

Minutes of the Meeting of the Student Union of Confederation College Inc. Board of Directors – January 15th, 2024

WELCOME

Call to Order

Vignesh called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm on January 15th, 2024.

ATTENDEES

Board Members Present

Robin Gathercole, President

Kai Fucile Ladouceur, Vice- President

Lizzie González, Director of Social Events

Krushit Shah, Director of Athletics & Campus Recreation

Nazrin Navas, Director of Wellness & Diversity

Kathryn Picard, Senator of Business, Hospitality and Media Arts

Prithi Anbalagan, Senator of Health, Negahneewin and Community Services

Het Shah, Senator of Engineering, Technology & Trades

Grail Cancino, Senator of Aviation

Vignesh Viswanathan, Chief Justice (e.o.) (Chair)

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

Kendall Williams, Executive Director (Recorder)

Regrets

Kiran Ramesh, Past President (e.o.)

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

TBD, OASA Representative

AGENDA

Adoption of the Agenda

A request was made to add disc golf and DE & Regional Representative updates to items for discussion.

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

9/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

“On a motion made by Robin and seconded by Kai that the December 13th, 2023, minutes be accepted as presented.”

9/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

CONFLICTS

Declaration of Possible Conflicts of Interest

Robin declared a conflict regarding the vote of confidence for the president position.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

DE & Regional Representative Update

Tasha has stepped down from the position of DE and Regional Representative. This leaves a vacant spot on the board for this academic year. With elections running right now for next year's board, we will work to recruit students to apply for that position. If we are successful in finding someone, there may be an opportunity to have them begin their term earlier.

Office Hours and Meetings

Robin reminded board members about office hours for this semester and meetings. Board members should submit office hours to Laurel by the end of the week. Board meetings will take place Monday at 7:30 pm in the boardroom. Board meetings will continue to be bi-weekly, except for reading week. All meetings have been added to everyone's calendar. Programming meetings will take place bi-weekly on Fridays from 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm, and Kai will connect with the senators to schedule the bi-weekly senator meetings.

Sub-Committee for Board Accountability

A subcommittee will be formed to review board accountability; specifically looking at office hours, reporting, keeping one another accountable and up to date, as well as how to structure the honorarium. This committee will meet to review, make adjustments, and ultimately make a recommendation that will be brought back to the board. Any interested board members should let Kendall know by Wednesday.

Clubs

A reminder that we currently have a performing arts club, a maker's club, and a hack hub heroes club, plus the Muslim student community. All of the clubs will have booths at the upcoming service fairs to promote themselves. There has been a lot of interest in a chess club and we are exploring that with a staff member from Confederation College who is interested in being a mentor. If board members hear of potential interest for other clubs they should encourage students to talk to SUCCI.

Professional Development

Kai reminded other board members about the opportunity for professional development as it may not have been looked at over the holidays. We will plan to hold a session during an upcoming board meeting later this semester. Right now, we have two potential speakers to reach out to, if

board members have any suggestions they should send them this week so we can work on scheduling it.

Student Survey

SUCCI will be sending out their annual survey in March. This survey helps to give us valuable feedback that we can use in making decisions and plans for the upcoming year. This information is also used at several different committee meetings to ensure we are sharing student feedback, for instance at the food committee meetings. A copy of last year's survey was included in the board package for board members to review. We will continue to use the same questions in order to have some comparative data, but we will also add in new relevant questions, such as housing. SUCCI will work with Emily Wilson, the manager of Institutional Research and Planning at Confederation College, to help format the survey, distribute the survey, as well as analyse the data for us.

Disc Golf

Robin has continued to work on the disc golf course. A final quote was received for the installation, the quote was much higher than anticipated, coming in at \$45k just for the installation. SUCCI is reaching out to other potential contractors for quotes. It was suggested to reach out to contractors the college has worked with in the past or reach out to past board members who may have a connection. We need to lower the cost substantially before we reach out to potential funding partners.

Vote of Confidence for the Position of President of SUCCI

Motion to Move In-Camera

“On a motion made by Krushit and seconded by Kai that the board proceed to an in-camera session.”

9/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Move from In-Camera to Business Meeting & Accept In-Camera Decisions

“On a motion made by Krushit and seconded by Kai that the Board move out of in-camera session and accept the decisions made in the in-camera session.”

9/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

Robin Gathercole received the required support of the Board as the only Presidential Candidate for the 2021 SUCCI Elections. He will be officially acclaimed once he successfully completes the required information by the deadline date of January 26, 2024.

OTHER BUSINESS

OASA

Kendall and Robin had a meeting with Anna Chief, Director, Indigenous Initiatives, to discuss OASA and the plans for it moving forward. Anna is doing a lot of work to determine its best path forward and how SUCCI can support that. One of the things that was discussed is potentially looking at having a full-time president. We have invited them to attend board meetings if interested and will continue to work with Anna as she works with OASA.

Student Concerns

- Students have inquired about alternative ways to play cricket in the Wellness Centre. They want to know if they would be able to play with a sponge ball. Robin said there has been a lot of inquiries about cricket, and it's something SUCCI is working on, he will also talk to the Wellness Centre about this.
- Grail said there is a standing reservation at the wellness centre for volleyball, she's noticed that fewer students are using it and that moving it to during the week would be better suited to the students since they are already here. Robin will chat with Sue about it.
- Krushit has had a couple of students who asked to have major sports games broadcast on the screen in the lounge. Kendall suggested that we bring this to the program committee to look at what days there are no activities and what games are on that we can show. We are also looking at putting a large tv in the McIntyre building were we could potentially also show the games.

ADJOURNMENT

“On a motion made by Krushit and seconded by Kai that the board meeting be adjourned at 9:04 pm.”

9/0/0 MOTION CARRIED