

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

Meeting Name:	Board Meeting		
Meeting Date:	April 11, 2014		
Meeting Time:	12:00 PM, AST		
Venue:	Vogue Building	City:	Halifax, NS
Attendees			
Primary and Secondary Delegates:	Amy Brierley (Chair/StFXSU), Darcy Shea (ASU), Jessica Compagnon (DASA – only part), Matt Rios (Vice Chair/ASU), Alexander Elderkin (Kingstec NSCCSA), Gorba Bhandari (SMUSA), Paul Rukidi (SMUSA), Scott Byrne (Kingstec NSCCSA), Brandon Hamilton (StFXSU), Jeremy Mott (Kingstec NSCCSA – only part)		
Other attendees:	Jonathan Williams (Executive Director), Allison Sparling (Campaigns Coordinator), Danielle Andres (Research Officer)		
Absent:	ASTSU (regrets), Patrick Visintini (DAGS – regrets), Brennan Boudreau (CBUSU), – regrets), Matthew Latimer (CBUSU/Treasurer - regrets), Ramz Aziz (DSU)		
Quorum (50% of Members represented?): YES			

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Approval of **agenda**

Agenda approved **by general consent**

4) Approval of March 14 minutes

Amendment to Change typo DSU to ASU.

Approved **by general consent**

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

5) LeaderLab and Board Orientation

AB (Chair): I am looking for how everyone is feeling about this so far.

PR (SMUSA): Well for SMUSA we just finished exams and have not had a chance look at it yet.

AB (Chair): Okay, I will ask the board to have their incoming executives have a look when they have a chance.

JW (ED): I had a conversation with D250, and it took a little bit longer to meet this time around. The problem is we will not have confirmation for the LeaderLab until June. I want to get a sense from the board whether we should continue with the student assemblies given that D250 is not 100% sure on the funding situation.

AB (Chair): Does anyone have any questions or comments on this?

JW (ED): We are looking at 2-3 days. There will be a little bit of time added to talk about the alcohol and sexual assault prevention items.

AB (Chair): Once again are there any objections with no approved funding? Hearing none, we will go forward with the Leader Lab.

6) Changing the title of Research and Engagement Officer to Equity Officer

AB (Chair): Jonathan and I had a conversation around this earlier. As you know, we hired Kayti Baur as the Research and Engagement Officer. However, a lot of work that she will be doing is around equity issues.

DS (ASU): I was just wondering if by changing the name will we confine what she is able to do. There won't be as much flexibility in the position.

JW (ED): I don't envision that this will in anyway change the job description. We wanted to make it easier for people to be able to contact the right staff member so it is a consistency change more than anything.

AB (chair): I will make a motion to retitle our Research and Engagement Officer to Equity Officer.

Motion approved **by general consent**

7) Bystander training

AB (Chair): A majority of student unions had students come down and be trained in Bystander Training in October at StFX. Through a partnership with the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre we have secured some money to allow people to refresh their skills. This training is being offered the same day as our in-person board meeting, which is kind of shame.

JW (ED): One of the things we wanted to do is make the Bystander Training more accessible to a wider range of students. And to do that, a number of schools could group together and reach an arrangement with Venus Envy. One of the concerns I have that I think this approach with Venus Envy would help to address is the affordability and commitment to training on a consistent basis year after year.

PR (SMUSA): The feeling I have from our various meetings with them is they are a good bunch to train. They are really knowledgeable about these kinds of issues.

AB (Chair): We need to keep in mind what the effects will be from partnering with them. My one fear would be if we were to pursue this it might not be as collaborative as it could be on the student union end.

8) The GRR campaign

Motion to move in camera

Motion passes

Motion to move out of camera

Motion passes

9) Priority research for summer 2014

JW (ED): In terms of the Annual Plan, I am interested on the next project for Danielle in terms of what the other report will be. We approved an extension to keep Danielle for four more months. My sense from the board would be between the Student Success Report or a Report on the NSCC System or Funding of the Community Colleges in Nova Scotia.

