



Minutes

The first meeting of the 2017-18 session of the Students' Representative Council of the UNBSJ Inc. was held June 5, 2017 in the Hume Council Chamber.

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:33PM

- 1.1 **Quorum** - Chair indicates quorum is met.
- 1.2 **Approval of Agenda – Motion: To Approve Agenda. McCullum/Plut 8/0/0. Motion Carried.** Chair and councilors introduce themselves. Chair discusses Robert's Rules.
- 1.3 **VP Student Affairs** – Pape discusses tentative schedule for Orientation Week 2017. Super Tuesday will begin with Orientation Kick Off at 9:30AM in the Athletics Center. 10:30AM is Academic Orientation followed by Mature Students Orientation at noon in Oland Hall Room 104. Free lunch at 12:30PM in the Baird Dining Hall. Amazing Race will take place at 1:30PM in the Quad and Family Orientation at 6:30PM in the Commons Library. The Math Placement Test will take place Wednesday at 9AM followed by Shine Day from 11AM-3PM in Market Square. James Mullinger is unable to perform in the evening, as he'll be out of town. Thursday is Athletics Day – "FANFIT" from 4PM-7PM in the gym. Hypnotist show will take place on Friday from 7PM-9PM at Grand Hall. O week concludes with a Beach Day/Free BBQ/Meet Your SRC 2017 event on Saturday from 12PM-4PM at Tucker Park Beach. Discussion takes place with regards to school buses for events. Jayme will contact Jenna Evan's father about donating buses again this year. Chair indicates to

Pape that Brian Cleveland from the campus radio station might be in touch with him in requesting a partnership with the SRC during O Week for a mini music festival.

1.4 VP External – Kyle states before he begins he'd like to acknowledge that the land we are currently on is traditional unseeded territory of the Woolastook and Mi'kmaq people. A priority in the upcoming year of the NBSA, CASA and he hopes the SRC, is to further improve the quality of life and experiences of the indigenous peoples across the country. He provides council with a report for their review (attached).

1.5 Constitutional Reform – Councilors are provided with a copy of the current By-Laws and the By-Law changes document created by Kenya. Chair reads section from the current By-Laws with regards to amendment of By-Laws. Kenya discusses the following proposed changes:

- **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. She states that a few universities do not have a position like this. They hire an Orientation Chair instead. This is a cost saving motion and will reduce the power to the executive team. She will propose that the VP Finance take over the majority of the clubs and societies duties of the VP Student Affairs. Jayme speaks and agrees with this proposal. She then asks if the Orientation Chair will be hired or an elected position? Kenya would like to hire an individual and Jayme agrees.
- **Page 3, By-Law #14 (b)** – Remove
- **Page 5, By-Law #24** – Amend to allow decisions to take place from May 1st to commencement of classes in September by executive members only
- **Page 6, By-Law #29** – Proposal to change the Presidents honorarium from 3 times full-time tuition fees plus applicable student fees to 2 times full-time tuition fees plus applicable student fees plus \$1,500. Jayme speaks and feels that's a good idea or perhaps capping the honorarium. Kenya says we can look at capping. Kyle states for the record he's in favor of this proposed option.
- **Page 6, By-Law #31** – Remove as propose to eliminate the VP Student Affairs position
- **Page 6, By-Law #32** – Reduce councilors honorarium to \$150 and reduce meetings attended to \$15.00
- **Page 6, By-Law #34** – Remove “VP Student Affairs”
- **Page 6, By-Law #35** – Remove “VP Student Affairs”
- **Page 6/7, By-Law #36** – Remove Vice-President Student Affairs office hours
- **Page 7/8, By-Law #37(President)**- Kenya proposes to add section *(h) must be enrolled in no more than 3 courses a semester*
- **Page 8, By-Law #38** – Remove
- **Page 9, By-Law #39** - Add that the VP 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.
- **Page 9, By-Law #40** - Add the clubs & societies duties of VP Student Affairs to VP Finance
- **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”

