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CCSS Board of Directors April 6, 2020 3:30pm
Virtual meeting

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| UMULISA, Fillette..... | External Executive | LAMB, Hayley | Interurban Director |
| VACANT | Interurban Executive | KAUR, Puneet | Interurban Director |
| CAMERON, Joshua | Finance Executive | ASIJA, Karan..... | Interurban Director |
| VACANT | Lansdowne Executive | NGUYEN, Mai | Lansdowne Director |
| VANNAN, Eleanor | W&A Director | CUNNINGHAM, Quinn..... | Lansdowne Director |
| VACANT | Women’s Director | ABAZA, Yara..... | Lansdowne Director |
| CHOU, Angela | PRIDE Director | MCNEELY, Katrina..... | Lansdowne Director |
| ELLIOTT, Kyla..... | FN Director | VACANT | Off Campus Director |
| VACANT | International Director | MARTIN, Paige..... | EDCO |
| BONSDORF, Tamara..... | Sustainability Director | Isaiah, Jurkuch | EDCO |
| GUPTA, Shivam | Interurban Director | | BoG |

Attending: Fillette Umulisa, Joshua Cameron, Eleanor Vannan, Angela Chou, Kyla Elliott, Tamara Bonsdorf, Hayley Lamb, Puneet Kaur, Quinn Cunningham, Yara Abaza, Katrina McNeely, Shivam Gupta, Mai Nguyen, Lindsay Van Gerven

Absent: Karan Asija

Guests & Staff: Michel Turcotte, Michael Glover, Gord Rant

Regrets

I Call to Order

- a) **Meeting called to order by Speaker of Council**
Fillette called the meeting to order at 3:40
- b) **Recognition of Coast Salish Territory**
Michael G acknowledged the Coast Salish Territory on which the meeting is being held. Camosun College Student Society serves students on the traditional territories of Lekwungen and WSÁNEĆ speaking peoples, T’souke, Scia’new and Pacheedaht First Nations

II Ratification of Agenda/Approval of Previous Minutes

- a) Attendance: **Fillette** noted that **Katrina** will be late

Late regrets:

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BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors accept late regrets from
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- b) Approval of the Agenda

Additions:

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Financial Procedures-**Michel**

Covid Payments-**Michel**

MOTION **Vannan/Abaza**

BIRT the CCSS approve the agenda as amended

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- c) Approval of Previous Minutes-March 23, 2020

MOTION **Vannan/Bonsdorf**

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors accept the minutes from the March 23 Board meeting as presented

CARRIED

III Presentations/Resignations/Guest Business/Announcements/etc.

- a)

IV Financial Motions/Issues

- a) \$5000.00-Donation to the CCSS Supplemental Access Fund with Financial Aid-**Michel**

Michel reported that there are several funds run through financial aid and that the Supplemental Access Fund was created some years ago to fill in the gaps between the government-funded program that helps students with academic upgrading the supplemental grant helps students that don't qualify for the academic upgrading grant but can't necessarily afford to pay for classes the fund was created as a \$20,000 amount and usually about \$5-\$7000 is spent per year Michel stated that we need to top up the fund because there is only about \$2000 left in it and we need the fund to be stable for the next fiscal year so the students that use it don't fall through the cracks he also mentioned that he would like to meet with the Camosun College foundation to discuss cost sharing

MOTION **Cunningham/Kaur**

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve a donation of \$5000.00 to the CCSS Supplemental Access Fund with Financial Aid

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- b) Financial procedures/Covid Payments-**Michel**

Michel stated that at the last Board meeting he explained to Council that there had been some bills and expenses paid by the signing officers as well as urgent decisions related to the well-being of students and their ability to participate in classes he noted that this morning a situation came up with the student registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning that is unable to be assessed for learning disability status because there is no way to do that over videoconference and would likely be denied the monies needed without the CCSS' intervention he also noted that this situation is complex and unique and is directly related to the Covid 19 situation his question was would Council like payments and decisions like that to continue to be made by the signing officers and then have the signing officers report to Council or would Council like those expenses brought to the Board for the sake of consistency the signing officers will continue to pay bills and expenses and make urgent decisions and then report back to the Board? After some conversation Board members supported the signing officers making these decisions and

