


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

Meeting Name:	Board Meeting		
Meeting Date:	July 17, 2013		
Meeting Time:	1:16 PM, AST		
Venue:	The Tatamagouche Centre	City:	Tatamagouche, NS
Attendees			
Primary and Secondary Delegates:	Darcy Shea (ASU), Matt Rios (ASU/Vice Chair), Matt Latimer (CBUSU/Treasurer), Jared Perry (SMUSA/Chair), Sagar Jha (DSU), Aaron Beale (DSU), Amy Brierley (SFXUSU), Michael MacDonell (SMUSA), Benjamin Gunn-Doerge (SFXUSU)		
Other attendees:	Amin Al-Turkistani (CBUSU), Jonathan Williams (Executive Director), Brian Foster (Communications)		
Absent:	ASTSU, DASA		
Quorum (50% of Members represented?): Yes			

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Roll call
- 3) Approval of Agenda
Amended agenda **approved by general consent.**
- 4) Approval of June 3 Minutes

Minutes **approved by general consent.**

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

5) Review of the 2013-2014 Annual Plan

JW (ED): Preliminary annual plan created by staff. Staff will formalize after for full approval at the next board meeting, but this is to capture intent and spirit of discussions over the past two days. I will read through Annual Plan and dealt with issues as flagged. ED noted proposed change around seeking D250 funding for University Governance instead of Students and Electoral Politics.

BG-D (SFXUSU): Proposed amendment to strike Students and Electoral Politics from list of papers and seek funding on governance.

JP (Chair): Amendment taken as friendly.

SJ (DSU): Requested investigation into partnerships with NSSSA, where appropriate (point added).

JP (Chair): Regarding maintenance of strong internal governance and operations, noted that the Board instructed Staff to spend the money allocated to them for professional development.

MR (Vice-Chair): If staff could focus on public relations and engagement and facilitations skills that build engagement capacity of staff. We should look at expanding the amount of money available.

Darcy Shea (ASU) **moved** and Jared Perry (SMUSA) **seconded the motion** to go in camera.

In camera.

Out of camera.

(Due to connectivity problems, delegates from the DSU lost communication with the Board during this time. They were not present for the subsequent votes.)

Matt Latimer (CBUSU) **moved** and Amy Brierley (SFXUSU) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that the Board adopts the preliminary annual report.

Vote:

ASU – Yes

CBUSU – Yes

SMUSA – Yes

SFXUSU – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

JW (ED): The place where I see need for additional resources to meet the objectives of this plan is notably in research, though we will also need resources to fill in the gaps created by staff member moving to temporary part-time work. I will work for a more concrete proposal, but currently recommend an allocation of \$10,000 in available money to a researcher and then \$4800 for an additional coop student in the coming winter.

Jared Perry (SMUSA) **moved** and Darcy Shea (ASU) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that the Board accepts the inserted budget amendments pending their final circulation to the board.

Vote:

ASU – Yes

CBUSU – Yes
SMUSA – Yes
SFXUSU – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

6) Honoraria for the Chair and Treasurer

MR (Chair): Agreement from the Board that a consensus has been reached. Amount of money in question is sufficiently small that a vote is not required.

(DSU re-established connection.)

7) Governing Policies Amendments

Amended:

- 17 Board Members are expected to provide 48 hours notice of regrets when they cannot attend meetings that are scheduled with advance.
- 18 When Primary and/or Secondary Delegates miss three (3) cumulative meetings of the Board of Directors, the Chair will contact the Delegate to discuss the reasons why they have been unable to attend meetings.
- 19 When Primary and/or Secondary Delegates miss five (5) cumulative meetings of the Board of Directors, the Chair will be required to inform the Chair of the Member's legislative body, or other appropriate representative as outlined in the Member's by-laws or constitution, of the Delegate's absence.

Added:

- 20 When Primary and/or Secondary Delegates miss seven (7) cumulative meetings of the Board of Directors, the Chair will be required to advise the Chair of the Member's legislative body, or other appropriate representative as outlined in the Member's by-laws or constitution, that they should consider replacing their Students Nova Scotia Delegate with someone who will be able to regularly attend meetings of the Board.

Struck

- 44 In non-election years, the annual budget should include an allocation of \$2500 to an Elections Fund, which can only be spent within three (3) months of an expected election, except under circumstances of extreme organisational duress.

Amended:

- 60 Students Nova Scotia's board may strike committees to complete specific tasks identified at the time the committees are struck, whose members may or may not be Primary or Secondary Delegates.

DS (ASU): Called the question.

Darcy Shea (ASU) **moved** and Amy Brierley (SFXUSU) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that the Board approve the proposed governance policy changes.

Vote:

ASU – Yes
CBUSU – Yes

DSU – Yes
SMUSA – Yes
SFXUSU – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

8) Reports of the Officers

- a) Chair – Jared Perry (SMUSA)
 - i) Looking forward to his time ahead as Chair of the organization and looking forward to the progress we can make.
- b) Vice-Chair – Matthew Rios (ASU)
 - i) Looking forward to a positive year.
- c) Treasurer – Matt Latimer
 - i) Looking forward to the year ahead.

9) Reports of the staff

- a) Executive Director – Jonathan Williams
 - i) Thanked the Board for their time on the Annual Plan
 - ii) Staff have an ambitious but achievable directive for the next year.
 - iii) Things in the office are very busy, particularly around Health Services and Accommodations.
 - iv) Noted that he will be away for three weeks, and working for two of those while away.

MR (Vice-Chair): Thanked the ED for bringing in Veronica to give guidance and a road map moving forward.

10) Reports of the members

- a) ASU
Excited about meetings on consultations with University
- b) CBU
 - i) Excited to get back and meet with President and pass on some of our initiatives. Just about ready to release our Frosh week schedule.
- c) DSU
 - i) Our exec has a lot of logistical and internal work over the next few weeks and work with new President, who we hope will work with students.
 - ii) Looking forward to meeting more with international students.
- d) SFXUSU
 - i) Frosh week is moving along.

- ii) We're in preliminary stages of search for new President.
 - iii) Lots of internal stuff, new AVP and administrative juggling.
 - iv) Lots of work making sure student unions are involved in search committee for new President.
 - v) Trying to extend hours of the Inn to 2 am. In talks with town.
 - vi) Excited about Acadia consultation package because of our own talks.
- e) SMUSA
- i) In a number of talks with Admin.
 - ii) Student orientation on Friday. We revamped committee structure to simplify it. Our board of directors is taking a more active role.
 - iii) Stadium work is starting

Matt Latimer (CBUSU) **moved** and Darcy Shea (ASU) **seconded the motion to adjourn.**

Motion passed by general consent.

ADJOURNMENT