

Minutes of the Meeting of the Student Union of Confederation College Inc. Board of Directors – November 1st, 2023

WELCOME

Call to Order

Vig called the meeting to order at 8:34pm on November 1st, 2023.

ATTENDEES

Board Members Present

Robin Gathercole, President

Nazrin Navas, Director of Wellness & Diversity

Krushit Shah, Director of Athletics & Campus Recreation

Lizzie González, Director of Social Events

Kathryn Picard, Senator of Business, Hospitality and Media Arts

Grail Cancino, Senator of Aviation

Het Shah, Senator of Engineering, Technology & Trades

Prithi Anbalagan, Senator of Health, Negahneewin and Community Services

Tasha Wagner, Distance Education and Regional Representative

Kendall Williams, Executive Director (Recorder)

Vignesh Viswanathan, Chief Justice (e.o.)

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

Don Duclos, Admin. Staff Representative (e.o.) (joined at 9:15pm)

Guest

Darren Vanecko, We Speak Student

Caleb Ren, We Speak Student

Regrets

Kai Fucile Ladouceur, Vice- President (**Voted by proxy for items for decision*)

Kiran Ramesh, Past President (e.o) (Chair)

TBD, OASA Representative

AGENDA

Adoption of the Agenda

Robin requested to add 'new food initiative' to items for discussion.

“On a motion made by Grail and seconded by Nazrin that the agenda be adopted with the requested changes.”

9/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

“On a motion made by Krushit and seconded by Het that the agenda be adopted as presented.”

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CONFLICTS

Declaration of Possible Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts to declare.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Health Plan and Virtual Doctor Services

Darren and Caleb met with the board to discuss the current Domestic Student Health Plan and to present a new virtual doctor service they offer. Darren mentioned that many students are facing challenges when it comes to health care. They are unable to find a family doctor or access walk-in services when they need it. There is also a massive doctors' shortage especially in Northern Ontario, making it a challenge when students come to Confederation College. The college has a health centre which provides many great services to students. Unfortunately, the hours of operation don't always work with students' schedules, especially in more urgent situations. This virtual doctor service provides on-demand express care, which is available 7 days a week in Canada for adults and children 2 years of age and up. The service is good for common ailments that don't require a visit to the emergency department and can be accessible from anywhere in Canada using a computer or mobile device. There is a complimentary program that offers an on-site virtual clinic through the Cleveland Clinic, that uses advanced hardware to help diagnose hundreds more ailments using camera and sensory technology. It is a convenient way for students to have a guided remote medical exam with a clinician. Pricing is still being determined, but this would be available to both Domestic and International Students with the possibility of enrolling dependents as well. Darren will send some feedback and use cases from other schools for the board to consider. Once pricing is determined we will bring it back to the board to determine if this is a worthwhile service to our students.

Talk Campus

Talk Campus is a peer-to-peer app available to students that provides mental health support. Students will register for an account using their college email and then can connect and chat with their peers about various mental health struggles and topics. The app is monitored by professionals for any areas of concern, at which point they would connect with a counsellor in the student success departments, or medical and emergency services when necessary. We will

begin to promote this app more through SUCCI stops and work with the college marketing departments to make sure students are aware of the support tool available.

Ombuds Service

The college has now posted the position of Equity Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Advisor, who is also responsible for Ombuds services on campus. SUCCI has been in discussion with HR to ensure that a student is included in the recruitment of that position, especially since they will be working directly with students on appeals. We also discussed support with Ombuds Ontario, they provide Ombuds services, but only once all other avenues have been exhausted at the local institution, as they are considered a last resort service. They do provide educational workshops that they can deliver to our students to make them aware of the appeals process, what ombuds people can do, and what a student's rights are. They can deliver this session virtually whenever we are interested. It may be good to collaborate with the EDI advisor once they are in place.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Audited Financial Statements

“On a motion made by Robin and seconded by Lizzie that the board accept the May 31, 2023, financial statement as presented by Grant Thornton.”

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Wellness Centre Membership

“On a motion made by Robin and seconded by Het that the board approve the increase of \$3 to the Wellness Centre Membership fee for the 2024-2025 Academic Year.”

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Student ID Card

“On a motion made by Robin and seconded by Prithi that the board approve the increase of \$3 to the Student ID Card fee for the 2024-2025 Academic Year.”

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Wellness Centre Capital Fee

“On a motion made by Robin and seconded by Grail that the board approve the increase of \$4 to the Wellness Centre Capital fee for the 2024-2025 Academic Year.”

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Universal Bus Pass Fee

“On a motion made by Robin and seconded by Het that the board approve the increase of \$24 to the Universal Bus Pass fee for the 2024-2025 Academic Year.”

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SRP Student Levy

“On a motion made by Robin and seconded by Grail that the board approve the introduction of a \$3 fee for the SRP Student Levy for the 2024-2025 Academic Year.”

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OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES

Food Initiative

Robin has been working on new food initiatives similar to programs in Southern Ontario called Feed it Forward which has a ‘take what you need, pay what you can’ model. Robin has been working alongside Robyn Gillespie, and Robin Gould on this initiative. Robin had a discussion with Wendy Landry who is supportive and sees a lot of value, she would like to see it brought forward to the senior team. The initiative would involve students growing the food and working in the Community Garden. The produce would then be sold at a fraction of the price to help offset the costs. The food that is not sold could also be used by the Culinary Program to make soups once or twice a week for students or donated to partners like the RFDA. The next step is working with Robyn Gillespie to create a proposal of how the garden and initiative would work next year, as well as find a time to discuss it with the senior team.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

November 15th at 8:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT

“On a motion made by Krushit and seconded by Robin that the board meeting be adjourned at 10:01pm.”

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