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Michel reported that the CCSS would be covering the cost of the learning disability assessment which is approximately \$1800 it should be noted that this is the only Covid 19 related expense since the last Board meeting

V Committee Reports

- a) Organizational Design-**Joshua** no report
- b) Special Events-**Fillette** reported that De-Stress Fest will be taking place virtually members are encouraged to attend
- c) Campaigns & Advocacy-**Fillette** reported that there is work being done to find a way where they can meet and run their campaigns virtually
- d) Executive Committee-**Fillette** no report
- e) Finance Committee-**Joshua** no report
- f) Electoral Committee-**Michel** reported that elections start tomorrow and urged members to check their emails, vote, and tell their friends to vote this is going to be a different kind of election because it is all taking place virtually **Michael G** echoed Michel's comments and urged people to reach out to all of their friends on social media about the election and the referendum also if you're going to endorse anyone please endorse everyone favoritism does not look good and may cause grief for the electoral committee
- g) Personnel Committee-**Eleanor** reported that the personnel committee will meet this week to discuss future employment standards of the CCSS and growing capacity to become an equitable employer she will send out an email tomorrow with the time for the meeting

VI Member Reports

- a)

VII Other Reports

- a) Executive Director's report

Michel reported that the last 2 weeks have been very busy he has been averaging about 3 videoconferences a day with college administration or their Covid response team the college has been responding and responding quickly to various things the main thing he wanted to share with Council is that we won't likely be seeing the pass fail credential unlike UVIC and several other institutions that being said in this strange who knows what could happen he also reported that the college has received \$140,000 in emergency funding from the province of British Columbia for domestic students he also noted that there was \$60,000 earmarked for indigenous students the Erasing Barriers fund is the only fund that is able to support international students therefore the requests received from domestic students are being redirected to the above-mentioned \$140,000 in emergency funding so that the Erasing Barriers fund can be used to address the needs of international students Michel reported that there has

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been upwards of 700 applications for that fund alone from international students the college is going ahead with the next semester online there is a one-time discount of \$1000 offered to international students to entice them to and roll in spring and summer courses

VIII Unfinished Business

a)

IX Question Period

X New Business

a) Grad postponement and College plans-

Michel reported that the Camosun Grad has been postponed most likely until the Fall the college realizes that many students are really looking forward to graduating and is trying to organize some pseudo-graduation activities via social media and really want to know what students think about that the college will be mailing out the certificates as usual

b) Other supports the College could provide-

Michel reported that the college has asked what other kinds of supports students would like to see at this time they have some ideas but they really want to know what students think would be helpful **Eleanor** suggested that students need more assistance navigating the benefits that are available to them at this time **Hayley** raised some concerns about some of her classes being cancelled for summer **Lindsay** suggested that the college may want to put some sort of schedule online that students could check and see which classes are being offered and which are not **Mai** stated that although there is no academic penalty for withdrawing at this time the process is not straightforward and is a little bit overwhelming perhaps that could be simplified

c) CCSS engagement with members-

Michael reported that **Tagg** and himself have several irons in the fire to try and engage students at a greater level like asking students to present their own ideas on how they de-stress **Michael** suggested we have a blanket fort competition he also reported that videogame club is still functioning somewhat and some members are playing animal crossing online he also reported that there are going to be several open forums so students can interact with us directly via Zoom

d) CCSS AGM April 13, 2020 enabling motion-**Michel**

MOTION

McNeely/Lamb

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors hold the 2020 CCSS AGM Monday, April 13 at 3 PM via Zoom

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e) **Gord** reported that **Quinn Park** had tasked him with letting Council know some things **Gord** urged members to get involved with the CCSS social media fireside chats and question-and-answer periods

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- f) GVAT action items for Covid 19 crisis for Board review and feedback- (attached)

Michael urged members to pay attention to all of their social media channels and noted that GVAT is on Instagram Twitter and Facebook and is still very much operational he is attending many online meetings and he asked CCSS members to please consider participating in some of the meetings he outlined the action items that GVAT at is working on through this crisis

MOTION **Cunningham/Bonsdorf**

Adjourn 5:06pm

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