

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

Meeting Name:	Board Meeting		
Meeting Date:	Sept 11, 2013		
Meeting Time:	2:00PM, AST		
Venue:	AST	City:	Halifax, NS
Attendees			
Primary and Secondary Delegates:	Sagar Jha (DSU), Aaron Beale (DSU), Amy Brierley (SFXUSU), Matthew Rios (Vice-Chair/ASU), Darcy Shea (ASU), Matthew Latimer (CBUSU/Treasurer), Brennan Boudreau (CBUSU), Patrick Visintini (DAGS),		
Other attendees:	Jonathan Williams (Executive Director), Jacob Voye (Communications)		
Absent:	SMUSA, Ben Gunn-Doerge (SFXUSU), ASTSU, DASA		
Quorum (50% of Members represented?): YES			

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Motion to approve agenda
Approved by **general consent**
- 3) Approval of May 16, August, 6 and August 20 minutes
Approved by **general consent**

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

4) Amendments to by-laws

ED: To discuss must move to members meeting and suspend board. These are amendments required by the registry of joint stocks.

- For the amendments to the by-laws to be acceptable a special resolution by the board is what needs to be passed to amend the by-laws, requires a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority.
- If you want to boot out a board member it must be done by order of special resolution. If the members fail to appoint an auditor the board directors may do so.
- Previously if the organisation is terminated money gets distributed to the members. StudentsNS went with the recommendation that the money would be distributed to the whole organization and not the individual members.

MR: Can I get a motion to the effect of be it resolved amended its by-laws to meet registry requirements.

CBUSU: Moves

StFX: Moves

Motion passes by **general consent**.

5) Sexual Assault Prevention Training

ED: I have conformation from most members. Still waiting for conformation from SMUSA, DSU and Matt indicated he might send one more person.

MR (Vice-Chair): 3 in total. I have sent the names to you.

SJ (DSU): Sorry it has been an oversight on our part.

JW (ED): I need a confirmation by today as they have a waiting list.

Aaron (DSU): I expressed this in our board retreat last summer; we won't be able to send many people as we have our own leadership committee event.

JW ED: Just to be clear this isn't the leader lab it is the sexual assault training. Again if you are going to send someone I need conformation by the end of the day.

SJ (DSU): I will confirm with you by the end of the day either way.

AB (DSU): Sorry I did mix the two up, however it is the same case as the sexual assault training we have another event planned that same week. So I think folks are going to that one but we will do what we can as space is limited at that event as well.

6) Leader Lab

JW (ED): We have been sending out invites but so far no conformations. The leader lab is September 20th – 22nd; it's on the Friday and ends noontime on Sunday. I will try and get a sense of attendees and get conformation by Friday, if not. We will have to bail and put it for another time.

SJ (DSU): I want to note that we did cancel our first leader lab last year, so I would hate for it to happen again this year.

MR (Vice-Chair): I will add, in the future I think the best time is around early May to get this together.

JW ED: If you have your student orientation leaders they would be ideal for this as well as Mend the Gap coordinators. I will note that the ideal time for Leader Lab is May.

MR (Vice-Chair): Is everyone comfortable giving Jonathan conformation by Friday?

General consent is yes.

7) World congress on access to Post-Secondary Education

JW ED: I had a sense that two board members were interested in doing this and I wanted to get an update on any names so we can move forward on that. The other this was that the congress is during the week of the election, I wanted to make sure that the board was comfortable with me going.

SJ (DSU): I think it would be in the best interest to appoint an official spokesperson for the last two days of the election to deal with any media related items that come up.

AB (StFX): I agree that would be a great idea, so we are not caught off guard.

MR (Vice Chair): If anyone is interested in participating, I would ask for you to get in touch with John.

8) Vacancy at the Chair's position

MR (Vice-Chair): Everyone is aware of a lot of the things that have occurred at Saint Mary's over the past week. There is a discussion to be had around timing of an appointment of a chair. I would ask for a motion to go in camera.

