

Minutes

CCSS Board of Directors January 25, 2021 3:00pm
Virtual meeting

CUNNINGHAM, Quinn	External Executive	FEHLER, Sandra	Interurban Director
SINGH, Gurkirat	Finance Executive	PIUS, Sophia Cecilia.....	Interurban Director
KAUR, Puneet.....	Interurban Executive	FROLOVA, Melaniia.....	Interurban Director
UMULISA, Fillette.....	Lansdowne Executive	KAPOOR, Mehar.....	Lansdowne Director
DOUCET, Richard	FN Director	NGUYEN, Mai	Lansdowne Director
MARIN, Jorge	International Director	JOSE, Abhin	Lansdowne Director
CHOU, Angela	Pride Director	VACANT.....	Lansdowne Director
VACANT	SWA Director	SINGH, Simranjit	Off Campus Director
BARRATT, Savannah.....	Sustainability Director	KHATTRY, Disha.....	EDCO
GARNER, Amanda	Women's Director	VAN GERVEN, Lindsay.....	BoG
CHONA, Manvi.....	Interurban Director		

Attending: Gurkirat Singh, Fillette Umulisa, Angela Chou, Savannah Barratt, Sophia Cecilia Pius, Melaniia Frolova, Amanda Garner, Richard Doucet, Mai Nguyen, Jorge Marin, Mahar Kapoor, Quinn Cunningham. Sandra Fehler

Absent:

Guests & Staff: Michel Turcotte, Michael Glover, Gord Rant, Matthew Martin, Ellen Young, Emily Spence

Regrets: Puneet Kaur

I Call to Order

- a) **Meeting called to order by Speaker of Council**
Fillette called the meeting to order at 3:02
- b) **Recognition of Coast Salish Territory**
Richard 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:

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

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- c) New Business

- b) CRD motion update-**Savannah**

MOTION **Nguyen/Garner**

BIRT the CCSS approve the agenda as amended

CARRIED

- d) Approval of Previous Minutes- January 11, 2021

MOTION **Barratt/Singh**

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors accept the minutes from the January 11, 2021 Board meeting as presented

CARRIED

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

- a) Introductions of new faces-**Quinn Park** introduced **Emily Spence** and **Ellen Young** both people will be working with the CCSS in the coming months. **Ellen** is the Student Digital Experience Specialist which is a position subsidized by affairs department and we have **Emily Spence** who is a work-study and a practicum student a work-study both have been helping out staff member **Quinn Park** with the website, social media and various other tasks and he is grateful to have the help

IV Financial Motions/Issues

- a) \$11,200.00-GVAT annual dues (attached)-**Michel** explained to Council what GVAT is and what the organization does and why it's good to support groups like this and that we do have to pay our dues **Michael** echoed **Michel's** statement and stated that he wanted to encourage more board members to attend GVAT meetings he also explained the committee or (Action Research Team) structure within the organization

MOTION **Doucet/Nguyen**

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve a payment of \$11,200.00 to Greater Victoria Acting Together for annual dues

CARRIED

- b) \$1,000.00-United Way donation-**Michel** gave members a quick rundown on the United Way organization and went on to say that the CCSS usually makes a donation to support the organization **Fillette** outlined some past events united way has put on in the past

MOTION **Cunningham/Barratt**

BIRT the CCSS approve an expense of \$1,000.00 for a donation to the United Way

CARRIED

- c) \$36,721.76-BCFS (BCFS levy reconciled amount for December 31, 2020)-**Michel** explained that this is the money that students see on their receipt from the college listed as BCFS levy the money is collected by

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the College on behalf of the Student Society which then pays those monies to the British Columbia Federation of Students

MOTION **Garner/Singh**

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve a payment of \$36,721.76 to the British Columbia Federation of Students for the BCFS levy reconciled amount for December 31, 2020

- d) Honorarium for former CCSS Director (attached)-**Michael** explained that former Board member **Katrina McNeely** has taken a significant leadership role within the GVAT Action Research Teams and he would like to assist in the facilitation of her continuing her work with GVAT by providing her with an honorarium many Council members spoke in favor of this

MOTION **Barratt/Chou**

BIRT the CCSS approve an honorarium of \$1,500.00 for former CCSS Director Katrina McNeely who is now volunteering her time and expanding her skill set with CCSS ally Greater Victoria Acting Together

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- e) Updated Director and Edco Rep report template(attached)-**Michel** explained that Board member **Sandra Fehler** created and updated Director and Edco rep report template it looks fantastic

MOTION **Cunningham/Nguyen**

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors accept the updated Director and Edco rep report template as presented

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V Committee Reports

- a) Organizational Design –**Melaniia** No Report
- b) Special Events – **Fillette** No Report
- c) Campaigns & Advocacy-**Quinn C** No Report
- d) Executive Committee- No Report
- e) Finance Committee-**Matthew** reported that the 2021/2022 budget is being prepared and will be passed on to constituency directors shortly and work on the master budget will commence soon
- f) Electoral Committee -
- g) Personnel Committee – No Report

VI Member Reports

- a)

VII Other Reports

- a) Executive Director's report-**Michel** reported that the college will likely end the fiscal year with a \$7 million deficit which will create a bit of a challenge for the college moving forward because they will have to carry forward this debt and have a plan in place to pay it off in a timely manner (within the next two years) he also mentioned that normally there is legislation in place that prevents colleges from running deficits **Michel** expressed some concern as to how the college would be able to pay back the debt adding that they may be relying on an influx of international students coming in

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September 2021 but related to that international numbers are down significantly compared to Fall because of increasingly stringent travel restrictions while domestic numbers are only down about 2% **Michel** did mention even though no one could have been visions that we would be in the midst of a pandemic we do have the BC Liberals to blame for our current situation surrounding international student fees because the party deregulated tuition fees when they were in power **Michel** happily reported that the bookstores are open and functioning much better than they did last semester the safe start process is also working much better than it was in the Fall semester between 28 and 30% of all students that are registered have some sort of on-campus component to their studies this semester the college is planning on having a larger on-campus experience for students in the Fall of 2021 it is also Camosun's 50th birthday this year and the college is hoping to do an event related to that **Michel** also touched on the provinces newly unveiled vaccine rollout schedule the student Society offices are open four days a week although they will be closed on reading break **Michel** took questions from the floor

- b) BCFS AGM reports-**Quinn C** reported that him and other CCSS delegates attended the BCFS AGM via zoom over the past weekend (three days) there was a lot of good conversation about where the federations campaigns are at the BCFS has joined a new federal student advocacy group long time BCFS staffer **Michael Olson** has stepped down and there is a new chairperson new directors were elected **Quinn C.** is new campaigns coordinator for the BCFS questions were raised around this new organization that the BCFS has joined **Michel** fielded them

VIII Unfinished Business

- a)

IX Question Period

X New Business

- a) Appointment of student appeal panelists-**Michael** explained that the college has an appeal committee and we need to student members to join it the panel comprises five standing members, including the VP Education and, normally, two appointed faculty members and two appointed students. The Panel will meet monthly to consider appeals, with additional reading and preparation required outside of meeting times.

MOTION

Barratt/Cunningham

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors open nominations for the appointment of 2 student appeal panelists

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Fillette nominated herself

Gurkirat nominated Amanda and Quinn but Quinn declined his nomination

Amanda and Fillette are the student panelists

- b) CRD motions update-**Savannah** updated the Board explaining that all of the motions that the CCSS was supporting at the last CRD Council meeting had passed and were heavily supported by community members/groups

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MOTION **Chou/Singh**
Adjourn 4:20
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