

Minutes of the Meeting of the Student Union of Confederation College Inc. Board of Directors – April 18, 2022

Call to Order

Vignesh Viswanathan called the meeting to order at 7:27pm on April 18, 2022. The meeting was held in person – Room A219 Shuniah Board Room

Board Members Present

Ronnie Kasana, President

Vitasta Ganjoo, Vice President

Isabel Delaney, Senator of Business, Hospitality and Media Arts

Sunena Shetty, Director of Social Events

Darla Oja, OASA Representative

Maricor Ballaret, Director of Wellness & Diversity

Robin Gathercole, Director of Athletics & Campus Recreation

Vignesh Viswanathan, Chief Justice (e.o.)

Kiran Ramesh, Past President (e.o.)

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

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

Lynne Savela, Executive Director (e.o.)

Regrets

Nathan Smallwood, Senator of Engineering, Technology & Trades

Adoption of the Agenda

“On a motion made by Robin and seconded by Sunena that the agenda be adopted”

7/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting – April 11, 2022

“On a motion made by Vitasta and seconded by Darla that the minutes of the meeting from April 11, 2022, be accepted as presented.

7/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

Declaration of Possible Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest declared.

Student Membership Extension for Wellness Centre

The Wellness Centre will be extending the student membership till December 31, 2022 for students graduating this year. This helps make up for the closure due to the pandemic. Notices will be put up and SUCCI will share the information.

Approval of the 22-23 SUCCI Operating Budgets

“On a motion made by Ronnie Kasana and seconded by Isabel Delaney that the Board approve the 2022-2023 SUCCI Budgets as presented.

7/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

Incoming Board Orientation

An introduction to SUCCI and orientation for the Incoming Board Members will be held on Wednesday, May 4th from 5:00pm till 9:00pm. Returning Student Board Members include: Ronnie Kasana, Robin Gathercole and Maricor Ballaret. Returning ex-officio Board Members include: Cathy Hilgers, Don Duclos, Vignesh Viswanathan and Kiran Ramesh.

Any current board member who would like to join can do so. Lynne will forward the invite out to the Board.

Undergraduate Awards

Feedback was provided to Don Duclos on the payment of awards and bursaries to students. For Domestic Students it was simple and efficient. The experience for the International Students was quite different. The process was cumbersome, took longer, and the International Students who received bursary money would have preferred to pick up a cheque at the college instead. to avoid the additional service fees and cumbersome process. A service fee of \$15 per award was also charged. Don will take the feedback and indicated improvements will be made or they will divert back to a cheque system for International students if the service issues by the company cannot be resolved. Part of the issue with International is around legal banking requirements.

Final Comments

Board members were thanked and reflected on the past year. This is the final board meeting for Lynne Savela who will be retiring June 2nd. Ronnie Kasana, President and the Board provided appreciation and thank you to Lynne for her 37 years of service with SUCCI. Below are the remarks made by the President on behalf of SUCCI and the Board.

Tonight we are celebrating a very special occasion - the retirement of a very special mentor and leader, Lynne Savela. Not only has Lynne been SUCCI's Executive Director for the past 37 years, she has been one of the architects of this organization.

Lynne has dedicated her entire career to growing and creating the organization that you see today. For nearly forty years she has shared her knowledge, wisdom and support to every student who stepped foot onto this campus, directly or indirectly.

A famous activist once said "wisdom is knowing what to do next; virtue is doing it", and Lynne has proven to be both wise and virtuous. Lynne has tirelessly given her time and resources to SUCCI and student leaders. By all measures we have improved our services immensely under Lynne's watch continuing to evolve with changing times, changing students and a changing world. Her leadership and guidance with students leaders have led to SUCCI's growth and the respect SUCCI has in our community and across the country. She has kept us in her own words "safe and legal" but more than that thriving, from humble beginnings to a multi-million dollar student lead business.

Personally, I feel privileged to have been mentored by such a strong and fearless leader; Lynne took a leap of faith with me and spent so much time teaching me and guiding me to be the person I am today. Under Lynne's guidance, I grew to become a more confident and skilled president for the students. Lynne, I will always be grateful for the trust you have given me, and

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the lessons you have taught me. Without your guidance, I wouldn't be standing here today. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

While I have personally known Lynne for only two years, I have seen her accomplish many amazing things in her time. Lynne has been integral to the important advances we have made, particularly in the areas of advocating and supporting students. It is for Lynne's behind-the-scene work that we are most thankful for. Lynne has distinguished herself as a judicious steward of our SUCCI and never flinched in the face of difficult decisions throughout her tenure. Lynne always performed her role with dedication, tenacity and full transparency. She does so humbly and from the background, but she truly is a star. We know that being the centre of attention is uncomfortable for you, but today we want all the light to shine on you.

Lynne, you have inspired each and every student who you have touched to be a better person and for that, we can never thank you enough. When you look to the night sky, know that there is a star shining there forever to honour you, your work and your legacy, the way you will live forever in our hearts and the history of SUCCI. We will work to continue your fair leadership, respect and integrity into the future of this organization.

On behalf of all the students and staff of SUCCI, I would like to wish you good luck and success in all of your future endeavours. Happy retirement, Lynne.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Vignesh Viswanathan adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm