



# College of New Caledonia

## Students' Union

September 9th, 2025

### MINUTES

#### Meeting - College of New Caledonia Students' Union

#### CALL TO ORDER – 1:12 PM

##### Executive Committee Members present:

Holden Deley	Trades Industry and Technology Representative
Varun Kumar	Pride Students' Representative
Kerry Thomas	Upgrading and Access Representative
Geetanjali	Women Students' Representative
Lindsay Orlandi	Health Sciences Representative
Arth Vaghela	University Studies Students' Representative
Calder Azak	Indigenous Representative
Akashdeep Singh	Business and Management Representative

##### Executive Committee Members absent:

Merrill Ringwood	Quesnel Campus Representative
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##### Confluence Editor Member present:

Kartik Manchanda	Confluence Editor
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##### Students' Union Staff present:

Kartik Verma	Office and Services Coordinator
Jasvir Singh	Organizer
Damon Robinson	Membership Outreach Coordinator
Carman Hill	Quesnel Campus Coordinator

##### Students' Union Staff absent:

Leila Abubakar-Depenau	Executive Director
Navjot Singh	Executive Director

#### GREETINGS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LHEIDLI T'ENNEH

#### 2.0 ADOPTIONS

##### 2.1 ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

09/09/2025      MOTION- 1

Azak/ Orlandi

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted.

**2.2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES TO PREVIOUS MEETINGS**  
**09/09/2025                      MOTION- 2**

**Azak/ Vaghela**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Executive Meeting Minutes be ratified.

**3.0 STANDING BUSINESS**

**NO MOTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**4.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1 Motion to ratify the health sciences club and approve the \$200 and \$500 startup and matching grants.**  
**09/09/2025                      MOTION- 3**

**Kumar/ Azak**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the start-up and matching for the health and sciences club has been ratified.

Orlandi has been in talks with nursing students about starting a new club called Code Red. The purpose of the club is to provide ongoing support to students even after graduation. The main goals of the club will be to promote health and stress management. Once plans are finalized, Orlandi will share more details with the team to help spread the word and gather feedback.

**4.2 Motion to approve: Geetanjali and Kartik Manchanda as observers of the Executive meeting.**  
**09/09/2025                      MOTION- 4**

**Kumar/ Orlandi**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Geetanjali and Kartik Manchanda have been approved as observers of the Executive meeting.

**4.3 Motion to approve \$500 to support events during Truth and Reconciliation week.**  
**09/09/2025                      MOTION- 5**

**Thomas/ Singh A**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$500 to support events during Truth and Reconciliation week has been approved.

A decision was made in the previous DRISK meeting to contribute funds to support the needy. As shared by Azak, the budget will be used for operations and supplies for attendants.

**4.3 Motion to approve \$800 for drag night on October 9<sup>th</sup>.  
09/09/2025 MOTION- 6**

**Thomas/ Orlandi**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$800 for drag night on October 9, 2025, has been approved.

October 9th confirmed as the event date. Budget breakdown includes lights and DJ (\$200), pasta, cookies, and buffer. A \$5 joining ticket will be charged, with proceeds going to the Pride Club. The event will be a collaboration between UNBC and the Students' Union Pride Club. A concern was raised by Singh J regarding the need to connect with CNC for approval of a ticketed event involving outsiders. Orlandi and Kumar will coordinate scheduling due to a movie night already being planned for the same day.

**4.4 Motion to approve \$700 for the Zombie Walk on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.  
09/09/2025 MOTION- 7**

**Azak/ Kumar**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$700 for the Zombie Walk on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, has been approved.

Thomas and Kumar are actively working on the event planned for Friday, October 31, 2025. Proposed expenses include approximately \$300 for hot chocolate and cookies, around \$200 for a face-painting artist, and \$200 as a buffer. If the artists are students, swag will be given. Further logistics will be discussed with Singh J. Singh J requested to be involved in the event planning to ensure appropriate actions are taken.

**4.5 Motion to approve \$200 for Halloween movies on October 30<sup>th</sup>.  
09/09/2025 MOTION- 8**

**Thomas/ Vaghela**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$200 for Halloween movies on October 30, 2025, has been approved.

