

MINUTES

CCSS Board of Directors meeting, November 4, 2024 5:15pm
Lansdowne Campus, Wilna Thomas building 103

SOLANKI, Prince (BoG).....External Executive	CHONA, Manvi Interurban Director
LEYLAND, Sean (BoG).....Interurban Executive	NAGRA, Gurleen Interurban Director
KAUR, JaspreetLansdowne Executive	VACANT..... Interurban Director
SINGH, Talwinder.....Finance Executive	SINGH, Arshdeep Lansdowne Director
PLOURDE, TalhiaW&A Director	VACANT..... Lansdowne Director
TRAN, Phuong (Polly).....International Director	VACANT..... Lansdowne Director
BALUYUT, Terence.....Pride Director	VACANT..... Lansdowne Director
PATTERSON, Rose.....Indigenous Director	COVARRUBIAS, David..... Off Campus Director
UNARCE, Elaine.....Sustainability Director	SOLANKI, Purav Education Council
BULT, Olivia.....Women’s Director Education Council
PERALTA, Hector.....Interurban Director	

Attending: Talwinder Singh, Talhia Plourde, Polly Tran, Elaine Unarce, Terence Baluyut, Hector Peralta, David Covarrubias, Manvi Chona, Jaspreet Kaur, Gurleen Nagra, Archdeep Singh

Absent: Purav Solanki, Olivia Bult

Guests & Staff: Michel Turcotte, Christine Desrochers, Matthew Martin, Hannah Carr, Michael Glover, Ellen Young, Angela Chou (Chair)

Regrets: Prince Solanki

I Call to Order

- a) **Meeting called to order by Speaker of Council**
Angela called the meeting to order at 5:20

- b) **Recognition of Coast Salish Territory**
Angela 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

Attendance

Late regrets:

MOTION **Baluyut / Plourde**
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve late regrets from Sean Leyland and Rose Patterson
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Approval of the agenda:

MOTION **Baluyut / Plourde**
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve the agenda as presented
CARRIED

Approval of Previous Minutes - October 21, 2024:

MOTION **Plourde / Tran**
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve the minutes from the October 21, 2024 as presented
CARRIED

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

- a) Harm reduction training for students - **Ellen Young**, who works with Student Affairs, Counselling, and in various other capacities at the college, informed the board that there is harm reduction training being offered next week at both campuses. It is a free program which teaches students what an overdose looks like and how to perform overdose intervention. BC is in a state of emergency when it comes to toxic drug supply, thereby making this an immensely valuable project.

There are naloxone kits available on both campuses, however, if you ever witness an emergency on campus, in addition to using the naloxone, call 911 and contact campus security. If you ever respond to an overdose you are protected by law (Good Samaritan Act), including if you are carrying drugs yourself. There will eventually be a website where all Camosun naloxone training information will be listed. Eight sessions of Naloxone training a year will hopefully be available across both campuses.

IV Financial Motions/Issues

- a) \$5,000.00-Audio system for Interurban Fitness Centre – **Christine** noted that there are no speakers available at the Interurban gym. There is a quote for 4 speakers (2 for the movement studio and 2 for the gym), looking at around \$2,500 before taxes plus an iPad or tablet. The installation would be done by the audio-visual department and would be taken out of the building fund. **Michel** added that it is written into the agreement that we will fund special projects and it would benefit us as well since we have been using the movement studio.

MOTION **Unarce / Baluyut**
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve an expense of up to \$5,000.00 for an audio system for the Interurban Fitness Studio
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V Committee Reports

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- a) Organizational Design—**Prince** - no report
- b) Special Events — **Sean** - no report (see agenda for link to updates)
- c) Campaigns & Advocacy — **Prince** - no report
- d) Executive Committee — **Prince** - no report
- e) Finance Committee — **Talwinder** - no report
- f) Electoral Committee — **Gord/Michel** - Ratification of CCSS Fall 2024 Election Results

MOTION **Plourde / Baluyut**

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors ratifies the referendum and electoral results of the CCSS Fall 2024 Election

CARRIED

Terrance asks why rank-based voting was not used for contested positions in this election. **Michel** confirms that the college had set up the election and that the college doesn't use rank-based voting in their elections. It may have been an error, as all voting for the CCSS is rank-based.

- g) Personnel Committee - **Purvi** - no report

VI Member Reports

- a) Ramadan Observance- Iftar Dinner for Muslim Students - **Elaine** organized the first-ever Iftar celebration at Camosun. She would like to host an Iftar dinner again next year and would like sponsorship from local mosques and help from the CCSS to book rooms, advertise, etc.

Michael suggests that she bring this event to the special events committee and requests a meeting soon to prepare upcoming posters.

Michel gives his support. **Christine** says she will work on booking Wilma Thomas (Sherri Bell Hall) if provided with a date. The second week of March is available and March 3rd as of this moment. Ramadan should begin around Feb 28th.

- b) PRIDE report-**Terence**
Trans Awareness Week: Nov. 13 – 19th. **Terrance** will be tabling. **Amy** is looking into getting food.

Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre panel workshop: **Terrance** will be paneling at the workshop and speaking about his experience with religion, sexuality, moving, and his life.

Funding from the college for EDI-related initiatives: Funding is available up to \$5000 for EDI-related initiatives. **Terrance** and **Michel** recommend board members take advantage of this funding.

