

Minutes of the Meeting of the Student Union of Confederation College Inc. Board of Directors – December 8, 2021

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vignesh Viswanathan at 6:38 pm on December 8, 2021

Board Members Present

Ronnie Kasana, President
Vitasta Ganjoo, Vice President
Robin Gathercole, Director of Athletics & Campus Recreation
Isabel Delaney, Senator of Business, Hospitality and Media Arts
Sunena Shetty, Director of Social Events (virtual)
David Johnson, Senator of Aviation
Nathan Smallwood, Senator of Engineering, Technology & Trades
Darla Oja, OASA Representative (virtual)
Maricor Ballaret, Director of Wellness & Diversity

Lynne Savelle, Executive Director (e.o.), Recorder
Vignesh Viswanathan, Chief Justice (e.o.)
Catherine Hilgers, Support Staff Representative (e.o.)
Kiran Ramesh, Past President (e.o.; virtual)

Regrets

Don Duclos, Admin. Staff Representative

Resignations

Resignations were received by the Board from Raelyn Comeau.

Adoption of the Agenda

"On a motion made by Isabel and seconded by Robin that the agenda be adopted.

8/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting – November 24, 2021

"On a motion made by Isabel and seconded by Robin that the minutes of the meeting from November 24, 2021, be accepted.

8/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

Declaration of Possible Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

Appointment of Director of Wellness & Diversity

"On a motion made by Ronnie and seconded by Darla that Maricor Ballaret be appointed to the position of Director of Wellness and Diversity for the remainder of the 21-22 Term of Office."

8/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

Maricor was officially welcomed to the SUCCI Board

Position Description Review

Robin will review the position of Director of Athletics. There were no changes to other positions.

Update on Provincial Faculty Negotiations

The Board discussed the possibility of a Faculty Strike. The strike vote is being held this week and results will be known on December 11th. It is speculated that the Union will receive a strike vote.

It is unknown when or if the faculty will strike but a strike vote will put them in a legal strike position. This is a provincial vote for faculty at colleges across Ontario. The last strike lasted 5 weeks. SUCCI will maintain a neutral stance encouraging both parties to come to an agreement so there is no disruption of classes. A strike could not come at a worse time for students and it is very unfortunate.

The Frequently Asked Questions were circulated by e-mail from Ronnie to the Board Members. The college will message students once there is additional information available to provide some information once the strike vote is completed.

In the past the college had to work on contingency plans for strikes which included completion plans in the event of a strike, financial supports for students forced with additional expenses etc. as well as picket line protocol to ensure the safety of everyone. In the event of a strike the Wellness Centre should remain open and students will be able to use it. In the past Transit has not crossed the picket lines and temporary bus stops were put up.

Water Stations on Campus

Both the 2nd floor and 3rd floor water stations in the Shuniah Building are not operational. Water is available in the cafeteria but some speculated there was a minimal charge. Lynne will follow up with the college and report back to the board about additional water stations on campus.

Proof of Vaccination – Paper Copy

David expressed concern that he was told that effective in January the college will no longer accept proof of vaccination on a piece of paper. He has a blackberry phone and is unable to use the app and expressed concerns that others could be in the same position. He also expressed that the Government issued vaccine is the gold standard and should be accepted.

It is part of the college policy that all students screen in using the Safe Campus App however this can also be done on a computer. This is also part of statistical information required by the college to report to the Ministry. Confederation College policy requires that anyone entering campus uses the Safe Campus App and receives approval to enter campus.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Vignesh Viswanathan at 7:47 pm. The next meeting will be scheduled in the New Year when board members have their new academic timetables.

