



NBSA Board Meeting Minutes **September 24th, 2021**

The seventh meeting of the 2021-2022 session of the Board of Directors of the New Brunswick Student Alliance was held September 24th, 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 **2:41pm on September 24th, 2021.**

1.1 Roll Call

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



2.0 Land Acknowledgement - Charlie (Chair)

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

It was **moved by MASU** to approve the September 24th, 2021 Agenda

Seconded by UNBSU

amend agenda with the addition of Meeting Date Discussion

Motion Passed Unanimously

4.0 Approval of the August 27th Meeting Minutes

It was **moved by UNBSRC** to approve the August 27th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Seconded by UNBSU

Motion Passed Unanimously

5.0 Reports

5.1 Chair Update (Charlie)

- Reached out to the folks looking to do the board swag. Getting back to Charlie with colour details.
- Met with the executive team. Focusing on advocacy week and internal priorities with communication, consultation, and finances.
- Consultation committee will be meeting soon
- Committee application will be up this week. Wasiimah will be putting this out.
- Sexual violence New Brunswick will be meeting next Wednesday.
- There are some policies that are coming through this week. Otherwise please get your policies done and approved by the board meeting or the board meeting after that.

5.2 Home Office Update (Wasiimah)

- October 20th the Experiential Learning committee (Future NB) will be hosting a work summit - everyone is invited.
- Working on internal priorities, specifically the finances.
- Looking into getting a bookkeeper that aligns with our budget.
- NBCC observer status - the way their union works, is they get their new student leaders in october. Once they have their new leaders, we will follow up.

5.3 Director Updates

- **MASU:**
 - No further updates
- **STUSU:**



- The Executive Board was invited to sit on a Truth and Reconciliation Panel that will be held the upcoming Wednesday.
- **UNB-SRC:**
 - No further updates
- **UNBSU:**
 - Invited to provide reflections on Truth and Reconciliation with UNB in Fredericton. Invited the Indigenous Student Rep to speak
 - Likely to be without a VP Advocacy until November, trying to schedule council meetings, and hire for an interim position, it is simpler for UNBSU to wait until the election.

6.0 Priority Updates

6.1 Sustainability - Charlie Burke (lead)

- Has not met. Hoping to meet soon and finish the recycling policy.

6.2 Accessible and Quality Education - Adam Lambert (lead)

- Have met and policies were divided out to committee members
It was moved by UNBSRC to add policy Q04 under policy approval
Seconded by UNBSU
Motion Passed Unanimously

6.3 Affordable Education - Sydona Chandon (lead)

- Met last week
- Policies were included in the documents that were circulated.

6.4 Health and Wellness - Hannah Ehler (lead)

- No Updates

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

- No Updates. Planning to meet soon.

7.0 Internal Priority Updates - Wasiimah (lead)

Finance Committee:

- Looking into hiring a bookkeeper for the NBSA
- Working with the accountant to get taxes started

Communications Committee:

- Have not met since the last board meeting
- Campaign was postponed with GOTV happening
- Committee applications will be out by next board meeting

Consultation Committee:

- Planning to meet soon
- Everyone has been busy with Orientation, so Wasiimah will be following up in the next couple of weeks.



- Wasiimah has been working with Maggie from Sexual Violence New Brunswick to draft a formal partnership with the NBSA. Might be working on a campaign to put out next semester. If not, this will be something that next year's board will want to accomplish.

Outreach Committee:

- Waiting to hear back from NBCC, still hopeful with the observer status. Wasiimah and Charlie are looking to do a presentation at each SU council meeting, presenting about the NBSA.

Charlie (Chair) mentions that later in the semester Charlie will be meeting with home SU's to check in. Charlie will send out an email in October to start scheduling those check ins. Charlie is also looking into planning a Kahoot night, for the board to get together in a more informal way and have some fun.

Kordell (UNBSU) asks if the internal policy review committee will be meeting soon to start going over internal documents.

Charlie (Chair) responds, thank you for bringing that up, we will make sure that we start meeting more regularly moving forward.

8.0 Old Business

8.1 Approval of May 16th Meeting Minutes

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8.2 Approval of August 6th Meeting Minutes

It was **moved by UNBSRC** to approve the August 6th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Seconded by MASU

Motion Passed Unanimously

9.0 New Business

9.1 Policy Approval

Charlotte did not include formatting/grammar amendments within the minutes as these will all be done through Wasiimah before being public

Affordable Education Committee

Policy FO1: Elimination of Provincial Student Loan Interest (Charlie)

- Not much was updated, other than statistics and the addition of all the citations.
- *Charlie Reads the policy to the board*

Hannah (MASU) asks, if the citations had to be formal in footnotes.

Wasiimah (ED) says that if we want to just approve the content, then Wasiimah will make all the policies look the same. Wasiimah also mentions that last year, the previous board used the footnotes and put the direct link to the document so it was easier.



Kordell (UNBSU) says as far as longevity of it, the proper citation is probably better. But if we are looking at accessibility wise, and hoping students will read these policies, Kordell thinks the direct links are more accessible.

Charlie (Chair) agrees and says we will move forward with using footnotes with the direct links.

Charlie (Chair) opens the floor for the board to discuss how long everyone wants to see policies stand for. Right now there is nothing in our by-laws that clearly states a timeline.

Wasiimah (ED) adds that our by-laws state that it is the responsibility of the board to review all policies annually. That is why most policies are only one year, but if we wanted to take the trouble out for the next board, then we can look into doing that. Another reason why it's one year is because statistics are changing and we want that reflected in the documents every year.

