit is Monday August 2nd.



- Charlie is looking for committee heads to submit a small blurb about their committee to be included in the application process by August 13th. There will also be a page on the website. - Charlie shares her screen to show the application-

8.0 Old Business

7.1 Approval of May 16th Meeting Minutes

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9.0 New Business

9.1 Sackville Hospital Issue - Hannah

- The nursing shortage is much larger than sackville. There are 650 vacancies in the New Brunswick health care system right now, this is very concerning. This is a province wide issue. The MASU was planning on drafting a letter to the Minister of Health and possibly the Premier as well. Hannah was going to ask if the NBSA would be interested in co-signing this letter. Things have now changed, all three mayors in the region and the Chief of Fort Folly First Nation community will be co-writing a letter to the Minister of Health and the Premier, that the MASU will be co-signing. Hannah asks if it is okay with the writers of this letter, if the NBSA would be interested in co-signing that instead. The more support the better.
- Hannah is interested in setting up a meeting directly with the Minister of Health to discuss this issue and hoping to have Charlie sit in on this meeting to showcase the NBSA's support
- Hannah opens the floor for discussion.

Wasiimah (ED) asks if the NBSA could have access to the letter before we agree to sign off on anything.

Hannah (MASU) replies absolutely, the MASU will not be signing off on anything before they read it either.

Adam (UNBSRC) comments, we should hold off on making a motion until we have the letter in front of us.

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9.2 Policy & Planning Conference

- The 18th is no longer available - Wasiimah asked about the weekend
- Charlie mentions that this is looking like a weekend retreat
- Open conversation regarding the dates
- Wasiimah reaches out to the owner to schedule the conference for August 19th, 20th, and 21st



10.0 Reminders/Action Items

10.1 Send committee blurbs to Charlie

- Submit through email or slack, whatever you please before August 13th

10.2 Send introduction video to Wasiimah

- Upload to the google drive by August 2nd

Adam (UNBSRC) adds, anything you would like added to the SRC's newsletter, send it our way.

Ty (STUSU) encourages everyone to send any additional feedback regarding the EDI Document.

Who	What	When
Ty MaGee	Send Wasiimah the EDI document	After this meeting
Wasiimah (NBSA ED)	Send EDI document to the board	By August 6th Board Meeting
Wasiimah (NBSA ED)	Prepare update on budget	August 6th Board Meeting
Board Members	Review and provide feedback on EDI Document	After you receive the document
Wasiimah (NBSA ED)	Complete the May 16th Meeting Minutes	August 6th Board Meeting
Charlotte (Vice-Chair)	Add Sackville Hospital Issue to August 6th agenda for update	August 6th Agenda

11.0 Adjournment

It was **moved by MASU** to adjourn the NBSA Board Meeting of July 23rd, 2021 at 2:03pm.

Seconded by UNB-SRC

Motion Passed Unanimously