

Minutes of the Meeting of the Student Union of Confederation College Inc. Board of Directors – October 19th, 2022

Call to Order

Vignesh Viswanathan called the meeting to order at 7:02pm on October 19th, 2022.

Board Members Present

Ronnie Kasana, President

Hyunjoon Kim, Vice President

Robin Gathercole, Director of Athletics & Campus Recreation

Amay Patil, Senator of Business, Hospitality and Media Arts

Andrei Rosario, Director of Social Events

Kuol Ayuen, Senator of Engineering, Technology & Trades

Kaitlyn O'Gay, Senator of Aviation

Julian Estrella, Senator of Health, Negahneewin and Community Services

Vignesh Viswanathan, Chief Justice (e.o.)

Kiran Ramesh, Past President (e.o.)

Catherine Hilgers, Support Staff Representative (e.o.)

Kendall Williams, Executive Director (recorder)

Regrets

Maricor Ballaret, Director of Wellness & Diversity

Gailynne Fiddler, OASA Representative

Don Duclos, Admin. Staff Representative (e.o.)

Adoption of the Agenda

To new business items, Ronnie added OCAA discussion.

"On a motion made by Robin and seconded by Kaitlyn that the agenda be adopted.

8/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Note to the attendees that Ronnie and Andrei attended the meeting virtually.

"On a motion made by Robin and seconded by Hyunjoon that the October 5th, 2022 minutes be approved with the noted changes.

8/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

Declaration of Possible Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

Ancillary Fees

Kendall provided an overview of the ancillary fees. The following are the proposed fee increases for the 2023-2024 academic year

- Wellness Centre Membership is looking at increasing by \$3 to \$133 per year
- Enhanced Technology Fee is looking at an increase of \$2 to \$125 per year
- Health Plan will increase by \$10 to \$280 per year
- UPASS will increase by \$14 to \$244 per year
- Athletics and Recreation increase by \$8 to \$148 per year

- Wellness Centre Capital Fee will increase by \$4 to \$134 per year

A few of the fees, such as Wellness Centre membership, enhanced technology fee, and athletics and recreation are seeing increases due to inflation costs associated with delivering these specific services and programming. With regards to the Health Plan, UPass, and Capital fee, these increases are contractual obligations set out in the project agreements.

Several of the board members had questions and concerns about the ancillary fees. Concerns were brought forward about the UPASS, the fees are increasing but the service is still not adequately serving the student body. There needs to be more frequency on the main routes so that students are able to make it to class on time. This issue has been brought forward to Thunder Bay Transit and they are working on it. Questions also arose about the International Student health plan and if those fees are increasing. Kendall will inquire about this prior to the next meeting. Lastly, there was a large discussion about the Wellness Centre Capital Improvement Fee, specifically who is responsible for overseeing the funds and how do they decide what it will be used towards, and if it is not used does it carry forward to the next academic year. Kendall will follow up with Paul Inkila on these questions and concerns and invite him to the next board meeting to further discuss

Provincial Advocacy Organization

Ronnie asked all of the board members what they see as the issues that students are facing. Some of the issues mentioned were finances, housing, student workload, value for the money, safety in residence, international student fees, and mental health. All of these are issues that provincial advocacy associations look to address. Ronnie gave a presentation on the Provincial Advocacy Organization he has been working on this past year, along with his detailed report provided in the board package. The board members had several questions about the other student advocacy groups, and what they have achieved for students in the past. Ronnie and Vignesh discussed some of these organizations, and Kendall will send a follow-up highlighting each of them. In the future, the board will be asked to make a decision on whether they want to continue working with this newly formed Provincial Advocacy Organization after April 2023. The board members are encouraged to spend some time to better understand this new organization and the various other associations. Ronnie and Kendall are available for further questions and discussions.

Foosball Table

“On a motion made by Robin and seconded by Ronnie that up to \$3,000 be approved to purchase and install a foosball table in the McIntyre Building.

5/3/0 MOTION FAILED

New Business

OCAA- A reminder that the OCAA Cross Country Running Championships are taking place on October 29th, and Robin will be competing in the race. If board members are interested in attending the race and supporting Confederation College athletes, they should let Kendall know by the end of the week to arrange transportation.

Question Period

A question was asked about why board members were not supportive of the foosball table and what would help them make decisions in the future. The board felt there was not enough research done about the type of entertainment students would like and what the demand for it really is, they would like to do a survey in the coming months to get more feedback.

Next Board Meeting – November 2nd at 7:00 pm

Adjournment

Vignesh Viswanathan adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm