

MINUTES

CCSS Board of Directors May 19, 2020 3:00pm
Virtual meeting

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| CUNNINGHAM, Quinn | External Executive | LAMB, Hayley | Interurban Director |
| KAUR, Puneet..... | Interurban Executive | VACANT | Interurban Director |
| SINGH, Gurkirat | Finance Executive | VACANT | Interurban Director |
| UMULISA, Fillette..... | Lansdowne Executive | NGUYEN, Mai | Lansdowne Director |
| VACANT | W&A Director | VACANT | Lansdowne Director |
| GARNER, Amanda | Women’s Director | ABAZA, Yara..... | Lansdowne Director |
| CHOU, Angela | PRIDE Director | MCNEELY, Katrina..... | Lansdowne Director |
| VACANT | FN Director | BAE, Sujin | Off Campus Director |
| MARIN, Jorge | International Director | MARTIN, Paige..... | EDCO |
| BARRATT, Savannah..... | Sustainability Director | Isaiah, Jurkuch | EDCO |
| | Interurban Director | | BoG |

Attending: Fillette Umulisa, Quinn Cunningham, Puneet Kaur, Angela Chou, Amanda Garner, Savannah Barratt, Gurkirat Singh, Hayley Lamb, Mai Nguyen, Yara Abaza, Katrina McNeely, Sujin Bae Lindsay Van Gerven

Absent:

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

Regrets: Jorge Marin

I Call to Order

- a) **Meeting called to order by Speaker of Council**
Fillette called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
- b) **Recognition of Coast Salish Territory**
Michel 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:

Late regrets:

MOTION Moved/Seconded

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors accept late regrets from Jorge Marin

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- b) Approval of the Agenda

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MOTION **McNeely/Lamb**
BIRT the CCSS approve the agenda as presented
CARRIED

- c) Approval of Previous Minutes-May 4, 2020

MOTION **Lamb/Chou**
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors accept the minutes from the May 4, 2020 Board meeting as presented
CARRIED

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

- a) Sexual Violence Policy review and updates-**Heather Cummings**
reviewed Camosun's Sexual Violence Policy with Council and explained some important updates that have been made since the policy was implemented 3 years ago, there have been some new definitions added to sexual misconduct referencing rape culture, appropriate online behavior has also been added, it should also be noted that support staff are available for students filing complaints/going through the policy's process because these types of situations are scary for those involved, there has been more work done on how the investigation process works and the roles of The Office for Student Support and Campus Security she noted that there was lots of work done to remove any barriers that would prevent a student from coming forward there was some language removed regarding vexatious claims and whether or not substances i.e. drugs or alcohol were involved in the incident basically Heather is looking for input from Council members who have looked over the policy she is hoping to take the revised policy to the Board of Governors at the end of June she took questions from the floor Gord sent the link to the policy page to members of the Board
- b)

IV Financial Motions/Issues

- a) Approximately \$15,000.00-Shipping Container for Richmond House Garage Area-Tagg (attached)

Tagg explained that the Richmond House has been invaded by mice and that the invasion led to a lengthy cleaning process and would likely happen again in the future to prevent that he is suggesting that the CCSS purchase a shipping container (the purchase of the shipping container was actually approved last year in June) that would be placed beside the garage and is air and water tight where we could keep our food bank supplies safe from rodent invasion he explained the costs involved with obtaining the container and lighting and shelving \$15,000.00 is the high water mark that would be a container with all the bells and whistles Tagg has reached out to the college and the college has stated that it is on board but we still need to get that in writing Tagg took questions from members

MOTION **McNeely/Chou**
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve an expense of approximately \$15,000.00 to purchase a shipping container for the Richmond House garage area

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- b) \$12,995.36 Arvay Finlay - Legal advice on student advocacy issue

Michel and **Michael** explained that recently there was a advocacy issue involving an entire program and that some students from the program were considering legal action against Camosun in light of that Michael and Michel thought it prudent to seek legal advice in order to help advocate for the students and to help defuse this very complex situation somewhat although it will be ongoing for some time

MOTION **Lamb/Singh**

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve a payment of \$12,995.36 to Arvay Finlay for legal advice on a student advocacy issue