GB (SMUSA): Did you hear back from the NSCC schools in terms of membership?

JW (ED): My sense of the other campuses of the NSCC is that they are thinking of it and might make a decision later this fall.

SB (Kingstec NSCCSA): The general feeling around NSCC campuses is that we are scared about joining as StudentsNS seem to be more of a university thing.

GB (SMUSA): It would be much more useful if we had more members from the NSCC campuses. It would be great if we had more members from the NSCC before we write the report on the NSCC.

AB (Chair): Moving forward I think the question is do we need to do this research to show value to the NSCC. The larger issue is do we do the NSCC report or the continuation of the Quality report.

SB (Kingstec NSCCSA): If the report for NSCC was to be done I can show that to the other campuses and it might increase buy in.

GB (SMUSA): I am comfortable with the NSCC report.

JC (DASA): I agree as well with going forward with the NSCC report.

MR (Vice Chair): I agree as well the only thing is I think we should be open to being flexible if more NSCC schools start in the fall to amending our work plan to incorporate a baseline system analysis for them.

SB (Kingstec NSCCSA): I personally think we should be doing the NSCC one.

DS (ASU): Matt and I were just having a discussion and we both feel that we need to have a baseline for the NSCC members and encourage the rest to get on board.

AB (Chair): Any objections going forward with the NSCC report? Hearing none, I will entertain a motion to have NSCC as a research topic.

Motion approved **by general consent**

10) Reports of the Officers

a) Chair – Amy Brierley (StFXSU)

- i. I have been in contact with Jonathan and Matt and having a conversation around the budget and we have outlined strategies moving forward around the GRR campaign
- ii. I will start to work on Jonathans performance review
- iii. I will be working on our annual report.

b) Vice Chair - Matthew Rios (ASU)

- i. Meeting with the minster today.
- ii. Much the same things as Amy.

c) Treasurer - Matthew Latimer (CBUSU)

He is not on the call right now. He is in court today that's why he couldn't make it.

- i. Matthew has prepared the budget.

11) Reports of the staff

- i. There was a meeting with the minister this morning.

- ii. I attended a Workforce for the Future meeting and we had a really good discussion about the decision with the GRR.
- iii. I had a meeting with our contact in government this morning and she understood we were going to look at other funders for various projects that we had been undertaking with government.
- iv. The mental health conference at Acadia on the weekend went really well.
- v. We will be sending another draft of the Quality Report with some additional amendments.
- vi. We are having staff turnover here at StudentsNS. Allison Sparling is leaving on Monday.

Motion to move in camera

Motion passes

Motion to move out of camera

Motion passes

12) Reports of the members

a) ASU

- i. We had our transition to the new executives.
- ii. We had our last day of class.
- iii. We want to announce that we were one of the first schools in the province to pass a consultation process to increase new or existing ancillary fees – this got passed at our board of governors meeting.

b) DASA

- i. We are wrapping up the year and transitioning our new members
- ii. We are rehiring all of our staff.

c) Kingstec NSCCSA

- i. We have our new executives in. Alex, who is our new president, is going to be away this summer so we have been having discussion around whether we should have Scott Byrne fill in.
- ii. We had conferences over the weekend regarding our award ceremony. I got an award – for everything we have done with StudentsNS thus far.

d) StFXSU

- i. We met with the incoming president and he seems really fine with students and what they want.
- ii. We just did the incoming Bystander Training that was facilitated by Amy.

MR (Vice Chair): It looks like there may be a tuition reset at StFX. Can you speak to where things are at with that? I am worried that typically in the past it is the students that are paying for poor financial decisions.

BH (StFXSU): I am not fully transitioned yet and have not been properly brought up to speed. This is definitely on our radar though.

f) SMUSA

- i. We had a pretty rough past couple of weeks. The president elect resigned or put in his letter of resignation. We had a board meeting on Saturday and they decided to keep Gorba on as president until September. Then we will hold one more election for the presidency.

MEETING ADJOURNED