

# **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Student Union of Confederation College Inc. Board of Directors – October 13, 2021**

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Kiran Ramesh at 6:35 pm on October 13, 2021

## **Board Members Present**

Ronnie Kasana, President

Vitasta Ganjoo, Vice President

Robin Gathercole, Director of Athletics & Campus Recreation (joined at 7:00pm)

Isabel Delaney, Senator of Business, Hospitality and Media Arts

Kevin Ammatil, Senator of Health, Negahneewin & Community Services

Sunena Shetty, Director of Social Events

David Johnson, Senator of Aviation

Nathan Smallwood, Senator of Engineering, Technology & Trades

Martina Su, Director of Student Wellness & Diversity

Raelyn Comeau, Distance Education Student Representative (joined through ZOOM)

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

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

Kiran Ramesh, Past President (e.o.), Meeting Chair

Don Duclos, Admin. Staff Representative (e.o.) (joined through ZOOM @ 8:00pm)

## **Regrets**

Vignesh Viswanathan, Chief Justice (e.o.)

## **Guests**

Tom Boyle, Grant Thornton

Roopa Rakshit, Negahneewin Research Centre (7:45 pm)

Deanna Kerkvliet, Negahneewin Research Centre (joined through ZOOM at 7:45pm)

## **Adoption of the Agenda**

*“On a motion made by Kevin and seconded by Martina that the agenda be adopted.*

## **9/0/0 MOTION CARRIED**

## **Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting – September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

*“On a motion made by Izzy and seconded by Ronnie that the minutes of the meetings from September 29<sup>th</sup> 2021 be accepted as presented.*

## **9/0/0 MOTION CARRIED**

## **Declaration of Possible Conflicts of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

### **Presentation of the May31, 2021 Audited Financial Statements**

Tom Boyle from Grant Thornton presented the draft of the May 31, 2021 audited financial statements. These represent an independent auditor's report which is an unbiased opinion. Tom indicated that Grant Thornton is providing a "clean opinion" which is what SUCCI wants. It means that the statements fairly reflect the position of SUCCI and have been audited and are in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organization.

Tom indicated that the organization is in excellent financial shape and will be able to ride out the uncertainties of the pandemic and the impact it has had on the enrollment over the next few years.

There were a few small changes to budget numbers which will be updated in the final draft statement.

### **Approval of the May 31, 2021 SUCCI Audited Financial Statements**

*"On a motion made by Robin and seconded by Martina that the May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 financial statements be accepted as presented by Grant Thornton inclusive of the approval of the restricted cash funds."*

### **10/0/0 MOTION CARRIED**

### **Presentation of the Indigenous Art Hive Project and Pride Centre**

Roopa and Deanna presented to the Board on the Art Hive Project & Pride Centre. Roopa thanked SUCCI for their support and spoke about the two projects. The Art Hive project is Indigenous centred and will deliver culturally informed mental health support through art therapies due to Covid 19. The project is inclusive of the 2SLGBTQ+ and Indigenous community with extended outreach to international and domestic students.

A number of digital tool kit/videos are being developed and along with hosting events for students. There will be 8 videos which will be 3 to 4 minutes around well being and self care. Roopa and Deanna would like to work closely with SUCCI to collaborate and plan holiday celebration and other events including International Women's Day and International Transgender Day of Visibility. Roopa is very thankful for the support of SUCCI and working together to build relationships.

The videos and activities are also being created so they are accessible for all students including online. Generator is producing the videos. Deanna has been attending the SUCCI programming committee meetings.

Board members are asked to save the date of November 3<sup>rd</sup> for event to be held outdoors in partnership with Roots to Harvest. It will be by the firepit from 10:00am till 4:00pm.

### **Constitution Changes**

*“On a motion made by Martina and seconded by Izzy that the changes to the constitution be accepted as presented”.*

### **10/0/0 MOTION CARRIED**

#### **Mandatory Ancillary Fees for 22-23**

The fee requests for 22-23 were presented to the Board. These fees are public on the college website. A summary of the proposed changes to the fees was circulated for the board as information.

The proposed fee increase include the Fitness Centre membership fee increase of \$4, the Student Records Fee (formerly Lifetime Transcript Fee) of \$6. The college would like to move to a digital wallet that will provide fast and easy access to request and send your transcripts, graduation awards, credentials and other academic documents to employers, government offices and others. MyCreds is designed by leaders from Canadian colleges, institutes and universities.

SUCCI fee increases include the health plan increase of \$13. This reflects a 5.1% increase. The plan is being well used by students and the broker has indicated that the worse case scenario will be a 15% increase. If the increase is more than the 5.1% then it will be funded through the Health Plan Reserve Fund.

The U-Pass increase is in accordance with the contract with the City of Thunder Bay.

There is one program specific fee for Developmental Services Worker which is a learning platform for students in the program. The program has been piloting the use of the platform with the current student population and the feedback and experience has been excellent. Further clarification is required to ensure it meets the guidelines for an ancillary fee as well as feedback from the students.

The board will vote at their next meeting, on the proposed fee increases to the mandatory ancillary fee increases, which all students pay. There is an ask to have someone from the Wellness Centre provide more rationale for their request to increase the membership fee.

### **Adjournment**

Kiran Ramesh adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.