

Minutes of the Meeting of the Student Union of Confederation College Inc. Board of Directors – September 29, 2021

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vignesh Viswanathan at 6:31 pm on September 29, 2021

Board Members Present

Ronnie Kasana, President

Vitasta Ganjoo, Vice President

Robin Gathercole, Director of Athletics & Campus Recreation (joined through MS Teams)

Isabel Delaney, Senator of Business, Hospitality and Media Arts

Kevin Ammatil, Senator of Health, Negahneewin & Community Services

Sunena Shetty, Director of Social Events (joined through ZOOM)

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)

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

Kiran Ramesh, Past President (e.o.)

Vignesh Viswanathan, Chief Justice (e.o.) Meeting Chair

Regrets

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

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

Adoption of the Agenda

“On a motion made by Kevin and seconded by Robin that the agenda be adopted as amended”

10/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting – September 15th & September 17th, 2021

“On a motion made by Robin and seconded by Isabel that the minutes of the meetings from September 15th & September 17th, 2021 be accepted as presented.

7/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

Declaration of Possible Conflicts of Interest

Vignesh explained what a potential conflict of interest was to the new board members. There were no conflicts of interest.

Proposed Changes to the SUCCI Constitution

The constitution committee met. The proposed changes to the constitution were reviewed with the Board. The changes incorporate a new Distance Education Position and honorarium, title changes, changes to GPA requirements for the elections and reference to electronic voting. In addition the fee name of Student Activity fee has been changed to SUCCI Fees.

The proposed changes will be on the next agenda. In order to be official, they will be posted on the website and will require ratification by 2/3 of the voting members.

Ancillary Fee Agreement

Lynne Savelle reviewed the current ancillary fee agreement with the Board. The mandatory ancillary fees will be coming to SUCCI in late October or early November and any increase to individual ancillary fees will require approval of 2/3 of the Board.

Board members are encouraged to review the agreement.

SUCCI Ancillary Fees

SUCCI must put in their fee requests to the college now for 22-23. Lynne advised the Board that enrollment is down from projected enrollment for 21-22, however SUCCI is in a sound financial position and will recover. It is anticipated it will take a few years for enrollment to recover to where it was prior to the pandemic. SUCCI could be in a lost financial position until the enrollment grows once again and full travel resumes. Travel and the pandemic has impacted both international and domestic numbers.

The proposed increase to the U-Pass for 22-23 will be \$230 in accordance with the agreement with the city.

It is still unknown if there will be any change to the domestic student health plan fee.

The board would like to have no increases to the other SUCCI Fees. SUCCI has provide notification to CSA to terminate the membership, however SUCCI will maintain the Advocacy Fee for next year. Within this fee it also includes leadership conferences and advocacy initiatives.

Land Acknowledgement

Tiffany Miller discussed the significance of the land acknowledgement and what it means in our path to reconciliation. It is very important that when someone does the land acknowledgement that they do it confidently and it comes from the heart. Tiffany reviewed the current land acknowledgement that Confederation College uses and also the one that the library uses. The land acknowledgement does not have to be formal but it should come from the heart with correct pronunciation from the individual doing it. The slide show will be shared with the Board. Ronnie thanked Tiffany for joining the Board to help and educate the group.

SUCCI – 22-23 Fees

“On a motion made by Ronnie Kasana and seconded by Nathan Smallwood that the following SUCCI Ancillary Fees remain the same for the 22-23 year – Athletics & Recreation, Mental Health & Academic Support, Student Association Fee and the Provincial Advocacy Fee”

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Aviation Centre – SUCCI Project

The project information had been circulated to the Board. There was discussion about the location and suggestion that the 2nd floor lounge lunchroom area may be something considered in the future.

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The current sitting area will be in the first floor space inside the main doors. This is a project which was to proceed in March 2020 and then the pandemic hit. The decision was made to wait until students returned to campus. The furniture will be ordered now but it is anticipated that it could be the end of the semester before it arrives. The budget dollars are already approved. The charging station is now on site at the Aviation Centre.

Process for Club Approvals and Re-Certifications

There is a club package that students can complete to apply to be a recognized SUCCI club on campus. SUCCI does have some budget dollars set aside for clubs to apply for funding and the final approval is with the Board. Returning Clubs apply for re-certification annually.

The longest standing club is the Confederation College Performing Arts Club. The Club does not require funding and has actually donated to various charities through the years which is admirable. This past year the club made a donation to the Lecture Theatre renovations.

Re-Certification of CCPA Club

"On a motion made by Ronnie and seconded by Robin that the Board approve the recertification for the Confederation College Performing Arts Club."

10/0/0 MOTION CARRIED

Wellness Centre

There is concern with the current hours of operation. The facility remains closed on weekends and students are complaining. Some students have purchased memberships at other gyms because of the hours. Prior to the pandemic the facility was open 7 days a week however, the re-opening and hours of operation were scaled back on re-opening because of staffing shortages. When the facility first reopened in August the hours were early morning till mid afternoon because of staffing problems. There were a number of complaints from students. Hours have expanded but still do not include the weekend. Ronnie will follow up with an e-mail letter expressing concern and set up a meeting to discuss further. Board members felt some students do not realize they have a membership at the Wellness Centre as part of their fees. It will be helpful to market the facility more.

Office/SUCCI Hours & Accountability

Vitasta asked board members to communicate when they will not be available, as she will be doing the scheduling along with Thomas for the SUCCI in person stops, as well as virtual stops. It takes time to coordinate the schedules so it is helpful to have the right information. If someone does change their hours, please communicate with Vitasta and Ronnie so the appropriate schedules can be created or adjusted.

There continues to be some confusion around what a board member does during their hours. Some of the learning is self directed on projects and succi work. Senators will typically do 3 of their 4 office hours on SUCCI stops. If a message is marked urgent, please try to respond ASAP.

Ronnie does require board members to sign in and out in the binder at the reception counter so he has those records when he does the monthly accountability evaluations. Staff do not monitor board members hours.

Adjournment

Vignesh Viswanathan adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm