



## Minutes

The second meeting of the 2022-23 session of the Students' Representative Council of the UNBSJ Inc. was held October 7, 2022 in the Hume Council Chamber.

Attendance:	Executive:	Devin Debly, President Ridhima Dixit, VP External Bertha Debly, VP Student Life
	Councilors:	Jillian Smith, Arts Rep Adam Lambert, Athletic Rep Emily Smith, Business Rep Laura Harkness, DMNB Rep Sarah Mahmood, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Rep Hayden Hovey, Indigenous Student Rep Faseeh Khalil, International Rep Sarah Scallen, LGBTQ+ Rep Dylan Baxter, Member at Large Rep Madison Worth, SASE Rep
	Chair:	Emma Higdon
	Observer:	Jon Nam, DMNB Rep

**Meeting was called to order at 6:40pm**

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

**1.1 Approval of Agenda** - Devin requests that Bonfire Pits be removed. **Motion: To Approve Amended Agenda. Lambert/Worth 13/0/0. Motion Carried.**

**1.2 Approval of August 3rd Minutes** - **Motion: To Approve Minutes. D. Debly/Dixit 13/0/0. Motion Carried.**

**1.3 VP Finance & Operations - Presented by Devin**

- Devin states that Dominic resigned from the position; last day was Oct. 5th
- Two SafeRide drivers have been hired; will be operational when new VPFO is hired
- New club created; Muslim Student Alliance (MSA)
- Supported O Chair during the week prior to Orientation
- Met with Finance Committee to discuss the budget for every club & society
- Attended a meeting with David Emerson and Devin to discuss UNB policies
- Clubs Week took place during Orientation Week; went very well
- Various clubs have already hosted events
- Previous Golden Key member looking to restart the society; nothing official yet

#### 1.4 President Report

- Devin states he's taken over for VPFO for the time being
- Working with NBSA to develop a ton of policies including operational grants, housing, international students and a centralized place for NB students to go regarding their education
- He developed an Observer Status Policy for the NBSA
- Attended a lot of UNB meetings; travelled to Calgary in August for CASA Conference
- Working on Insurance issues for the SRC; started By-Law changes
- Began drafting new Operational Policy and updating old policies
- He announces that Atrium furniture has arrived

#### 1.5 VP External

- Ridhima states that the VP External chairs two committees- Advocacy & EDI
- EDI Committee currently being co-chaired by EDI Rep Sarah; in beginning stages of drafting an EDI campaign
- Menstrual Equity is one of the many pillars of accessibility on campus; her research concluded that of the 24 bathrooms open to the menstruating population only 4 presently carry menstrual products
- Currently working on a policy that addresses the lack of accessibility on campus in collaboration with Citron Hygiene
- Food service provider contract up for debate -attended a meeting pertaining to student concerns regarding Chartwells - affordability, lack of access to healthy food, U-Card credits expiring for residence students and concerns regarding sustainability
- Got word today from CASA that international students can now work more than 20 hour per week due to labor shortage across Canada

#### 1.6 VP Student Life

- Bertha states that the Events Committee has been formed
- 100 smile cookie handouts took place on campus on Sept. 22nd
- She's taken over marketing position until replacement is hired
- Preparing for Sustainability Week in collaboration with Ridhima
- She & Devin worked on a proposal for a Halloween Party to take place at Area 506 on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>
- Holiday Ball event to be held in November

#### 1.7 Other Business - Wellness Coordinator

- Devin provides council with a document outlining the responsibilities of new position
- 10 office hours per week/\$3750 honorarium
- Question came up as to whether a councilor can be coordinator as well; Devin says no, Adams says why not?
- Devin indicates can't do both simultaneously; wouldn't be a good practice/conflict of interest
- He states as it's not in policy it will be added this year
- Adam reads conflict of interest section of By-Laws but says doesn't really apply to this situation
- Hayden questions why it wouldn't be best practice -"Should my council position be given up when it has never been filled before?"
- Some discussion on creating a Conflict of Interest Form
- Emily asks, "Can't there be a reelection if someone withdraws from their position?" - Council then refers to By-Law #72 - Vacancy Petition
- Devin states again he believes it'd be a conflict of interest; when debating By-Laws this would be the conversation for then and the committees' results be brought in front of council
- Adam feels if someone on council wants to do it, they should be able to apply and not be penalized
- Faseeh says if a councilor is to take position, then certain conditions would have to be in place for them to be eligible for the position
- Devin feels it would be too complicated to do; not worth it to dip your feet into both; be sacrificing your job
- Devin will follow up with council next week on the issue

**Motion: To Create & Fund The Responsibilities for the New Wellness Coordinator Position. D. Debly/Worth 13/0/0. Motion Carried.**

#### 1.8. Clubs & Societies Manual

- Devin indicates Dominic messaged him and said it's been taken care of.

**Motion: To Amend Agenda. D. Debly/Worth 13/0/0. Motion Carried.**

#### 1.9 Area 506 Nightmare on Water Street Event

- Devin states that Area 506 is facilitating event, requesting \$1500 sponsorship from the SRC
- If SRC sells over 500 tickets, then \$500 is returned
- Event to take place on Oct 29<sup>th</sup>
- Open to everyone; UNB students get a discount on tickets - \$10.00

**Motion: To Approve Sponsorship To Area 506 Container Village for \$1500.00. D. Debly/Lambert 13/0/0. Motion Carried.**

#### **2.0 Sweetgrass Room - Furniture**

- Hayden states Room 225 was approved to be a drop in space for Indigenous Culture
- Encourage all students to drop in and learn about their culture
- Safe space for Indigenous students
- Requesting some furniture for the area; decorate area to make more inviting to all students
- Looking at getting a rug, a couple tapestries & end tables and lamp

**Motion: To Approve \$2500 from Cash Assets to Furnish & Decorate the Wolimahask Lamsuk(Sweetgrass Room) Hovey/Scallen 13/0/0. Motion Carried**

- Devin indicates to council that going forward to provide documentation for any requests

#### **2.1 Think Pink Shirts**

- Adam states that the soccer teams are doing the Think Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Event
- He requests this event to be promoted by the SRC as well
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students have shirts, but rookies don't
- Looking for 60 shirts which would be SRC branded as well; \$8.28 ea. for a total of \$496.80
- A councilor speaks up and says didn't the SRC buy some last year? Adam states people have them

**Motion: To Approve \$500 for Think Pink T-Shirts. Lambert/D. Debly 13/0/0. Motion Carried.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:27PM.**