- **Page 12, By-Law #55** – Remove (b) Vice-President Student Affairs resulting in a total of (2) executive positions available during the Spring Election
- **Page 12, By-Law #56** – Remove the outgoing President and add the VP External. Nick feels that the outgoing VP Finance and VP Social should be added. Kyle agrees with Nick’s proposal.
- **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. Justin speaks and says can we look at Health Sciences in general instead of nursing? Pape says removing one of the SASE Reps might be a problem as it’s a large faculty. MinJi agrees.
- **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
- **Page 13, By-Law #62** – Remove “Vice-President Student Affairs”
- **Page 13, By-Law #63** – Kenya proposes to remove 1 First Year Rep council position. Discussion arose on whether Page 3, By-Law 15 (a) can be amended to a younger age. Kenya will check into. MinJi feels that 2 First Year Reps should remain.
- **Page 14, By-Law #67** – Remove the word “day” which precedes the word Friday
- **Page 15, By-Law #72** – Add (e) Orientation Week Chair. Nick asks why Orientation Week wouldn’t go under the umbrella of VP Social. Kenya feels the workload would be too much as VP Social is responsible for First Class Bash as well. Cassie agrees with Kenya. Kyle suggests that the O Week chair appoint a committee to work with them. Kenya asks the Chair if she creates an ad hoc committee. His response was “yes”, but not right now. Jayme asks if there was any thought with regards to the other executive honorariums. Kenya says she looked at them when she thought of the idea of doing a cap but she doesn’t know if they should be reduced. Jayme says maybe we should look into them. Kyle feels that its reasonable compensation now. Nick states they are pretty much in line with other student leadership jobs on campus, ie RA, and if you broke it out to an hourly basis it wouldn’t be so much of an issue. Jayme says it was a big issue last year and everybody was all for capping honorariums and now is the time to look at it if we’re doing the By-Laws. **Kenya says perhaps reduce the amount on Page 6, By-Law #30 from \$1500 to \$1000.** The Chair then states the By-Laws presented aren’t the final version as under Appointments, Page 15, By-Law #72, (d) *Shinerama/Charity Director* should be removed, as it’s now a committee. Chair states the next step is an ad-hoc committee and there’s no stipulation on who composes the committee. Kenya sits on the committee and can chair as well. Changes are brought back to council for first reading and at that time will be sent off to the lawyer. Document is approved after third and final reading and amendments will go into effect. They’ll be instituted in accordance with how the SRC wants to for the fall and spring elections.

1.6 Other Business – Nick is looking for Safe Ride drivers and Finance Committee members. Email him if interested. Jayme is looking for Shine volunteers for the summer events. If interested, message her.

1.7 Meeting Adjourned. Motion – To Adjourn at 8:51PM. Rogers/Seck 8/0/0.



Vice President External Report:

Summer 2017 NBSA & CASA Update

NBSA:

Thus far the new Board of Directors for the New Brunswick Student Alliance has met for two conferences this Summer. Kenya and I first attended the Transition Conference held in Fredericton from Friday April 28th to Sunday April 30th. The weekend consisted of giving the new Board the necessary tools for our advocacy efforts for the following year. Throughout the week the met with, and had presentations from, many important individuals from across the province including David Emerson, from UNB; David Arsenault and other senior officials from the Department of Postsecondary Education (PETL), Training and Labour, as well as a influential conversation from Imelda Perley, Elder-in-Residence of UNB. On top of this, we underwent extensive introductions to the bylaws and operating policies of the organization.

The second conference, our Strategic Planning conference, which was held this past weekend in Sackville, concluded with the new board having a clear direction of our priorities for the year. These three days consisted of further presentations from the Department of PETL, and Jeffrey Carleton from STU. The remaining time was put towards the new Board attempting to create a strategic plan for the year, that would feature both our policy and organization priorities. Coming out of this conference, the new Board concluded that some of our major priorities would be Campus Sexual Assault, Indigenizing the Academy, Campus Mental Health.

CASA:

The CASA Foundations conference, held in Ottawa, was similar to the NBSA conferences held at the same time. During this week, delegates from across the country came together to be equipped with the necessary information for our upcoming Federal advocacy efforts. Throughout the week, we were exposed to a wide variety of presentations, from individuals including First Nations Elders, professors, representatives from the Canada Student Loan Program, and more. During this time, our Board of Directors for CASA was elected, as well as appointments to committees. Kenya was appointed to a position on the Member Relations Committee and I was appointed to a position on the National Advocacy Committee. Throughout the week, the delegates also underwent extensive policy creation and media/government relations training.