

Minutes of the Meeting of the Student Union of Confederation College Inc. Board of Directors – January 29th, 2024

WELCOME

Call to Order

Vignesh called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm on January 29th, 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

Grail Cancino, Senator of Aviation

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

Guest

Thomas McDonald, SUCCI Administrator Marketing and Communication (Recorder)

Regrets

Kendall Williams, Executive Director

Het Shah, Senator of Engineering, Technology & Trades

Kiran Ramesh, Past President (e.o)

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

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

TBD, OASA Representative

AGENDA

Adoption of the Agenda

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

8/0/0 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 January 15th, 2024, minutes be accepted as presented."

8/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

CONFLICTS

Declaration of Possible Conflicts of Interest

No possible conflicts to declare.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

International Student Issues

The government has put new temporary restrictions on international student visas and the post-graduation work permit. They will be reducing the number of visas by 35%. It is anticipated that the greatest impact will be in Ontario, but full details have yet to be communicated. SUCCI is working with the College as they work through the changes and to better understand how it will impact Confederation College. What is known is that there will be a decrease in international students, and the overall student enrollment at Confederation College. SUCCI is mindful of what impacts it will have on the budget going into the next fiscal year and will continue to work with the college to monitor these changes. It should be noted that these changes will not impact current students or those enrolled in the spring semester. Additionally, Kathleen Lynch has put a statement out, and board members are suggested to refer to it if having inquiries from other students.

Ombuds/Student Appeals Advisor

Ryan Sigurdson has been hired by the college as the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Advisor. Ryan is also responsible for supporting students in the student appeals process. He will be working closely with SUCCI to ensure he is available and accessible to students. Ryan will work out of the SUCCI office for a few hours each week, in addition to being available anytime for students to schedule meetings. Marketing materials are in progress to help promote Ryan's role and the services available. We have encouraged Ryan to attend various college and SUCCI events/activities to connect with students and to become a more familiar face and name.

Food Committee

The food committee is meeting on January 31st, in preparation for the meeting the board discussed any concerns or compliments on the food service at the college. If board members have things, they would like brought up to that committee they should be shared before Wednesday. An update on any information shared at the food committee meeting will be brought forward at the next board meeting.

Board Hours

Robin discussed with the board the expectations around board hours. Robin apologized to board members for any miscommunication in the last few weeks, and we need to improve communication to avoid that. If board members need to change hours, are sick, etc, they need to

communicate with both Kendall and Robin to ensure it is not missed. It is also good practice to ensure confirmation when sending an email or message.

OTHER BUSINESS

Community Garden

Robin has been continuing to work on the community garden initiative. As part of the initiative Robin is looking to find alternative ways to provide students with access to affordable and healthy food. SUCCI met with Erin Beagle at Roots and is going to work with them to have a fresh market brought onto campus where students can purchase fresh produce at a subsidized cost. The other component he has been working on with Richard Gemmill is to work with the culinary students to make a weekly soup that students could then purchase for \$2.

Accountability Subcommittee

A subcommittee was formed to look at the accountability policy for SUCCI. The subcommittee will comprise of Robin, Kai, Prithi, Kathryn, Nazrin, and Kendall. They are meeting this week to review and make some proposed changes. A reviews policy will be brought back to the board for review in the next month.

ADJOURNMENT

“On a motion made by Kai and seconded by Grail that the board meeting be adjourned at 8:30pm.”

8/0/0 MOTION CARRIED