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V Committee Reports

- a) Organizational Design- **Hayley**- No report
- b) Special Events-**Fillette** reported that there was an SE meeting prior to this Board meeting discussion included ways the CCSS could engage with students through events there was a mixture of online ideas and socially distanced events some notable ideas were a bike rave, showing movies, giving away prepacked goody bags, Facebook and Instagram live, online yoga or meditation classes there was talk of working closer with the college
- c) Campaigns & Advocacy- **Quinn C** No report
- d) Executive Committee- **Fillette** No Report
- e) Finance Committee-**Gurkirat** reported that he has been getting some questions from students about fee structure and that he has forwarded them to the appropriate people
- f) Electoral Committee-**Michel** No report
- g) Personnel Committee-**Quinn C.** No report

VI Member Reports

- a)

VII Other Reports

- a) Executive Director's report

Michel reported that enrolment is still down about 15% domestic enrolment is up and international enrolment has seen a 26% decrease for this semester compared to the same period last year he also reported that he has been learning some new vocabulary words such as synchronous and asynchronous

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those terms relate to how some of the college is delivering its course material one of the biggest issues that has been taking up his time has been the summer U-Pass which would run from June 1 until August 31 there was some uncertainty as to who was going to look after the administration of the U-Pass after some deliberation it was decided that the CCSS would do most of the heavy lifting to provide this benefit to its members this is a great opportunity for the CCSS to step forward and ensure that one of our core programs continues to succeed CCSS Member Services Coordinator **Christine** will be spearheading this project the hope is that we will be able to mail out the stickers that the students will then stick on their student cards because there will be limited face-to-face interactions with students new safety protocols are being put in place in accordance with WCB regulations we will also have to track the sales of these U-Passes he also reported that he attended a Victoria Transit Commission meeting where there was a discussion about what to do with the nonvoting student seat on the commission the CCSS audit will start sometime in June the CCSS financial records will be sent by courier to the auditor's office

VIII Unfinished Business

a)

IX Question Period

X New Business

a) Authorization for a legal opinion on Medical Services Plan issues with International Students at Camosun-

Michel reported that he is not a huge fan of legal expenses but for the last several years there has been an ongoing issue with the International Education Department failing to have their students register for MSP which leads to students being in violation of their study permits as well as being extremely risky he noted that some other institutions do not even let students register unless they are already registered for BC's Medical Service Plan **Michel** and **Christine** had been in meetings with the college trying to get this issue sorted out and thought they had a solid deal but then the college reneged on that agreement in light of the circumstances **Michel** thinks it may be smart to seek some legal advice or at least get our attorneys to do some research to find out if the college will be liable for this or where their responsibility to international students actually lies because when the students come to Canada Camosun International provides them with 3 months' worth of insurance through Guard Me and then there is no follow-up to get the students to register for MSP so the lawyers will draft up an opinion that the CCSS can then share with the college to ensure that Camosun International does in fact make sure all of its students are registered for MSP it was noted that the money for this would come from the health and dental reserve

MOTION

Lamb/Chou

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director of the CCSS to seek a legal opinion on Medical Services Plan issues with International Students at Camosun College

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b) Summer U-Pass Issues and Help-

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Michel let Council know that he let **Christine** know that some Board members are willing to help with the summer U-Pass Program

- c) Continuation of discussion regarding vacant Board positions-

Michel gave a quick review of the conversation that was started at the last Board meeting regarding filling the vacant director positions he mentioned that there are a few options Council could decide to leave the positions vacant until the Fall election or we could advertise the vacant positions or we could leave them empty and if a member approached and was interested in filling one of the positions we could do it on a case-by-case basis it's worth mentioning that some of these positions are remunerated and due to the current Cove and 19 situation and taking into consideration that we may not have a regular budget this year it may be smart to leave the positions vacant there was a suggestion of making people fill out some kind of application there was a question of how the application process would go there was a question asking whether filling these positions would affect the functionality of the CCSS and the answer to that is no there are currently the First Nations Director position and the Students for Wellness and Access director position which are remunerated and several campus director positions open which are paid per diems it was suggested that we leave the positions vacant until the college opens back up 100% the room came to an agreement to leave the positions vacant for the time being and if somebody expresses interest the Board will deal with that on a case-by-case basis

MOTION **Lamb/Barratt**

Adjourn 4:05pm

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