

<b>Students Nova Scotia</b>	<b>Board of Directors</b> Meeting Minutes
<b>Meeting Name:</b>	Board Meeting
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	September 15th, 2023
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	3:00 PM ADT
<b>Venue:</b>	Zoom
<b>City:</b>	Halifax
<b>Attendees</b>	
<b>Primary Delegates</b>	ASU: Benjamin Morris CBUSU: Gideon Osaro Otoibhi StFXSU: Sophia Fabiano SMUSA: Regrets
<b>Secondary Delegates</b>	ASU: Sam Taylor CBUSU: Sahilpreet Singh Chatha (?) StFXSU: Regrets SMUSA: Anubhav Gupta
<b>Other</b>	Chair: Matt Doyle Vice-Chair: Sadie McAlear Executive Director: Georgia Saleski

# Meeting Agenda

## Students Nova Scotia Board Meeting

Friday, September 15th, 2023

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM p.m. ADT

Via Zoom (Click [here](#))

### PROCEDURAL ITEMS

#### Roll Call

- Acadia Students' Union
- Cape Breton University Students' Union
- St. Francis Xavier University Students' Union
- Saint Mary's University Students' Association

**Call to Order : 10:11 am**

**Approval of the Agenda** Vote: Passed Moved: StFXSU Seconded: ASU

### DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

#### 1) Approval of Minutes

a) **Overview:**

b) **Approval Items:** Be it resolved that the Board approve the August 16th minutes

c) **Reference Items:** August 16th minutes

d) **Vote:** Passed Moved: SMUSA Seconded: CBUSU

#### 2) RPO Hiring Update

a) **Overview:** Executive Director

b) **Discussion Items:**

Hiring is almost complete and the ED is doing reference checks today and hoping to make a decision by the end of today. An offer for the position will then be sent out following the decision.

c) **Reference Items:**

#### 3) Student Society Fairs

a) **Overview:** Executive Director



**b) Discussion Items:**

The ED could not attend society fairs due to conflicts in schedules and will be reaching out to campus VP's that work with student life and get StudentsNS on campus to engage with students. As a side note, StudentsNS merch has come in. Still waiting on a couple items.

**c) Reference Items:**

**4) Standing Committee Times**

**a) Overview:** Chair

**b) Discussion Items:**

The Chair would like each committee Chair to confirm their committee's meeting times. Membership committee is Wednesday from 1-2pm and their first meeting begins September 27th. The Policy Committee will meet bi-weekly on Fridays from 10-11am. The Governance Committee will be attempting to find a common time to meet bi-weekly.

**c) Reference Items:**

## REPORTS

**1) Reports of the Officers**

a) Chair

Last few weeks have been busy with welcome weeks, and the executive team has been doing the RPO hirings. Everyone attended the Partnership meeting with Advanced Education and CONSUP this past week. On Wednesday, the Chair and ED attended a HealthyMinds NS meeting.

b) Vice Chair

Good meeting with Advanced Education and CONSUP, supporting the ED and Chair in editing the Welcoming International Students to Nova Scotia Op-ed.

**2) Campus Reports**

a) Acadia Student's Union

Had a good orientation week and will be debriefing the series of events with the University. The ASU have also hired two Co-op students and a new Campus Engagement full-time staff.

b) Cape Breton University Students' Union



Just completed their Welcome Week and are hiring new student positions in the Union. The University has begun shuttling for students who have classes further away from classes. Have been reaching out to the ED and are doing some housing research as well. Lastly, they are starting a ride-home program at the end of this month.

c) St. Francis Xavier University Student's Union

Had a great Orientation Week with solid student turnout and retention. Recently met with Minister Fraser and discussed student housing. Currently looking to meet with the municipality who is investigating implementing a new bylaw that would affect students. Had their society fair last night. Attended the Partnership meeting last week.

d) Saint. Mary's University Students' Association

Welcome week is over and SMUSA hosted seventeen events total. Their society expo was cancelled. They had fantastic turnout at some of their events and are looking forward to more throughout the rest of the term. Recently met with the administration to continue discussing SMU student scholarships and have some senior administration turnover as well.

### **3) Committee Reports**

a) Governance Committee

No updates.

b) Membership Committee

Membership committee had an e-vote and was able to decide on StudentsNS merch for the year. The merch includes pens, stickers, frisbees, and tote bags.

c) Policy Committee

No updates.

### **4) Staff Reports**

a) Executive Director



We are putting out an Op-ed in response to current discourse surrounding international students in Nova Scotia. Has been discussing with CASA on topics related to the IRCC.

There is a focus group occurring at NSCC as they are investigating national student homelessness on October 13 from 9-12 and the ED was invited alongside any other Board members.

Will provide an update on the annual plan at the next Board meeting.

StFXSU noted that next week ActionNow Atlantic is doing events for Consent Awareness Week.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT: 10:51 am**

**Vote: Passed Moved: StFXSU Seconded: CBUSU**