

Minutes of the Meeting of the Student Union of Confederation College Inc. Board of Directors – September 13th, 2023

WELCOME

Call to Order

Kiran called the meeting to order at 8:41pm on September 13th, 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 (**Virtual- left at 9:25pm*)

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

Kendall Williams, Executive Director (Recorder)

Vignesh Viswanathan, Chief Justice (e.o.) (**attended at 9:30pm*)

Regrets

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

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

TBD, OASA Representative

AGENDA

Adoption of the Agenda

A request was made to move clubs to items for decision, and to move items for decisions ahead of items for discussion.

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

8/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

There were no minutes to approve.

CONFLICTS

Declaration of Possible Conflicts of Interest

Kai declared a conflict with the Makers Club and the Performing Arts Club, and Robin declared a conflict with the Makers Club.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

Director of Social Events

“On a motion made by Robin and seconded by Kai that the Board appoint Lizzie González to the position of Director of Social Events for the 23-24 term of office.”

8/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

Distance Education and Regional Representative

“On a motion made by Robin and seconded by Grail that the Board appoint Tasha Wagner to the position of Distance Education and Regional Representative for the 23-24 term of office.”

9/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

Performing Arts Club

The Performing Arts Club is looking for recertification. Kai provided some history and background of the Performing Arts Club. The club started in 2000, with the purpose of giving students an opportunity to have fun, perform, and ultimately develop as individuals. Typically the performing arts club had three shows per year. The club has donated thousands of dollars back into the community, most recently to the Roots to Harvest and to mental health organizations in Kenora.

“On a motion made by Robin and seconded by Kathryn that the board approve recertification of the Performing Arts Club for the 23-24 Academic Year.”

9/0/1 MOTION CARRIED

Makers Club

The Makers Club will give students an opportunity to put their knowledge to use, experiment and be creative while working with students from different disciplines. The club is open to all students, and students do not need to be experienced in 3D design and the use of CNC machines in order to join. The club will be focused on different challenges throughout the year that students will compete in. There will be 3 different challenges throughout the year where students put their skills to the test. The club also hopes to manufacture small products that they can sell with the goal of making the club more self-sustaining in the future.

“On a motion made by Grail and seconded by Lizzie that the board approve the Makers Club for the 23-24 Academic Year.”

8/0/2 MOTION CARRIED

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Food Service

Robin brought forward some of the concerns regarding food services on campus: hours, affordability, and quality. Board members provided their thoughts as well; the ACE food service is only open for 2 hours a day, McIntyre food service is unreliable because the posted hours don't always match the actual hours of operation, and the prices have increased again (ex: 2 eggs now cost \$4.99). Robin has had an initial meeting with Anne from Sodexo to bring the concerns forward. Anne has said that Sodexo will be installing self-serve coffee machines in each of the buildings and will be using the Too Good to Go app to offer more affordable options at the end of the day and help to avoid food waste. The next step will be for a larger group to meet at the end of the month to re-establish the food service committee. Representatives from each building will be asked to join that committee. Board members are asked to send specific concerns and issues to Kendall and Robin so they can begin pulling some data together for that food service committee.

UPASS

Kendall and Robin have been in conversations with Transit about the renewal of the UPASS. Thunder Bay Transit is open to doing a shorter-term agreement of two or three years while we explore the option of allowing opt-outs to those who purchase full-year parking passes. However; that process will take time as it goes through legal and the appropriate approval process. While extending the contract, the prices would increase gradually each year until the price reaches a 68% discount on an annual pass, at which point it would only increase when fares increase. The agreement will go to council in October to determine the price for the next academic year.

Office Hours and Accountability

Robin discussed office hours and accountability policy with the board, asking all board members to submit their office hours for the semester by the end of the week. Having set office hours helps SUCCI with the planning of events and activities, and to communicate to students when board members are available. Additionally, board members will from time to time be privy to sensitive matters or student issues while in the SUCCI office and should act accordingly with sensitive matters.

OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES

Disc Golf Course

Robin met with the senior team where he gave a presentation on the disc golf proposal for the Thunder Bay campus. Robin was successful in securing approval to move ahead with the course. The next steps will be to move ahead with securing funding for the remaining equipment and installation, working with the college on the design of the signs, and a project plan to have construction beginning next spring. Robin has worked very hard these the past two years on the disc golf course, and this was a big accomplishment. He told the other board members to use this

as inspiration if they have ideas they would like to see on campus for students, it takes time but stick with it and use the SUCCI team to help you along the way.

Ombuds Service

A discussion was had about the ombuds support available to students. At this time the student appeals/ombuds role is vacant at Confederation College and it is to be posted in the next month. In the meantime, SUCCI has worked with students to help provide information needed on the appeals process and direct students to appropriate people. A meeting has also been scheduled in the meantime with Ombuds Ontario to understand what support they may be able to provide students.

Signage

Nazrin brought up that the welcome sign at the Golf Links Road entrance has spelling errors on it. The Arabic wording is not correct. Kendall and Robin will bring this to the attention of marketing and communications.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

October 4th at 8:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT

“On a motion made by Kathryn and seconded by Krushit that the board meeting be adjourned at 9:41pm.”

10/0/0 MOTION CARRIED