

MINUTES

CCSS Board of Directors meeting, January 26th, 2026, 5:00pm
Online, Multiple Locations

BALUYUT, Terence.....External Executive	VACANT..... Interurban Director
QUESADA, Daniella.....Interurban Executive	VACANT..... Interurban Director
CERVANTES, Regina.....Lansdowne Executive	PETERSON, Aleah Lansdowne Director
MADARIAGA, Benjamin.....Finance Executive	CHOU, Angela Lansdowne Director
PIMENTEL, Athena.....SWA Director	LAM, Riley Lansdowne Director
PERALTA, Hector.....International Director	FREDERICKSON, Jeremy Lansdowne Director
TOOTH, Acacia.....Pride Director	VACANT..... Off Campus Director
PATTERSON, Rose.....Indigenous Director	HODSON, Liam Education Council
DE GUZMAN, Hannah.....Sustainability Director Education Council
HUYNH, Madison.....Women’s Director	TOOTH, Acacia Education Council
PURNELL, Mia.....Interurban Director Board of Governors
VACANT.....Interurban Director	LEYLAND, Sean Board of Governors

Attending: Acacia Tooth, Aleah Peterson, Athena Pimentel, Hector Campoy, Mia Purnell, Riley Lam, Angela Chou, Regina Cervantes, Jeremy Frederickson, Madison Huynh, Daniella Quesada, Benjamin Madariaga, Hannah De Guzman, Sean Leyland, Terence Baluyut

Absent:

Guests & Staff: Michel Turcotte, Matthew Martin, Christine Desrochers, Hannah Carr, Michael Glover, Jacob Amato, Josh Silvestri, Tagg Kelt, Gord Rant

Regrets:

I Call to Order

- a) **Meeting called to order by Speaker of Council**
Angela called the meeting to order on January 26th at 5:03pm
- 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 W̱SÁNEĆ speaking peoples, T’souke, Scia’new and Pacheedaht First Nations.

II Ratification of Agenda/Approval of Previous Minutes

Approval of Late Regrets
MOTION: Peterson/Quesada
To approve the late regrets of Rose Patterson and Liam Hodson
CARRIED

Approval of Agenda
MOTION: Lam/Quesada
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve the agenda as presented
CARRIED

Approval of Previous Minutes
MOTION: Tooth/Campoy

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BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve the minutes from January 12th, 2026
CARRIED

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

- a) Co-op presentation and board resignation – **Regina**
Regina presented her co-op assignment and submitted her resignation as of January 30th 2026.
- b) YTD budget answers: Walk Safer, CASA, Conferences – **Matthew**
Matthew presented a closer snapshot of the Walk Safer budget, along with the CASA and Conference budgets.

IV Financial Motions/Issues

- a) Up to \$1500 for the International Women's Day event – **Madison**
MOTION: Peterson/Campoy
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve up to \$1500 the Women's Day International Event.
CARRIED
- b) \$1,290.93 Isle Golf Cars, Inc. (Golf Carts repair costs) – **Matthew**
MOTION: Quesada/De Guzman
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve \$1290.93 to Isle Golf Carts, Inc. for golf cart repairs.
CARRIED
- c) Jaya's Retirement – **Michel**
Whereas Jaya Pai has worked diligently for the Camosun College Student Society since 1997 and always gone the extra mile to support CCSS programs, services, and members;
Be it Resolved That the Camosun College Student Society bestow Honourary Membership on Jaya Pai in recognition of her caring and diligent service to the society;
Be it Further Resolved that the board approve up to \$2000 for a retirement gift to recognise her 29 years of service.
MOTION: Campoy/Peterson
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve \$2000 for a retirement gift for Jaya Pai and her induction as an Honourary Member of the Camosun College Student Society.
CARRIED
- d) Boxing Club - **Jacob Amato and Josh Silvestri**
Please see attached letter for the request of up to \$600 in addition to funding already secured for the club. Total cost from club fund of \$1800 for 25-26 school year
MOTION: Quesada/Campoy
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve \$600 to the boxing club.
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V Committee Reports

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- a) Organizational Design—**Daniella** – There will be some changes with the Club Policy and is hoping for a Wednesday meeting.
- b) Special Events— **Regina/Daniella** – The IWD event is coming up, and there will be bingo tonight! Please keep an eye on the internal calendar.
- c) Campaigns & Advocacy—**Terence**- No report
- d) Executive Committee— **Terence**- No report
- e) Finance Committee— **Matthew/Benjamin** - No report
- f) Electoral Committee—**Gord** – Election nominations will open in a month and the board will be selecting the electoral committee later in the meeting.
- g) Personnel Committee—**Hannah** - There will be a meeting soon where the personnel committee will continue the process of creating an HR policy. Any issues should be reported to the Personnel Committee and emails are always welcome.

