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CCSS Board of Directors meeting, February 9th, 2026
WT 101, Lansdowne

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: Hannah De Guzman, Aleah Peterson, Terence Baluyut, Sean Leyland, Daniella Quesada, Angela Chou, Madison Huynh, Riley Lam, Mia Purnell, Athena Pimentel

Absent:

Guests & Staff: Michel Turcotte, Matthew Martin, Christine Desrochers, Hannah Carr, Laura Mitchell, Rashed AlHaque, Devon Daniels, Ruthanne Orihuela

Regrets: Acacia Tooth s

I Call to Order

a. **Meeting called to order by Speaker of Council**

Angela called the meeting to order 5:11pm on February 9, 2026

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

Approval of Late Regrets

MOTION: Riley/Terence

To approve the late regrets of Rose Patterson, Liam Hodson, Jeremy Frederickson, Hector Peralta, and Benjamin Madariaga

AMENDED MOTION: Madison/Daniella

To approve the late regrets of Liam Hodson, Jeremy Frederickson, Hector Peralta, and Benjamin Madariaga and table the late regrets of Rose Patterson.

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Approval of Agenda

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MOTION: Mia/Aleah

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve the agenda as presented

CARRIED

Approval of Previous Minutes

MOTION: Hannah/Aleah

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

CARRIED

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

a. Discussion regarding the revised Student Conduct policy– **Laura Mitchell** and **Rashed AlHaque Rashed** gave the council an overview of the Student Policy that is currently under review, and explained why policy comes under review. They look to see what is working and what isn't working and make sure things like language and timelines make sense. The policy is being reviewed by the OSS and Student Affairs, who are experts in this style of material, noting what needs to change and what can stay the same. Fairness and clarity are what they are focusing on as the policy is reviewed.

The key changes that they are adjusting are updating the policy definitions, like "Natural Justice" and "Interim Measure", whereas other terms like "student" are no longer being defined. They updated the name of the policy from "Student Misconduct" to "Student Conduct". Laura highlights that it focuses on the rights and responsibilities. They are also changing the conduct language to address discrimination, harassment, and technology misuse. They are clarifying procedures and roles, and redefining the appeals process.

They gave an example of the steps that are followed in the case an allegation is received by the OSS.

>Allegation received – Initial Review – Interim Measure – Informal Process – Formal Process – Decision and Outcomes – Appeal.

Students always have the right to appeal.

Laura also stated that all the materials will be easy to find online.

Madison asked about the scaled difference between students vs. teacher action and outcome. **Laura** stated that each case is treated uniquely.

Michel asked when we will be able to see the document. **Rashed** said he is happy to send a draft, however things will change with consultation. **Michel** highlighted that the initial investigation into if the OSS should step in is somewhat lacking. It seems based on where the complaint is coming from that dictates the probability. Students seem disadvantaged from the onset and don't seem to have the right to complain. Student complaints are almost universally seen as misconduct. **Rashed** and **Laura** said that he would look into this further.

Terence asked how the updated sexual violence legislation will affect the changes in the student conduct policy. **Rashed** stated that the SV Policy and the Student Conduct Policy are two separate documents. However, this will also be updated in the near future and it is on their radar.

Madison asked what mitigating measures are taken to protect the complainant's information and privacy in cases such as (college restraining orders). **Laura** replied that every step is taken in confidentiality and care and makes sure everyone is safe and is, again, an individual process following policy.

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Michel asked if the people facing allegations are consulted before interim measures are taken. **Laura** said it is never meant to feel like “this is happening to you”, and the person is always a participant in it to the best of the OSS’s ability. **Laura** said that they also work with the instructors to make sure that the students’ academics are not interrupted.

b. ISP Student presentation - **Devon**

“Creative Market Empowering Indigenous Students Through Leadership and Cultural Celebration.” Devon presented a one-day event plan, looking at 4-6 hours in the Sherri Bell Hall. It will take place in the final week of the semester as a stress-relieving cultural activity. 20 signatures were submitted to the board with students and instructors interested in participating. The goals are to empower indigenous students, create a welcoming environment, strengthen relationships, celebrate indigenous cultures, and support indigenous artists. The cultural components of the event include food sharing, drumming and song, and elders’ sharing.

They are hoping to have 10 tables dedicated to indigenous artists with two people at each table. Each artist will retain 100% of their sales. The priority will be to student artists and there will be no tabling fees. He also broke down the framework for the event logistics and coordination, such as the registration process, venue setup, and the responsibilities of the student organizers.

He stated that their program advisor suggested they use the whole of Rose’s unused budget, requesting either \$7,500 or \$4,600. \$4,600 was brought forward to the board, with the \$7,500 proposal being sent to **Matthew** if there was additional room in the budget. **Matthew** stated that \$4,500 is where he is comfortable.