Motion to go on camera: approved by general consent.

Motion to go out of camera: approved by general consent.

9) Timing board briefings on position papers

JW ED: depends on leader lab, typically in the past when we have position papers in the past there is an opportunity to discuss drafts before they are released publicly. The question is do you believe it can be discussed before release and if so over the phone or in person?

Sagar (DSU): I think we could have it at that time anyone who is not there can phone in.

AB (StFX) I also agree it would be a good time to do it

DS (ASU): I won't be there but sounds like a good Idea

JW ED: October 18 in person meetings to approve reports...we can approve them at board policy retreat. Are people comfortable to release a draft ahead of time? (Yes)

10) Creating a report card on party platforms

JW ED: we circulated questions to electoral parties, waiting to hear back from them on their commitments and responses from questions, does the board want to create a report card or let people decide for themselves?

PV (DAGS): Done it in the past, are you just ranking them based on their commitments but it has been viewed as an endorsement in the past.

JW (ED): The board would have to decide on any kind of evaluation and how to go about the formatting, my recommendation is to evaluate on the 5 commitments we have and scale.

AB (SFXUSU): I value a report card if that's feasible.

DS (ASU): I think it's a good Idea. I think its important to note anyone has the opportunity to opt out, we wont be endorsing this file, it is important we create a convo for this though. We should do report cards at least to say we are going to endorse someone.

JW (ED): Identify 5 priorities for each commitment and present what they say and give an analysis.

PV (DAGS): I think that sums up our role as a student association.

MR (Vice-Chair) Turo might be a good location to meet we will reach out to everyone on time and place.

REPORTS

Reports of the Officers

- Chair: There is no Chair.
- Vice-Chair: I dealt with media and working through press releases both in regard to SMU and election time.
- Treasurer: With the SMU issue only media I took on was the positive media before SMU chant other than then that I and JW talked and got in contact with bookkeeper about financial reports. After frosh week things will settle down I am sure.

Reports of the Staff

- Executive Director

I want to make note that Alice Augustine Foster was born on August 28th! Brian has been off last week and this week has presented challenges on election. Other challenges include having a new co-op student and getting them up to speed. Yesterday evening I received word we have received 10 thousand dollars for employer award and plan on hiring a new researcher to do this or the quality position paper. Kayti Baur signed contract till April. We are also exploring options for social media on negative comments. Don't feed trolls is our current thinking.

Reports of the Members

- ASTSU –absent
- ASU- Frosh week successful great time and everyone did an amazing job. We are preparing for by-elections and the provincial election.
- CBUSU- 13-day frosh week- went overwhelmingly well; turn out good additional events planned. Talked to admin about MLA debate, they would come in and talk to students maybe using the same questions we are going to send out for the election.

AB (SFXUSU): Did you see an increase in participation from outside campus?

BB (CBUSU): Absolutely it was quite surprising actually we had to delay our hypnotism show by an hour.

- DASA- absent
- DSU - Excitingly good frosh week. We have been busy working with our sexual assault center. New food service opened renovations working hard on million dollar renovations.
- SFXUSU - Creative ways to get student input on leadership qualities and looking to tap in to social media to get more input. Frosh week went well and did some new events on sexual health awareness on campus.
- JW (ED): Read report for ASTSU? Had a very successful orientation week, activities such as dragon boating were great. Our wider community explored new possibilities for AST. We have 2 vacancies on SU Secretary and social coordinator and we expect the positions to be filled by acclamation.

PV (DAGS): Going to co-author a paper this year with StudentsNS on graduate issues paper, we need six writers, do any of you know of someone who would be interested from your university?

AB (SFXUSU): Are you going to send an e-mail about that?

ML (CBU) I'd be more than happy to help you find a graduate student.

MR (Vice-Chair): Can I get a motion to adjourn?

Approved by general consent.