

MINUTES

CCSS Board of Directors meeting, March 31st, 2025 4:30pm
Online, Various Locations

SOLANKI, Prince (BoG).....	External Executive	CHONA, Manvi (LOA)	Interurban Director
LEYLAND, Sean (BoG).....	Interurban Executive	NAGRA, Gurleen	Interurban Director
KAUR, Jaspreet	Lansdowne Executive	DE GUZMAN, Hannah	Interurban Director
SINGH, Talwinder.....	Finance Executive	SINGH, Arshdeep	Lansdowne Director
PLOURDE, Talhia	W&A Director	CHOU, Angela	Lansdowne Director
TRAN, Phuong (Polly).....	International Director	RANA, Vikas	Lansdowne Director
BALUYUT, Terence.....	Pride Director	RANA Vishal	Lansdowne Director
PATTERSON, Rose.....	Indigenous Director	COVARRUBIAS, David.....	Off Campus Director
UNARCE, Elaine.....	Sustainability Director	VACANT.....	Education Council
BULT, Olivia.....	Women's Director	Education Council
PERALTA, Hector.....	Interurban Director		

Attending: Terence Baluyut, Sean Leyland, Hannah De Guzman, Talwinder Singh, Polly Tran, Angela Chou, Talhia Grace, Hector Peralta, Prince Solanki, Gurleen Kaur, David Covarrubias, Arshdeep Singh

Absent: Olivia Bult, Jaspreet Kaur, Vikas Rana, Vishal Rana

Guests & Staff

Michel Turcotte
Michael Glover
Matthew Martin
Hannah Carr
Olivia Pearson
Andres Ramirez

Regrets

Manvi Chona (LOA), Rose Patterson

I Call to Order

- a) **Meeting called to order by Speaker of Council**
Angela called the meeting to order on Monday, March 31st, 2025
- 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

MOTION: Baluyut / Plourde
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve late regrets from Elaine Unarce
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Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: De Guzman / Baluyut
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve the agenda as presented

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Approval of Previous Minutes

MOTION: Baluyut / Plourde

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve the minutes from March 24th, 2024, as presented

CARRIED

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

Proposal for inter-campus shuttle – **Olivia Pearson** spoke to the board regarding the benefits of the inter-campus shuttle and her fight to bring it back. **Michel** clarified that Olivia is looking for CCSS endorsement.

MOTION: Baluyut / Tran

BIRT the Board of Directors agree to endorse Olivia Pearson's proposal to bring back the inter-campus shuttle.

CARRIED

Please reach out to Hannah Carr for a copy of Olivia's essay on the inter-campus bus.

IV Financial Motions/Issues

Financial Motions:

- a) \$6000 (inc. tax) for 2 Macs and monitors for the Nexus - **Matthew**
(1× iMac + 1× Mac Mini + 1× 4k monitor, or 2× Mac Minis + 2× 4k Monitors)

MOTION: Plourde / Baluyut

BIRT the Board of Directors approves \$6000 for 2 Mac computers with monitors for the Nexus and that the purchase is excluded from the CCSS computer budget for the year.

DEFEATED

- b) Purchasing two Torsa or equivalent office chairs for the Nexus – **Michel**
The chairs should cost between \$500 - \$700, according to **Michel**.

MOTION: Baluyut / Solanki

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve the purchase of two Torsa office chairs for the Nexus

CARRIED

- c) \$11,000— Greater Victoria Acting Together -Annual dues—**Matthew**

MOTION: De Guzman / Tran

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve a payment of \$11,000 to Greater Victoria Acting Together for annual dues.

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- d) \$5,000– World University Service of Canada - Annual dues—**Matthew**

MOTION: De Guzman / Plourde

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve a payment of \$5,000 to World University Service of Canada for annual dues for Student Refugee Program.

CARRIED

- e) 2025-26 Annual Student Refugee Program enabling motion —**Michel**

MOTION: De Guzman / Plourde

BIRT the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director or designate to approve the expenses necessary to conduct the Student Refugee Program at Camosun and provide for the health, wellness, and security as well as deal with emergency circumstances related to the student refugees brought to Canada through the WUSC SRP program and attending Camosun College; and

BIRT the Executive Director have discretion to deal with occasional emergencies and wellness issues related other former student refugees and recent refugees attending Camosun College.

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- f) Up to \$400 for a year-end party for the Soccer Club (coming from the club fund) in excess of the \$1200 already provided to the club this year – **Michel**

MOTION: Plourde / Peralta

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve \$400 for an end of year party for the soccer club.

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V Committee Reports

- a) Organizational Design—**Gurleen**- March 28th was the last OD committee meeting and there will be another soon. In the last meeting ACR was discussed and **Terence** is in the process of honing that paperwork. The role of Student Access Director is under review and there will be more discussion in the future. Accountability was also discussed.
- b) Special Events - **Sean & Jaspreet**- [Special Events Report](#) – Please attend the Latin festival. The Pink Pony Club is also tomorrow!
- c) Campaigns & Advocacy - **Prince**- At a recent BCFS meeting in Vancouver, they discussed “Shape the Vote,” which will inform students about how much their vote matters. New materials will be arriving soon to promote this initiative. **Prince** will talk about this more in the next in-person meeting.
- d) Executive Committee - **Prince**– No report.
- e) Finance Committee – **Talwinder**– No report.
- f) Electoral Committee - **Gord/Michel**- We are waiting for election results – voting begins tomorrow.
- g) Personnel Committee-**Prince** – No report.

VI Member Reports

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- a) The International Director is invited to travel to VIU on April 10 to participate in Nourishing Minds where member and staff representatives will share how CCSS supports Camosun students' food bank. Details at <https://events.viu.ca/nourishing-minds-conference> – **Polly** she will be sharing her experience as a board member along with sharing her experience with CCSS foodbank.
- b) Weekly Dose's pop-up table had up to 60 students participating in sharing their inspirational stories by writing down the post-it notes. Visit the inspirational board at CCSS Interurban office. Thanks to Interurban Director, Hannah, a supportive staff, Gord, and other work studies - **Polly**

VI Other Reports

- a) Executive Director's report – **Michel** and **Prince** leave tomorrow for the CASA AGM in Winnipeg.

Michel also mentioned that Coast Capital Savings has been contributing to an enhanced erasing barriers fund for students in trades. It is, unfortunately, being trimmed next year, so the college is hosting events, including a golf tournament, to bolster this fund. **Michel** will update the board at the next meeting.

The IRCC changed the rules relating to post-graduate work permits, so they no longer discriminate against college degrees vs. university degrees. This does not solve the overall problem, but it certainly doesn't hurt.

VIII Unfinished Business

IX Question Period

X New Business

MOTION: Plourde / Tran

Adjourned at 5:58

CARRIED