



College of New Caledonia

Students' Union

August 5th, 2025

MINUTES

Meeting - College of New Caledonia Students' Union

CALL TO ORDER – 10:08 AM

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
Merrill Ringwood	Quesnel Campus Representative
Arth Vaghela	University Studies Students' Representative
Calder Azak	Indigenous Representative

Executive Committee Members absent:

Akashdeep Singh	Business and Management Representative
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Confluence Editor Member present:

Kartik Manchanda	Confluence Editor
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Students' Union Staff present:

Leila Abubakar-Depenau	Executive Director
Kartik Verma	Office and Services Coordinator
Jasvir Singh	Organizer
Damon Robinson	Membership Outreach Coordinator
Navjot Singh	Executive Director

Students' Union Staff absent:

Carman Hill	Quesnel Campus Coordinator
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2.0 ADOPTIONS

2.1 ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

08/05/2025 MOTION- 1

Azak/ Thomas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted.

2.2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES TO PREVIOUS MEETINGS
08/05/2025 MOTION- 2

Kumar/ Thomas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the July 22nd, 2025, Executive Meeting Minutes be ratified.

3.0 STANDING BUSINESS

3.1 Motion to approve \$500 for the Orange Shirt design to an Indigenous artist.

08/05/2025 MOTION- 3

Geetanjali/ Kumar

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$500 for the Orange Shirt design to an Indigenous artist has been approved unanimously.

The motion was carried over from the last meeting. Azak noted it as a valuable initiative to acknowledge and give back to the artists for their contributions and hard work. Azak further mentioned an Indigenous student artist who has recently shown interest in the design, which the team will look into.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Regional Development

5.1.1 Quesnel Campus

Ringwood held a Pizza Day at the Quesnel campus, which was originally planned as a Trades Coffee Day. The interview process will be prioritized, and future collaborations with other locals are planned to better serve and educate the students. Refer to the report available on Slack.

5.2 Indigenous Students' Collective

Please refer to the report available on Slack.

5.3 Women Students' Committee

Geetanjali shared that there will be a meeting with the Northern Women's Center, as the previous attempt to connect was unsuccessful. The Foundry has not responded. Refer to the report available on Slack.

5.4 Pride Students' Committee

Kumar visited the Quesnel campus with Deley to assist with the Trades Pizza event and also working on the Students' Movement Society and has some tasks that need to be executed soon. The script for the drama is ready and will be shared with the team. On the 24th, there was an AI training and an introduction to AI by BCFS, with more seminars expected from BCFS. Refer to the report available on Slack.

5.5 Program Representatives

- 5.5.1 Business and Management
- 5.5.2 Health Sciences

Orlandi will return to Prince George in the last week of August and will be available in September. Students have been emailed about the orientation. A movie night will be scheduled in the future with the help of Geetanjali. Refer to the report available on Slack.

- 5.5.3 University Studies

Vaghela is working on collaborating with UNBC for a Theatre Talk. Refer to the report available on Slack.

- 5.5.4 Upgrading and Access

A report has been shared with the team detailing the post-secondary education experiences of Indigenous people. The report has also been sent to DRISK to help raise awareness and provide better support for Indigenous students on campus, Thomas shared. Refer to the report available on Slack.

- 5.5.5 Trades and Technology

Trades coffee events were held at the Prince George and Quesnel campuses. Future plans will be shared with the team, along with some classroom talks. Deley also participated in media interviews, addressing concerns related to recent post-secondary issues.

5.6 Office and Services Coordinator Report

Verma is starting tabling to educate students about the health plan. Union Eats will be paused due to the absence of students on campus and will resume at the end of September 2025, continuing to serve students in need.

5.7 Membership Outreach Coordinator Report

- 5.7.1 Volunteers
- 5.7.2 Outreach

5.8 Organizer

Singh J shared that the events committee will introduce upcoming event planning. Furniture for the Union Lounge is being ordered, though planning has been delayed. Singh J met with faculty at CNC, and for Diwali, the event will feature more diverse food and culture, potentially with a new name to reflect inclusivity, as suggested by Kumar. Singh J also asked all reps to secure performances and focus on social media involvement. Class schedules should be shared with Singh J to help create the Fall 2025 office schedules. Additionally, Singh J emphasized that attendance at CNCSU Day on September 2nd is mandatory.

5.9 Executive Director Report

Singh Barar held a staff meeting last week and checked in with the Staff Relation Officer and Chairperson. A meeting was also held with Shally regarding the new storage space.

5.10 Confluence

The last publication was on July 30, featuring the press release we were working on. Typically, 30 copies are printed, and more will be printed today. With no students on campus in August, there will be no publication this month; only one publication will be released. Social media platforms will be used to connect with students.

5.11 Staff Relations/ Discussions

The pole in WhatsApp will be shared for the team hangout. Singh J asked everyone to review staff contracts and work closely with our Staff Relations Officer.

5.12 Executive Committee Decorum/ Discussions

5.13 College Governance Boards

5.13.1 Board of Governors

Notice of election will be sent in the first week of September, Singh J, shared.

5.13.2 Education Council

5.14 BCFS Provincial Executive

5.15 CNCSU Internal Committees

5.15.1 Events Committee

5.15.2 Campaigns Committee

5.15.3 Services Committee

5.15.4 Finance Committee

Leila will share new projected numbers and will present them to the board for approval.

5.15.5 Policies 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

A meeting with the CNC executive is scheduled for September 18th. Invitations have been sent, and attendance is required.

6.2 Scheduling the next Executive Meeting: August 19th, 2025.

6.3 ADJOURNMENT (ORDER OF THE DAY)

08/05/2025 MOTION- 4

Azak/ Kumar

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourned on August 5th, 2025, at 11:18 AM