Kumar is planning 2 to 3 back-to-back Halloween-themed movie nights for students. Halloween candies and pops will be provided for attendees. Kumar will reach out to Singh J for popcorn machine booking and has been advised to contact Robinson. Orlandi and Azak opposed this motion.

**4.6 Motion to approve \$200 for a Queer 2 Queer on October 2<sup>nd</sup>(pending confirmation).  
09/09/2025 MOTION- 9**

**Thomas/ Singh A**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$200 for a Queer 2 Queer on October 2, 2025 has been approved.

Kumar shared that \$100 will be used towards snacks and \$100 will be kept as a buffer.

**4.7 Motion to approve \$300 for a Halloween movie night, and event both with candy on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup> respectively.**  
**09/09/2025                      MOTION- 10**

**Azak/ Thomas**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$300 for Halloween movie night and costume contest has been approved.

Students will be provided with popcorn and pops, and Feller boxes will also be available. As Hill shared, a Halloween costume contest will be held, with small prizes such as pizza or gifts to be purchased for the event.

**4.8 Motion to appoint \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ for the confluence editor hiring committee**  
**09/09/2025                      MOTION- 11**

**Azak/ Singh A**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Lindsay, Varun, Damon and Jasvir have been appointed as the hiring committee for Confluence Editor.

Robinson shared that this was mentioned in July, and six applications have been received. The hiring process needs to begin, and interested individuals are encouraged to come forward; scheduling will be flexible to accommodate availability. This committee will function as an electoral committee. If scheduling conflicts arise, participation can be given in some interviews. Robinson added that the team will consist of at least three members. The SRO will automatically be part of the committee. Lindsay, Varun, Damon, and Jasvir have been approved as members.

**4.9 Motion to approve \$1200 for trades pizza on September 26<sup>th</sup>.**  
**09/09/2025                      MOTION- 12**

**Azak/ Singh A**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$1200 for trades pizza on September 26, 2025.

Every year, CNC and the Students' Union collaborate to plan Trades Pizza for students. The event will include pizza and pops for 400 students. Jasvir shared that the booking has been completed and encouraged interaction with trade students.

**4.10 Motion to approve \$75 for trades coffee on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.**  
**09/09/2025                      MOTION- 13**

**Azak/ Kumar**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$75 for trades coffee on September 23, 2025, has been approved.

This will be the first Trades Coffee event of the semester, with students eagerly waiting for it, Deley shared. The budget includes \$50 for baked goods and \$20 for coffee.

**4.11 Motion to approve shirts for the indigenous collective club (no cost presented with motion)**

**09/09/2025                      MOTION- 14**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT shirts for the indigenous collective club have been defeated.

**4.12 Motion to approve \$2000 for Election Buddy Services for the Fall 2025 By-election.**

**09/09/2025                      MOTION- 15**

**Kumar/ Azak**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$2000 for Election Buddy Services for the Fall 2025 by-election has been approved.

**4.13 Motion to approve the proposed election dates for the Fall 2025 By-elections.**

**09/09/2025                      MOTION- 16**

**Kumar/ Orlandi**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the proposed election dates for Fall 2025 by-elections have been approved.

- Nomination Period: September 15th - September 26th
- Campaigning Period: September 29th - October 3rd
- Election Dates: October 6th and 7<sup>th</sup>

**4.14 Motion to move in-camera approved at 2:02 p.m.; meeting returned to regular session at 2:19 p.m.**

**09/09/2025                      MOTION- 17**

**Deley/ Orlandi**

**Motion to extend Geetanjali's term as the Women Students' Representative until October 7th, 2025.**

**09/09/2025                      MOTION- 18**

**Deley/ Kumar**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an extension of Geetanjali's term as the Women Students' Representative until October 7, 2025, has failed.

Orlandi, Thomas and Azak have voted against the motion.

## **5.0 REPORTS**

### **5.1 Regional Development**

#### **5.1.1 Quesnel Campus**

Once every two weeks, support will be provided to the Prince George campus Students' Union. Hill requested that dates and times be shared in advance for when the team would like her on campus, to ensure adequate support is available for women on campus.

### **5.2 Indigenous Students' Collective**

Please refer to the report available on Slack.

### **5.3 Women Students' Committee**

Please refer to the report available on Slack.

### **5.4 Pride Students' Committee**

Kumar is planning to organize multiple events and will require support from staff for booking and logistics. For future classroom talks and lobbying efforts, Kumar has been continuously communicating and sharing details with representatives. Work on podcasts will begin this month.

### **5.5 Program Representatives**

#### **5.5.1 Business and Management**

Please refer to the report available on Slack.

#### **5.5.2 Health Sciences**

Started a Health Science Club after a meeting and held some classroom talks. Assisting HCAP with classroom scheduling in coordination with Singh J to better accommodate students.

#### **5.5.3 University Studies**

Vaghela is planning a Garba performance for the upcoming Diwali event and is also assisting other representatives with their events.

#### **5.5.4 Upgrading and Access**

Tabling for the Indigenous collective and having some classroom talks.

#### **5.5.5 Trades and Technology Industry**

Deley has scheduled Trades Coffee on campus and had the opportunity to bring some team members to assist with CNCSU Day in Quesnel.

### **5.6 Office and Services Coordinator Report**

Verma provided updates on services and procedures, including issues with locker operations and Bluebird. Robinson confirmed assistance with lockers, noting challenges due to misinformation in the system.

## **5.7 Membership Outreach Coordinator Report**

### **5.7.1 Volunteers**

### **5.7.2 Outreach**

Orange shirts have arrived, and Square has been set up as the payment system. Damon has 12 volunteers signed up for future events. It is encouraged to contact Damon if volunteers are needed for any event. Damon shared that he is actively working on advocacy efforts and will schedule tabling events with a TV and other equipment.

## **5.8 Organizer**

Board of Governors elections are underway, and team members are encouraged to participate. Diwali is scheduled for October 24th, 2025, with contracts being finalized and recruitment starting soon. J Singh plans to bring Diwali planning to the Events Committee. A meeting with CNC executives is scheduled for September 18th, 2025, and Representatives are encouraged to provide input. Karaoke Night is set for September 13th, with volunteers being finalized. The Unity Lounge is nearly ready to open, and the meeting room will be available for the next Executive Meeting. The new campaign, Cuts Suck, Fix Education, is being promoted, with training planned for the CNC SU team. J Singh announced a leave of absence from November 1st to December 26th.

## **5.9 Executive Director Report**

### **5.10 Confluence**

Robinson will contact Manchanda to request that his question be shared on the Confluence Slack channel. The deadline for Confluence applications is September 15th.

### **5.11 Staff Relations/ Discussions**

### **5.12 Executive Committee Decorum/ Discussions**

### **5.13 College Governance Boards**

#### **5.13.1 Board of Governors**

#### **5.13.2 Education Council**

### **5.14 BCFS Provincial Executive**

The next executive meeting is scheduled for October 3rd to October 5th, with Azak working on the preparations.

### **5.15 CNC SU Internal Committees**

#### **5.15.1 Events Committee**

An invite will be sent for representatives to join, Jasvir said.

- 5.15.2 Campaigns Committee
- 5.15.3 Services Committee
- 5.15.4 Finance Committee
- 5.15.5 Policies Committee

Robinson updated that we will again start working on this to finalize it and get it approved.

- 5.15.6 Hiring committee (pending formation)  
Please expect Manchanda to work under this committee.

#### **5.16 Student College Committees**

- 5.16.1 Curriculum Committee
- 5.16.2 SEM Success and Retention
- 5.16.3 Convocation Committee
- 5.16.4 Orientation Committee
- 5.16.5 Complaint Resolution Committee (only share process progress rate, not the actual content)
- 5.16.6 Hiring Panels

### **6.0 OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **6.1 Team hangout**

#### **6.2 Quesnel orientation trip**

#### **6.3 Scheduling the next Executive Meeting: September 23rd, 2025.**

#### **6.4 ADJOURNMENT (ORDER OF THE DAY)**

**09/09/2025                      MOTION- 19**

Orlandi/ Kumar

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourned on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 3:13 PM