



MINUTES

CCSS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, April 8, 2022 2:00 pm

Via: Zoom

Local 17 British Columbia Federation of Students

I CALL TO ORDER

- 1) Call to order by Speaker of Council

Puneet Kaur called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm

- 2) Approval of the Chair

MOTION MOVED/SECONDED

BIRT Puneet Kaur be approved as the AGM Chair

CARRIED

Meeting participants introduced themselves

II INTRODUCTION TO CCSS MEETING RULES OF ORDER

- 1) Introduction to rules of order, the chair shall provide a brief introduction of the rules of order.

Puneet and **Michel** gave a short description of Robert's Rules of Order and how the AGM will be conducted

III APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 1) Approve the agenda as presented

MOTION MOVED/SECONDED

BIRT the membership accept the agenda as presented

CARRIED

IV MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- 1) Approval of minutes from the 2021 AGM

MOTION MOVED/SECONDED

BIRT the membership approve the minutes from the 2021 CCSS AGM

CARRIED

V ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 1) Acceptance of the 2020-2021 Audit

Matthew shared his screen as he presented and explained the 2020-2021 audit to the membership

MOTION MOVED/SECONDED

BIRT the membership accept the 2020-2021 audited financial statements as presented

CARRIED

- 2) Reporting on current financial statements

Michel and **Matthew** gave an in-depth report on the CCSS' current financial statements

MOTION MOVED/SECONDED

BIRT the membership accept the report on the CCSS current financial statements as presented
CARRIED

3) Appointment of Tompkins Wozny, as Auditors for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

Michel and **Mathew** explained that Tompkins Wozny have been auditors for the CCSS for quite some time and they specialize in the non-profit sector which is exactly what the CCSS needs. Their services are offered at a good price.

MOTION MOVED/SECONDED

BIRT the membership accept Tompkins Wozny as the CCSS auditors for the 2022-2023 fiscal year
CARRIED

VI SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS TO AMEND THE EXISTING BYLAWS

1) Changing the Term First Nations

Katie Manomie thanked the membership for attending and **Richard Doucet** emphasized the importance of this name change and what it means to the indigenous students at Camosun college.

MOTION MOVED/SECONDED

Whereas the Camosun College Student Society used the term "First Nations" in its bylaws to describe the First Nations Director and the First Nations Student Association; and

Whereas the term "First Nations" is now not considered to be the most inclusive and appropriate term to use; and

Whereas it would be more appropriate for the CCSS to use more inclusive language; therefore

Be It Resolved that all uses of the phrase "First Nations" in the Bylaws and Polices of the CCSS be replaced with the word "Indigenous"

CARRIED

2) Disbursements over \$500.00 dollars

Matthew Martin (staff of the Society) noted that this motion would allow some of the regular payments made by the CCSS that fall between \$500.00 and \$1000.00 to be handled by the signing authorities and would no longer need to go to the board for approval. Which would allow the board to focus on its governance role and larger purchases of the society.

Michael Glover (staff of the Society) suggested that this number be adjusted for inflation going forward which would make life easier for future boards while keeping the Board of Directors accountable to the society's members

Kyle Jones suggested an amendment to the motion

MOTION MOVED/SECONDED

Whereas the amount of money that signing officers can spend without going to a board of directors meeting has not changed in nearly 30 years; Therefore

Be it Resolved that the Bylaws of the CCSS be amended as follows to update the amount of money that signing officers can authorise without a vote of the Board of Directors:

16.4 Authorization of the board and the signatures of at least three (3) signing officers, one (1) of whom shall be that of a staff member, shall be required for the disbursement of Society funds in excess of ~~five hundred (500)~~ **One Thousand (\$1000) dollars on any single occasion.**

AMENDMENT

MOVED/SECONDED

BIFRT the bylaws of the CCSS be amended to "in excess of one thousand \$1,000.00 dollars on any single occasion and be adjusted annually according to the BCCPI"

ACCEPTED

CARRIED AS AMENDED

3) Allowing for Electronic Meetings

Michel explained that during Covid the BC provincial government made some temporary allowances for organizations to meet electronically even if their bylaws did not allow electronic meetings and the CCSS has found it useful to meet electronically over the past two years and it would be useful to keep as a meeting option

MOTION

MOVED/SECONDED

Whereas Covid-19 has shown the usefulness of video/audio meetings and electronic voting; therefore

Be It Resolved that the Members of the Camosun College Student Society Authorise the use of video/audio meetings and electronic voting where required; and

Be it Further Resolved that the Members direct that the bylaws and policy be amended as necessary to authorise the continued use of video and audio platforms for meetings as well as electronic voting for elections and other decision making.

CARRIED

VII REPORTS

- 1) PRIDE Report-**no report**
- 2) Election Report- **Quinn** reported that 892 students voted in the Spring 2022 CCSS election over the course of three days candidates got a mixture of preferential/yes no/ranked ballots dependent on how many people were running for the position the results have not been ratified at a CCSS board meeting yet
- 3) Reports from members of the Executive- **Puneet Kaur** External Executive reported that it was a great year and that she has advocated with the BCFS (provincial level) and CASA (federal level) she met with MP's, ministers, and senators to advocate for students on issues including: increasing post-secondary funding, the Fairness for International Students Campaign, as well as advocating for indigenous learners on the federal level She is also the Local 17 representative that attends BCFS meetings **Sneha Chacko** Interurban Executive thanked the membership for the support and stated she enjoyed being part of the CCSS and did take part in facilitating several events throughout the year
- 4) Women's Centre Report- **no report**
- 5) Students for Wellness and Access Report (SWA) **Arshnoor** reported that it is been a great year for her she received some emails from the Centre for Accessible Learning regarding some students that needed some campus tours (even though the students never showed up for the tours she was in contact with

them) she stated that she took part in many on-campus events and she enjoyed meeting the staff of the CCSS and being constituency director of the Society

- 6) Indigenous Director Report- **Katie** reported that she was appointed in January and was elected yesterday she did mention that she has plenty of plans and has hosted a bowling event for the first- and second-year students thus far
- 7) International Constituency Report- **Monika** prepared an aesthetically pleasing PowerPoint presentation which outlined her activity in her time as the International Director at the CCSS some highlights are her work on the Fairness for International Students campaign as well as her work on open learning resources along with the events she helped organize: CamFest, CamFrost, Halloween, Diwali
- 8) Sustainability Report- **no report**
- 9) Reports from other members of the Board of Directors
- 10) BCFS Report-**Michel** Executive Director of the CCSS reported that the BCFS is a student advocacy group that the CCSS is a member of and we are a part of the BCFS so that the organization can influence government on all levels and to try and make sure that the government is doing things that are in the interest of students he stated that right now the party in power is rather student friendly and students are fortunate for that he emphasized the importance of strength in numbers the BCFS has to large-scale meetings a year which the CCSS sent several delegates to as well as monthly executive meetings that the Executive Director and the External Executive attend there are membership fees for this organization that you will see on your breakdown of fees from Camosun
- 11) CASA Report- **Puneet Kaur** the External Executive reported that Canadian Alliance of Student Associations this is the national affiliate this CCSS is connected to CASA lobbies MP's and ministers to advocate on the behalf of Canadian post-secondary students
- 12) Walksafer Report-**Michael Glover** reported that he has been very lucky this year to have the opportunity to have **Kyle Jones** run the Walksafer program and it has worked well this year it has served over 3,000 students which averages out to be 3 students per hour 718 men and 2300 women have accessed the program **Kyle Jones** thanked all the directors and Executives that have helped out over the year

VIII QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

IX ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Ajournment
3:49pm

MOVED/SECONDED