Charlie (Chair) responds that Hannah brought up in the policy and planning conference that they only did one year terms last year, every year before that was two or three. For ease of the board, they should still be reviewing policies to check which ones are expiring, but Charlie thinks that we discussed policies having a longer actual expiry date, but this comment is all context.

Kordell (UNBSU) says that he thinks it would be better for us to have longer expiration dates than annually, but does not think we should be using a standardized term for every policy. There may be something that does need to be updated more frequently.

Adam (UNBSRC) says that a three-year term would be better, but looking into having policies being reviewed annually and having the possibility of having them being updated even before expiration.

Hannah (MASU) agrees with what Kordell said, about not having all policies on the same term. Hannah asks if it would be possible for us to put it in the by-laws for the board to have policies in a window.

Charlie (Chair) responds by tasking the internal review committee to look further into this and how it can be implemented in the by-laws.

Conversation switches back to policy FO1

It was **moved by UNBSU** to approve Policy FO1: Elimination of Provincial Student Loans Interest on September 24th, 2021 with an expiry of September 24th, 2024.

Seconded by STUSU

Motion Passed Unanimously

Policy FO2: University Funding (Adam)

- *Adam Reads the policy to the board*

It was **moved by MASU** to approve Policy FO2: University Funding on September 24th, 2021 with an expiry of September 24th, 2024.

Seconded by UNBSU



Motion Passed Unanimously

Policy FO7: International Student Loan Access (Sydona)

- *Sydona Reads the policy to the board*

Charlie (Chair) mentions that this is a policy that was completely written by Sydona.

Hannah (MASU) asked if Sydona wanted to include something about retention that was brought up in the presentation from PETL during the foundations conference, where they talked about the youth retention strategy, which was to keep NB youth within the province, along with international youth.

Sydona (STUSU) said that she will look for a source to see if that is something that can be referenced. But Sydona believes that is something that would be great to include.

Charlie (Chair) brings up the sixth whereas, and suggests adding the New Brunswick government, as well as the Canadian Government, and maybe see if that is something that can be backed up by the source.

Sydona (STUSU) mentions that she would like to bring this back for a second reading.

It was **moved by -----** to approve Policy FO7: International Student Loan Access on September 24th, 2021 with an expiry of September 24th, 2024.

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Accessible Education Committee

Policy QO4: Provincial Experiential Learning Fund (Adam)

- Updated an old policy
- What they advocated for, they actually got in 2018.
- They advocated for funding for experiential learning - \$18.4 million
- This actually just ended this year, Adam is hoping to advocate for the continuation of this funding.
- *Adam Reads the policy to the board*

Hannah (MASU) mentions that the third whereas, doesn't really affect MASU that much, might be better to take out examples. Also asks if there are some more updated statistics that can be referenced.

Wasiimah (ED) mentions that she can put Adam in contact with Rachel Brown, who is the experiential learning person with PETL, who could provide more updated numbers and review the policy.



Hannah (MASU) said that there aren't any footnotes and asks if that is something that will be amended as well.

Wasiimah (ED) mentions that she can help Adam with that. Wasiimah asks Adam to share the policy and sources.

Adam (UNBSRC) agrees to approve it with friendly amendments to update the statistics.

It was **moved by MASU** to approve Policy QO4: Provincial Experiential Learning Fund on September 24th, 2021 with an expiry of September 24th, 2024.

UNBSU

Motion Passed Unanimously

Under the condition that there will be more updated statistics

9.2 Strat Plan (Wasiimah)

- The Strat Plan with the amendments that was brought up in the Policy and Planning Conference.
- The Strat Plan was shared with this week's board documents.

It was **moved by MASU** to approve the NBSA Strategic Plan for 2021-2024

Seconded by UNBSU

Motion Passed Unanimously

9.3 New Meeting Date Discussion

Charlie (Chair) mentions that the next board meeting is scheduled for October 8th. Charlie asks if the board would like to move that to the next week, seeing as how October 8th is the Friday before Thanksgiving.

Adam (UNBSRC) responds that he will be unavailable next week, due to basketball commitments.

Sydona (STUSU) says that she would like to move it

Hannah (MASU) would like to move it.

Wasiimah (ED) says why don't we do a poll to see what time works best for people

Board Agreed

Kordell (UNBSU) asks if we could do "YES", "NO", "MAYBE" for the doodle polls

Charlotte (Vice-Chair) will send out doodle poll



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10.0 Reminders/Action Items

Who	What	When
Board Members	Send Policies for approval	Next Board Meeting
Wasiimah	May 16th Meeting Minutes	ASAP
Internal Review Committee	Work out the logistics of the by-laws in relation to a timeline of expiration dates on policies.	N/A
Sydona	Bring policy FO7 back for a second reading	Next Board Meeting
Adam/Wasiimah	Make friendly amendments to policy QO4. Also share the policy with Wasiimah for her to help with formatting/ footnotes.	N/A
Board Members	Send your chosen photos to Sydona	ASAP
Board Memebers	Put your policies in the google drive, or email to Wasiimah	N/A
Charlotte	Send Doodle Poll for a time that works best for the next board meeting	ASAP

11.0 Adjournment

It was **moved by UNBSRC** to adjourn the NBSA Board Meeting of September 24th, 2021 at 3:52pm.

Seconded by STUSU

Motion Passed Unanimously