



Minutes

The first meeting of the 2018-19 session of the Students' Representative Council of the UNBSJ Inc. was held November 15, 2018 in the Hume Council Chamber.

Attendance:	Executive:	Samuel Palmer, President Caitlin Grogan, VP External Austin Maillet, VP Finance Mackenzie Keir, VP Social
	Councillors:	Jenna DeGooyer, Athletic Rep Laura Palmer, Business Rep Angela Morris, DMNB Rep Allison Woodman, Disability/Accessibility Rep Connor DeMerchant, LGBTQ+ Rep Alexander Allison, Member at Large Rep Ashley Cook, Nursing/Health Sciences Rep Hannah Ranni, Residence Rep Cassie Hall, SASE Rep
	Chair:	Logan Johnson
	Regrets:	Adanna Ogunka, International Rep

Meeting was called to order at 6:57PM

- 1.1 Approval of Agenda - Motion: To Approve Agenda. Morris/Keir 13/0/0. Motion Carried.**
- 1.2 President Report** - Sam discusses the hiring done since he took office. He states the executive team advocated for the rainbow crosswalk. He sat on the hiring committee for the new Director of Student Services. The executive team met the two candidates for the VP position on campus and feel both are great candidates. He's been working with the UNBSU on the "W" policy. Also been advocating with UNBSU on moving the winter Reading Week to the end of February. He's attended CASA conferences in Ottawa and Vancouver and also NBSA conferences. In closing, he states he attended the Maritime Student Leadership Conference with the rest of the executive team.
- 1.3 VP Finance** - Austin discusses revenue and expenses to date. There are some outstanding Fall and Orientation Levies to come. WUSC and Green Fees not calculated until we receive outstanding levies and final enrolment numbers. The SRC has donated to a few organizations. The Green Society has been very active in their spending. Insurance premium for Safe Ride increased as company has underwritten vehicle as a public automobile/bus. All membership fees to NBSA and CASA have been paid. One payment of the Part-Time bursary remains. He details expenses for First Class Bash. One more payment for Student Support to be issued during winter semester. He states that the Finance Committee met to allocate the funding for the clubs and societies on campus. Second meeting is to be held tomorrow, weather permitting. Several new clubs have been created this year. In closing, he states if anyone wants to join Finance Committee to send him an email.
- 1.4 VP External** - Caitlin requests that everyone send her their photos and bios for the website. She's created a small SRC media campaign called "What The SRC Does For You". Following discussions with students and UNB human rights staff she's started two small societies on campus, Creating

Conversations and The Queer Collective. She's creating an info graphic of locations of the gender-neutral washrooms on campus. She's working with Sheldon MacLeod of Student Services on a proposal to administration regarding mental health services on campus. She states that she's looking into a safe space on campus for students, possibly use the old Student Affairs office. She then speaks about the two advocacy organizations that the SRC belongs to - NBSA and CASA. She notes that both of these organizations operate on one member, one vote. She attended the CASA Foundations Conference in Ottawa and will return there in a couple weeks for CASA Advocacy Week. She states last year a motion was made and carried to leave CASA. It was later determined they were far too late to start the process in doing so. She states that UNB administration was very clear that if we chose to leave CASA that we would lose our legitimacy to them and they would no longer want to take us seriously. She believes that people didn't have all the information last year when they made their decision to leave. She discusses what CASA has done and that we're getting back about \$2100 per student based on fee of \$3.30 per student. With the information she provided, she wants council to realize what the repercussions would be if we left. She sits on the Board of Directors for the NBSA and has attended four conferences. She led the Get out the Vote Campaign and states that there was a 191% increase in on campus voter turnout from the last election. She states that the NBSA advocated for the Free Tuition Program and the Tuition Relief for Middle Class. NBSA also responsible for getting provincial health care for international students. She says it's clear that for \$6 per student we're getting a lot of bang for our buck. We're receiving about \$1200 in non-repayable student financial aid per student on campus. In closing, she says, "We may feel financially that we want to leave these advocacy organizations and give that money to other parts of our budget but students aren't going to be overly concerned about attending social events and joining clubs and societies if they can't pay their own tuition. I hope going forward we all understand the importance of these and make good choices."

