



College of New Caledonia

Students' Union

September 23th, 2025

MINUTES

Meeting - College of New Caledonia Students' Union

CALL TO ORDER – 1:07 PM

Executive Committee Members present:

Holden Deley	Trades Industry and Technology Representative
Varun Kumar	Pride Students' Representative
Kerry Thomas	Upgrading and Access Representative
Lindsay Orlandi	Health Sciences Representative
Calder Azak	Indigenous Representative

Executive Committee Members absent:

Merrill Ringwood	Quesnel Campus Representative
Arth Vaghela	University Studies Students' Representative
Akashdeep Singh	Business and Management Representative

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
Navjot Singh	Executive Director

Students' Union Staff absent:

Leila Abubakar-Depenau	Executive Director
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1.0 GREETINGS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LHEIDLI T'ENNEH

2.0 ADOPTIONS

2.1 ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

09/23/2025 MOTION- 1

Thomas/ Azak

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted.

2.2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES TO PREVIOUS MEETINGS

09/23/2025 MOTION- 2

Kumar/ Orlandi

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the September 9th, 2025, Executive Meeting Minutes be ratified.

3.0 STANDING BUSINESS

NO MOTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Motion to approve \$100 for The Trades Coffee in Quesnel Campus on September 30, 2025.

09/23/2025 MOTION- 3

Thomas/ Azak

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$100 for The Trades Coffee in Quesnel Campus on September 30, 2025. has been approved.

4.2 Motion to approve \$20000 for the annual Diwali event on October 24, 2025.

09/23/2025 MOTION- 4

Orlandi/ Kumar

BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$20000 for the annual Diwali event on October 24, 2025, has been approved.

Singh J presented the Diwali budget breakdown, with an expected cost per plate of around \$35. Space booking would be around \$1900, and video services are budgeted at \$1200. The DJ and equipment cost is estimated at \$400 each. Total expenses budgeted at \$18,500, with the remainder kept as a buffer. Robinson reminded that revenue from ticket sales will cover a significant portion of expenses. Deley raised concerns over attendance, referencing recent event experiences. The team decided to keep the funding request unchanged and may reach out if additional funds are needed. Ticket sales are expected to generate around \$12,000, leaving approximately \$8,000 for expenses.

4.3 Motion to approve the projected budget on July 22, 2025, for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

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MOTION- 5

Thomas/ Orlandi

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the projected budget on July 22, 2025, for the 2025-2026 fiscal year has been approved.

Singh J reminded the team that the budget had been sent to the team by email for review.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Regional Development

5.1.1 Quesnel Campus

Hill shared that we switched to open movie night outside the campus on 09/02/2025.

5.2 Indigenous Students' Collective

Please refer to the report available on Slack.

5.3 Women Students' Committee

5.4 Pride Students' Committee

Kumar shared that \$800 was approved for the drag show at the last executive meeting. Kumar requested to use the funds for a future event. To maintain accuracy, Verma recommended a separate motion for any different event or purpose.

5.5 Program Representatives

5.5.1 Business and Management

5.5.2 Health Sciences

Orlandi conducted classroom talks, assisting with Diwali preparations alongside Singh J, and will be reaching out to the businesses to provide affordable first aid certification for healthcare students. Working on an advocacy to ensure students have the necessary supplies and equipment available (OSCAS). Movie night planned for 9th September 2025. Microwave cleaning concerns noted; Verma will order two replacements once Orlandi confirms the need.

5.5.3 University Studies

Refer to the report available on Slack.

5.5.4 Upgrading and Access

Thomas completed a classroom talk and has another scheduled for 6:30 PM today. Preparing a 45-minute presentation for students on Truth and Reconciliation and working on procedures for the Zombie Walk event. Please refer to the report available on Slack.

5.5.5 Trades and Technology Industry

Deley will contact the House of Ancestors and other communities for potential goods donations for Trades coffee. Noted lower student turnout at Karaoke Night, suggesting consideration of new event ideas in the future. Actively involved in the Cut Suck campaign. Please refer to the report available for Slack.

5.6 Office and Services Coordinator Report

Verma will contact available providers for Food Handler Certificates as approved in the previous meeting. Food Bank has resumed normal operations; representatives are encouraged to prepare rice bags and keep shelves stocked. Union Eats will resume after completion of Locker Cleanout, with CNC to be contacted to ensure preparation alignment from both ends. Fall 2025 opt-out process completed; opt-ins still in progress with a deadline of October 15, 2025.

5.7 Membership Outreach Coordinator Report

5.7.1 Volunteers

5.7.2 Outreach

Robinson is working on Unity Lounge scheduling and procedures. A shift has been observed across various platforms and services, particularly within clubs, with a significant decline in volunteer sign-ups. A new outreach approach is needed, including increased tabling and alternative engagement methods to educate members or introduce our services—adjustments recommended to accommodate changes. Christian Fellowship had its space booked, with Pride and a few others remaining active, while many clubs remain inactive or are nearing inactivity. Three individuals were shortlisted out of nine applicants for the Women's Representative by-elections. Robinson will conduct tabling on Wednesday using a big TV and speaker for student engagement. Coordination is ongoing with Hill to ensure space coverage by volunteers, staff, and representatives, with one help desk stationed for Hill.

5.8 Organizer

The final Diwali menu is expected by the evening and will be shared with the team via Slack. Performers are preparing for Diwali, with decreased participation from international students noted this year.

Zombie Walk requires two permits: a sidewalk permit and a special event permit, with confirmation pending from the City of Prince George. Insurance has already been purchased. Meet Your Students' Union is scheduled for October 7th in the cafeteria; Damon will be contacted for poster design and promotion. A discussion with CNC confirmed that the international advisor is currently unavailable due to pending certification.

Print room access has been secured, allowing the setup to proceed with representative tables being placed inside. A meeting is scheduled with Nitta to coordinate the HCAP schedule for the associate dean.

Singh J is travelling to Vancouver with Azak to attend the BCFS meeting. BCFS is currently lobbying under NUGGS and will be present at CNCSU for tabling in support of the Cut Suck campaign.

5.9 Executive Director Report

5.10 Confluence

Three individuals have been scheduled for interviews. After the interviews, Manchanda is prepared to present his views and feedback to ensure the best fit for the position.

5.11 Staff Relations/ Discussions

5.12 Executive Committee Decorum/ Discussions

5.13 College Governance Boards

5.13.1 Board of Governors

Kumar and Gurtej Singh have been appointed to the Board of Governors.

5.13.2 Education Council

Manchanda shared that there was no election in the Education and Council.

5.14 BCFS Provincial Executive

Azak and Singh J will attend the BCFS Executive meeting in October 2025.

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

5.15.5 Policies Committee

Robinson shared that we could potentially be working on the policies for our volunteers and operations around the spaces we have been given.

5.15.6 Hiring committee (pending formation)

Confluence, next following executive meeting, we will be onboarding.

5.15.7 Electoral committee

Three nomination forms have been submitted so far, and the plan is to promote this and reach out about the position through the tabling.

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 Scheduling the next Executive Meeting: October 7th, 2025.

6.2 ADJOURNMENT (ORDER OF THE DAY)

09/23/2025 MOTION- 6

Kumar/ Orlandi

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourned on September 23rd, 2025, at 2:18 PM.