


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

Meeting Name:	Board Meeting		
Meeting Date:	August 6, 2014		
Meeting Time:	11:05 A.M.		
Venue:	Conference Call	City:	Halifax
Attendees			
Primary and Secondary Delegates:	James Patriquin (President), Scott Byrne (VP College Affairs/Kingstec NSCCSA), Jacqueline Skiptunis (DSU), Liam Murphy (ASU), Gorba Bhandari (SMUSA), Sarah Hines (CBUSU), Brandon Ellis (CBUSU), Brandon Hamilton (StFXSU), Ramz Aziz (Partial-DSU), Callie Lathem (ASU).		
Other attendees:	Jonathan Williams (Executive Director)		
Absent:	Alexander Elderkin (Kingstec NSCCSA), Vishwa Patel (DAGS), Alicia Cox (ASTSU), Benjamin Gunn-Doerge (StFXSU), Alicia Silliker (VP University Affairs/StFXSU), Katie Flynn (ASTSU).		
Quorum (50% of Members represented?): YES			

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

Amendments proposed to have a discussion around possibly reinforcing municipal initiatives

Agenda approved **by general consent**

- 4) Approval of the Minutes
 - July 2, 2014

Motion to approve minutes

Moved by DSU
Seconded by StFXSU

Minutes **approved by general consent**

- 5) Discussion and Approval of 2014-15 Annual Plan (10:50 on recording)

Overview: The Annual Plan outlines StudentsNS' priorities for the year, including priority policy outcomes, activities and measures of success. It should be the key reference for the staff and Board of Directors as to what they should do over the course of the year. It also forms the reference point for evaluating the organization's performance at the end of the year. The proposed Annual Plan is derived from conversations at the Annual Planning Retreat with additional elements added by the StudentsNS Staff and President notably around the area of measures of success.

Decision items: Whether to approve the 2014-15 Annual Plan

Attachments: The proposed Annual Plan

Motion moved by SMUSA to approve the 2014-15 Annual Plan.
ASU seconds.
Motion passes by general consent.

- 6) Appointment of Vice President Administration (20:50 on recording)

Overview: Sarah Hines, CBUSU VP Finance and Operations, was appointed as VP Administration for StudentsNS at the Annual General Meeting, but has since resigned. The Vice President Administration has a number of responsibilities. Firstly, they must take on the responsibilities of the President in the absence of the President. Secondly, they are responsible for proper record keeping, including the collection and filing of minutes, registration of members, policies and other materials required by the Registry of Joint Stocks. Finally, they are required to oversee the organization's financial management, including through monitoring respect of policies applicable to financial management, reviewing monthly credit card and bank statements, working with the Executive Director to prepare the annual budget, and overseeing the Annual Financial Report.

Decision items: Whether to reconsider the appointment of Sarah Hines as VP Administration

Attachments: Bylaws item 33 and Governing Policies item 30 outline responsibilities of the Vice President Administration.

Motion moved by ASU to approve the nomination of Ramz Aziz (DSU) as Vice President Administration.

StFXSU seconds.

Motion passes by general consent.

7) Amendment to Position Paper on International Students (39:40 on recording)

Overview: At the Annual Planning Retreat, the Board of Directors discussed amendments to StudentsNS' Position Paper on International Students, specifically related to International Differential Fees. StudentsNS staff and the President have prepared proposals to address two concerns: (1) that StudentsNS has no governance policies related to the amendment of position papers within their three-year term of application and (2) to request greater financial support for international students through an amendment to the International Students Position Paper based on research findings around the proportion of international students who report lower family incomes than others in their countries of origin.

Decision Items: (1) To approve an amendment to the Governing Policies allowing for amendments to position paper policies; (2) to approve an amendment to the Governing Policies requiring that the Board of Directors receive at least two weeks' notice of any motions to amend or rescind position paper policies; (3) to amend the International Students Position Paper policy resolution to change the recommendation *The Province of Nova Scotia should mandate that all universities incrementally introduce a combined need/merit-based Nova Scotia International Student Scholarship, thereby incrementally cancelling the international differential fee for five per cent of international students* to The Province of Nova Scotia should work with universities to introduce a combined need/merit-based Nova Scotia International Student Scholarship, thereby incrementally cancelling the international differential fee for ten per cent of international students.

Attachments: Governing Policies with proposed amendments in track changes, International Students Position Paper Draft with proposed amendments in track changes, and Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting when the International Students Position Paper was approved.

Motion moved by SMUSA for StudentsNS to propose bylaw amendments that would allow us to make amendments to position papers by special resolution.

Kingstec NSCCSA seconds.

Motion passes by general consent.

8) Discussion around possibly reinforcing municipal issues (01:00:00)

Overview: none

Decision Items: none

Attachments: none

REPORTS (1:08:40)

Reports of the Officers

- President
- Vice President Administration

Reports of the Staff

- Executive Director

Reports of the Members

- ASU
- CBUSU
- DSU
- Kingstec NSCCSA
- SFXUSU
- SMUSA

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