


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

Meeting Name:	Board Meeting		
Meeting Date:	August 26, 2014		
Meeting Time:	11:06 A.M.		
Venue:	Conference Call	City:	Halifax
Attendees			
Primary and Secondary Delegates:	Scott Byrne (VP College Affairs/Kingstec NSCCSA), James Patriquin (President), Liam Murphy (ASU), Brandon Hamilton (StFXSU), Ramz Aziz (VP Administration/DSU), Benjamin Gunn-Doerge (StFXSU), Alicia Silliker (VP University Affairs).		
Other attendees:	Jonathan Williams (Executive Director)		
Absent:	Alexander Elderkin (Kingstec NSCCSA), Katie Flynn (ASTSU), Vishwa Patel (DAGS), Alicia Cox (ASTSU), Callie Lathem (ASU), Jacqueline Skiptunis (DSU), Brandon Ellis (CBUSU), Sarah Hines (CBUSU), Gorba Bhandari (SMUSA).		
Quorum (50% of Members represented?): YES			

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

Agenda approved **by general consent**

Members' Meeting

4) Amendment to By-Laws (12:30 on recording)

Overview: At the Annual Planning Retreat, the Board of Directors discussed amendments to StudentsNS' Position Paper on International Students. At the Board of Directors' August 6 meeting, the decision was made to introduce a clause permitting Position Papers to be amended within the three-year validity period by Special Resolution of the Membership. This would require two-weeks' notice of any motion to amend or repeal a position paper and also a three-quarters-majority vote in favour of the amendment. It is suggested that the requirement for a Special Resolution be integrated within the By-Laws instead of the Governing Policies so that it cannot be repealed or amended by Ordinary Resolution. The attached By-Laws include two proposed amendments to the By-Laws. The first is simply to require the Special Resolution to amend active StudentsNS policy resolutions. The second presents a series of options relative to student requests for a Special Meeting of the Membership. Whereas currently fifty students may petition StudentsNS to host a Special Meeting of the Membership, we have provided options to increase the number of students required for a petition. It may be worthwhile considering a couple different options, such as 1% of the membership or 10% of an individual member's total enrolment, seeing as it may otherwise be almost impossible for students at smaller associations to successfully pursue a petition.

Decision items: (1) Whether to amend the By-Laws to add the following clause: *Members may only amend or rescind policy resolutions from StudentsNS position papers within three years of resolutions' initial approval by Special Resolution* and (2) Whether to amend the By-Laws to increase the number of students who must submit a petition to request a Special Meeting of the Membership.

Attachments: By-Laws with proposed amendments in track changes.

Motion moved by ASU to amend the By-Laws to add the following clause: *Members may only amend or rescind policy resolutions from StudentsNS position papers within three years of resolutions' initial approval by Special Resolution.*

Kingstec NSCCSA seconds.

Motion passes by general consent.

5) Amendment to Position Paper on International Students (30:00 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 are proposing 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: Whether 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 y 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 cancelling the international differential fee for ten per cent of international students.

Attachments: 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 ASU to amend the International Students Position Paper policy resolution to change that recommendation from five percent to ten percent.

DSU seconds.

Motion passes by general consent.

Board Meeting Resumed

6) Agenda for next Student-Government Roundtable (52:05 on recording)

Overview: The next Student-Government Roundtable will be Thursday, September 16 from 1 pm to 4 pm. The Province has requested that we indicate topics for discussion at the next roundtable. The last roundtable discussed a CFS presentation on how to improve post-secondary education in Nova Scotia and our work on Sexual Assault prevention. There have not been particular developments on either file since. The Province is developing a new process for developing the next MOU, and they have suggested that a presentation and discussion on this process constitute the principal item in the next Roundtable's agenda. Please note it is best to limit agenda items to three or less, to ensure there is adequate time to discuss each.

Decision Items: Items for the next student-government roundtable.

Attachments: Agenda from last roundtable.

7) Discussion regarding More than Yes displays on campuses (58:35 on recording)

Overview: Dalhousie Student Union VP Student Life, Danny Shanahan, has approached StudentsNS about developing displays for the More than Yes campaign in student union offices and across the school at info desks and health services. In particular, items could include pop-up boards, information cards and more-than-yes condoms.

Decision Items: (1) Members to state interest in moving forward with these steps in the project and (2) indicate whether StudentsNS should allocate resources towards developing these assets (generally this would not include printing).

Attachments: None.

REPORTS (1:06:00 on recording)

Reports of the Officers

- President
- Vice President Administration

Reports of the Staff

- Executive Director

Reports of the Members

- ASU
- DSU
- Kingstec NSCCSA
- SFXUSU
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