



<b>Students Nova Scotia</b>	<b>Board of Directors</b> Meeting Minutes
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<b>Meeting Name:</b>	Board Meeting
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	July 24, 2022
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	2 pm
<b>Venue:</b>	In-person
<b>City:</b>	Halifax

<b>Attendees</b>	
<b>Primary Delegates</b>	ASU : Sadie McAlear CBUSU: Peter Oyedijo ST. FX: Brendan Roberts SMUSA: Isobel Tyler
<b>Secondary Delegates</b>	ASU : Chiara Lu CBUSU: Damanpreet Singh ST. FX: Marcel Desmond SMUSA: Emily Meyers
<b>Other</b>	Chair: Kyle Cook Vice -Chair: Ben Fairhurst Executive Director: Lydia Houck CO-OP Student: Aananya Paatil
<b>Absent:</b>	

**Quorum** Yes

## Students Nova Scotia Board Meeting

Sunday, July 24, 2022

1 pm AST

### PROCEDURAL ITEMS (0:00)

#### Role Call

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

**Call to Order: 2:08 PM**

**Approval of the Agenda** Vote: Moved: St. FX Seconded: CBUSU

### DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

#### 1) Approval of Minutes

a) **Overview:** Chair

b) **Approval Items:** Be it resolved that the Board approve the minutes of June 29th, 2022

c) **Reference Items:** June 29 Minutes

d) **Vote:** Moved: ASU Seconded: SMUSA

#### 2) 2022-23 Budget Amendment

a) **Overview:** ED

b) **Approval Items:** Be it resolved that the Board approve the proposed amendments to the 2022-23 StudentsNS budget as presented.

c) **Reference Items:** Proposed Amendments: 2022-23 Budget

d) **Vote:** Passed Moved: ST. FX SU Seconded: SMUSA

#### 3) Committee Appointments

a) **Overview:** St. FX SU

b) **Approval Items:** Be it resolved that the Board appoint Marcel Desmond to the Governance Committee, and remove Brendan Roberts from the Governance Committee.

c) **Reference Items:**

d) **Vote:** Passed Moved: St. FX SU Seconded: ASU

#### 4a) Overview: St. FX SU

**b) Approval Items:** Be it resolved that the Board appoint Marcel Desmond to the Policy Committee.

**c) Reference Items:**

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

### **Provincial Committee Appointments**

**a) Overview:** Executive Director

**b) Approval Items:**

Be it resolved that Marcel Desmond be appointed to the Entrepreneurship and Experiential Learning Working Group for the 2022-2023 year.

Vote: Passed M: CBUSU | S: St. FX SU

Motion to **amend** current motion to include Marcel Desmond's name in the blank

Vote: Passed SMUSA | CBUSU

## **REPORTS**

### **1) Reports of the Officers**

a) Chair

Planning for Strategic Plan Conference. Ongoing conversations regarding non-member organization observership.

b) Vice Chair

Looking to collaborate in discussing consistent mechanisms to aid students in finding quality housing options.

Onboarding St. FX SU secondary delegate.

### **2) Campus Reports**

a) Acadia Students' Union

Attended Rural Student Housing Workshop. Acadia president has announced he will not be re-offering; the hiring committee process will take place this year.

Conducted a Student Housing Survey; saw a robust response rate (~200)

b) Cape Breton University Students' Union

Met with the Chamber of Commerce with StudentsNS.

Participated in media training

Sent Advocacy Letter to Ministers, MLAs and Councilors to discuss transit.

Met with Cape Breton Transit to discuss supports for international students  
Justin Trudeau visited the CBU campus, met with the CBUSU team.  
Hired Women's Center coordinator, looking to hire further coordinators for the fall.

e) St. Francis Xavier University Students' Union

Met with Antigonish Chamber of Commerces - opportunities for partnerships with local businesses

Met with Gallivan (Health Plan Provider). Looking to integrate the MyDoctor option through existing virtual healthcare platforms.

Improved supports/coverage for trans, non-binary individuals through healthplan.

Hiring a new VP Advancement. VP Res Affairs will sit on the hiring committee.

Ongoing conversations re: renovations to student center

First "President Connection" meeting with Andy Hakin. .

f) Saint Mary's University Students' Association

SMUSA Retreat & Annual Planning

Have developed pillars; now working towards Action Items/Outcome to present to students in September alongside Town Hall.

Hiring a new VP Advancement and Research - neither candidate was hired.

Urban Student Housing Workshop

Walked in Pride Parade

Launched Tutor Database through website.

VP Advo & President met with Mayor of Halifax, Mike Savage.

The SMUSA team met with Councillor Wayne Mason to discuss student priorities.

Upcoming meeting with Lisa Lachance (MLA)

Kyle and Isobel did an interview with CTV re: inflation, student housing

### 3) Committee Reports

a) Governance Committee

Had the first governance committee meeting, drafting a proposed action plan for the upcoming year. Will identify a few policy priorities to update. Next meeting will be early August to prepare a work plan for CBU.

b) Membership Committee

Isobel circulated TOR for Membership Committee, Doodle coming out tomorrow with dates for follow up meeting.

c) Policy Committee

Had first meeting ; started brainstorming direction for the year and will be sending a follow up poll / survey to collect perspectives on policy priorities. Will build from there in policy revision, policy creation.

#### **4) Executive Director**

### **PRESENTATIONS**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **ADJOURNMENT: 2:43 PM**

Moved: SMUSA