- 1.5 **VP Social** - A couple events were held so far this year. The First Class Bash on Sept. 14th was very successful. A follow up meeting with UNB took place and it was agreed to change the time for larger events to 9pm-1am to allow students to access cabs without any issues. SRC barbeque was held in the Quad. Aquatic Centre swim night took place Oct. 26th and turnout was low. She indicates they're looking at re-opening the bar every Friday next semester. Winter Formal will be Nov 23 in the Baird Dining Hall. The Jolly Trolley will be going around campus the last week of classes. Wellness Week will be same week and stress therapy dogs and cats will be on campus. Mental Health Week to take place in January. In closing, she states total amount spent to date is \$7456.00.
- 1.6 **By-Law Changes** - Sam discusses changes to take place. There was a lot of confusion in what needed to be voted on. Suggested to table until more information gathered. **Motion: To Table Until Next Meeting. Maillet/Keir 13/0/0. Motion Carried.**
- 1.7 **Safe Ride Van** - Austin provides a handout to council. He states that the Safe Ride van ran for two weeks before a serious transmission issued occurred. Quote to repair is \$3,897.35. He discusses repairs that have taken place in last 5 years and cost to do so. He provides three options to council: repair, replace or scrap program. He notes that if transmission is repaired that vehicle has all new brakes, tires and recently repaired engine, the van might not need any more repairs but the trend might prove otherwise. To purchase a new vehicle, it looks like the SRC could support that expense. He states could go to Alumni for sponsorship and other organizations. He also states decision should not be made until financial statements are discussed with council to understand our financial position. If program is ended, put funds somewhere else. He questions whether the Safe Ride Program is used often enough to validate its existence. He states in the few weeks it's been in operation this year, an average of 14 passengers per night have used the service. Table opens up for discussion. Caitlin feels if we choose not to repair vehicle that there are other routes to provide accessible transportation, perhaps taxi vouchers or matching funds for bus passes. Mackenzie agrees with Caitlin in providing alternate transportation. Hannah states that students use it a lot for groceries and feels people wouldn't be interested in the bus option. Austin says if we choose to repair, another quote will be obtained. Hannah states that a lot of residents don't like taking taxis and want Safe Ride back and to be reliable. Many feel the repair isn't viable and to create an alternate means of providing transportation until a final decision is made. **Motion: To Make An Ad-Hoc Committee Regarding the Safe Ride And Alternatives. Maillet/Keir 13/0/0.**

Motion Carried. Austin then discusses disposition of the van. **Motion: To Table The Disposition Of The Asset Until The Next Meeting. Maillet/Grogan 13/0/0. Motion Carried.**

- 1.8 **Policy and Procedure Manual Update** - Caitlin updated over the summer. She will send a copy to councilors for review. **Motion: To Table The Approval of the Policy and Procedures Manual Until Next Meeting. Grogan/Maillet 13/0/0. Motion Carried.**
- 1.9 **Indigenous Representative Position** - Caitlin proposes in creating a new seat on council. The position will be appointed however the student will have to get signatures from indigenous students. Angela questions if this is feasible for a small campus. Caitlin states that the position doesn't have to be filled every year. Angela asks if there is no one can someone fill that spot on behalf of the indigenous community. Caitlin says in the by-law recommendations she has reviewed, indigenous students have the ability to appoint whoever they would like to that position. **Motion: In the Next Election Cycle to Open Up A Seat on Council for an Indigenous Representative. Grogan/Keir 13/0/0. Motion Carried**
- 1.10 **Vacant Seats Policy** - Caitlin reached out to some student unions across the country on how they deal with vacant seats without having a by-election. She feels an appointment procedure is best. If a student approaches the SRC, they'll need to get 20 signatures and be able to sit on council, but with no voting rights and receive no honorarium. If two people approached the SRC, then the SRC wouldn't proceed, as a by-election would need to take place. **Motion: To Approve The Vacant Seats Policy. Grogan/Maillet 13/0/0. Motion Carried.**
- 1.11 **Other Business** - Angela states the DMNB would like to collaborate with the SRC for a charity fundraising event. It's the 150th anniversary of Dalhousie Medicine. Perhaps a trivia night in the bar. She'll discuss further with Mackenzie.
- 1.12 - **Meeting Adjourned.**