

NBSA Board Meeting Minutes August 27th, 2021

The sixth meeting of the 2021-2022 session of the Board of Directors of the New Brunswick Student Alliance was held August 27th, 2021 via Zoom.

1.0 Call to Order

Absent:

Charlie Burke, the NBSA Board Chair, called the meeting of the NBSA Board of Directors to Order at 1:00pm on August 27th, 2021.

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



2.0 Land Acknowledgement - Charlie (Chair)

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by UNBSRC to approve the August 27th, 2021 Agenda

Seconded by UNBSU

Motion Passed Unanimously

4.0 Approval of the August 6th Meeting Minutes

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5.0 Reports

5.1 Chair Update (Charlie)

- Conference went well
- Following up with NBCC
- Starting to think about advocacy week
- Get to know the NBSA Campaign continuing the work with the communications committee to complete this campaign.
- The consultation committee sent an update to the board members via email.

5.2 Home Office Update (Wasiimah)

- Strategy Plan can be found on the Google Drive
- Attended the sexual violence roundtable on behalf of the NBSA

5.3 Director Updates

• MASU:

- A written report was not submitted, Hannah will follow up ASAP
- The Emergency Room is closed all weekend, without any notice.
- GOTV has been picking up at MASU

STUSU:

- Currently hiring a CRO
- Ty is working on the candidates debate for the election
- GOTV coordinators and volunteers are being hired
- Sydona is mainly working with CASA at the moment
- Welcome week kits are being packed and everything is getting prepared for welcome week.

UNB-SRC:

- No further updates
- UNBSU:



- New VPFO has been hired. They have lots of experience with the students union.
- A GOTV coordinator has been hired, and there have been some small events planned for the GOTV Campaign.
- The SafeRide van is currently in the shop and should be back by the end of September. When it returns from the shop, it will be Wheelchair Accessible.
- Mainly COVID and GOTV are taking up the most time

6.0 Priority Updates

6.1 Sustainability - Kordell Walsh (lead)

- Recycling Policy and got a lot of work done. Policy has been fully drafted.
 Taking one more committee meeting to make final edits before bringing it for approval.
- Campaign in winter on food security.

Hannah asked when the housing survey is planned to be released?

Charlie said a survey was drafted by a previous board and never released. Charlie said no dates have been set, the committee wants to go over the old survey first to make any necessary changes before it gets released.

6.2 Accessible and Quality Education - Adam Lambert (lead)

- Good Research being done, setting the groundwork.
- The committee would like to do a campaign for experiential learning.
- A majority of the policy work will be from Experiential learning.

6.3 Affordable Education - Sydona Chandon (lead)

- A lot of research is being done
- Updating the university, funding and tuition policy, and the elimination of provincial student loan policy
- Looking to provide more updates next board meeting

6.4 Health and Wellness - Hannah Ehler (lead)

- A few policies have expired, so this committee is looking to revisit those and have them ready for the next board meeting.
- Looking to do a health and wellness campaign, encouraging students to really think about what health means to them and how to create healthy boundaries as students.

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

- A lot of work got done during the conference.
- The committee updated the anti racism policy, which is all ready to go
- The committee didn't feel comfortable editing the Indigenous policy as



neither of them are Indigenous. That policy has been brought to Trenton at the Wabanaki Centre as their first point of consultation. The committee plans on consulting with multiple other groups regarding this policy as well.

• The committee plans to have the anti racism policy ready to bring to the board by the next board meeting.

7.0 Internal Priority Updates - Wasiimah (lead)

- Wasiimah is picking up the printables this evening and will be sending them out/delivering them this week.
- Wasiimah will be in person for club weeks.
- Waiting on one committee and then the committee applications will be done.
- Charlie is working on getting the wind breakers for the board. Looking to have it made in our colour.
- Finance committee will be meeting monthly.
- Looking into a bookkeeper for the NBSA
- Update for the consultation committee has been sent to the board. Established the
 scope of the committee. General Outreach and improving the process of consultation,
 and playing a supportive role. Creating a large list for committees to reference with a list
 of consultation contacts. Don't want to be too specific because we don't want to overlap
 with EDI. Creating and starting an annual survey for the NBSA. Looking to have that out
 before advocacy week to use that data during lobbying.

8.0 Old Business

7.1 Approval of May 16th Meeting Minutes
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9.0 New Business

9.1 Approval of Vision and Mission Statement

It was moved by MASU to approve the Vision¹ and Mission² Statement

Seconded by STUSU

Motion Passed Unanimously

¹ "A post secondary education system in New Brunswick where any qualified student can attain a high-quality education while enjoying an exceptional quality of life."

² "The New Brunswick Student Alliance will conduct effective advocacy informed by evidence-based policy, build relationships with decision-makers in order to advance the collective agenda of its members, and provide opportunities for students to lead its efforts to create an accessible, affordable, high-quality post secondary education system in New Brunswick."



9.2 Policy TABLED

9.3 GOTV - Hannah

- Hannah was in contact with Jared from CASA and asked what this would look like to get the list to CASA. Engaging students locally.
- Found a paper roll, Hannah will send the link to home SUs to purchase.
- MASU is starting on September 1st and hoping to have it wrapped up around the end of September.

9.4 NBSA Survey

 The communications committee will be in contact with committees soon to discuss anything members would like to be involved based on research being done within specific committees. We are looking to make this an annual survey.

9.5 Strat Plan

- The Strat plan can be found on Google Drive. Everyone needs to read and provide comments to the strat plan by the next board meeting.

9.6 New Board Meeting time

 Charlotte will be sending out a doodle poll to find the best time that works for everyone to schedule bi-weekly board meetings. A meeting time will be scheduled for the week of September 20th.

10.0 Reminders/Action Items

10.1 Send committee blurbs to Charlie

10.2 Upload your videos to the Google Drive



Who	What	When
Board Members	Complete the Committee Blurbs	ASAP
Board Members	Upload Introduction Videos to the Google Drive	ASAP
Board Members	Read the Strat Plan and provide comments (found on Google Drive)	Before next board meeting
Charlotte	Send a doodle poll to the board and schedule board meeting	For our next board meeting (Week of September 20th)
Wasiimah	May 16th Meeting Minutes	ASAP
Charlotte	August 6th and August 27th Meeting Minutes	Next Board Meeting

11.0 Adjournment

It was moved by MASU to adjourn the NBSA Board Meeting of August 27th, 2021 at 1:51pm.

Seconded by UNBSU

Motion Passed Unanimously