



Minutes

The seventh meeting of the 2022-23 session of the Students' Representative Council of the UNBSJ Inc. was held February 3, 2023 in the Hume Council Chamber.

Attendance:	Executive:	Devin Debly, President Chris Tait, VP Finance & Operations
	Councilors:	Jillian Smith, Arts Rep Adam Lambert, Athletic Rep(Teams) Emily Smith, Business Rep Laura Harkness, DMNB Rep(Teams) Faseeh Khalil, International Rep Gurshaan Randhawa, Residence Rep
	Chair:	Emma Higdon
	Absent:	Dylan Baxter, Member at Large Rep
	Regrets:	Bertha Debly, VP Student Life Sarah Mahmood, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Rep Madison Worth, SASE Rep
	Guests:	Angel Cote, SRC Wellness Coordinator VP External Candidates Emily Wheaton, The Baron

Meeting was called to order at 5:11PM

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. Amend to remove Athletic Furniture and move NBSA to the end. If time doesn't allow NBSA discussion will be tabled for next meeting. **J. Smith/Khalil 8/0/0. Motion Carried.**

1.2 Approval of January 13th Minutes - Motion: To Approve Minutes. Debly/Tait 8/0/0. Motion Carried.

1.3 President Report

- Devin advises of four recent resignations; LGBTQ+ Rep left UNB/CRO has Co-Op this term so couldn't facilitate next election/VP External resigned/Marketing & Communications Coordinator focusing on school/mental health
- He assisted the Wellness Coordinator in the planning and delivery of Affordability Week which was a huge success
- An iPad Mini and JBL Party Box Speaker were purchased for the purpose of having music in the cafeteria and for events whenever needed; purchased a storage cabinet for the Resource Centre

- He states that the By-Law Committee met Jan. 27th and approved many of the By-Laws that were proposed at last meeting
- Committee will meet again to discuss remaining and new ones to be proposed this evening
- Has been helping SAAC with governance issues, proper transitions and a few other things
- He's had over five meetings with different people regarding positions for next year
- Been working alongside the Wellness Coordinator on a Brown Paper Bag Project-states open for a new name
- Have proposed this project to UNB Alumni and plan on having some short term funding for it
- Will hand out brown paper bags that contain food items at no cost for students
- Applications for the CRO and VP External positions were open from Jan 25th - Feb 2nd
- Received 2 applications for CRO and 3 for VP External; will discuss more later

1.4 VP Finance & Operations

- Chris states that SafeRide vehicle had some maintenance issues(burnt out headlight bulbs) but resolved now
- Looking at reallocating the excess SafeRide funds to bus passes
- Has been working a lot on upcoming budget
- He's received two more constitutions; one from an old society
- Approved SRC merchandise order for exec; if quality is good will extend the offer to rest of council
- Spent time working on By-Laws and will discuss more later

1.5 VP Student Life

- In Bertha's absence Devin reads her report
- Karaoke night was a success
- Bell Let's Talk took place; snack handout that day
- Chocolate bag handout will take place on Feb. 14th; bags will be picked up on Friday
- Working on Goosechase for Sex Week
- Preparing for the Sea Dogs ticket giveaway to be announced next week
- Working with Women in Business Society on an event
- St. Patrick's Day Breakfast to take place

1.6 Wellness Coordinator

- Angel states that Affordability Week was a huge success; plenty of useful information and many gift cards/prizes handed out
- Next week will be a very informal Job Fair; 5 companies will be attending
- Week of Feb. 13th - 17th will be Sex Week; Bertha running a Goosechase event/have partnered with the Student Health Centre for a STI Clinic/movie night/cookie decorating/guided painting/sex toy bingo
- Angel indicates that Sarah Mahmood is planning an EDI Campaign Feb. 21st - 24th - sign language workshop/cultural sensitivity training/clubs & societies fair and a campaign table
- SRC will be recognizing Black History Month

