MINUTES

CCSS Board of Directors meeting, April 13th, 2026
Online, Multiple Locations

BALUYUT, Terence	External Executive	VACANT	Interurban Director
QUESADA, Daniella	Interurban Executive	VACANT	Interurban Director
PETERSON, Aleah	Lansdowne Executive	VACANT	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
VACANT	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	PLOURDE, Tahlia	Board of Governors
VACANT	Interurban Director	LEYLAND, Sean	Board of Governors

Attending: Terence Baluyut, Daniella Quesada, Aleah Peterson, Athena Pimentel, Hector Peralta, Acacia Tooth, Hannah De Guzman, Madison Huynh, Mia Purnell, Riley Lam, Jeremy Frederickson, Liam Hodson, Sean Leyland

Absent: Tahlia Plourde, Benjamin Madariaga

Regrets: Angela Chou

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

I Call to Order

a) **Meeting called to order by Speaker of Council**
Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm on April 13th, 2026

b) **Recognition of Coast Salish Territory**
Terence 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.

c) **Selection of temporary chair:**
MOTION: Lam/Baluyut
BIRT the External Executive, Terence Baluyut, shall charr the CCSS Board Meeting on April 16, 2026.
CARRIED

II Ratification of Agenda/Approval of Previous Minutes

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

Approval of Previous Minutes
MOTION: Purnell/Peralta
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve the minutes from March 23, 2026
CARRIED

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Ratification of Phone Around Motion held Apr 2nd-5th.

MOTION: Lam/Purnell
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors approves $2000.00 from the Events program budget for the Pink Pony Pub 2.0 event planned for April 21st, 2026.
Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors authorizes a performance fee be paid to Acacia Tooth for the event from the amount authorized for this event.
Moved: Quesada, Seconded: Huynh
*Result: **CARRIED** (9 in favour, 0 opposed, 0 to table)*
CARRIED

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

a) CCSS Orientation Logistics – **Michel**
Michel spoke to the board about the upcoming orientation, reminded members to submit their sandwich orders, inform Christine if you plan on attending the mixer after the orientation, and requested that those driving provide license plate numbers so that parking can be paid for by the Society.

IV Financial Motions/Issues

a) $13,551.08 – The Nexus Publishing Society (Nexus levy for Sept - Dec 2025) - **Matthew**

MOTION: Quesada / Purnell
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approves $13,551.08 for The Nexus Publishing Society (Nexus levy for Sept - Dec 2025)
CARRIED

b) Approval of Minimum Funding Requirements – Indigenous Star Knowledge Gathering (June 15–19, 2026) – **Jeremy**

Madison voiced a couple of concerns, primarily that this event would be happening during graduation and staff are busy with other events, as well as board members. She asked if the dates were flexible. **Jeremy** responded he has done the grassroots level work and reached out to someone in the astronomy department. The event itself starts at 3pm, and he has done lots in the background with the staff and facilitators and has pre-emptively solved that problem.

Sean asked if Jeremy's foundation (Anita Frederickson Foundation) was part of this event.

Jeremy said that, after consideration, his foundation would not be involved to avoid a conflict of interest. He would like to prioritize CCSS involvement.

Sean continued, stating that one of his concerns is that this time of the year has very few students on campus, and this would affect the participation. He voiced his concern that Jeremy was asking for 80% of the budget for one event.

Jeremy responded that that is an understandable concern, and he is looking at possibly ticketing this event to recuperate some funds. Since the event is being hosted at three different venues, the last event is already being ticketed, and that money would be coming back to all involved parties.

Glover stated that this is a really big commitment. He reminded Jeremy that he would be risking his yearly budget which is concerning and very unusual.

Jeremy thanked Glover for his concern and stated that this event is bigger than the budget. As a student and a director, he stated that he is 100% confident this will be 100% successful.

Daniella seconded what had already been voiced by the board and said her main concerns are the dates. She asked if he was only available during those dates. She also stated that Jeremy has done some great work on this, and the public is coming to this event, though that should not be the event's priority.

Liam agreed with **Daniella** and said that it seems odd to use 80% of the budget on this when more than half of the students are away during this time. He stated that we would need to see what student engagement would look like and suggested it may be wise to do a poll.

Madison asked for additional information about Jeremy's ticket proposal and asked what the ticket cost would be, whether it would be split among partnered groups, and if there is a limit on how many tickets would be for sale. She also asked how he planned on funding future events if this event did not recoup any funds.

Jeremy stated he had brought up these issues before with Sean and, since he is very well versed in how to build a foundation and host events, he foresees multiple people wanting this event once the funding is secured.

Sean voiced his concern about this primarily being a public event and using $8000 of a $10,000 budget for public numbers does not align with the goals of the society. He asked how much ticket revenue would be brought in to help support the event.

Jeremy said he had been working on this plan for 12-18 months and said that we are running out of time as he needs to book stuff ASAP.

