

Minutes of the Meeting of the Student Union of Confederation College Inc. Board of Directors – January 24, 2022

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vignesh Viswanathan at 7:01 pm on January 24, 2022. The meeting was held virtually on MS Teams because of the continuing pandemic.

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

Nathan Smallwood, Senator of Engineering, Technology & Trades

Darla Oja, OASA Representative

Maricor Ballaret, Director of Wellness & Diversity

Lynne Savela, Executive Director (e.o.), Recorder

Vignesh Viswanathan, Chief Justice (e.o.)

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

Kiran Ramesh, Past President (e.o.)

Regrets

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

David Johnson is not registered in school this semester and sent an e-mail to the board and has resigned from his position on the SUCCI Board of Directors.

Adoption of the Agenda

“On a motion made by Isabel and seconded by Maricor that the agenda be adopted as amended.

8/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting – January 10, 2022

“On a motion made by Vitasta and seconded by Isabel that the minutes of the meeting from January 10, 2022, be accepted as presented

8/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

Declaration of Possible Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest declared.

Elections Report – 2022

Nominations close on January 28, 2022. Two information meetings were held and a final information meeting will be held on January 25th. Three individuals attended the first meeting. Elections was featured on the SUCCI spotlight.

Provincial Faculty Negotiations

Information was e-mailed by Lynne to board members with an update on the Faculty Vote along with frequently asked questions that explain what a final vote offer is. The vote is scheduled for February 15th to February 17th and will be held electronically. Board members had no questions.

The SUCCI Board position in the past has been to remain neutral but to educate yourself on both sides of the issue. SUCCI is here for the students and a labour disruption of any kind is not in the best interest of students. Students want to receive the education they have invested in and complete it in the time frame they planned for.

It is hoped that that the two parties are able to reach an agreement.

Club Proposal – Engineering Students Association

The purpose of the club is to promote engineering interests throughout Confederation College. They do not require financial assistance. The desire is to seek recognition, space to meet, space to store material and space to create projects. They would like to hold network style events with possible talks/lectures to raise awareness in engineering fields and volunteer outreach to school and profession.

Student Engineering Club

“On a motion made by Vitasta and seconded by Robin that SUCCI approve the Student Engineering Club as a certified club of SUCCI”

8/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

Business Club

The purpose of the club is to represent students of Confederation College who have an interest in the business industry and to provide them with opportunities for networking with business professionals, personal & professional development and an open and safe space where students can congregate to get to know each other outside of the classroom. Some funds are requested to support their initiatives.

Business Club

“On a motion made by Ronnie and seconded by Robin that SUCCI support and approve the Business Club as a certified club of SUCCI and approve funds of \$330.

8/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

Isabel will reach out to let the Business Club know that approval was provided. Amy will follow up with both clubs on next steps.

Town Hall for Students

Kathleen Lynch will host a Town Hall for students on Wednesday, February 2nd at 12:30 pm. Promotion of the event is out now and the main topics of conversation will focus around delivery plans for the rest of the semester and an update on the labour negotiations between Ontario Colleges and Faculty. Students are being asked to submit questions in advance for the Open Forum so they can be addressed.

Virtual Visit with College Student Alliance

The CSA will host a virtual visit with SUCCI on January 26th at 12:45pm. This is a check in meeting. Robin, Isabel, Darla and Ronnie will join.

Drinks in Atrium

All food and drinks are limited to the cafeteria areas only and strictly prohibited in other common areas including the atrium. Robin asked if it is possible to drink water or coffee while studying in Atrium. This is not an option. It is strictly being enforced as the Omicron virus is highly transmittable people so this will stay in place to avoid individuals taking masks off. It has been a concern as groups study together.

Students and staff are permitted to eat/drink in the designated areas for the health and safety of the college community. Those with a private office can eat in their individual office if they have one.

Daytimer/Handbook

Sunena indicated that she has heard from students that they don't see value in the daytimer and they do not use it. Others have heard that students do appreciate having the book & daytimer. The daytimer has been mailed out to first year students the past two years but is available to others who would like one. SUCCI has run out of copies of the daytimer when students had been on campus as many appreciate having one. The number of copies printed has decreased and students can choose if they would like to have one when they pick up their student card.

Suggestions included a format which can provide additional space for writing in the daytimer section to create more of a planner or additional space to write notes in it. The feedback will be considered for the next daytimer. Consideration is being given to provide a larger book format.

Rapid Tests for Students

Some are wondering if rapid tests can be made available for students. Currently there is a shortage and the college does not have rapid tests to distribute widely. This could change when supply becomes abundant.

Elections

Ronnie asked Board Members to share the Election Information on their social media to help generate additional interest.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Vignesh adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

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