

## Council Meeting Agenda – 23 of January 2019

Date: Wednesday, 23rd of January, 2019

Chair: Cody Waite Time: 5:30pm

Recording Secretary: Krista Harris

Location: Tilley 302

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call/Call for Quorum
3. Wolastoq Acknowledgement – The Graduate Student Association at University of New Brunswick recognises and honours the Wolastoq Nation and their unceded territories where we have gathered today.
4. Adoption of Agenda – Change under New Business – item (a) • Bus Pass Strategic Plan Update (City of Fredericton)  
  
under #8 moved to #5 & addition of (b) proposed meeting date change for this term. Moved by VP Finance and seconded by Education. All in favour – yes, opposed – none.
5. City of Fredericton and Hot Spot parking presentation – update on their strategic plan by Meredith Gilbert and Phil Curley. Please email any questions on this presentation.
6. Adoption of the December Minutes – Moved by Forestry and seconded by Biology. Any issues? None
7. Summary of Executive Activities (All Executive Members) – Please refer to the GSA website.

Question from GGE for the President regarding the decision on what to do with the surplus money from the past. Money was put into a GIC.

Question from Business Administration for the VP Finance requesting clarification of what the funding was specifically to be used for? Makerspace and Qwerty have both put forward requests for funding.

Question from GGE to VP societies and events asking if the GRC will look at publishing the interesting research from the conference in a more official capacity to the larger community? VP Finance responds by citing that the research is all provided to participants and can also be found on the Library database.

## 8. Committee Reports

- Executive Director's report (Krista Harris) – January enrolment in progress for health and dental and the bus pass. Final enrolment numbers being calculated for Winter for presentation to StudentVIP, City of Fredericton, and UNB Financial Services. Corresponding payments being completed for each of the preceding. New POS purchased for the WCB and working with UNB IT to facilitate the transition and new set-up. General Winter building maintenance issues – snow removal. Providing support for Andrea for the upcoming GRC. Budget meeting prep for WCB. City of Fredericton Transit contract negotiation meeting. Preparation of issues to be brought forth at the upcoming StudentVIP mid-year review. Marketing initiatives proposed for StudentVIP and the health & dental plan. Finances updated with RBC, Quikbooks, Cooke insurance, WCB payroll and T4's.

- Finance Committee (VP Finance) – please join
- Events Committee (VP Societies and Events) – please volunteer
- Bylaw Committee (VP Administration) – please let us know if interested

## 9. New Business

- Health and Dental Insurance Update (VP External) – presentation by VP External – PowerPoint to be emailed.

Question from Education regarding any possibility of coverage levels adjusted in the event of an emergency? Executive Director to explore this option.

Statement by VP Finance that current plan usage is high – exploring options of having two tiers of coverage and how this would impact things. GGE states that it is worth noting that maybe the most expensive drugs are in fact the ones that are the most important to people, for example chronic diseases. VP Finance states that we will present the options moving forward and vote. Education asks if all members should be involved and vote on this issue. Chair states that yes, this is important to all members but it is the responsibility of the councillors to bring the information discussed at Council forward to their societies. Question from Business Administration wondering if we can not try and predict what our members might have an issue with here tonight? Chair

responds by clarifying the roles of elected members in the dissemination of information presented at meetings. VP Finance asserts that this is compounded by UNB's requirement for an early budget submission when we only have partial data from 1/3 of the year. Trying to provide as much information as possible and we encourage you to go back to your departments, discuss, and email any questions please.

- GRC Update (VP Societies and Events) – included in Executive report
  - Board of Governors Election Information (Exec) – graduate students have a right to participate in this election for a position on the Board of Governors. Any interested individual can run by collecting signatures and putting their name forward. Currently there is an issue with voting, as is conducted online, but will be resolved shortly. VP Academic states that if we can fill this position, this time, with a graduate student we will in effect have two arms to work with in practice. One on the BoG and one in the Senate, will add more strength to our position in the university community and increased representation.
  - Fall Term Honoraria – process explained by Chair. Motion to go In Camera by English and seconded by Forestry. Motion to come Out of Camera by English, seconded by Forestry.

Motion to approve numbers by Civil Engineering, seconded by Forestry. All those in favour = yes, opposed = none.

## 10. Announcements

- UGSW (Amy) – Presentations have been made to a good number of departments and Faculty members. If you are a TA or RA this is important information to know – the 10 hour average is not a maximum. Question from Forestry references an ongoing issue and Amy responds that this is exactly why this information is important to get out there. If the UGSW knows they can help these individuals in these specific situations. Please fill out your member cards. Information stewards are still needed, get involved and increase representation.
- Society Allocations – please email or see the Executive Director for an update on missing information required for cheque pick-up at the GSA office.
- \* Council meeting dates – need to be changed from Wednesdays to Thursdays to include the VP Admin who has a class. Discussion of impact and preferences. Motion by the President to change from existing Wednesdays to the next Thursday, seconded

by VP Finance. Vote is conducted by Chair and the motion does not carry – opposed.  
Dates will remain as initially proposed in December.

11.Adjournment – moved by VP Finance and seconded by the President.