


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

Meeting Name:	Board Meeting		
Meeting Date:	Oct 2, 2013		
Meeting Time:	1 PM, AST		
Venue:	Teleconference	City:	NA
Attendees			
Primary and Secondary Delegates:	Amy Brierley (Chair/SFXUSU), Ben Gunn-Doerge (SFXUSU), Sagar Jha (DSU), Aaron Beale (DSU), Brennan Boudreau (CBUSU), Darcy Shea (ASU)		
Other attendees:	Jonathan Williams (Executive Director), Jacob Voye (Communications), Brian Foster (Director of Engagement and Communications), Jeremy Mott (Kingstec NSCCSA)		
Absent:	SMUSA, Dalhousie Agriculture Students Association, Matthew Latimer (CBUSU/Treasurer), Anne Hoganson (ASTSU) (regrets), Matthew Rios (ASU/Vice-Chair) (regrets), Patrick Visintini (DAGS)		
Quorum (50% of Members represented?): YES			

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Motion to approve agenda

**Approved by general consent**

3) Approval of minutes – no minutes available for approval

#### DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

4) Appointment of a StudentsNS chair

JW (ED): do we have any nominations for Chair?

Darcy Shea (ASU) **moved** and Matt Latimer (CBUSU) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that Amy Brierley be appointed as Chair of StudentsNS.

JW (ED): Do we have any other nominations?

AB (SFXUSU): The idea was put forth last board meeting when we were at leader lab and while I was not sure at the time because of my other obligations to the StFX Students' Union, I talked it over with my team and I am sure that my other responsibilities will not interfere. I would be honoured to be appointed to the position of chair.

JW (ED): Does anyone have any questions or comments for Amy?

BG-D (SFXUSU): We talked about this extensively with our executive members and we are all very supportive of Amy's decision to become chair.

JW (ED): If there are no other nominations, I think we can move to a vote.

Vote:

ASU – Yes

CBSU – Yes

DSU – Yes

SFXUSU – Yes

**Motion is passed unanimously.**

JW (ED): Amy is appointed as Chair. Congratulations Amy!! On behalf of the staff, we are really excited to have you on board.

*AB takes over as Chair.*

5) Nomination to tuition policy working-group

JW (ED): This is a working group under the Universities-Government partnership. The partnership is committed to developing a tuition framework under the next MOU for the years 2015-2018. It was indicated that students would have seats in this working group so we are asking for nominations to occupy that seat. The board would look at tuition regulations and if there are to be any incremental tuition reductions or tuition growth or if there could be tuition reset for certain institutions.

AB (Chair): Are there any nominations? I will say that traditionally Jonathan has sat on working groups. The committee will be meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> so we could wait to decide next board meeting.

DS (ASU): What would be the benefit to having Jonathan on the tuition policy working group vs. someone other than Jonathan on it?

JW (ED): It is whether or not you feel it is more appropriate to have a student or a staff member. Staff have traditionally held working group positions because of the convenience of location and because we are most familiar with policy that has already been passed.

AB (Chair): Any nominations?

Darcy Shea (ASU) **moved** and Sagar Jha (DSU) **seconded the motion: Be it resolved** that Jonathan Williams be appointed to the Tuition Policy Working Group.

Vote:

ASU – Yes  
CBSU – Yes  
DSU – Yes  
SFXUSU – Yes

**Motion is passed unanimously.**

AB (Chair): We will now move onto the next agenda item.

6) Timing of student financial assistance and tax credits report briefing.

JW (ED): We have the report put out so a couple of things to sort out. 1) The timing of the board policy retreat, which will determine when we get feedback on this report. 2) How do you want to have a meeting about the report so you are able to ask questions and provide feedback i.e. presentation in front of board?

AB (Chair): If the week end of the 18<sup>th</sup> does not work, will the weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup> work for all those on the call right now.?

DS (ASU): Yes it would be a much better time.

BB (CBUSU): In terms of us we won't know more until the date is closer.

AB (Chair): I think the best thing to do is, take a few days and go back to our team and nail down a date so that all delegates are able to make the 26th.

JW (ED): We can pencil it in for the 26<sup>th</sup> for Saturday and Sunday.

JW (ED): The briefing on the current position paper and the timing around that is the only other thing. We wanted to present the paper before hand and give board members a chance to give feedback. Maybe it would be best to go to campus to campus and give a presentation there to discuss the paper.

AB (Chair): Would the board want separate meetings for each campus? If there are no objections we will move onto the next agenda item.

#### 7) Timing of regular StudentsNS board meetings.

AB (Chair): Does this time of 1pm work for everyone on the board for a meeting time?

SJ (DSU): No it does not work, if the meeting were delayed 30 minutes it would.

DS (ASU): Yes this time works for me. Not sure about MR (ASU).

BB (CBUSU): It works for myself but not sure about ML (CBUSU).

B-G-D (SFXUSU): Yes this time is good with me; just have to move a few things around.

JM (NSCCSA): This is actually a class time for me normally so this time does not work for me.

JW (ED): There are other times such as 1:30 that could work - 7 people are available then.

AB (Chair): Should we send a request around asking members what time works for them? Jonathan can you send around and e-mail asking everyone what times work best for everyone?

JW (ED): Sure, it would be good to know what times are best for everyone.

AB (Chair): Any objections to that? Hearing none I will move onto the next agenda item.

#### 8) HR Update

**Motion to move into camera**

**Motion approved by general consent**

**Motion to move out of camera**

**Motion approved by general consent**

9) Reports of the Officers.

Report of the Chair: None (first time chairing)

Report of Vice-Chair: None (absent)

Report of Treasurer: None (absent)

10) Report of Executive Director:

The newsletter went out and we are looking for feedback around that. Be advised that the html script is a little bit wonky and will fix that for the next month. MR (ASU/Vice-Chair) and I met with the partnership to present the findings of the fairness report and the report on the university funding. It was a good discussion, it appears that the university presidents are starting to get more of an appetite for collaboration and for finding places where we can work together.

Another area where we are making progress is the sexual assault prevention project and alcohol project. The alcohol project steering committee includes presidents from our board and the president of the MSVUSU; the sexual assault project steering committee appointed Callie Lathem, the equity officer of ASU, as Chair. Samantha from the sexual diversity Centre at CBUSU, Annie Chau from the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre, and AB (Chair) are on that committee as well. A few other schools have not chosen representatives yet, but generally it is looking good so far. The campus visits have started for the reviews.

We are looking at the mend the gap report that Kayti Baur completed, but will wait until we have a full-time staff member running the campaign for launch. We did get approx. 70 applications for the position of research officer. I will be away at Montreal next week for the World Congress on Access to Post-Secondary Education.

11) Reports of the Members

DS (ASU): We are moving ahead with the provincial elections, we have pretty much got everyone on the SRC involved and held a candidates debate that was very well attended and we have voting stations for the next two days as well as next Tuesday.

BB (CBUSU): We had a debate as well at the cafeteria, which went really well, our SRC has voted down the passing out of the StudentsNS report cards. They feel it gives a clear advantage to one the parties. We are also starting our student representative council nominations.

AB (DSU): Held our action retreat and it was a really big success and the week after had an action leadership forum. The election was a big thing we held a debate recently, and had election booths on campus for 5 days and ran a campaign over the summer for fight politician apathy campaign.

B-G-D (SFXUSU): Strong focus on promoting the provincial election and promoting the get informed campaign. We also had debate help last week on Tuesday. The debate was well received and had some questions on PSE and made a video on the importance of voting on campus. We are also gearing up for homecoming, which is this Saturday.

JW (ED): On behalf on Patrick Visintini, he wanted to ask for any volunteers on the graduate students research paper they are working on for StudentsNS. We are trying to find students from other schools who are interested in this. If you guys could keep that in mind it could be a really good opportunity to take part in that project.

AB (Chair): Any other business? Hearing none, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

**Motion approved by general consent.**