VI Member Reports

- a) External Director's Report – **Terence**
 - GVAT – there will be a GVAT delegate's assembly on Feb 5th and member organizations will be able to bring forward recommendations at that time. **Terence** will be highlighting the public transit issues that are facing CCSS members.
 - BCFS – The BCFS AGM will be later this week. Our CCSS delegates will be in attendance. He also thanked **Regina** for her amazing job at the last BCFS meeting.
 - CASA – The Canada financial advocacy push is underway and they are looking for 20,000 signatures. BC is under represented at the CASA table and **Terence** is looking for participation from across the country, even if they aren't formal members. **Terence** is going to follow up with the CASA Reps about how this campaign is going to be undertaken.

VI Other Reports

- a) Executive Directors Report – **Michel** stated that the government review was in New Westminster on the 12th. On the 13th there were meetings at Douglas College with the former deputy minister, but the review portion ended up much better than **Michel** has envisioned. The student representatives were able to ask questions and get answers, and, while the tuition free limit will be altered, the deputy minister is not looking to recommend dramatic increases. Consolidation of institutions will not happen overnight, but he will be looking to make some recommendations. While Camosun might be safe from that, VIU might be in trouble. This may be cost saving. **Michel** asserted that the minister will be making a report, though he isn't sure if it will be public. **Michel** doesn't believe we will be sandbagged despite the difficult times approaching.

VIII Unfinished Business

VII Question Period

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As submitted by **Sean**:

- a) Did Nexus obtain the grant that Michel mentioned in October?
 - i) They have been receiving information from the Martlet at Uvic in applying, however they do not yet know if they have received the grants.
- b) What did Nexus do to adjust their spending to fit within their budget this financial year? (last year they said they would have to adjust if they didn't get the extra \$30,000)
 - i) They have significantly cut their student hours to save money.
- c) Exact numbers of papers that Nexus is currently printing.
 - i) Approx. 750 per run. This does not include the 3-9 thousand digital impressions.
- d) What has Nexus decided it will do to build engagement/readership?
 - i) They have not been able to do much in that area since their efforts have been mainly focused on their survival.
- e) Is there anything planned to increase Nexus funding?
 - i) On the CCSS front, there is currently no funding being requested.
- f) Update on why WalkSafer is so far over budget to date. Please have Matthew give us specific reasons as to why this is the case. Where EXACTLY are we spending more money compared to our previous financial year (24/25)
 - i) Please see the previous presentation by **Matthew**.
- g) Update on the 2026 (April/May) Board orientation. We need information on options where to have it and what the associated costs are.
 - i) The staff are currently working on the orientation plan and will get that back to the board as soon as possible. The previous date had been picked to accommodate the attendance of Lane Trotter.
- h) Our budget plan. What are we doing between now and when the board approves the budget to address our deficit position and ultimately come up with a balanced budget for the next fiscal year?
 - i) Matthew stated that there are no immediate concern and that the YTD numbers are looking good. While we don't know the immediate revenue numbers, there are not a lot of discretionary expenditures. They will continue monitoring and thinking long term. **Michel** elaborated that we do not have differential fees, which is helping to keep us above a deficit. **Sean** asked about when some additional information will be shared with the finance committee about what options the board will have when discussing the upcoming budget. **Michel** suggested a finance meeting be called.

X New Business

- a) Endorsement of Terence Baluyut:

MOTION: Peterson/Leyland

BIRT that CCSS (Local 17) endorse Terence Baluyut to run in the BC Federation of Students' Annual General Meeting elections for the Director-at-Large position.

CARRIED

- b) Selection of the Electoral Committee for the Spring 2026 CCSS elections – **Michel**

MOTION: Baluyut/Peterson

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors open nominations for the 2026 spring electoral committee.

CARRIED

Terence nominates **Aleah** – **Aleah** accepts her nomination

Aleah is appointed to the 2026 Spring Electoral Committee

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MOTION: Terence/Peterson
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors accept Aleah's nomination and ratify the results.
CARRIED

IX Adjournment

MOTION: Baluyut/Leyland
Adjourned
CARRIED