

Students Nova Scotia	Board of Directors	students 
<i>Meeting Minutes</i>		

Meeting Name:	Board Meeting		
Meeting Date:	September 10, 2012		
Meeting Time:	2:40PM, AST		
Venue:	Call-in (Gaboogie)	City:	Halifax, NS
Attendees			
Primary and Secondary Delegates:	Kyle Power (Chair/ASU), Nick Head-Peterson (SFXUSU), Matthew Rios (ASU), Jamie Arron (DSU), Jared Perry (SMUSA), Patrick Carruthers (Treasurer/SFXUSU), Kat LaFortune (DAGS), Robert Bossler (ASTSU)		
Other attendees:	Jonathan Williams (Executive Director), Alexis Zederayko (Volunteer recorder),		
Absent:	Aaron Beale (DSU), Michelle Lahey (Vice-Chair/CBUSU) (regrets), Alana Lawrence (CBUSU) (regrets), Mike MacDonell (SMUSA)		
Quorum (50% of Members represented?): Yes			

- 1) Call to order

- 2) Roll call

- 3) Approval of Agenda
 - Agenda circulated, no amendments.
 - Agenda **approved by general consent.**

4) Approval of 12.07.26 Minutes

Minutes circulated, no amendments.

N H-P (SFXUSU): Notes that the minutes are easier to read in their new format.

Minutes **approved by general consent**.

REPORTS

5) Reports of the Officers

a) Chair – Kyle Power (ASU)

- i) Has been working on the rebrand of Students NS with JW (ED), MR (ASU), and JA (DSU). Recently, focus has been on the new logo.
- ii) Has begun to discuss NSCC's AGM.
- iii) With MR (ASU) and members of the Home Staff, met with Ray Ivany and Darrell Youden regarding upcoming research and reports undertaken by Students NS. Also discussed the Student Health Survey and Students NS's involvement/approval of the project.

b) Vice-Chair - Absent

c) Treasurer – Patrick Carruthers (STFXSU)

- i) Looking over the credit card and bank statements sent to him by JW (ED).

6) Reports of the members

a) ASTSU

- i) Started classes and orientation this past week. Focused on community-building. Has been busy, but good.

b) ASU

- i) Busy with orientation and classes
- ii) Attended the press conference regarding the Strang Review. Had a meeting with ED and Communications Officer to debrief. Feels that the media coverage has been fair.
- iii) Attended a meeting with Ray Ivany and Darrell Youden regarding the systems view and this upcoming years' prospects.

c) CBUSU - Absent

d) DSU

- i) Began classes and orientation last week. Has been hectic and fun.

e) SMUSA – Absent at this time

f) SFXUSU

- i) Frosh week went well; busy with shuffling classes, Shinerama, and concert.
- ii) 83 days until they receive their "X rings".

- iii) Attempting to set up a meeting with Peter McKay at the end of September or early October.

MR (ASU): Requests clarification re how much money did Shinerama raise?

N H-P (STFXSU): Not sure yet. Will let MR (ASU) know when he has the numbers.

7) Reports of the staff

a) Executive Director: Jonathan Williams

- i) Sent a letter outlining Students NS's reaction to the Acadian Bus closure. Received a response from Bernard Swan acknowledging our concerns and offering a meeting. If any Board members are interested in attending this meeting, ED requests that they send him an email soon.
- ii) Received back data from the FOIPOP requests, and is learning how University budgets work. Some institutions do not like the requests, but ED feels that they are important.
- iii) Was invited to sit on the Health Survey Committee. Sent a letter detailing Students NS's concerns regarding the survey design, primarily of the survey's representativeness. Is an ongoing process, and Students NS will have to decide in the future if it wants to approve of participation in this study.
- iv) Met with Ray Ivany and Darrell Youden to discuss the Systems View. BP (Research) is submitting first draft of policy paper this week.
- v) Is working on the process for settling on an election platform. Our position may include a video and other forms of student engagement.
- vi) Website content is picking up. Is gearing up for a meeting with the partnership (*Kula*) at the end of September.
- vii) Is coordinating office details with Home Office staff regarding workspace sharing.

N H-P (SFXUSU): Would like to sit in on the Board meeting with Acadia Bus Lines.

JW (ED): Will call him soon.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

8) Approval of the Annual Plan

- a) KP (Chair): Tried to reflect the outline ratified by the Board in July. This document will be posted on Students NS's new website. It includes our political stance, items for next year, and multi-year strategic planning. Notes changes to the list of priorities (p. 6).
- b) JW (ED): There have been changes to the "Advocacy" part
 - i) Ancillary fees has been moved to second position in the list of priorities. He will have to meet with BP (Research) to find out what he's capable of accomplishing. Ancillary fees are not necessarily more important than the other items, but the policy paper can be produced quickly, and there is political opportunity here regarding Students NS's political platform, given that this paper may be completed by November.

- ii) The “youth retention” paper has been changed to an “employment paper”.
Employment is a major factor in youth retention; however, youth retention will probably not be a position paper, but a submission to government, and is therefore better done next year when we have completed our policy papers on tuition, etc. Our position will be stronger.
- c) Nick Head-Peterson (SFXUSU) **moved** and Jared Perry (SMUSA) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that the Board of Directors approves the meeting minutes template.

Vote:

CBUSU – Yes

SFXUSU – Yes

DSU – Yes

ASU – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

- 9) Invitation to the Canadian Federation of Students – Nova Scotia (CSF-NS) and all their members to meet with the ANSSA membership to discuss annual plans.

- a) JP (SMUSA): Requested clarification regarding the invitation – is it to all CSF members/advocates, or just to the students?

JW (ED): ANSSA should invite staff members as well, such as Rebecca Rose (CFS Maritimes Organizer). ED does not anticipate any problems.

N H-P (SFXUSU): Requested clarification – is Ms. Rose the only staff members for CSF-NS? (*Yes, to our knowledge*)

- b) Matthew Rios (ASU) **moved** and Michelle Lahey (CBUSU) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that the Chair shall invite the Canadian Federation of Students-Nova Scotia (CFS-NS) and all their members to meet with the ANSSA membership to discuss annual plans.

Vote:

CBUSU – Yes

SFXUSU – Yes

DSU – Yes

ASU – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

- 10) Approval of proposed Vision, Values, Mission, and Principles.

- a) Amendments proposed: revision to first item of Mission (*implemented*), principles ordered alphabetically (*implemented*), typographical error corrected in the definition of ‘solution-oriented’ (*implemented*).

- b) N H-P (SFXUSU): Requested clarification as to whether the document will be sent out soon, as he wishes to refer to it in his blog. (*Yes, this afternoon*)

- c) Matthew Rios (ASU) **moved** and Nick Head-Peterson (SFXUSU) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that the Board of Directors approves the proposed Vision, Values, Mission, and Principles.

Vote:

CBUSU – Yes

SFXUSU – Yes

DSU – Yes

ASU – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

- 11) Approval of the proposed By-Laws in spirit, to be ratified by the Membership at the AGM in one (1) month's time, and which rename the organization from the Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations (ANSSA) to Students Nova Scotia.

- a) JA (DSU): Requested clarification regarding the proposed name; is it Students Nova Scotia or Students of Nova Scotia? (*The proposed name is Students Nova Scotia*)

N H-P (SFXUSU): Noted that the AGM is during SFXU's training week.

- b) Matthew Rios (ASU) **moved** and Nick Head-Peterson (SFXUSU) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that the Board of Directors approves the proposed By-Laws in spirit, to be ratified by the Membership at the AGM in one (1) month's time, and which rename the organization from the Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations (ANSSA) to Students Nova Scotia.

Vote:

CBUSU – Yes

SFXUSU – Yes

DSU – Yes

ASU – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

- 12) Approval of proposed Governing Policies

- a) N H-P (SFXUSU): Requested clarification regarding the approval process. (*Governing policies have to be approved by the Board*)

- b) Amendments proposed: addition of item 11 (When delegates register to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors or other ANSSA event, they agree to cover their share of the costs of the meeting, irrespective of whether they ultimately attend) (*implemented*), addition of item 56 (All Members shall highlight their efforts to consult with students regarding the policies under discussion in the Reports of the Members portion of the Bi-Annual Policy Meetings) (*implemented*).

- c) Jared Perry (SMUSA) **moved** and Jamie Arron (DSU) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that the Board of Directors approves the proposed Governing Policies

Vote:

CBUSU – Yes

SFXUSU – Yes

DSU – Yes

ASU – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

13) That ANSSA invite the Nova Scotia Community College Student Association (NSCCSA) to consider Full or Associate Membership

a) KP (Chair): Proposed that ANSSA consider sending NSCCSA’s General Manager a letter or video message

N H-P (SFXUSU): Noted the benefit of caution regarding spending too much time on the invitation. Felt as if it were not one of ANSSA’s priorities.

JA (DSU): Noted feeling as if ANSSA has not discussed the matter sufficiently. Proposed tabling the item until further meetings.

KP (Chair) and N H-P (SFXUSU): Requested that ANSSA’s Board discuss the matter immediately.

JW (ED): Noted that a briefing note will be sent out to Board members. The proposed item involves only an invitation to discuss, followed by negotiation and a final decision by the Board. Suggested passing the item so that there is the option to move forward. Doing so does not ensure acceptance of the NSCCSA into ANSSA.

N-HP (SFXUSU): Proposed amendment to language of item, changing “consider” to “explore” (*implemented*).

JA (DSU): Noted still feeling not comfortable with approving the item. Observed that such discussions can take place without sending a formal letter.

BF (Director of E & C): Noted that meetings with the NSCCSA can not take place and information cannot be gathered without such an invitation, as doing so prior to the invitation would be outside of ANSSA’s mandate.

JW (ED): Proposed adding an additional item that involves striking a committee to explore possibility of NSCCSA membership.

b) MM (SMUSA) **proposed that the question be called.**

Vote:

CBUSU – No

SFXUSU – No

DSU – Abstains

ASU – Yes

Motion failed. Discussion continues.

c) JA (DSU): Proposed further discussion.

MR (ASU): Noted that a letter of intent invites discussion and negotiation – those conversations usually follow the presentation of an invitation.

KP (Chair): Does not want to impede the staff. ANSSA needs to know what the NSCCSA wants from its membership before ANSSA can make any decisions; gathering this information requires a step forward.

JW (ED): Proposed that the board amend language from “Full or Associate Membership” to “partnership up to and including Full or Associate Membership”. So moved by ML (CBUSU) (*implemented*).

N H-P (SFXUSU): Noted that amendments are a matter of semantics, and that the item essentially says the same thing.

- d) Matthew Rios (ASU) **moved** and Michelle Lahey (CBUSU) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that the Board approves the proposed amendments to the present agenda item.

Vote:

CBUSU – Yes

SFXUSU – Yes

DSU – Yes

ASU – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

- e) Matthew Rios (ASU) **moved** and Jared Perry (SMUSA) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that, having cultivated a working relationship with the Nova Scotia Community College Student Association, ANSSA shall explore the possibility of partnership with the organization up to and including Full or Associate Membership.

Vote:

CBUSU – Yes

SFXUSU – Yes

DSU – Yes

ASU – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

14) Approval of proposed amendments to the 2012-2013 budget

- a) JW(ED): Noted that there may be further small changes within expenditures (up to \$500), but budget includes the final numbers for revenue. ANSSA received less from all members than anticipated, except from CBUSU. Also, did not receive NSAC dues from DSU. Proposed amendments include changes to the strategic initiative line (for the rebrand and website), the office supplies line (due to the change to staff using their own machines), the human resources lines (due to final salary numbers for staff), staff insurance costs, ED's cellular phone line (did not previously reflect the real expense), and changes to the communication and campaigns (**C & C**) line (for templates) (*all implemented*). Noted changes to ANSSA's office environment following the HUB moving to Gottingen Street; we were going to pursue a private space within the new building, but the design difference (with the inclusion of a quiet space) makes this acquisition less imperative. Recommended banking extra funds from C & C line to put towards the election campaign. Noted that it looks like funds have dropped out of C & C, but that money has been used in the rebranding. Suggested lowering the travel budget, as full-time staff is not hired for the whole year and ANSSA does not have funds to put towards excessive travel. Noted that the contingency fund has been dropped to \$500 (previously passed by Internal Governance Review Committee upon recommendation of the Treasurer).

N H-P (SFXUSU): Noted being happy to approve the budget as is, but as a non-HRM school, would like for the travel budget to increase as much as possible.

JW (ED): Pointed out that this budget represents only the present year, and recommended going over next year's budget.

N H-P (SFXUSU): Observed that next year's budget is not a discussion that is immediately suitable for the board, as information is lacking regarding next year's revenue, such as that from SMUSA.

MR (ASU): Requested clarification regarding scope of Chair's travel covered by ANSSA. Echoed concern regarding travel capacity/funding of future Chair, particularly if he/she is from a school located further from HRM than Acadia U.

- b) Matthew Rios (ASU) **moved** and Michael MacDonell (SMUSA) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that the Board of Directors approves the proposed amendments to the 2012-13 Budget.

Vote:

CBUSU – Yes

SFXUSU – Yes

DSU – Yes

ASU – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

- 15) Approval of contract with Kula Partners to complete a rebrand and build a new website for no more than \$14,375

a) ML (CBUSU): Noted feeling as if it would be appropriate for AL (CBUSU) to vote as her proxy, as she was not present for the discussion regarding this contract.

- b) Matt Rios (ASU) **calls the question**. Michael MacDonell (SMUSA) **moved** and Matthew Rios (ASU) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that ANSSA shall sign a contract with Kula Partners to complete a rebrand and build a new website for no more than \$14,375.

Vote:

CBUSU – Abstained

SFXUSU – Yes

DSU – Yes

ASU – Yes

Motion passed.

- 16) Approval of the intent of the proposed 2012-13 Annual Plan, with a final draft to be approved by the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

a) MR (ASU): Proposed amendment to Priority item 4 (Members will host formal consultations on campuses for the first time in the organization's history, to engage students with the organization's decision-making) (*implemented*).

N H-P (SFXUSU): Requested clarification regarding the "Students Speak Out" campaign. Proposed amendment to this item (ANSSA will pursue the following campaigns in 2012-2013: Students Speak Out, capturing and communicating students' stories about why Post-Secondary is important for them and the obstacles and challenges that they face as students...) (*implemented*).

MR (ASU): Proposed amendment – addition of item under heading of “Priority 4” (ANSSA and its Members will actively promote the organization’s new brand on campuses) (*implemented*).

N H-P (SFXUSU): Noted that the addition of said item would help maintain consistency.

- b) Nick Head-Peterson (SFXUSU) **moved** and Michael MacDonell (SMUSA) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that the Board of Directors approves the intent of the proposed 2012-13 Annual Plan, with a final draft to be approved by the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

Vote:

CBUSU – Yes

SFXUSU – Yes

DSU – Yes

ASU – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 17) Jamie Arron (DSU) raised discussion regarding the committee to review NSCCSA’s potential acceptance into ANSSA. This item put to vote.

- a) Jamie Arron (DSU) **moved** and Matthew Rios (ASU) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that the Chair shall provide regular reports on the organization’s relationship with NSCC and any implications of this relationship for ANSSA’s own effectiveness.

Vote:

CBUSU – Yes

SFXUSU – Yes

DSU – Yes

ASU – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

- 18) Michelle Lahey (CBUSU) **moved** and Matthew Rios (ASU) **seconded the motion to adjourn.**

Motion passed by general consent.

ADJOURNMENT