

Minutes of the Meeting of the Student Union of Confederation College Inc. Board of Directors – February 23, 2022

Call to Order

Vignesh Viswanathan called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm on February 23, 2022. The meeting was held virtually on MS Teams because of the continuing pandemic.

Board Members Present

Ronnie Kasana, President

Vitasta Ganjoo, Vice President (12:50 pm)

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

Nathan Smallwood, Senator of Engineering, Technology & Trades

Vignesh Viswanathan, Chief Justice (e.o.)

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

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

Regrets

Robin Gathercole, Director of Athletics & Campus Recreation

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

Kiran Ramesh, Past President (e.o.)

Guests

Andrei Rosario, Incoming Director of Social Events

Alyssa Veneruzzo, Administrator, Accounting and Payroll

Adoption of the Agenda

“On a motion made by Isabel and seconded by Ronnie that the agenda be adopted.

6/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting – February 7, 2022

“On a motion made by Isabel and seconded by Sunena that the minutes of the meeting from February 7, 2022, be accepted as presented

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Declaration of Possible Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest declared.

Provincial Vote on Final Contract Offer by Faculty

The vote on the final contract by faculty provincially is now complete. Faculty have rejected the final contract offer by Management. The Faculty continues in their “Work to Rule” at this point. There is no scheduled strike date or indication of if there will be a strike.

At this point we recognize that students are concerned, however, highlighting a potential strike may only escalate their concerns and create additional stress. The college will communicate and message regarding any changes to the labour situation.

The Faculty Union has indicated that the “work to rule” will not affect student’s education. If students are experiencing difficulties they should reach out to their Associate Dean or Dean at the College with their concerns.

Ronnie is meeting regularly with other College Student Association Presidents to brainstorm about how student associations can work together to encourage the parties to reach an agreement. Historically, there has been past Faculty Strikes. The most recent was in 2017 and lasted 5 weeks.

SUCCI will maintain their neutrality and encourage and lobby for the two parties to reach an agreement.

Vacant Positions

Ronnie indicated that there are two applications for the position of Distance Education Representative, four for position of Vice President and one applicant for Senator of Aviation. The deadline was extended till Friday, March 4th. Ronnie has mentioned the vacancy of Senator of Health & Community Service to the Dean. Interviews will be scheduled once the applications have been reviewed and shortlisted for interviews.

(Vitasta Ganjoo joins at 12:50 pm)

OASA Representative Position

The proposed position description for the OASA Representative was discussed. Darla indicated that this has gone to the OASA Executive and they are in agreement. This is a complete rewrite of a very brief & old job description and reflects what the OASA Representative is today and what the OASA Representative is encouraged to do. The colonialism language was changed. OASA does not report to SUCCI nor is accountable to SUCCI so the job description does differ from the other SUCCI Board position descriptions.

SUCCI Operating Practises

The following policies were reviewed and proposed changes highlighted. The policies reviewed included – Food Bank Policy, Authority for Expenditures of the Corporation, Corporate Credit Card Policy, Student Commons and the Social Media Operating Practice.

Most of the policies are updated to reflect current practise, title change and terminology. Any one with further questions can reach out to Lynne or Ronnie. They will be tabled for approval at the next Board Meeting. Additional SUCCI policies will be tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

Next Board Meeting – Monday, March 7th at 7:00pm

The meeting will be held in person and those who prefer to join virtually will be accommodated.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Vignesh Viswanathan adjourned the meeting at 1:15 pm