

**AGENDA  
NIPISSING UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2001**

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of April 6, 2001
4. Guests
5. Presentations
6. Correspondence
7. Report of Officers:
  - a) President
    - Year End Report
    - Other
  - b) VP External
    - Year End Report
    - Other
  - c) VP Student Life
    - Frosh Week 2201
    - Year End Report
    - Other
  - d) VP Clubs and Operations
    - Year End Report
    - Other
8. Report of Representatives
  - Year End Reports
9. Report of the Office Manager
10. Report of the NUSU General Manager
11. Report of the Student Centre General Manager
12. Report of the Speaker
13. Committee Reports
14. Other Business
15. Adjournment

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**Present**

**Executive:** President, VP External, VP Student Life, VP Clubs and Operations

**Representatives:** Humanities, Professional Schools, Social Science, Founders House, Mature Students, Science, Upper Residence

**Officers:** Speaker, Deputy Speaker

**Staff:** General Manager, Office Manager

**Absent with**

**Consideration:** Muskoka, Part Time, P/J, J/I, I/S

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was amended to read "Frosh Week 2001" rather than "Frosh Week 2201" under VP Student Life's section.

**3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of April 6, 2001**

The minutes were adopted with some slight changes to the VP External section.

**4. Guests**

Julie Price, Christine MacGillivray, Heather Dunn, Nakao Pigeon, Greg Schroder, Dave Keech.

**5. Presentations**

None

**6. Correspondence:**

- Executives received a booklet outlining accommodation & activities for the upcoming Canadian Congress of Student Associations conference.

**7. Report of Officers**

**a) President**

• Year End Report

The President outlined briefly his activities for the year, which started last summer with work on the Food Service Agreement and the Convenience Store Agreement. Extensive changes to the Governance Package and the Ancillary Fees Protocol Agreement and an updated Student Code of Conduct filled much of the President's time this year. Work on a Student Appeals Tribunal, in consultation with Al Carfagnini, is still ongoing. The President also advised the Board of Governors on changes to the Master Land Use Plan, which now recognizes the area across from the Student Centre main door as the site for Student Centre expansion. The President planned and coordinated the NUSU Christmas Social and the Volunteer Appreciation Barbecue as well as helping to coordinate the student input on the Education department's laptop initiative. He was in charge of supervising other executives who, he commented, did good work 99.2568% of the time. The President is now working on plans for the NUSU retreat.

3) Clubs: This year, there was a higher level of activity from some clubs, although there were clubs that did not do a great deal and they will be dealt with by the VP Internal when funding decisions have to be made next year. I also pushed successfully for the Hibou staff to be paid for next year so that the quality of the paper, and the satisfaction of the volunteers would improve. Regrettably, the club status of the Nipissing University Drama Entourage had to be revoked due to findings in an audit. Despite this, the year has been quite successful for clubs, especially in the increase of club trips due to the implementation of a club travel fund. The creation of a master e-mail list that was compiled from club fair signatures also aided clubs in working with their members.

4) Handbook: The first one of the year was bought in under budget, and I am proud to say that we are doing our first joint advertising campaign with Canadore. We will have different books, but the same ads in those books, and will be dividing the in-house production duties and the advertising duties between both councils. While I would have preferred to have done only one handbook for my term, I have accepted the duties of helping prepare the handbook for the incoming council as a necessary evil.

5) Web site: Although this was not in my original portfolio, I was more than happy to manage it, revamping its design and updating it on a regular basis. The goal of the VP Internal for next year will be to add new features as well as find a way to repair the Travel Board and Event List.

6) Food Bank: Despite problems with Canadore not contributing their fair share of time and labour to its organization and Canadore being unable to supply a person to work the bank for the second semester, NUSU has a fair amount of which to be proud. We have taken the leadership initiative in attempting to find a new location, we ran a successful Frosh Week Food Drive, and have twice donated substantial amounts of our excess food to the North Bay Food Bank.

7) Political Debate: This year, I also took pleasure in moderating the federal election political debate that was organized by External and the CSRC President. There was one issue that arose when Bob Wood, Liberal Candidate was unable to attend, but last minute negotiations with all parties resulted in an arrangement that was fair to all.

8) North Bay Transit Negotiations: North Bay Transit has been made well aware of our wishes, and has committed to improving Bus Routes. There will have to be discussions with Murray Green regarding council's right to autonomy in making final decisions about signing on with North Bay Transit but, apart from that, everything is on track.

9) Frontier College Literacy Program: The Frontier College initiative that was started by me and Marsha Richard of Canadore was a success. There were 35 interested people recruited, and of those 35 there were 25 interviewed, and then of those people 15 were trained, reference and police checked, and then placed in local schools. As this was accomplished in under two months, it would be interesting to see what the Organizational Team for Frontier College will accomplish with eight full months to work with next year.

10) Committee Activity: Throughout the year, I served on the BACCHUS and Social Committees, assisting in almost all events that were run by those groups. I also worked on the NUSU Constitutional Committee on a regular basis,

#### 9. Report of the Office Manager

The office manager delivered an (almost) tearful farewell to those reps and executives who will not be returning. She said she enjoyed working with everyone on council this year.

#### 10. Report of the NUSU General Manager

The GM worked extensively with NUSU executives this year, most recently with the President on extensive revisions to the NUSU Governance Package. He enjoyed working with representatives this year, and is looking forward to pursuing many initiatives with the new council in 2001/2002.

#### 11. Report of the Student Centre General Manager

None

#### 12. Report of the Speaker

The Speaker enjoyed his year and extended congratulations and best wishes to new executives.

#### 13. Committee Reports

- The Health and Safety Committee has checked the lights on the path to the new gym, and they are working well. There have been reports that fire alarms are difficult to hear in some classrooms, and this will be examined in the near future.
- Senate: received the NUSU laptop presentation and NUSU received positive feedback from several faculty members. It was felt that NUSU executives should be part of planning committees in future. Clubs and Operations asked the President if the laptop petition had been presented, and the President replied that it would be more suitable to use it at the Board of Governors.

#### 14. Other Business

- Comment Board  
The President reported that recent comments on the web site have definitely crossed the line of what is tolerable. The comment board will either be redesigned or eliminated next year, as it is an embarrassment to NUSU and to the university, and requires far too much of Clubs and Operations' time to monitor. Many of the comments this year would have been legally actionable if signed, and many others were merely inane. Anyone with a legitimate question or suggestions can e-mail executives directly from another part of the web site, and this will allow for free speech while ensuring some accountability. The President asked if anyone had a problem with discontinuing the comment board tomorrow, and council unanimously felt it should be terminated.
- List of Student Concerns:  
During the election campaign, Clubs and Operations was approached by students with the following concerns:
  1. Insufficient lighting around upper residence.
  2. Complaints about the high ATM charges
  3. A desire for assurance that NUSU would not drop the fight against the laptops.
  4. Requests for the free Toronto Star newspapers.
  5. The buildup of snow and ice on upper residence.
  6. Reports that the Nipissing faculty is considering using the Bell curve in marking.

Dave Keech spoke to the issue of the Toronto Star, saying that Canadian University Press had unequivocally stated that distribution of the Star at no cost would lead to CUP's discontinuing all advertising and contributions in The Hibou.

Heather Dunn requested that the ATM dispense ten dollar bills, especially as the service charges involved in making a withdrawal is so high. The GM informed the meeting that, unfortunately, no new ATM machines are designed to dispense anything but twenties.