

Minutes of the Meeting of the Student Union of Confederation College Inc. Board of Directors – October 4th, 2023

WELCOME

Call to Order

Kiran called the meeting to order at 8:35pm on October 4th, 2023.

ATTENDEES

Board Members Present

Robin Gathercole, President

Kai Fucile Ladouceur, Vice- 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

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

Kendall Williams, Executive Director (Recorder)

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

Regrets

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Vignesh Viswanathan, Chief Justice (e.o.)

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

TBD, OASA Representative

AGENDA

Adoption of the Agenda

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

10/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

"On a motion made by Robin and seconded by Prithi that the September 13th, 2023, minutes be accepted as presented."

10/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

CONFLICTS

Declaration of Possible Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts to declare.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Ancillary Fee Agreement

SUCCI and Confederation College have an ancillary fee agreement. This agreement outlines how mandatory ancillary fees will be reviewed, introduced, and increased. Ancillary fees charged to students need to be compliant with the guidelines set out by the MTCU. The process for ancillary fees is that the registrar will request any new or changing ancillary fees from those responsible for them in late September or early October. After which all the changing or new ancillary fees will be brought to the SUCCI board by November. They will provide an information package with the list of all mandatory fees with a rationale for each new fee or fee that is increasing. The board will then be responsible for reviewing, discussing, and voting on each ancillary fee brought forward with recommendations. The final approval will be made by the Board of Governors. If there are fees that the board needs more information or clarification on, SUCCI can invite the manager responsible for the fee to a follow-up meeting to discuss with the board. It should be noted that if all ancillary fees combined are more than a 20% increase, a student referendum needs to take place. Kendall will share a link to this year's ancillary fees so the board can get an understanding of what the current fees are.

Audit Review Process

Each year SUCCI has an audit done by a third party, the audit is done by Grant Thornton, and the audit has historically always presented fairly. The audit typically takes place during the summer, and in the coming weeks the draft audit will be finalized and reviewed. The auditors will be attending the October 18th board meeting where they will present the audit and go through it with the board. The board will have an opportunity to ask any questions and seek clarification on the financials. Realizing that board members will likely not have seen audited financial statements before, if any board members are interested they can meet with Kendall to look over last year's audited financial statements and get a sense of what will be presented.

Food Service Committee

Robin provided an update on the food service committee. A meeting was had to determine the purpose and composition of the committee. An overview of the committee was provided by Sodexo and the college which was shared with the board. The committee will aim to meet monthly and is largely made up of student representatives. The board suggested some changes

to the composition, the committee should include a Shuniah student representative as well as the SUCCI ED and a college staff rep for continuity and historical information. It was also mentioned that membership should not be limited to a one-year term. Kendall will propose the changes to Anne and Toni. They will also be going for an RFP for food service as the current contract ends in May 2024. Focus groups will be held in the coming weeks to better understand the needs of students. When the dates and times are set that information will be shared with the board and they are encouraged to attend and to encourage other students to attend.

OSV Update

The OSV board has been working hard to get the foundation of the organization in place. Most recently they have approved the operating budget and made the decision to go ahead and hire another staff member. In August, when they had their quarterly meeting they spent some time determining their priorities and student advocacy issues for this year. One of the top issues that came up and they have agreed to work on are international student issues, which they are hoping to have a paper done on by the end of the year. In addition to this, Robin is voicing to them that work needs to be done on the housing issues that most students are facing. The OSV board will meet virtually each week but will have another in-person session in November.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

MSA Community

"On a motion made by Robin and seconded by Kai that the Board discuss the approval of the MSA Community for 23-24 academic year."

A discussion was ahead about the intention of a community. Communities are meant to give space for individuals to get together with other like-minded individuals around common interests. The MSA Group would be a space and community for those interested in Islam, regardless of whether the student is Muslim, to get together. There was a bit of confusion on if this group is interested in being a formal club or simply a community as the application speaks to both, more clarification is needed. Another point of discussion is that SUCCI has historically not had region-based clubs/communities on campus, this is something new for SUCCI and therefore the board felt that further discussion and information is needed about how this would work.

"On a motion made by Robin and seconded by Lizzie to table the decision to the October 28th meeting."

10/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES

Too Good to Go

Sodexo has begun using the Too Good to Go app. The way it works is Sodexo will add 'mystery' bags of food on the app a few days a week. Students can go on the app and purchase a bag for \$5.99, and the bag will have a value of \$18.00+, they then pick up the bag in the cafeteria during a specific time. It will contain a variety of prepared foods that are near expiry but still good. Sodexo will send us a promotion on the app, and we can begin sharing this with students as it provides an affordable option to them.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

October 18th at 8:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT

“On a motion made by Kai and seconded by Krushit that the board meeting be adjourned at 10:27pm.”

10/0/0 MOTION CARRIED