College's EDI Adjudication Committee: the college is currently looking for members to form the adjudication committee. **Terrance** has requested that a staff member look into joining as a means to assure a degree of fairness. **Terrance** is worried that staff and teachers' experience might give them an unfair advantage against the student population when it comes to funding proposals.

Michel has suggested that **Amy** join that committee.

Open Education Resources concerns from students: A student has approached **Terrance** about their

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concerns within a class. The student stated that the instructor deducts 10% from their overall grade if the students don't purchase the assigned textbook. The quizzes are also being held through another platform rather than D2L, which is another cost the student incurs. This creates barriers for students who might not be able to shoulder this expense.

Michel provides some additional rationale regarding why the instructor might be doing that. The collective agreement between the instructors and the college allows for some flexibility but he agrees that it is unfair and suggests that **Terrance** proceed with sending an email to the Ombudsperson.

Island Sexual Health Accessibility Issues: **Terrance** visited the ISH office on Lansdowne and noticed that the clinic could be inaccessible to those with mobility issues due to the stairs. He would also like to know if there was any discussion about opening a clinic at Interurban. **Terrance** would like to push for a clinic to be opened.

Michael gave a brief overview of the ISH history on Lansdowne, and explained that there isn't currently space at Interurban since the flexible space in CHW has been given over to Island Health. He says that if we build our own building then we will have space. **Michel** seconded this statement.

- c) Christmas Events looking for Board Members' Participation – **Polly** is still looking for volunteers and will be forwarding the email to the new board members.
"Santa is Coming" and "Christmas Markets" are looking for the participation of board members. They need:
- (1) Santa
 - (2) Elves/Reindeers
 - (1) Draw game explainer
 - (1) Hot chocolate server
 - (1) Food donation collector

Polly currently has over 30 vendors signed up. The new deadline for applications is November 10th.

VII Other Reports

- a) Executive Director's report — **Michel** states that the CCSS and College interact and collaborate in many different ways via an agreement between the parties. We are, however, currently in a legal disagreement on what that agreement means.

Michel has two heads-up notes: Giving Tuesday, which is part of the Erasing Barriers fund, provides financial support to both domestic and international students. The CCSS has a comparable fund of around \$15,000 a year as a sponsor for appeals to the community. We can match donations. **Michel's** second note is that the BCFS AGM is January 23rd – 26th and interested board members should be aware that this opportunity is available to them. Two staff members and about six board members are welcome to travel to the AGM.

VIII Unfinished Business

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a)

IX Question Period

X New Business

a) Posting the vacant board positions-**Michel**

Michel is recommending the vacant positions be posted for appointment rather than leaving them vacant.

MOTION **Singh / Unarce**

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors will post the vacant board positions for appointment.

CARRIED

b) Concern Over Saanich proposal that would remove one lane of cars from McKenzie Avenue and introduce other slowing to areas near to the corridor- **Michel**

[Quadra McKenzie Study | District of Saanich](#)

Michel reminds the board that Camosun and Uvic negotiated the first ever UPass agreement in BC and Camosun has been a long-time advocate for sustainability. These road changes are detrimental to both the CCSS and the UVSS as they would limit traffic flow via the introduction of a rapid transit lane, thereby removing a car lane. BC transit does not have the funds to make good use of these lanes since bus frequency wouldn't be able to utilize the additional lane. The planners are not taking into account that there are two major hubs (Camosun and Uvic) and this would create a nightmare situation as there are only two thoroughfares to these locations (Cedarhill X-roads and McKenzie). BC transit also doesn't have the space to accommodate every single student on transit, and introducing additional ridership without extra buses might collapse the system. **Michel** says we need to retain vehicle infrastructure. He wants the board to all agree to this standpoint. **Michael** backs **Michel's** stance. **Matthew** would like to know where the money comes from to pay for the implementation of rapid transit. **Michel** clarifies that it is through gas tax, grants, and property tax levies. **Terrance** would like the CCSS and UVSS to form an allyship to stand against this change.

MOTION **Chona / Plourde**

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors agree to stand against the proposed traffic changes to McKenzie

CARRIED

c) Determining a Date for the new board member orientation - **Michel**

This orientation would be from 4:30 / 5:00 – 8:00. Likely at Lansdowne but there is flexibility for location. Current board members are invited to attend, but are not required to be there. Friday, Nov 15th works for all incoming members. The new board member orientation will be on Friday, November 15th.

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- d) Discussion of college Christmas party sponsorship - **Michel** states that, due to the changes in financial circumstances, notably the international student legislation, the college has cut the staff and admin Christmas party. **Michel** would like to fund the Christmas party as a “cheeky opportunity”. **Michael** agrees as a means to, as a one-time thing, “Save Christmas” so long as we are given due credit. **Matthew** points out that this will be hard to limit to a one-time thing and especially at such a scale. **Terrance** agrees and suggests a smaller scale – stating that this is money coming from the student levy. **Michel** states that this is not an option and instead we would give the college \$9000 to host the party as usual.

No motion or votes made.

- e) Christmas Food drive – **Christine** states that the CCSS has been hosting its own Christmas food drive for some time now. This year, Hannah will be sending out an email requesting help in placing boxes for food pickup and a script to be distribute to specific contacts. The boxes will be put out on the week of November 18th.

Christmas Hampers will be ready to be distributed on December 3rd and **Christine** will be looking for board help in assembling the hampers.

MOTION **Plourde / Baluyut**
Adjourn 7:29pm
CARRIED