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CCSS Board of Directors meeting, August 11th, 2025
Wilna Thomas, Room 103, Lansdowne Campus

BALUYUT, Terence	External Executive	NAGRA, Gurleen	Interurban Director
QUESADA, Daniella	Interurban Executive	VILLA, David	Interurban Director
CERVANTES, Regina	Lansdowne Executive	VACANT.....	Lansdowne Director
MADARIAGA, Benjamin	Finance Executive	CHOU, Angela	Lansdowne Director
PIMENTEL, Athena.....	SWA Director	PEARSON, Olivia.....	Lansdowne Director
PERALTA, Hector.....	International Director	KAUR, Harnoor.....	Lansdowne Director
TOOTH, Acacia	Pride Director	VACANT.....	Off Campus Director
PATTERSON, Rose.....	Indigenous Director	HODSON, Liam	Education Council
DE GUZMAN, Hannah	Sustainability Director	MTHOMBENI, Tuko	Education Council
HUYNH, Madison	Women's Director	PLOURDE, Tahlia	Board of Governors
KWONG, Nancy.....	Interurban Director	LEYLAND, Sean	Board of Governors
CHONA, Manvi.....	Interurban Director		

Attending: David Villa, Madison Hunyh, Regina Cervantes, Benjamin Madariaga, Tuko Mthombeni, Hannah De Guzman, David Hodson, Angela Chou, Terence Baluyut, Nancy Kwong, Hector Peralta

Absent: Daniella Quesada

Guests & Staff: Michel Turcotte, Michael Glover, Matthew Martin, Hannah Carr, Christine Desrochers, Chris Filler, Evan Hillchey

Regrets: Rose Patterson, Sean Leyland, Gurleen Nagra (LOA)

I Call to Order

- a) **Meeting called to order by Speaker of Council**
Nancy called the meeting to order on August 11th, 2025 at 5:07
- b) **Recognition of Coast Salish Territory**
Nancy 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

Late regrets

MOTION Cervantes/Baluyut

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve late regrets from Athena Pimentel, Harnoor Kaur, Manvi Chona, Oliva Pearson, and Acacia Tooth.

CARRIED

Approval of the Agenda

- Terence adds GVAT update to New Business
- Terence updates his *CASA Campus Event* motion from \$1200 to \$2000
- Hannah adds Tomato Harvesting to Member Reports
- Madison adjusts the financial motion order so that *F* presents after *G*

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MOTION: Hodson/Baluyut
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve the agenda as amended
CARRIED

Approval of Previous Minutes

MOTION: De Guzman/Baluyut
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve the minutes from July 28th, 2025
CARRIED

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

Chris Filler and **Evan Hillchey** gave a presentation on Childcare Services. **Chris** explained how many different groups work with the childcare services; from practicum students to Eyē? Sqā'lewen, as well as cross-campus and cross-disciplinary groups. They aim to support the college attendees by supporting the families of students, staff, and faculty. They have been operating for 43 years. **Chris** voiced his concerns about the aging structures that they work with, both the buildings and things like playgrounds. **Evan** reiterated that he appreciates the help the CCSS provides and wants to continue that relationship.

IV Financial Motions/Issues

- a) BCFS membership fees enabling motion – **Matthew**

MOTION: Hunyh/Hodson
BIRT the Board of Directors authorises the signing authorities to remit BC Federation of Students (BCFS) membership fees for the 2025-26 academic year to the BCFS that we receive from Camosun College.
CARRIED

- b) \$33,000 Ombudsperson Office Funding (\$32000 budget + \$1000 shortfall for Q1) – **Matthew**

MOTION: Cervantes/Hunyh
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve a payment of \$33,000 to Camosun College for both initial 50% of the 2025-26 ombudsperson budget and \$1,000 shortfall for Q1 2025-26.
CARRIED

- c) Invest up to 2.0M Health & Dental in a 3 year rising-rate GICs. – **Matthew**

MOTION: Madariaga/Baluyut
BIRT the Board of Directors authorizes investing up to \$2,000,000 of Health & Dental restricted funds in a 3 year rising-rate GICs with Coast Capital Savings Federal Credit Union.
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- d) Up to \$1500 for the Diwali related sponsorship party –**Daniella and Regina**

MOTION: Peralta/Hodson

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BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve up to \$1500 for a Diwali related sponsorship party
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- e) Up to \$1000 for Day of the Dead related sponsorship party – **Hector**

MOTION: **Cervantes/De Guzman**

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve up to \$1000 for a Day of the Dead related sponsorship party
CARRIED

- f) BCFS Online Skills Training – **Terence/Matthew**

MOTION: **De Guzman/Hodson**

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approves directors that haven't attended BCFS Skills to take the BCFS Online Skills Training with at-large directors whom attend to receive 2 days honorarium and food allowance upon submitting the certificate of completion, and hourly directors to receive the food allowance for completion. The board further authorizes the signing authorities to approve attendance for directors that have had previous training with the same rates to apply.

CARRIED

- g) Up to \$1500 for the breast cancer awareness event – **Madison**

MOTION: **Baluyut/De Guzman**

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve up to \$1500 for a breast cancer awareness event
CARRIED

V Committee Reports

- a) Organizational Design—**Hannah DG**- No report.
- b) Special Events— **Regina/Daniella**- Acacia hosted a Pride Event at *Friend of Dorothy's* and over \$800 was raised via silent auction and the tip earned by the performers. Day of the Dead and Diwali are also in the works.
- c) Campaigns & Advocacy—**Terence**- Meeting next Monday.
- d) Executive Committee— **Terence**- International advising's termination has not yet been confirmed, but the college did give vague confirmation. Terence is coordinating with Hector and Michel regarding next steps and is grateful with how swiftly they can act, considering this news has not yet been released to the college at large.
- e) Finance Committee— **Benjamin**- No report.
- f) Electoral Committee—**Michel**- Gord will be the chief electoral officer for the upcoming election.
- g) Personnel Committee—**Terence**- A meeting will be held later in the week

VI Member Reports

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- a) Pride report – **Terence** on behalf of **Acacia** gave a shout-out to everyone who came to the *Friend of Dorothy's* event and stated it was a wonderful time with an incredible silent auction selection. Acacia was commended.
- b) #CASAOnTheRoad - Campus Visit of CASA in Camosun College – **Terence** would like to host a discussion panel on September 9th when CASA visits Camosun, which will include both BCFS and GVAT. In addition, he would like to offer pizza and refreshments, give away two Chargers golf tournament tickets, and potentially other tickets for Diwali and Day of the Dead.

MOTION: **Baluyut/ Peralta**

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve up to \$2000 for the CASA Campus Event

CARRIED

- c) Tomato Harvesting – **Hannah** says it's harvesting time! On Thursday they will be harvesting tomatoes at Government House from 6pm-7pm and donating the results to those experiencing food insecurity. This event is hosted with support by *Harvesting with a Cause*.

VI Other Reports

- a) Executive Directors Report – **Michel**- On the 29th of July, **Terence** and **Michel** spent the afternoon with **Evan** and **Sybil** discussing the MOU between the CCSS and the College. There is currently an effort being made to clarify this document. The College is, in a few areas, trying to push back on gains the CCSS has earned over previous decades and **Michel** is making efforts to halt this backward slide. Some things are, however, looking very good. **Michel** is also seeking to acquire things like two BOG rep parking spots. **Michel** believes that these conversations will result in a decent agreement.
- b) Difficulty accessing college services, registration, admissions, and financial aid – **Christine** experienced difficulty contacting college services last week with a student and was told to just go to Interurban. When she tried to use the iPads, she was told they no longer work. At Lansdowne, there aren't even notes on the iPad saying that they do not work. Students are left to fend for themselves. She asked the board if they have experienced something similar.

Hector has heard a lot of experiences from students saying that they have had problems when trying to register for classes. The main issue in this case appears to be a lack of information about who to contact. No one at Camosun offers help in this regard and students are left floundering.

Madison says that the iPads have been broken since the Spring Semester and that no one answers the phones when she tries to call departments at Interurban. In her case, she finds it enormously hard to contact financial aid. They have also ignored paperwork in the past, resulting in her losing funding.

Ben said that when he tried to apply for academic upgraded classes, he was put in ESL classes despite being a domestic student. His friend in the Kinesiology program was ping-ponged back and forth between campuses, with neither helping him when trying to find support. He referred to this process as "unacceptable", especially during this period of student population decline.

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VII Question Period

X New Business

GVAT update – **Terence** states that GVAT is currently looking for EDI members and to please contact him for more information. Anyone is welcome. August 24th is GVAT's annual picnic at Beaver Lake and everyone is welcome. **Terence** has put their event in everyone's calendars and members can be reimbursed for up to \$25 for providing potluck items.

IX Adjournment

MOTION: **De Guzman/Peralta**

Adjourned 7:34

CARRIED