



Minutes

The first meeting of the 2023-24 session of the Students' Representative Council of the UNBSJ Inc. was held July 27, 2023 in the Hume Council Chamber.

Attendance:	Executive:	Madison Worth, President Walter Fuerniss, VP External Angel Côté, VP Student Life
	Councilors:	Harold Oh, DMNB Rep(Teams) Sarah Mahmood, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Rep Ayush Bhosale, International Rep(Teams) Ande Mosher, Mature Student Rep Shantel McCracken, Member at Large Rep(Teams)
	Chair:	Joseph Albert
	Observer:	Madeline Power, DMNB Rep(Teams)
	Regrets:	Kahlan Edwards, VP Finance & Operations Anna-Maria Salamone, SASE Rep

Meeting was called to order at 5:05PM

We recognize that the UNB-SRC operates and gathers on the unceded and unsundered traditional lands of the Wolastoqiyik.

1.1 Approval of Agenda - Motion: To Approve Agenda. Fuerniss/Worth 8/0/0. Motion Carried.

1.2 President Report

- Madison indicates that official councilor training will take place in September
- She was part of hiring process for VP Student Life, VP Finance & Chair positions
- Assisted with S.O.A.R; spoke at commencement
- Attended land acknowledgement ceremony for new Health & Social Innovation Centre
- Will be speaking at the ground breaking ceremony in a couple weeks
- Tunnels from Ganong Hall to Hazen Hall will be blocked for the year due to construction; will not affect wheelchair accessibility
- Upper parking lot will be converted to a faculty/staff parking lot
- Met with some local elders; working on a survey for Indigenous students on campus
- She attended NBSA and CASA Conferences
- She sits on several committees; have met with many internal people and community members
- Met with all the Deans; working on a few projects with them
- SRC funding some new training from Sexual Violence NB that's available to all staff and student leaders
- Working on 2023-24 Priorities Document
- Executive are attending professional development training in Fredericton next week

1.3 VP External

- Walter working with government to create strong relationship; looking to bring more employment opportunities to UNBSJ
- Have connected with the Saint John Mayor's Office along with MP Wayne Long about housing
- He attended NBSA & CASA Conferences; CASA's top priorities are Student Financial Aid; Housing & Food Insecurity & Mental Health
- He sits on several committees; Advocacy, Policy, Employment to name a few
- SRC has joined Saint John Chamber of Commerce again; believes this will bring a strong tie to the community

1.4 VP Student Life

- Angel attended S.O.A.R. as well
- Has been working alongside Rylan, the O Week Chair
- SRC Committees have been posted; if interested link is in IG bio
- Currently updating website; working on a shared calendar
- First Class Bash will be held off campus this year due to construction; will take place at Area 506 in September; transportation will be provided
- Met with City of Saint John event people; potential collaboration for a movie night at the end of August
- Have connected with I'm Ready x Reach Nexus for free self-testing HIV kits; kits will be available for pickup at the SRC with a launch date of September 11th
- Met with Community Capacity & Resiliency with the Dept. of Justice Public Safety; will be financially supporting the Resource Centre & Smart Bag Program and also donating food from a garden they're tending to at the Crescent Valley Community Gardens
- SRC will start a Breakfast Program in the Fall; once a week a food table will be set up in a high traffic area
- Had a meeting with SAAC; planning to collaborate more this year

1.5 VP Finance & Operations

- In Kahlan's absence, Chair reads her report to council
- SafeRide insurance has been updated to add some exec members to the policy
- Issue with the vehicle; towed to Hyundai and waiting to hear from them
- Posting made looking for new drivers for the Fall; a couple former drivers are interested again this year
- Multiple emails have been sent out to clubs & societies; response has been low probably due to summer
- Will set up a meeting with all clubs & societies to go over the process for booking an event; have requested info on events they are planning for fall so budgets can be completed as soon as possible

1.6 Other Business - Communications

- Madison says all official business will be done by email
- Group chat has been created on fb messenger; no one has any issues accessing

1.7 Senate Committees

- Madison states there's a spot on each committee for students; she stresses the importance to have student voices present
- As part of councilors duties this year every councilor will be on at least one of these committees; she will provide a list to council

1.8 Orientation Update

- Angel states Orientation Week will take place September 2nd - 9th
- The SRC will also be planning Residence Orientation this year with funding from them; many events planned
- Rylan has secured \$7500 in sponsorships for O Week
- The week will be filled with many events; Amazing Race event will return
- James Mullinger will be hosting a comedy show; as expense is over 5K needs to be approved

Motion: To Approve \$7475. For James Mullinger Event on September 7th. Worth/Côté 8/0/0. Motion Carried.

- Post was made looking for O Week Leaders; currently have 35 people signed up
- There will be a quick virtual training session on Aug. 24th
- Indicates will be making own O Week bags this year instead of buying premade ones; will be more customized with items students would use
- Issue with O Week t-shirts; part of logo is missing, paid a reduced price and will fix ourselves using Cricut
- She states just waiting on confirmation for a few things; bulk of planning is done

1.9 Marketing Position

- Madison indicates there is a position for a SRC Marketing & Communication Coordinator which has an honorarium of 5K
- Responsible for updating website; post social media; manage communication side of things

- Given the high capacity and experience of this year's team and the current Social budget, instead of hiring someone she feels those duties can be absorbed within other positions
- Take that money then and put toward Social budget line
- Angel states very difficult to manage budget; food prices have gone up a lot and students are looking for larger events

Motion: To Allocate the Funds Originally Budgeted for the Marketing & Communications Coordinator to the Social Budget Line. Worth/Fuerniss 8/0/0. Motion Carried.

Motion: To Adjourn Meeting at 5:48 PM. Fuerniss/Côté 8/0/0. Motion Carried.