

Minutes

North Island Students' Union
Local 15 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, August 25, 2021

Attendance: Doucette, Dunbar, Scarlatti, Pandey, Lennox, Waddell, Warren, Wilson

CALL TO ORDER - 4:30

Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory

North Island Students' Union is honoured to acknowledge territories of 35 distinct First Nations; Nuu-chah-nulth, Kwakwaka'wakw and Coast Salish nations, on whose unceded lands we learn, live and play.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Board will adopt the agenda.

21/08/25/: N01 MOTION

(Doucette/Scarlatti) - Carried

Be it resolved, that the agenda be adopted, as presented.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board will adopt minutes from previous meeting

21/08/25: N02 MOTION

(Pandey/Scarlatti) - Carried

Be it resolved, that minutes from the July 28, 2021 meeting be accepted as presented.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Whereas, as per Bylaw VI section 5. b Union Representatives may appoint portfolio positions to those Union Representatives who self-identify in an equity group. This decision was made at the Committee of the Whole meeting, August 11, 2021.

21/08/25: N03 MOTION

(Scarlatti/Pandey) - Carried

Be it resolved, the following members be ratified as so noted for the 2021 - 2022 term:

Akriti Pandey, Campbell River Campus Representative

Kartik Goel, Campbell River Campus Representative

Whereas, as per Bylaw VIII section 1. b, by-election for Union Representatives may be held between September 15 & October 30 of each year. With up to 25 Union Representative positions, the Students' Union currently sees vacancy in 17 seats

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21/08/25: N04 MOTION

(Scarlatti/ Pandey) - Carried

Be it resolved, the following schedule be adopted

Notice of by-election, September 15

Nominations open, September 27

Should more than 17 members be nominated:

Campaigns open, October 12

Voting, October 19 & 20

Whereas, as per Bylaw VIII section 6, the Students' Union must establish an electoral committee,

21/08/25: N05 MOTION

(Scarlatti/Pandey) - Carried

Be it resolved, Accessibility & Equity Director Scarlatti, Executive Director Wilson and Melissa Chirino, BCFS Chairperson be appointed on the Electoral Committee

Whereas, as per Bylaw VIII section 7, campaign financing shall not exceed limit established by the Board of Directors

21/08/25: N06 MOTION

(Pandey/Doucette) - Carried

Be it resolved, self directed campaign financing be limited to \$50 maximum. Candidates are able to print up to 10 posters, self designed, in NISU offices with no fee.

Whereas, in June 2021, the House of Commons created National Day for Truth & Reconciliation, September 30 annually. This day is acknowledged with orange shirts. Local artist, Andy Everson, of the K'ómoks First Nation, has a logo available for use with the caveat to donate to an Indigenous organisation. The Wachiay Friendship Centre in the K'ómoks Valley does screen printing. The Wachiay Friendship Centre is a non-profit society whose mandate is to provide services and supports to the urban Indigenous population in the Comox Valley Regional District. Wachiay is an inclusive organisation, whose programming is open to people of all ethnicities.

Wachiay delivers more than 50 programs and services to Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. The Centre employs a staff of 16-20, including full time, part-time and contract positions. Programs and services are delivered on-site. Wachiay has provided a quote to supply 60 orange shirts, 12 of each 5 major sizes. September 30th will be a non-instructional day, the Students' Union intends to table with information about this day in the two days leading up, providing information & shirts to interested members.

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(Doucette/Scarlatti) - Carried

Be it resolved, the Students' Union ratify the decision made in the workplace communication tool Slack, August 18, to fulfil the quote offered by the Wachiay Friendship Centre for 60 orange shirts, with local design from Andy Everson for \$1575.

Whereas staff contract changes need be ratified and plans for Organiser Lennox's upcoming maternity leave, that a Labour Committee be struck, to support this work. This committee shall consist of the Executive Director, Internal Relations Director and at least one other Board Member

21/08/25: N08 MOTION

(Pandey/Scarlatti) - Carried

Be it resolved, Executive Director Wilson, Internal Relations Director Doucette, Connections Directors Pandey and form the Labour Committee and report to this Board, its work.

Whereas return to campus classes will see that all three offices be set up to run independently and open concurrently, therefore

21/08/25: N09 MOTION

(Scarlatti/ Doucette) - Carried

Be it resolved, up to \$4000 be made available for required office equipment and supplies to ensure all offices are fully set up and able to run in COVID-19 safe ways

Whereas as per Students' Union Health and Dental Plan Policy, the Union must provide a fund to support members whom qualify for coverage and whom qualify for financial support through the Financial Aid office (FAO) of North Island College. FAO reports this fund is currently depleted.

21/08/25: N10 MOTION

(Pandey/Deanna) - Carried

Be it resolved, \$2750 be made available to North Island College FAO for the sole purposes of health and dental fee support. The FAO is instructed to provide annual report of this fund.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Report from Committees

- Board of Governors - nothing to report
- Education Council - nothing to report
- Planning and Standards - nothing to report

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- Report from Federation Rep - Influence the vote- Comments with regards to the poster and website

4.2 Reports from Staff

- Rebecca Lennox - organising online all candidates meetings for the election Sept 13th & 16th, posts for voting on social media, academic integrity material posts
- Ariella Waddell - website & one link, intro material for Discord- tips & tricks
- Emma Warren - H&D Material, campus app, orientation events, organising the office
- Carissa Wilson - orientation, advocacy work for covid, financial work- audit season

5. OTHER BUSINESS

North Island Students' Union produces swag each term, to build solidarity and support team building. The staff have sourced out Canadian made, organic cotton hoodies from a local screen printing company which the information will be presented.

6. ADJOURNMENT - 5:54

Next Committee of the Whole, September 8
Next meeting of the Board, September 22