

Minutes of the Meeting of the Student Union of Confederation College Inc. Board of Directors – February 7, 2022

Call to Order

Kiran Ramesh called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm on February 7, 2022. The meeting was held virtually on MS Teams because of the continuing pandemic.

Board Members Present

Ronnie Kasana, President

Vitasta Ganjoo, Vice President (7:20 pm)

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 (7:20 pm)

Darla Oja, OASA Representative

Maricor Ballaret, Director of Wellness & Diversity

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

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

Kiran Ramesh, Past President (e.o.)

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

Regrets

Vignesh Viswanathan, Chief Justice (e.o.)

Guest

Andrei Rosario, Incoming Director of Social Events

Adoption of the Agenda

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

6/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting – January 24, 2022

“On a motion made by Vitasta and seconded by Isabel that the minutes of the meeting from January 24, 2022, be accepted as presented

6/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

Declaration of Possible Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest declared.

Elections Report – 2022

Nominations closed on January 28, 2022. There will be no actual election this year. There are five individuals who have successfully been acclaimed to their position.

President – Ronnie Kasana

Director of Athletics – Robin Gathercole

Director of Social – Andrei Rosario

Director of Wellness & Diversity – Maricor Ballaret

Senator of Technology – Kuol Ayuen

The remaining board positions are now advertised and open for applications. The deadline to apply is February 18th.

Vacant Board Positions

An interview committee will fill the remaining vacant board positions. In accordance with policy, there must be three board members along with an ex-officio board member or advisor. The committee will interview and the SUCCI Board must approve the final recommendation.

Appointment of Interview Committee

“On a motion made by Darla and seconded by Sunena that the interview committee of Robin, Ronnie and Isabel be appointed to interview for the vacant board positions.

6/0/0 Motion CARRIED

Budget Timelines for 2022-23

The budget timelines were circulated to the Board. The final draft budget will be presented to the full board on April 4th with final approval of the 2022-23 Budget to be made on April 18th.

The fees for 2022-23 remain the same with the exception of the U-Pass and the Health Plan. It is likely there will be little change to the 2021-22 budget as the budget was built assuming that we would be back on site. It is anticipated by fall 2022 full learning on campus will resume.

Student Feedback of President Town Hall Meeting

Maricor indicated that a number of students did not realize that there are on-going labour negotiations and they are concerned in the event there is a strike. It appears that CICE has indicated that international students will only be able to work the maximum of 20 hours per week if there is a strike. The Dean of International will confirm this in the event of a strike. Students are concerned with finances. It is too early to tell if there will be a strike or how long it could last; however, the college will be doing some planning now in the event that there is a labour disruption.

Isabel indicated that questions had not been answered. She was encouraged to submit the question to e-mail to get a response. Other questions had been responded to. Questions submitted in advance are helpful so that it is assured that they are answered.

The format of a Town Hall was good and should continue as an alternative to keep students informed. Many students also watched the recording of the forum afterwards.

Don Duclos encouraged board members to reach out to him if they are hearing questions or have questions themselves and he will respond.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 23rd at 12:30 pm, and will only be one hour long. This is to replace the Board Meeting which would have been held on Monday, February 21st as the College will be closed due to Family Day. The meeting will be held on MS Teams.

Convocation 2022

Don Duclos indicated that the college is planning an in person convocation on June 10, 2022 and hopes things proceed well so they are able to do this at the Community Auditorium. The back up plan will be another virtual convocation if unable to proceed with an in person celebration.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Kiran Ramesh adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

