

## Minutes The second meeting of the 2017-18 session of the Students' Representative Council of the UNBSJ Inc. was held July 11, 2017 in the Hume Council Chamber.

Attendance:	Executive:	Kenya Plut, President Kyle Rogers, VP External Nicholas McCullum, VP Finance Pape Seck, VP Student Affairs Juliet Anumenechi, VP Social
	Councilors:	Cassie Hall, SASE Rep(via teleconference) MinJi Kim, SASE Rep Jayme Dixon, Member At Large Rep(via teleconference) Justin Leslie, Residence Rep Konnor Long, Business Rep
	Chair:	Anthony Enman
	Observer:	Liam Floyd – The Baron

## Meeting was called to order at 8:05PM

- **1.1 Quorum -** Chair indicates quorum is met.
- 1.2 Approval of Agenda Motion: To Approve Agenda. Rogers/Anumenechi 10/0/0. Motion Carried.
- 1.3 Approval of June 5, 2017 Minutes Motion: To Approve Minutes. McCullum/Seck 10/0/0. Motion Carried.
- **1.4 Orientation Week** MinJi suggests that an upper year student speak to the first year students about university life on campus. Cassie feels that Faculty Night is not published enough so if a date was set perhaps that info can be placed in the O-Week bags. Kenya states that she is working on getting permission to send out newsletters again via email.
- **1.5 Faculty Nights Proposal** MinJi would like to host it after O-Week. The week of Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> and send out invitations in August. The professors suggested last year to send out the invite a month in advance. MinJi feels that poor attendance in the past was due to the fact invites were sent out too late.
- 1.6 Request for Support Student Concert MinJi states that Dr. Xu is looking for support(advertising/supplies/emcee) for the Lorenzo Society student concert to be held on a Wednesday evening in November. Kenya indicates that the SRC can help out and requests that MinJi send her an email with all the info.

- 1.7 By-Law Review First Reading Chair states that the Ad Hoc Committee meeting took place chaired by Kenya. Members of the committee were: Justin Leslie, Jayme Dixon, Montanna Meyer, Bruce Savoie, Logan Johnson and Abby Brant. The proposed changes were given to the committee as well as the minutes from the first council meeting. Floor is given to Kenya. She reads committee's recommendations, which are highlighted below.
  - Page 1, By-Law #6 Remove "VP Student Affairs" and replace with "VP Finance" as she proposes to remove VP Student Affairs position in the spring. Committee fully agrees saves money. There was some concern with regards to VP Finance having too much to do but Abby stated that they already deal with money and that's a big part of clubs therefore it wouldn't be too much to handle. <u>Status: Agree with proposed change</u>
  - Page 3, By-Law #14 (b) Remove Committee agrees many other schools have removed position as well. <u>Status: Agree with proposed change</u>
  - Page 5, By-Law #24 Amend to allow decisions to take place from May 1<sup>st</sup> to commencement of classes in September by executive members only Committee <u>did not</u> agree with this By-Law change. They felt that there may be corrupt people in the future who would take advantage of a rule like this and also felt it wasn't a big deal of having meetings during the summer. <u>Status: Disagree with proposed change</u>
  - Page 6, By-Law #29 Proposal to change the Presidents honorarium from 3 times full-time tuition fees plus applicable student fees to <u>2 times full-time tuition fees plus</u> <u>applicable student fees plus \$1,500.</u> Committee agrees with change stating that it stays in line with tuition costs and allows the President to continue paying for tuition. <u>Status:</u> <u>Agree with proposed change</u>
  - Page 6, By-Law #30 Proposal to change the Vice-President Finance, Vice-President External and Vice-President Social honorariums from full-time tuition fees plus applicable student fees plus \$1,500. to *full-time tuition fees plus applicable student fees plus \$1,000. Committee agrees and appreciates that amount is kept in line with tuition costs but still reduced the amount. <u>Status: Agree with proposed change</u>*
  - Page 6, By-Law #31 Remove as propose to eliminate the VP Student Affairs position <u>Status: Agree with proposed change</u>
  - Page 6, By-Law #32 Reduce councilors honorarium to \$150 and reduce meetings attended to \$15.00 Committee agrees to eliminate the flat fee and keep the honorarium of \$25.00 per attended meeting. By-Law would now read: Councillors shall receive an honorarium equal to \$25.00 for each regularly schedule meeting of the Company attended, payable in two(2) equal instalments. The first instalment shall be paid by December 31<sup>st</sup> in the year so elected and the second instalment by the second Monday in April in the year so elected. Status: Agree to amend By-Law to \$25.00 per attended meeting only
  - Page 6, By-Law #34 Remove "VP Student Affairs" <u>Status: Agree with proposed</u> change
  - Page 6, By-Law #35 Remove "VP Student Affairs" <u>Status: Agree with proposed</u> change
  - Page 6/7, By-Law #36 Remove Vice-President Student Affairs office hours <u>Status:</u> <u>Agree with proposed change</u>
  - Page 7/8, By-Law #37(President)- Kenya proposes to add section (h) must be enrolled in no more than 3 courses a semester. - Committee agrees and feels it would be best to have a President fully committed to their job. <u>Status: Agree with proposed change</u> Kenya states that she's enrolled in five courses. Kyle asks her, "How can we be assured

that you're going to be fully committed to your job since you are not following this proposed change?" Chair interjects and says it's not a discussion for right now as we are talking about By-Law changes. Kenya says she's working on it.

