


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

Meeting Name:	Board Meeting		
Meeting Date:	April 24, 2016		
Meeting Time:	11:48 A.M.		
Venue:	Cape Breton University	City:	Sydney, NS
Attendees			
Primary and Secondary Delegates:	Fallis Thompson (Chair/ASU), Suzanne Gray (ASU), Peter Nicholson (AVC NSCCSA), Brandon Ellis (CBUSU), Rebecca MacIsaac (CBUSU), Emily Gale (StFXSU), Racheal MacDonald (SMUSA), Collette Robert (SMUSA)		
Other attendees:	Nick-Head-Petersen (Executive Director), Scott Bryne (Treasurer), Samantha Sproule (ASU), Roy Karam (CBUSU), Brandon MacDonald (CBUSU), Taylor Chase (StFXSU), Kazi Rahman (SMUSA), Ossama Nasrallah (SMUSA), Bryan Rice (SMUSA), Blair Jones (SMUSA)		
Absent:	ASTSU, Kingstec NSCCSA,		
Quorum (50% of Members represented?): YES			

- 1) Roll Call (0:29 on recording)
- 2) Call to Order (0:00 on recording)
- 3) Approval of agenda (0:09 on recording)
Agenda **approved by unanimous consent**

4) Approval of Minutes

Notes: A number of amendments related to attendance need to be made.

- May 28, 2015
- June 25, 2015
- July 8, 2015
- August 15, 2015 (AGM)
- September 14, 2015

Minutes **approved by unanimous consent**

DISCUSSION & APPROVAL

1) Budget Debrief (6:29 on recording)

Overview: The Nova Scotia Government released their 2016-2017 Budget on April 19th, 2016. The Board will be briefed on the Budget and the impact on students.

Decision items: None

Attachments: StudentsNS press release re: 2016-2017 Budget.

2) Update Operational Policies (24:41 on recording)

Overview: Our operational policy is in need of an update. The line reflects the 2012 mileage rate (\$0.4287/kilometer). The 2016 rate is now \$0.4231/kilometer.

Decision items: Should the operational policy be updated?

Attachments: StudentsNS Operational Policies.

**Motion to strike 66(b), that reads in 2012 the mileage rate will be for 0.42.87/ kilometer
ASU moves**

CBUSU seconds

Motion approved by unanimous consent

3) Social Access Report (29:11 on recording)

Overview: Our Research Offer has completed the final draft of the Social Access Paper. Board Members have reviewed the document, as has the Executive Director.

Decision items: Will the Board approve the Social Access paper and endorse the policy statements that have been made within?

Attachments: Social Access Paper.

Be it resolved that the board approves the Social Access paper and endorses the policy statements that have been made within it.

ASU moves

AVC NSCCSA seconds

Motion approved by unanimous consent

4) Strategic Plan (43:00 on recording)

Overview: The Executive Director has been working with Veronica McNeil to complete the Strategic Plan.

Decision items: Does the Board accept the STRAT Plan as presented and endorse the direction of StudentsNS?

Attachments: STRAT planning document.

- 5) Nova Scotia Business Council (57:47 on recording)
Overview: The Nova Scotia Business Council is looking for a student or two to serve on the Council.
Decision items: Who from the Board is interested in serving?
Attachments: NS Business Council Structure and Mission.

- 6) Atlantic Leadership Forum (2:02 on recording)
Overview: Fusion Halifax is hosting an Atlantic Leadership Forum in Halifax June 10-12.
Decision items: Who from the Board is interested in participating?
Attachments: Fusion Halifax Leadership Forum briefing.

Motion to recess
StFXSU moves
CBUSU seconds
Motion approved by unanimous consent

- 7) April Financial Report (0:44 on recording 2)
Overview: The treasurer, with the assistance of the ED, has prepared the final fiscal report for the 2015-2016 year.
Decision items: To accept the April Financial Report?
Attachments: April Financial Report.

Motion to accept the April Financial Report
CBUSU moves
ASU second
Motion approved by unanimous consent

- 8) Surplus Discussion (14:00 on recording 2)
Overview: StudentsNS is facing a modest surplus for 2015-2016. The Board should have a discussion about how to spend such money.
Decision items: How would the Board like to spend this money?
Attachments: 2016-2017 Budget.

Be it resolved that the board move the un-earmarked 2015-2016 surplus into a contingency fund for the 2016-2017 budget
CBUSU moves
ASU seconds
CBUSU: In favor
ASU: In favor
SMUSA: In favor
StFXSU: In favor
AVC NSCCSA: In favor
Motion approved unanimous consent

- 9) NATIONAL Narrative Creation (23:00 on recording)

Overview: NATIONAL has developed a proposal to start the development of a StudentsNS narrative. We struggle to tell our story, so this would be an opportunity for us to receive some external help developing and implementing a narrative. It will be important to ensure this narrative is present in the Provincial Election.

Decision items: Does the Board want to move forward with this proposal?

Attachments: NATIONAL narrative proposal.

10) 2016-2017 Budget (27:30 on recording 2)

Overview: The Budget for 2016-2017 has been prepared by the Executive Director, the Treasurer, and StudentsNS's Office Manager and is to be presented.

Decision items: Does the Board accept the proposed budget for 2016-2017?

Attachments: 2016-2017 Budget.

Motion to go into a roll call vote

ASU moves

CBUSU seconds

Be it resolved that the board accept the proposed budget for the 2016-2017 year

CBUSU: In favor

ASU: In favor

StFXSU: In favor

SMUSA: In favor

AVC NSCCSA: In favor

Motion approved by unanimous consent

Motion to move in to camera

CBUSU moves

SMUSA seconds

11) Executive Director Review (1:08 on recording)

Overview: Each year, the Board must review the Executive Director's performance and provide constructive feedback for their personal development and the development of the organization.

Decision items: None.

Attachments: None.

Motion to move in camera

CBUSU moves

StFXSU seconds

REPORTS

Reports of the Officers (0:22 on recording 4)

- Chair

Reports of the Staff (3:00 on recording)

- Executive Director

Reports of the Members (11:40 on recording)

- ASTSU
- ASU
- AVNSCCSA
- CBUSU
- Kingstec NSCCSA
- SFXUSU
- SMUSA

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT