

Minutes of the Meeting of the Student Union of Confederation College Inc. Board of Directors – February 12th, 2024

WELCOME

Call to Order

Vig called the meeting to order at 7:38pm on February 12th, 2024.

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

Kendall Williams, Executive Director (Recorder)

Vignesh Viswanathan, Chief Justice (e.o.)

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

Regrets

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

Kiran Ramesh, Past President (e.o.)

TBD, OASA Representative

AGENDA

Adoption of the Agenda

Grail requested to add ACE Gym facility to items for discussion.

“On a motion made by Grail and seconded by Kai 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

An addition needs to be made to the minutes, the minutes should include the discussion that was had, regarding the subcommittee and accountability in the other business section.

“On a motion made by Krushit and seconded by Robin that the agenda be adopted with the additions.”

9/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

CONFLICTS

Declaration of Possible Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts to declare.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Elections

As of now two positions will be acclaimed, the President position and the Director of Student Life and Engagement. The other positions of Business, Hospitality & Media Arts Representative, Engineering, Technology & Trades Representative, Health, Negahneewin and Community Services Representative, Director of Events and Wellness, and Vice President are all contested positions. Campaigning began on February 5th and the elections will take place February 20th – 22nd. There are also three vacant positions, DE and Regional Representative, Director of Athletics and Aviation Representative. Interested individuals can apply by 4pm on February 26th.

Food Service Update

The second food service committee meeting took place on January 31st. Sodexo has implemented several of the suggestions that were made at the last meeting. Some of the new changes include rice in the grab-and-go station, pho bowls, half sandwiches and salads, soup of the day, hot dogs, and a new value menu is coming too. These changes give more affordable options to students at various price points. We talked about other ways to lower costs, and a large portion of the costs are because of packaging. Sodexo said they will try to use alternative packaging, such as saran wrap on sandwiches to help cut down the costs. Another new initiative they are working on is collaborating with the culinary students. As part of their course, they are to come up with an international dish that is under \$6. If the items turn out and stay under \$6, Sodexo will try them in the cafeteria and add them to the menu going forward. In the McIntyre building, they are going to try Pho bowls that can be reheated. For the ACE building, they talked about exploring the option of preordering meals. Food Services is still a challenge, but some good changes have been made and we will continue to work with Sodexo and the college on this.

Budget Process

We are nearing the end of the fiscal year, and with that, SUCCI needs to prepare a budget for the coming year. Kendall is working with the staff to develop budgets for each of the program areas,

she will then compile this into a draft budget that will be brought forward to the board for review, feedback, and approval. The draft budget will be presented to the board in the first week of April.

Rainy Day Fund

During Stock The Bank, there was an overwhelming amount of generosity from the college community, and SUCCI was able to allocate some of the funds to a new initiative called the Rainy Day fund. The Rainy Day Fund is intended to support food insecurity initiatives throughout the year. Some examples of possible initiatives could be, offering fresh food weekly, subsidizing the cost of a food item in the cafeteria, good food boxes, weekly soup bars, etc. To use the funds in the best way and maximize resources, a small committee has been put together with individuals from SUCCI, Student Success, Applied Research, Advancement, Financial Aid, and students. The SUCCI President will sit on that committee. At this stage they will be assessing the current gaps on campus to determine what the best initiative is going forward.

OSV Updates

OSV has had to make some staffing changes to their leadership. The ED is no longer with the organization. The OSV board will be helping in this transition period until a new ED is selected, but the organization remains fully operational. Robin will be working as the treasurer on the OSV board in the interim. It is a tough position to be in, but the OSV board felt it was what was needed to go forward and want the member schools to know that the change will allow them more growth and there is lots of good progress to come.

ACE Gym Facility

Grail brought forward the idea of having fitness equipment at the ACE. Several students have mentioned that is difficult for them to get to the wellness centre with their schedule and it would be beneficial to have a few pieces of equipment available to them at the ACE. It is unclear if this could even be an option at ACE given the space and potential safety concerns, but a discussion should be had with Mike Rozic to gather more information.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

March 4th at 7:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT

"On a motion made by Krushit and seconded by Lizzie that the board meeting be adjourned at 8:46 pm."

9/0/0 MOTION CARRIED