



## Minutes

The first meeting of the 2019-20 session of the Students' Representative Council of the UNBSJ Inc. was held July 4, 2019 in the Hume Council Chamber.

Attendance:	Executive:	Patrick Hickey, President Ashley Cook, VP External Josh Northrup, VP Finance Allie Ruigrok, VP Social
	Councilors:	Mitchell McDonough, DMNB Rep Kirsten Hurley, LGBTQ+ Rep Haley Waugh, Nursing/Health Sciences Rep Cassie Hall, Residence Rep Brianna Forbes, SASE Rep(via teleconference)
	Chair:	Emma Green
	Regrets:	Jake Glaspy, Athletic Rep Lauren Waugh, Business Rep Allison Woodman, Disability/Accessibility Rep Alexander Allison, Member at Large Rep
	Guests:	Valancy Cole, DMNB Rep

**Meeting was called to order at 6:30PM**

**1.1 Approval of Agenda - Motion: To Approve Agenda. Cook/Ruigrok 9/0/0. Motion Carried.**

**1.2 VP Finance** - Josh states that in June he attended the Maritime Student Congress in Wolfville. He indicates that September 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the tentative date for beginning the Safe Ride Program. He will begin recruiting drivers on August 21<sup>st</sup> and hopes to hire 4-6 drivers. He has had a few students approach him with ideas of new clubs and societies and has met with some existing ones. He will send an email to all clubs and societies around the middle of July and once he has a list of all active ones, he'll allocate funds accordingly. The SRC will be sponsoring \$400. To DMNB Charity Golf Classic. He indicates that the athletic department has approached the SRC looking for donations and sponsorship opportunities and once a proposal has been received, it'll be presented to council. The spending activity is low during the summer months and so far, the SRC is in excellent financial stability. Lastly, he'll be attending the Ally and Safe Space Program for Wabanaki and Indigenous Peoples on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

**1.3 VP External** - Ashley states that at the end of April she and Patrick attended the NBSA Transition Conference in Fredericton. They will officially sit on the Board of Directors for the 2019-20 year. On May 3<sup>rd</sup> the SRC released their first press release regarding the university's recent tuition hike. On May 6<sup>th</sup> she attended the Top Applicant event held in the Commons and the SOAR event on May 25<sup>th</sup>. At the end of May, she and Patrick attended the CASA Foundations Conference in Ottawa. They discussed many topics such as the current political climate and the Get Out the Vote(GOTV) Campaign. She indicates they had the opportunity to meet with MP Wayne Long. Ashley attended the Maritime Student Congress as well. From June 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> she attended the NBSA Policy & Strategy Conference at Mount Allison University. Ashley states she will sit on the International Student Committee and the Financial Aid Committee for the NBSA. On June 27<sup>th</sup> she attended the Mayor's luncheon in Saint John. She indicates the Sexual Health Centre has been emptied out and the SRC is looking to revamp it into something new. She welcomes any suggestions. She will be looking for volunteers for the GOTV campaign and advises as the campus is too small we are unable to get voting stations. The Safe Ride will be used to transport students to the hospital's voting stations. She'll attend a conference at the end of the month in Charlottetown for CASA dedicated to the GOTV campaign. A couple outside organizations have reached out to Ashley and she has agreed to volunteer

some of her time. On July 27<sup>th</sup> she will be attending the NBAA Pre-Afrofest event. Lastly, in August she'll attend the NBSA's Policy and Planning Conference to start working on their committee projects.

- 1.4 **VP Social** - Allie states she attended the Maritime Student Congress and the state of the city address. She has been working on Orientation Week and events happening in September. She is still getting quotes for First Class Bash. She feels the cost will be around \$20-30,000. She has put together Orientation Week sponsorship packages and they'll be sent out to about 200 businesses. Some sponsorship offers have already been received. She has also created a regular sponsorship package for general events. She's had several meetings on campus for O Week. She has 15 O Week leaders to date but is looking for 30. She states they are looking at partnering with residence to have an artist perform on Monday evening with fireworks sponsored by Alumni. There will be activities going on all day Monday as well. Tuesday will be workshops, Shinerama, faculty groups and Casino Night at the NB Museum Whale Hall. Movie night outside and a Society Mixer on Thursday. First Class Bash on Friday evening and the SRC BBQ Saturday at Tucker Park Beach. She indicates that the leaders will undergo training prior to O Week.
- 1.5 **President Report** - Patrick has attended several meetings and three conferences. He states that the executive has developed a document that contains the 10 key priorities of the SRC to be worked on over the summer. By-Law changes have gone through second reading by previous council and motion will be put forth for final reading tonight. The SRC is currently working with Student Services to develop a new formal complaint process. An academic appeals document has been created. He's working on composing a Student Charter which will be available to students through the SRC website. Patrick indicates many students are not aware of their rights, be it during exam periods, with their professors or making appeals. The SRC will be creating a Student Resource Centre in Room 204 located at the top of the stairs near the clocktower lounge. It will contain the food bank, the basic services of the former Sexual Health Centre and school supplies. Also looking at integrating the Green Society's freecycle store, such as textbooks. Patrick states that the SRC is currently developing an environment and sustainability plan for the SRC and the university. He advises that the Athletics Department will be making a request for funding from the SRC to hire more students within the department. Conference Services has approached the SRC with a proposal for Colonel Tucker's Bar. There is talk about the university having more control of bar and renovating it into more of a pub. The SRC finds that quite concerning as feels the clubs and societies could lose their priority of utilizing the space. It is currently included in the SRC lease. The Community Garden has approached the SRC for funding and different models for an operational budget are being considered. Patrick completed a review of the trail system that the SRC contributed \$4,000 to in 2013. He indicates there is no signage or trail maps and some areas are inaccessible and over grown. UNB Sustainability has approached the SRC as they begin expanding their projects and programs to the Saint John campus. He started a letter writing campaign and sent letters to those who are deemed important to the operation of the SRC. In closing, he states the SRC has developed a new infrastructure plan to review our current infrastructure investments and identify areas where investments are needed. Also, the SRC put a request in to operations to fly the pride flag during pride month. He believes this is the first time the flag has been flown on campus.
- 1.6 **Other Business - By-Law Changes** - Patrick reviews the proposed By-Law changes in detail. He indicates they have been approved by the previous council and lawyer and have been posted online for the required time under the By-Laws. **Motion: To Approve Final Reading of Proposed By-Law Changes. Ruigrok/Waugh 9/0/0. Motion Carried.**
- 1.7 **President's Advisory Committee** - Patrick states there's a greater need for students input when it comes to SRC decision making. He proposes an Ad Hoc Committee to the council composed of 10 students for a one-year term. The students will be selected by the President. **Motion: To Approve an Ad Hoc Committee To Council. Cook/Ruigrok 9/0/0. Motion Carried.** Josh advises that the SRC will be recruiting for the Finance Committee. Also, he's looking for people to take part in the Saint John Pride Parade.
- 1.8 **Meeting Adjourned. Motion: To Adjourn. Ruigrok/McDonough 9/0/0. Motion Carried.**