

Minutes

CCSS Board of Directors November 20, 2023 4:00pm
Virtual meeting

SINGH, Jagjeet (BoG)	External Executive	VACANT.....	Interurban Director
Himanshi	Interurban Executive	VACANT.....	Interurban Director
GIRI, Arshita	Lansdowne Executive	SIDHU, Navreet	Lansdowne Director
DUONG, Tho Man (Annie)	Finance Executive	DE LA GARZA, Raul	Lansdowne Director
SOLANKI, Prince	W&A Director	VELASCO GIL, Gerardo	Lansdowne Director
CORDEIRO, Maria Clara	International Director	Lansdowne Director
LAM, Emily	Pride Director	GUDIEL, Pedro Jose	Off Campus Director
CLARKE, Kaelyn,	Indigenous Director	Board of Governors
TRAN, Thanh Phuong (Polly)	Sustainability Director	HUDSON, Logan	Board of Governors
GUTIERREZ, Elva	Women’s Director	BELL, Ivy	EdCo
DUBEY, Purvi	Interurban Director	
CHAUHAN, Ayush	Interurban Director	

Attending: Jagjeet Singh, Himanshi, Arshita Giri Annie Duong, Prince Solanki, Emily Lam, Kaelyn Clarke, Phuong Thanh Tran (Polly), Elva Guttierrez, Purvi Dubey, Ayush Chauhan, Navreet Sidhu, Raul De La Garza, Gerardo Velasco Gil, Pedro Jose Gudiel

Absent: Prince Solanki

Guests & Staff: Michel Turcotte, Michael Glover, Christine Desrochers, Gord Rant, Matthew Martin, Rodney Porter, Lorena Parra, Angela Chou, Aksh Chada

Regrets: Logan Hudson

I Call to Order

- a) **Meeting called to order by Speaker of Council**
Jagjeet called the meeting to order at 4:04pm
- b) **Recognition of Coast Salish Territory**
Jagjeet 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 /
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors accept late regrets from
CARRIED

Approval of agenda

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New Business:

Cafeteria Contract-**Glover** and **Michel**

Vacant Lansdowne and Interurban Director appointments-**Michel**

MOTION **Duong/Giri**

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve the agenda as amended

CARRIED

b) Approval of Previous Minutes-October 30, 2023

MOTION /

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve the minutes from the October 30, 2023 CCSS Board meeting as presented

TABLED

A round table of introductions took place.

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

- a) Virtual tour consultation-**Rodney Porter**, Executive Director of Communications and Marketing, thanked the CCSS Board of Directors for the opportunity to share this presentation his department has been working on. He explained that a while ago his department decided to do a capstone project and after looking at the college website one of the ideas that was pitched was a virtual campus tour. **Rodney** introduced his colleague **Lorena Parra**, who was a capstone student, and has since become a term employee at the college. She spearheaded the virtual campus project. She has been working on this project for the past four months, she noted that this initiative has been student driven. The project was designed to raise awareness and promote services available to students on campus. The virtual campus tour includes 21 buildings, 750+ photos, 70+ pages of technical documentation, and it has taken four months to put together. Both campus tours are now live on the Camosun website. First, she talked about how she built the project and then she shared her screen and went through the virtual tour with the CCSS Board of Directors and took questions afterwards. The virtual tour was very well received.

IV Financial Motions/Issues

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V Committee Reports

- a) Organizational Design-**Annie** no report
- b) Special Events committee-**Arshita** reported that Diwali was a great success. Around 400 people attended the event at the Wicket Hall at the Strathcona hotel in downtown Victoria. The CCSS holiday market is coming up on November 29 3pm-6pm
- c) Campaigns & Advocacy-**Jagjeet** reported
- d) Executive Committee- **Jagjeet**-no report
- e) Finance Committee – **Annie** no report
- f) Electoral Committee-**Michel** thanked **Gord** for doing a good job with the election.
- g) Personnel Committee-**Aksh**- no report

VI Member Reports

- a)

VII Other Reports

- a) Executive Director's report-**Michel** reported that himself and **Jagjeet** are currently in Ottawa attending The Canadian Association of Student Associations lobby week. For the new members he explained what the Canadian Association of Student Associations is and that they take issues important to students and lobby the government on those issues. He explained that one of the important issues this time around is copyright access for students. He mentioned that there is an exemption right now on copyrighted materials for educational purposes but there is a good chance that that may be wiped out because the publishers are putting pressure on the government. The Association is also working on increasing the 20 hours of employment a week for international students as well as housing for students, mental health initiatives and many other things. Tomorrow there will be a federal fiscal update and CASA is hoping for some good news. There is lots going on at the college right now, but he'll explain that at another meeting in the future.