1.7 VP External Candidates

- Devin states candidates have 5 minutes to present to council; 5 minutes for questions from council
- Sameer's a first year student in the Bachelor of Science Civil Engineering Program
- He applied to position as first thing that comes to mind is fellow students; wants to be a voice for students
- Looking for the betterment for the students both international and local
- Although he may not have a lot of experience compared to his friend he feels that he could put in the amount of time and research to make it probably the best first job he'll ever have
- Has some visions for the position; feels he'll be a useful resource to rely on when it comes to this position
- He'd like to take on the Bus Pass initiative
- Indicates he can handle stress and do his due diligence
- When questioned about what is advocacy, he feels that in relation to position it is to be outspoken; to help find the best case situation; speaking for people of what bothers them; advocate for other students issues
- Nabil's a second year student in the Economics program
- He states that he's confident and is able to identify the nuances of students at UNB
- He has experience; in his previous High School they had their own version of the SRC that worked with the legislative government
- Being an economics student his background in governmental economics bolsters him with the education to understand about how governments work
- Working tirelessly and able to handle the stress, he's capable of doing
- He talks about creating a debate club; an engagement society - a publicity club for people across the country; publicity for a university that wants to put themselves out there
- Discusses affordability on campus; facilities and food too pricy; need to be addressed

- He's confident in promises he's making and the work he will provide will showcase that
- Hope's council will place their faith in him; states he's representing SRC and the UNB
- When questioned about time management, he said that's not an issue; works through by prioritizing
- Asked how he would deal with negativity that might be received when advocating/making decisions - says not everyone will be supportive; speak to them; engage with and explain why decision was made; SRC cannot please everyone; only have so many resources/funding
- He feels what sets him apart from the other candidates is that when speaking to government he will tailor proposals based on level and has ability to identify that the person speaking to needs to spoken to in a certain way
- Faseeh states he's the International Student Rep on council and a BBA student
- He indicates that need to identify that the VP External requires difference between advocacy and activism
- He's attended NBSA meetings; advocating for prayer area for MSA; working on bus pass initiative with President and identifying what specifics are required
- Has been a Resident Assistant
- Will work towards better advocacy/menstrual product accessibility/cultural sensitivity training/extend mental health services/reevaluate health insurance/create gender-neutral washrooms on campus
- With all the projects planned he was asked how he plans to prioritize - look at issues directly pressing students; obstructing them from their academic lives
- Asked how he deals with stress - copes with stressful situations by having a good night's sleep; reaching out for help when he needs it; communicate with team members
- Asked how he could connect more with the greater Saint John community - networking/reach out, showing up in person to discuss problems
- Devin thanks all candidates; motions to go in camera to discuss.

Motion: To Move Meeting In Camera. Debly/Tait 7/0/0. Motion Carried.

Discussion Ends.

Motion: To Move Out of Camera. Debly/Tait 7/0/0. Motion Carried.

Motion: To Appoint Faseeh Khalil as VP External for the Remainder of the 2022-23 Year. Debly/Tait 7/0/1. Motion Carried.

- Devin announces Faseeh appointed as VP External
- He thanks the candidates; indicates more opportunities within the SRC

1.8 Budget Update

- Chris shares 2022-23 draft budget before it goes to the Board of Governors
- Will go more in depth when council needs to approval final copy
- Projected revenue is \$299K; 9K more than last year
- Points out any increases/decreases of lines and reason behind changes
- He states draft budget will be going to the BOG's on the 9th

1.9 By-Laws

- Devin discusses By-Law's with council
- **Page 1, By-Law #2** - Add DMNB Program and change ratification to by the Board of Governors
- **Page 1, By-Law #4** - Add DMNB Students
- **Page 2, By-Law #7** - Removed "after the first day of November"
- **Page 2, By-Law #10** - Committee decided to better define a "question" to an informal vote, which is not classified as an agenda item. Decided to remove By-Law #10 and incorporate it into By-Law #26 as they have some similarities, with one referring to tie breaking for formal votes and the other tie breaking for informal votes