The board suggested he flesh out his plan, get some quotes for food, and come back with a more detailed plan. **Sean** also suggested that **Rose** be kept in the loop even if the board is the one carrying out the process on her behalf. **Devon** expressed some concern about Rose hastening the process since she will be leaving the country shortly.

c. Regina Cervantes’ Resignation

MOTION: Daniella/De Guzman

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors accept the resignation of Regina Cervantes

CARRIED

d. Executive Members Notice: Lansdowne Executive vacancy – **Terence**

Terence sent out an email last week suggesting the board fill the position that Regina has vacated. Since it is a prominent role in both the council and the college, the current members need that role filled to support other board members. Since there is a limited timeline, the executive committee is suggesting an internal appointment.

MOTION: Purnell/Aleah

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors open nominations for a Lansdowne Director.

CARRIED

Madison Huynh nominated **Riley Lam** - accepted

Hannah De Guzman nominates **Aleah Peterson** – accepted

Aleah is nominated

MOTION: Riley/Mia

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors ratify the results and appoints Aleah as the new Lansdowne Executive

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IV Financial Motions/Issues

- a. Up to \$3200 for a medical exception for a student – **Christine**

A student approached Christine back in August asking about coverage and Christine reached out to Canada Life to make sure the service was covered. She was told yes, the service was covered, just to fill out a predetermination. Unfortunately, the student did not follow the steps and did not submit a predetermination; he was walked through the process, and Canada Life declined. Apparently, whoever she had talked to was misinformed. He has a stoma bag that needs to be changed every 10 days and the cost of these devices is \$430 per 40 days. A year of these bags is \$3915. If our plan had covered it, he would have gotten \$3132 back. Christine is looking to help this student out. He is a student until June and his coverage will last until July.

MOTION: Terence/Hannah

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve up to \$3200 for a medical exception for a student

CARRIED

V Committee Reports

- a. Organizational Design—**Daniella** – Organizational design meeting tomorrow at 3:30pm. An email has been sent. They will be discussing the club's policy. It will be brought to the board after it has been ironed out. She would love anyone interested to attend. **Terence** asked if the ACR had been passed and **Daniella** confirmed. She will be bringing it to the next board meeting to pass.
- b. Special Events— **Daniella** – They talked about changing the location of campus life days at Interurban, and will be having another meeting after the reading break. EIM club also have a presentation that outlined a project that will happen at the end of the semester.
- c. Campaigns & Advocacy—**Terence**- No report
- d. Executive Committee— **Terence**- No report
- e. Finance Committee— **Matthew/Benjamin** – Matthew stated that he is consulting with Benjamin and others as they develop the budget. The current 4.6 deficit to the college, according to Lane Trotter. 2.2 million by the end of the year. It did have some good news for our budget. Domestic is up %3, and because our fees are the same, our revenue will remain the same.
- f. Electoral Committee—**Michel** – The nominations are opening in the next few weeks and Gord and the college are already working on the election template. We are still looking for the electoral committee members since Aleah will now be running. There are now 19 positions that will be open to nomination.

Aleah has resigned from the electoral committee and **Hannah De Guzman** has been appointed.

- g. Personnel Committee—**Hannah** –

MOTION: Terence / Daniella

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors move into Camera

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MOTION: Riley / Daniella

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors move out of Camera

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VI Member Reports

a. External Executive's Report – **Terence** - Two weeks ago they visited the BCFS AGM. Welcomed the Northern Undergraduate Society at Northern BC. UBC Okanagan is now local 23, separate from UBC Vancouver. The LGBTQ housing was focused on, along with public transit, and they participated in a rally and gained media traction and support. Finally, they also elected new board members, promoting continuity in these difficult times.

GVAT had an annual meeting last Thursday. There has been an effort to create low barrier trauma informed care for vulnerable residents. Housing was also a focus and they are looking for new members to join the housing research team. The Malahat highway widening was also on the table, highlighting controversy as the indigenous population was not consulted. They are also looking for people to join these teams. Please speak to Terence.

Terence had put forward a motion to encourage transit previously, but there is more push needed. The motion was successful.

CASA's grants campaign is ongoing. **Terence** has been working on a social media campaign for this effort and Madison will be incorporating it into her events. She will be adding it to her "Stitch and Bitch" events on Thursday. They are also at campus life days and Aleah will be heading this effort.

9am community office meeting with MLA. He is looking for one or two more delegates to join him and he will be planning some training sessions. He emphasized that lobbying is an essential part of student advocacy.