VIII Unfinished Business

- a)

IX Question Period

X New Business

- a) Christmas food drive discussion-**Christine** explained that herself and Elva have been meeting and working out details for the Christmas food drive that will start later this week. **Christine** has an announcement going out in Cam News tomorrow, **Elva** will be sending out an email later today asking board members to assist with this project. The project entails dropping 10 boxes to various departments around the college and encouraging faculty and staff to donate non-perishable items and money to this CCSS food bank. **Christine** explained to the new members that there are two CCSS food banks one on each campus and students that are in need can take two items a day. She noted that last week she opened registration for the CCSS holiday hampers and within an hour all 48 hampers for Interurban had been claimed. Two hours

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after that the 48 hampers designated for Lansdowne had been claimed. It shows that there is a real need for the services like the food bank and that students are really struggling right now. What **Christine** is looking for is five people per campus to sign up to pick up boxes and deliver them to their respective departments and find out who the contact in that department is then send a follow-up email asking staff in the department to donate. **Christine** is going to pick up some gift cards as an incentive for staff and faculty. Once they donate, they can enter a draw to win one of the gift cards. Assistance will be needed Friday, December the 1st to assemble CCSS holiday hampers at the Lansdowne campus. **Christine** will be sending out an email related to that after this meeting. Please let her know if you can help. She will also be sending out another email, she has 3 tickets for a fundraising event being held at the Dunlop house Friday November 24th so look out for that.

- b) Nexus wellness promotion agreement-**Michel** explained that this item is related to the Nexus referendum that did not pass in the fall 2023 CCSS election. The Nexus is Camosun College's student newspaper and does some very good work, they also share a collective agreement with CCSS employees. In the most recent CCSS election the Nexus newspaper held a referendum which would have given the Nexus Publishing Society a sustainable budget. The referendum didn't pass. **Michel** mentioned at the last in person Board meeting that the CCSS could give the NPS a lifeline to help them in these times of high inflation to help them cover wages and other expenses which would allow the NPS to function until it's feasible to run the referendum again. The idea is that the CCSS would enter in to a 1-year Health and Wellness promotional agreement with the NPS (Draft Agreement attached to the agenda)

MOTION **Duong/Tran**

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve an expense of approximately \$20,000.00 to enter into a one-year health and wellness promotional contract with the Nexus Publishing Society.

CARRIED

- c) Appointment of vacant Lansdowne and interurban Director positions-**Michel** explained that there is one vacant Lansdowne Director position and 2 vacant Interurban Director positions.

MOTION **Giri/Lam**

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors open nominations for the vacant Lansdowne and Interurban Director at large positions

CARRIED

Nominees: **Aksh Chada** was the sole nominee for the Lansdowne Director at Large position, **Jagjeet Singh** nominated **Angela Chou** for the vacant Interurban Director at Large position. **Angela** accepted her nomination and was the sole nominee.

MOTION **Tran/Duong**

*BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors ratify the results of the nominations for both the vacant Lansdowne and Interurban Director positions. **Aksh Chada** is Lansdowne Director until CCSS Spring 2024 elections. **Angela Chou** is Interurban Director until CCSS Spring 2024 elections*

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- d) Selection of Delegates for the British Columbia Federation of Students Annual General Meeting - **Michel** (taking place Thursday January 18 to Sunday January 21 in Burnaby BC. Double accommodation and all food/transportation provided)

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The CCSS gets 6 subsidized Delegates) Delegate selection will be done after the new Board orientation

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Tran/Dubey

BIRT the CCSS authorize sending up to 8 delegates to the BCFS AGM in Burnaby BC from Thursday January 18th to Sunday January 21 2024.

- e) Cafeteria Contract-**Michel** and **Michael** explained that the food services and vending machine contract is up for tender and it may be worth looking into the possibility of the CCSS taking over the vending and food services at both campuses.

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Duong/Tran

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors allocate up to \$10,000.00 to be used to conduct a viability study and potential bid preparation for the food services and vending contracts for both the Interurban and Lansdowne campuses.

CARRIED

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Moved/Seconded

Adjourn 5:25pm