Motion: To Modify By-Law #26 to now read:

Formal questions arising at any meeting of Student Council shall be decided by majority vote of the Executive and the Councillors. In cases of a tie, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

- (a) *Every question, or informal vote, which is not classified as an agenda item that is submitted at a meeting of the Members shall be decided by majority vote given by way of a show of hands, unless otherwise specifically provided by statute or these by-laws. In case of an equality of votes, the chairperson of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.*

Debly/Tait 8/0/0. Motion Carried.

- **Page 3, By-Law #12** - Committee recommended to remove By-Law as it states 25% of members must be present to hold the meeting of the members, but then makes it self-redundant. There is no location on the campus that can accommodate 25 % members.
- **Page 4, By-Law #16(b)** - Was not altered as the definition of a member in good standing was defined as a member who has paid their student fees

- **Page 5, By-Law #23** - Committee recommended adding a new By-Law which allows there to be a disciplinary action in breach of By-Law 23.

As In-camera meetings are designed to uphold the integrity of the company, breach of confidentiality during these meetings can result in disciplinary action. Student Council, by two thirds (2/3) vote, may effect, but are not limited, to suspension and/or termination to the affected individual's office pending the results of a formal inquiry.

Motion: To Add New By-Law. Debly/Tait 8/0/0. Motion Carried.

- **Page 6, By-Law #29** - Committee has not reviewed yet
- **Page 6, By-Law #30** - Committee has not reviewed yet
- **Page 7, By-Law #33** - Committee voted unanimously in favor of changing the elected position to Vice President Student Life, although thought a discussion within council would be best suited. Jillian feels that Student Life should be elected because it is about the students and students should be in charge of who's representing them. Emily Smith feels all positions should be hired. Faseeh feels need to maintain a balance in organization. Devin feels that VP External should be a hired position.
- By-Laws 14 (b) and (d), 37, 39 & 53 will need to be updated and motioned for approval if By-Law #33 changed
- 14 (b) and (d) is simply switching VP External/VP Student Life
- By-Law #37 currently states: *The Vice-President External shall perform all duties and responsibilities of the President in the event of the President's absence and shall automatically assume the position of Acting President in the event that the President for whatever reason resigns or is dismissed until such time as a by-election for the position of President is held.* By-Law Committee voted 4-1 in favor of keeping the VP External as the position to assume the role of President in their absence. Council discusses and overall consensus is to keep as is.

Motion: To Modify By-Law's 14 (b) & (d), 37, 39 & 53. Debly/Khalil 7/0/0. Motion Carried.

- **Page 7, By-Law #35/Page 8, By-Law #36 & #37/Page 9, By-Law #39 & Page 12, By-Law #51 (b)** have not been reviewed yet by the By-Law Committee
- **Page 15, By-Law #70** - change will simply add the Wellness & Marketing & Communications Coordinator positions
- **Page 16, By-Law #71** - One small change so far - added *and the executive team monthly* to (d). Will get Emily's input at next committee meeting.
- **Add New By-Law** - The Marketing & Communications Coordinator position and its responsibilities. Devin states in order for this to occur, council must motion to add it

Motion: To Add New By-Law. Debly/ E. Smith 7/0/0. Motion Carried.

- **Add New By-Law** - The Wellness Coordinator position and its responsibilities. Devin motions to add.

Motion: To Add New By-Law. Debly/E. Smith 7/0/0. Motion Carried.

- **Page 17, By-Law #72 (g)** - Hasn't been touched as of yet
- **Page 17, By-Law #74** - wording changed slightly

Devin states looking to modify one more **By-Law - #54** - switching External to Student Life/include an outgoing executive member and removing Student Services; doesn't feel they have a say on who the SRC gets to hire

Motion: To Modify By-Law #54. Debly/Tait 7/0/0. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:42PM.