

MINUTES

CCSS Board of Directors meeting, September 22nd, 2025
Online, Various Locations

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	VACANT.....	Lansdowne Director
TOOTH, Acacia	Pride Director	VACANT.....	Off Campus Director
PATTERSON, Rose.....	Indigenous Director	HODSON, Liam	Education Council
DE GUZMAN, Hannah	Sustainability Director	VACANT.....	Education Council
HUYNH, Madison	Women's Director	PLOURDE, Tahlia	Board of Governors
KWONG, Nancy.....	Interurban Director	LEYLAND, Sean	Board of Governors
VACANT	Interurban Director		

Attending: Olivia Pearson, Madison Huynh, Regina Cervantes, Angela Chou, Liam Hodson, Sean Leyland, Athena Pimentel, Terence Baluyut, Davis Villa, Hector Peralta, Acacia Tooth

Absent: Nancy Kwong, Gurleen Nagra

Guests & Staff: Michael Glover, Matthew Martin, Hannah Carr, Christine Desrochers, Michel Turcotte

Regrets: Rose Patterson

I Call to Order

- a) **Meeting called to order by Speaker of Council**
Angela called the meeting to order on September 22nd, 2025 at 5:00pm
- 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 WŚÁNEĆ speaking peoples, T'souke, Scia'new and Pacheedaht First Nations.

II Ratification of Agenda/Approval of Previous Minutes

Late regrets

MOTION Hodson/Pearson

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve late regrets from Hannah De Guzman, Benjamin Madriaga, and Daniella Quesada

CARRIED

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Cervantes/Pimentel

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve the agenda as amended

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Approval of Previous Minutes

MOTION: Pearson/Hodson

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Sean clarified from the previous minutes that the college approved a budget at its April 2025 meeting, not just a framework. When Michel joined the meeting a little later, he confirmed that the college had passed a balanced budget in April but that it had been made clear to him by college administrators that it was still a work in progress as they sought to save money in response to a quickly changing situation on the ground.

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve the minutes from September 8th, 2025
CARRIED

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

- a) Notices of resignation of Tuko Mthombeni – **Hannah C.**

IV Financial Motions/Issues

- a) Funding for extra self-defense classes (\$1200) – **Madison**

MOTION: Peralta/Cervantes
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve \$1200 for additional self-defence classes
CARRIED

- b) \$21,076.28 – Canadian Alliance of Student Associations – 70% of 2025-26 CASA membership dues – **Matthew**

30% of paid in June and remaining 70% due Oct 1. Canadian Alliance of Student Associations is the federal lobbying body that the CCSS is a member of. Students of Camosun voted in a referendum to become part of CASA.

MOTION: Peralta/Huynh
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approves the payment of \$21,076.28 for the 2025-2026 CASA membership dues.
CARRIED

- c) \$16,254.54 – Nexus Publishing Society (Operations grant, 3rd installment for 2025-26) – **Matthew**

MOTION: Cervantes/Huynh
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approves the payment of \$16,254.54 to the Nexus Publishing Society
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V Committee Reports

- a) Organizational Design—**Hannah DG**- no report
- b) Special Events— **Regina/Daniella**- no report

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- c) Campaigns & Advocacy—**Terence**- The BCFS Cuts Suck campaign has collected 110 postcards, which is 1/3rd of the goal. **Terence** is hoping to get more postcards in the next few tabling days and is looking for more tabling volunteers. The tabling will continue for the next week at the campus life days. He thanked everyone who has helped thus far.

The transit campaign has found a perfect time to request an additional bus, thanks to BC Transit's budget boost due to the carbon tax cut. The next steps will include speaking with the UVSS representative and making sure that BC Transit knows that the college would rather have buses be early than late.

- d) Executive Committee— **Terence**- Last Wednesday, Daniella and Terence met with the MP of post-secondary education and mentioned safeguarding the tuition cap. They also mentioned the BCFS cuts suck campaign and the housing issues students face in Victoria. There was also the GVAT meeting last Wednesday, which mentioned Plan BC and their partnership across the province of BC, which would amplify their goals. They don't have concrete plans for Plan BC, but it currently sits as a framework. The executive team is looking to meet with Izzy to get some more information.
- e) Finance Committee— **Benjamin**- no report
- f) Electoral Committee—**Michel**- no report
- g) Personnel Committee—**Terence**- no report

VI Member Reports

- a) Women's Director Report – **Madison** showed pictures from the self-defense course hosted last weekend, where 14 people learned self-defence basics. She will be getting more pictures at later classes with the help of a Work Study. She spoke about the fact that the teacher has given us a generous discount of \$700, meaning the overall cost is only \$900, or \$15 per person - much less than the usual cost for a self-defense course. She is currently working on the breast cancer awareness campaign and is looking for volunteers. It is going to be at Interurban on October 7th in conjunction with Campus Life Days.

VI Other Reports

- a) Executive Directors Report – **Michel** stated that a lot has been happening at Camosun. The MOU negotiations are going on with the college and are proving interesting. It seems there is a financial component that has not been seen prior, and Michel reaffirmed that we will not be parting with the student's money. There are also issues with IECC as the CCSS is trying to figure out what kind of support we should be giving in terms of finance. That department is currently leadershipless after the retirement of the Executive Director. **Michel** also highlighted some good news as he was able to help a former student by waiving some fees they had incurred in conjunction with the college.

VII Question Period

X New Business

- a) Hannah De Guzman's resignation as Chair of the Organizational Design Committee and election of a new Chair

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MOTION: Baluyut/Pearson

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors accept the resignation of Hannah De Guzman as OD Committee chair

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MOTION: Baluyut/Cervantes

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors opens nominations for OD chair

AMENDED MOTION: Huynh/Athena

BIRT the CCSS tables the nomination until the next board meeting

MOTION TABLED

b) Gallivan website language testing – **Christine**

Christine is asking board members to try translating the Gallivan website into other languages as the translation feature has now been removed. This normally allows lower-level English speakers to access our benefits. Please see her email.

IX Adjournment

MOTION: Pimentel/Baluyut

Adjourned 5:44

CARRIED