VI Other Reports

a. Executive Directors Report – **Michel** – The college is in trouble with their budget deficit. Michel is worried that there will be another round of layoffs. The government has not yet come forward with any additional funding. While the numbers are doing well for us, it might be problematic if they start cutting classes. He will continue to watch this carefully. The EDI is looking to recruit some of our constituency directors.

Sean added that international student numbers are down and will continue going down in the coming years. The deficit is more significant than anticipated, and reduction measures are going to be immediate. The staff cutting measures were essential last year to make sure we have a college in the future and there can be no delay in order to preserve the college. They are making an effort not to cut programs, but it may become necessary.

VIII Unfinished Business

VII Question Period

a. Questions pertaining to the WalkSafe directive – **Aleah**

Aleah raised the following issues:

- There are very few students using the program
- The counting mechanism. The student usage is logged by the students working for Walksafer and there is no way to guarantee those numbers are accurate.

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- The scheduling is uneven. Some nights there are 2, whereas others are 4. That is too many people doing too little work.
- It costs a significant amount, considering how much work it actually does.

Terence said that the only benefit is student employment, but that could be done in a better way. He said that some friends who work there do not walk anyone in a night or have to go seeking people to give rides to. Terence also raised the concern of a student who applied to Walksafer but never heard back, or who are still work there but are no longer a student.

Aleah followed up by saying the workers want to do something, therefore why not hire them for security.

Michel stated that the Walksafer program is a collaborative venture with the College. The graduated students are often hired on as shift supervisors since we need someone experienced to help run it at night. Michel also said that the CCSS and the college have not received any complaints and if we want to move forward with a program change, we would need to consult with CUPE and the college. We would need more concrete data in order to do that. He suggested perhaps a survey is in order but a change cannot be administered on anecdote alone.

Madison said that the usage was considerably higher in previous years and brought up the issue of advertising. She stated that it was the students with mobility issues that need it the most. The program is still a necessity, but we need to make sure the service is shared with the greater community. Part of the job is going around and asking people, and that is part of advertising.

Daniella had reached out to **Michael** and **Christine** previously about and asked if **Aleah** can take over this issue. She stated that **Aleah** should reach out to **Amy** to discuss promotion.

Aleah followed this up by asking what action can be taken in order to make this program more useful.

Sean emphasized that we need to be keeping our students safe but we need to understand what the program needs.

Matthew stated that the college has just doubled the amount that it contributes to the WalkSafe program and the other half is funded by referendum. He is also worried about that information is collected as a student privacy measure.

Terence reiterated that the program should not be made obsolete, but we need to make sure students, if the numbers are reduced, do still have work. He stated that these are not issues that can be delved into now without additional information, but more advertising is useful. He suggested that there be more social media for the program. He said that the term "Walk Safer" does not represent the program, since it does not advertise the golf cart services. He would like to hear more from the staff who administer the program.

Athena said that she would like to see more effort made by the Walk Safer employees to advertise.

Riley stated that the employees were not keeping data last time he used the service, so there is a lack of accurate data. **Terence** also said that a friend of his was falsifying data in order to boost their numbers. **Terence** asked how Glover's salary was paid via Walk Safer and how many hours are allocated to that work. **Matthew** reported that 22 union hours a week are for program supervision and administration. **Terence** stated that we should be utilizing those hours to advertise as well.

X New Business

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a. Board Orientation – **Michel**

Michel stated that he is required to organize the board orientation, and it is done over the last few months. He offered a breakdown of the costs of the orientations since the advent of Covid. For this coming orientation, on his proposed April 22nd, Michel had booked Lane Trotter and was trying to accommodate board members who might be leaving town for the summer. The current Delta reservation can be cancelled, but the Spinnaker's "social mixer" is booked for April 22nd and has been pre-paid. Michel reiterated that it does not matter where it is held, but hosting it at a facility will make it functionally easier.

The orientation materials shift every year based on not only time but who is going to be there, who is new, and how many of those individuals are also going to Skills.

Daniella suggested that the orientation be hosted on a Friday.

Sean stated that he is alright with the Wednesday meeting, but that it would be more appropriate to host the meeting at Camosun.

Terence said that Lane's presence isn't necessary at the orientation and said that he can always be invited to a board meeting and said he would prefer it be hosted on a Friday.

Riley brought up the issue of board members taking time off in order to attend two events on two different dates.

Michel said he would check with Lane to see if he has availability and said we can check with Spinnakers to see if that reservation can be changed. His hope is to capture as many people as possible before they leave Victoria for the summer.

MOTION: Terence / Daniella

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve up to \$5000 for the CCSS orientation.

AMENDED MOTION: *BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve up to \$2500 for the CCSS orientation*

CARRIED

IX Adjournment

MOTION: Riley/Mia

Adjourned

CARRIED