- Page 8, By-Law #38 Remove <u>Status: Agree with proposed change</u>
- Page 9, By-Law #39 Add that the <u>VP External</u> 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. *Agree with this change. Several committee members expressed interest in having a short description of each position on the voting in eservices.* The Chairs speaks and says that it's unlikely that the IT Dept. can add that so would have to be promoted separately. Nick says people can be directed to the By-Laws. <u>Status:</u> <u>Agree with proposed change</u>
- Page 9, By-Law #40 Add the clubs & societies duties of VP Student Affairs to VP Finance - Again, committee was worried with regards to VP Finance having too much to do, but after several discussions this was found to be okay. – <u>Status: Agree with</u> proposed change
- Page 12, By-Law #53 Amend to read "any expenditures greater than \$1,000.00 outside of the general operating budget shall be submitted to the Student Council for approval" There was some confusion with this By-Law and a lot of discussion took place. It was proposed that the By-Law state: any expenditures(no matter the amount) outside of an executive's budget shall be submitted to the student council for approval. Also suggested adding a second subsection to the By-Law that stated any purchase/expenditures over \$5000 shall be submitted to the Student Council for approval. Status: Agree with proposed change, with a few changes Nick feels that wording should read any expenditures(no matter the amount) outside the general operating budget. He also suggests in lowering the amount for the second subsection and it was agreed to reduce to \$3000. By-Law would now read: (a) Any expenditures(no matter the amount) outside of the general operating budget shall be submitted to the submitted to the student council for approval. (b) Any expenditures or purchases over \$3,000. shall be submitted to the student council for approval.
- Page 12, By-Law #55 Remove (b) Vice-President Student Affairs resulting in a total of (2) executive positions available during the Spring Election <u>Status: Agree with</u> proposed change
- Page 12, By-Law #56 Remove the outgoing President and add the VP External. Committee agrees with removal of outgoing President and adding the VP External. Abby felt that with having the outgoing VP Social and VP Finance present it could be stressful for the applicants. It was suggested that they pass their questions on to the interviewers. <u>Status: Agree with proposed change</u>. Nick recommends a change in the wording to "a delegate from Student Services" as from his past experiences the Director hasn't been involved in the interview process. Council agrees.
- Page 12/13, By-Law #59 Kenya proposes to remove 1 representative from each of the faculties of Arts, Business and SASE and to remove (d) Social Events and Promotions Representative. She'd like to add a rule to the Mature Student Representative with regards to age. She proposes to add the following council positions:
  Disability/Accessibility Representative, LGBTQ+ Representative and a Nursing Representative. *Committee agrees with removal of one Art Rep, Business Rep, SASE*

Rep and the Social Rep. Also agrees with having a rule for Mature Student Rep. It was suggested that the rule indicates, "must be considered a mature student by the registrar's office". Discussion about Disability/Accessibility Rep and the LGBTO+ Rep - Do they need to fit under their headers? Committee agrees with the addition of LGBTQ+ Rep, Disability/Accessibility Rep & Health Sciences/Nursing Rep. Bruce asks if it was possible to add a rule to the Athletics Rep and require that they currently be on an athletic team. Status: Agree with proposed changes, but work on the wording. MinJi and Cassie still feel 2 SASE Reps should remain. Pape agrees. Justin states that there will be a Nursing/Health Sciences Rep with is part of SASE and Nick responds with it's basically just a renaming of position. Council agrees with rule for Mature Student Rep and also discusses Disability/Accessibility Rep and LGBTO+ Rep in detail. It was recommended to refer to the lawyer with regards to whether there would be any issues in specifying that they need to fit under their headers. Juliet has concerns that there might be an issue. Kyle states that UNBSU currently has these positions on council. Nick recommends reaching out to them and inquiring as to whether there was any negative perception. Council agrees to the removal of Athletic Rep and add to By-Law #60.

- Page 13, By-Law #60 She proposes to remove (b) one (1) Media Representative appointed by the campus media organizations and add a Dalhousie Medical Representative appointed by their own student unions. After getting an explanation for the Media Rep, the committee agrees it's not a necessary position. They agree on Dal Med Rep. Status: Agree with proposed changes. Council agrees to add one Athletic Rep appointed by the SAAC.
- Page 13, By-Law #62 Remove "Vice-President Student Affairs" <u>Status: Agree with</u> proposed change
- Page 13, By-Law #63 Kenya proposes to remove 1 First Year Rep council position. Committee discussed whether or not the minimum age to sit on the SRC could be reduced to 18. It was agreed that if the minimum age could be lowered to 18, than keep two First Year Reps, but if it was 19 years of age, reduce it to one. <u>Status: Agree with</u> proposed change, with some tweaks. Kenya indicates she'll speak to lawyer about reducing age limit to18 or if possible, 17. New Brunswick Companies Act may restrict the SRC from doing so.
- **Page 14, By-Law #67** Remove the word "day" which precedes the word Friday <u>Status:</u> <u>Agree with proposed change</u>
- Page 15, By-Law #72 Add (e) Orientation Week Chair. Committee agrees with this addition but wondered about a committee, how this would be put into place and how a person would be chosen for this position. <u>Status: Agree with proposed change, but</u> <u>hash out details</u>. The Chair asks council if there are any comments or questions regarding any of the proposed changes. No responses. Motion: To Approve first reading of the By-Law changes. McCullum/Anumenechi 10/0/0. Motion Carried.
- 1.8 Meeting Adjourned. Motion To Adjourn at 9:05PM. Rogers/Seck 10/0/0.