



northern undergraduate
student society

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

3:00 p.m. – Online via Zoom Webinar

1 – Call to order

1.1 – President Chen called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Motion: Chen

First/Second: Claassens/Wickham

CARRIED

1.2 - Introductions of Panelists & format of AGM

2 – Approval of the Agenda

2.1 – *(sent out via email survey on November 12 to 16, results will be read at meeting)*

2.2 – Approval of updated Agenda

Motion: Chen

First/Second: Wickham/Claassens

All in Favour: 89.8% based on polling results

Opposed: 2.5% based on polling results

Abstain: 7.7% based on polling results

CARRIED

3 – Acknowledgement of the unceded & ancestral territory of the Lheidli T'enneh

3.1 – President Chen acknowledged the unceded and ancestral territory of the Lheidli T'enneh

4 – Minutes

4.1 – Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of December 5, 2019 presented for consideration of adoption. *(sent out via email survey on November 12 to 16, results will be read at meeting)*

Motion: Chen

All in Favour: 57.3% based on polling results

Opposed: 9% based on polling results

Abstain: 33.7% based on polling results

CARRIED

5 – New Business

5.1 – Presentation of KPMG’s annual audit

(sent out via email survey on November 12 to 16, results will be read at meeting)

Motion: Chen

All in Favour: 54.4% based on polling results

Opposed: 7.6% based on polling results

Abstain: 38% based on polling results

CARRIED

5.2 – Hiring of the auditor for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

(sent out via email survey on November 12 to 16, results will be read at meeting)

Motion: Chen

All in Favour: 59.2% based on polling results

Opposed: 6.6% based on polling results

Abstain: 34.2% based on polling results

CARRIED

5.3 – Consideration of Bylaw changes

5.3.1 – Approval of Bylaw III – Meeting of the Members

Motion: Chen

First/Second: Nome/Wickham

All in Favour: 81.1% based on polling results

Opposed: 16.2% based on polling results

Abstain: 2.7% based on polling results

CARRIED

5.3.2 – Approval of Bylaw IV – Board of Directors

Motion: Chen

First/Second: Ramsay/Nome

All in Favour: 84.2% based on polling results

Opposed: 0% based on polling results

Abstain: 15.8% based on polling results

CARRIED

5.3.3 – Approval of Bylaw V – Equity Council

Addition of + to be added to 2SLGBTQQA Representative in item 1.3 with understanding that this would be added after the approval of the voting due to administrative restrictions of PowerPoint setup

Motion: Wickham

First/Second: Chen/Ramsay

Approval of Bylaw V – Equity Council with change of item 1.3 as motioned above

Motion: Chen

All in Favour: 73.7% based on polling results

Opposed: 13.2% based on polling results

Abstain: 13.2% based on polling results
NOT APPROVED

5.3.4 – Approval of Bylaw VI – Elections without name change to names of Equity Council due to Bylaw V not passing

Motion: Chen

First/Second: Ramsay/Wickham

All in Favour: 81.2% based on polling results

Opposed: 6.3% based on polling results

Abstain: 12.5% based on polling results

CARRIED

5.3.5 – Approval of Bylaw VII – Referendum

Motion: Chen

First/Second: Wickham/Ramsay

All in Favour: 83.3% based on polling results

Opposed: 0% based on polling results

Abstain: 16.7% based on polling results

CARRIED

5.3.6 – Approval of Bylaw VIII – Society Commissions

Motion: Chen

First/Second: Wickham/Nome

All in Favour: 87.1% based on polling results

Opposed: 3.2% based on polling results

Abstain: 9.7% based on polling results

CARRIED

5.3.7 – Approval of Bylaw XVIII – Honouraria

Motion: Chen

First/Second: Wickham/Nome

All in Favour: 87.9% based on polling results

Opposed: 0% based on polling results

Abstain: 12.1% based on polling results

CARRIED

5.3.8 – Approval of Bylaw XIX – Regional Campuses

Motion: Chen

First/Second: Claassens/Ramsay

All in Favour: 90.3% based on polling results

Opposed: 0% based on polling results

Abstain: 9.7% based on polling results

CARRIED

5.3.9 – Approval of Bylaw XX – Student Services

Motion: Chen

First/Second: Wickham/Nome

All in Favour: 85.7% based on polling results

Opposed: 3.6% based on polling results

Abstain: 10.7% based on polling results

CARRIED

5.4 – Report on the society from the Board of Directors

President Chen discussed the following items:

- Empower Me Program – alternative mental health supports
- Collaboration with CFS and BCFS on Campaigns and Advocacy
 - Creating Safer Spaces Workshop
 - BCFS “Take it Over” Election Campaign
- NUGSS Strategic Priority Plan 2020-2021
- NUGSS AGM Requirements for SLOs

5.5 – Report on Regional Campuses from the Board of Directors

President Chen discussed the following items:

- NUGSS Regional Health & Dental Referendum update
- Conversations with UNBC Regional Liaisons
- Regional Student Representative positions open

5.6 – Report on Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)

President Chen discussed the following items:

- CFS extended prospective membership status for NUGSS at National General Meeting on November 17 for one additional year
- Benefits and services offered by CFS
 - International Student Identity Card (ISIC)
 - Free Tax Filing
 - Ethical Purchasing Network

5.7 – NUGSS Health & Dental January Automatic Opt in Referendum Discussion

President Chen discussed the upcoming referendum that NUGSS will be proposing in January, tentative date and information only. More information to come in January with additional details.

5.8 – Discord channel for NUGSS approved Student Led Organizations

NUGSS created Discord channel for SLO engagement and tools for additional communication methods. Discussed upcoming webinar training sessions tomorrow and next week hosted by NUGSS.

5.9 – UNBC Academic Misconduct Committee Discussion

UNBC requested student representatives to sit on these upcoming committees. NUGSS will host two student led discussion forums in January. NUGSS will communicate student representative applications in January or February around the discussion forums and outcomes. More details to come via NUGSS Social and NUGSS President email.

5.10 – Q&A Period

Director Wickham provided update on how the Equity Council Bylaw would remain as it was last year

and we will continue to work on this to reflect the needs of our students and reflect current practices happening around Canada and the world.

Braedon suggested proposed Bylaws changes to be sent out ahead of time with highlighted changes rather than having the old version and new version documents that then need to be compared and the difficulties this raises.

Discussed alternative options for presenting information on polling for future AGM or voting sessions.

6 – Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Annual General Meeting

Motion: Chen

First/Second: Claassens/Wickham

CARRIED