Sean asked that, if this gets approved, does he have any plan or ideas of how to utilize only $2000 for 11 months for events? He asked what plans and mechanisms Jeremy had in place.

Jeremy responded, explaining that he has been looking into the VNFC (Victoria Native Friendship Center) and, with his foundation connections, he is hoping some community partnerships would bridge some serious gaps.

Terence expressed his concerns regarding the second part of this motion, since the CCSS will be having a new set of board members by the time the event happens, and promising the money of the future directors does not make sense. He stated that an $8000 motion would require more prep time and consultation, and asked, again, for more information about tickets, how the tickets are to be sold, an agenda for the event, and more.

Michel provided some more information, stating that Tagg, Matthew and Michel met with Jeremy and expressed the same worries. He mentioned that the proposed event is scheduled for the same week as grad and that the CCSS staff will be busy with grad. He also mentioned that the public nature of this was not something that was discussed. There is also the issue of space allocation, and, as a public event, the college will expect rent for the spaces. The other issue is the ticketing issue, since this was not something Jeremy voiced during the previous conversations. Michel is a bit apprehensive on if the tickets could help with the budget. He appreciates Jeremy coming to talk with the staff prior to the proposal, but there are new elements added since they spoke with him.

Christine asked how much IECC would be contributing, since that was included in the proposal sent on May 1st. She also asked what the other groups involved in hosting this event would be contributing.

Jeremy stated that the IECC funding referred to the CCSS indigenous director budget, though he is also applying for EDI funding and other grants. There is no money from UVIC at this time; they will be doing their own two days of the event, and the center of the universe will be responsible for covering their portion for their day. He also responded to the question about engagement, stating that every student he had spoken with had confirmed their attendance.

Madison called a point of information, asking if EDI funding had been discontinued. She also asked if the $8000 was just to fund two days of the event.

Michel responded, saying that the EDI will be discontinued by the end of May, though the college may have some more money. To his knowledge, they have already received 4 applications for this year, and the pot is approximately $20,000 (last year was $50,000). Michel will check, though each application is capped at $5000, and they are looking at a lower cap this year.

Jeremy confirmed that the $8000 is just for the two days of the event.

Amy asked for clarification on the ticketed event. Were these tickets only for The Center of the Universe, or on campus event as well, if every group is responsible for their own events.

Jeremy responded, stating that the Center of the Universe event will be an intimate setting from 9-11. He also reaffirmed that some money will be coming back to his budget, though did not offer a concrete plan. He said the bare minimums right now to secure everything, understand what the board can do to help with the event, and this funding would be the glue to put this all together. In response to Terence, he said he is using his budget to bring the community together.

Daniella stated that she was speaking in favour of this event, but not in favour of $8000, stating that we are too small to front this cost alone and spend 80% of the budget in June.

Jeremy told the board that, through his community, he was gifted a pipe to carry, and the elder wanted him to reach back to his Cree community. He reached out to Wilford Buck as he is from his home nation, and this is a meaningful connection. It would be a big honour for him, and his community.

Gord asked if there had been any contracts or anything in writing from the other stakeholders outlining what they would contribute, such as financial assistance numbers.

Jeremy said the Western way is not how they do things; it is more of a verbal contract, and he is extending himself to us for this.

Madison called a point of information and asked what the CCSS averages in ticketed events.

Matthew responded, that that we normally do not charge for events, or a nominal fee to get numbers. This could change our status to a taxable group which could be a big issue, and not something that we do to raise revenue.

MOTION: Frederickson/Huynh

Be it resolved that the Camosun College Student Society (CCSS) approve up to $8,000 from the Indigenous Directors Fund to secure the minimum requirements for the 2026 Indigenous Star Knowledge Gathering, specifically:

1. *One full day of teachings from Elder Wilfred Buck*
2. *Round-trip flights for Elder Buck and his Oskapiwis*
3. *Baggage fees, including transport of the portable planetarium dome*
4. *Food and feast support for students and Elders*

Be it further resolved that CCSS departments, collectives, and committees may contribute in-kind support, resources, or volunteer participation at their discretion to strengthen student engagement and campus collaboration.
DEFETED

<u>V Committee Reports</u>

a) Organizational Design—**Daniella-** No report.

b) Special Events— **Daniella-** No report.

c) Campaigns & Advocacy—**Terence-** No report.

d) Executive Committee— **Terence-** No report.

e) Finance Committee— **Matthew** gave an update that we will no longer be receiving $42,000 from the college for club days and welcome ambassadors. He had received that notice on Thursday (the sexual health clinic money is still there) and is hoping to discuss it with the college.

f) Electoral Committee—**Michel** read the electoral report, stating that in the 2026 spring election we had a 9% voter turnout with 751 voters. There were 4 complaints and one appeal, 2 zoom meeting, and 3 candidates withdrew, 2 before and 1 after.
   a. External Executive: Daniella Quesada
   b. Interurban Executive: Athena Pimentel
   c. Lansdowne Executive: Riley Lam
   d. Finance Executive: Terence Baluyut
   e. Student Wellness and Access Director: Mia Purnell
   f. Sustainability Director: Aarisca Sharma
   g. Indigenous Director: Jeremy Frederickson
   h. Women's Director: Madison Huynh

i. Interurban Director at Large: Nyleah Sigouin
j. Lansdowne Director at Large: Aleah Peterson
k. Off-Campus Director: Angela Chou
l. PRIDE Director: Juan Samaniego

MOTION: Leyland / Tooth
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors move into Camera
CARRIED

MOTION: Purnell / Leyland
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors move out of Camera
CARRIED

MOTION: Leyland / Tooth
BIRT that all the positions from the 2026 spring election be ratified except for that of the external executive position

Also:
BIFRT re-elect the electoral committee to investigate and have a clear understanding of what happened during the appeals process during the 2026 spring election and to report back to the board with details of that appeals process.
CARRIED

Madison called for a roll-call vote to reflect the aforementioned motion:
Hector - yes
Sean - yes
Mia - yes
Acacia - yes
Athena - yes
Hannah - yes
Riley - abstained
Daniella - No
Aleah - yes
Madison - no

MOTION: Leyland / Peterson
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors open nominations for a new elections committee
CARRIED

Nominations: **Sean** nominated himself, **Acacia** nominated themselves, **Hannah** nominates herself

The new committee is **Sean**, **Acacia**, and **Hannah**

MOTION: Leyland / Pimental
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors ratify the election of Sean, Acacia, and Hannah to the elections committee.
CARRIED

Daniella Quesada's opposition to this motion is noted.

g) Personnel Committee—**Hannah –** Report at the end of the meeting.

VI Member Reports

a) External Executive's Report – **Terence**
   a. Victoria Youth Advisory Council update

Terence provided an update to the council about the meeting with Will Greaves since the board was hoping to have a quarterly meeting with their office. Instead, Will invited **Terence** to be a member of the youth advisory committee. The notes form these meetings will then go to Parliament Hill. This council will be meeting monthly, and next meeting end of April.

Another highlight: Terence is thankful to have been part of the committee that has extended the Canada Student Grants. The extension was only temporary and they will continue to push.

b) Pride Director's Report – **Acacia**
   a. Update for Pink Pony Pub

Pink Pony Pub will be happening soon! Acacia stated that they enjoyed their past year with the CCSS and is sad to be leaving. PPP last year was a lot of fun, and they are working to build the Pink Pony Pub into a yearly thing. $500 is being given to Acacia for their performance at the event, as they have not taken any pay for the past year. They enjoyed working with the CCSS.

   b. CASA presentation (Foundation Conference)

Acacia reported on the Foundations Conference that they attended. CASA's current goals and themes are: student financial ask, research, indigenous ask, NIAC leader stepping away, an employment ask, International student ask, and a focus on housing. There were also talks around food security and mental health, but these are being pushed due to finances. That being said, there will be a plan in the near future.

VI Other Reports

a) Executive Director's Report – **Michel** stated that a lot is going on at the college that is very concerning. AVP Ruthanne has indicated that the funding for club days is being stopped, and Michel has requested a meeting with her to discuss that abrupt halt and the sudden changes without consultation. What we need to see is more clarity on why this has happened, and they may have jumped the gun on this. Another concern is that academic advising is a crucial resource for every student at the college; however, their workload was increased when the college took away the Camosun International advisors. In addition, they have now cut the admin support role for the advisors. This is a huge role that helps with triaging, and there is already a backlog. There is no direct plan, and students will be the ones to suffer as this resource is so important for all students and their trajectories. This is a core student service, and requires more human-to-human contact. **Michel** is also concerned about the library and their hours, as well as the makers space. The Residence project on Lansdowne is opening in 4 years, and having these cutbacks now is problematic. The future the college is in a huge financial crisis, and trying to see how these essential service cuts can assist with anything.

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VIII Unfinished Business

VII Question Period

X New Business

a) Summer board meeting scheduling – **Christine**
Madison would prefer the majority of meetings to be online for the summer.
Sean said **Christine** does a good job with meeting scheduling, and to let her decide. He suggested that we could also circle back at the orientation to find out what people want.

b) BCFS Skills Development May 21-24 – **Michel**
MOTION: Leyland / Quesada
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors will send up to 12 delegates to Skills from May 21-24, 2026.
CARRIED

Delegates will be selected at a later date.

c) Annual Report of the SLO - **Hannah & Terence** – *In Camera*
MOTION: Tooth/Pimentel
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors move into camera at 7:45pm
CARRIED

MOTION: First/Second
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors move out of camera at 8:52pm
CARRIED

The following has been added to the April 13, 2026 minutes:

Annual Report of the SLO **– Hannah & Terence –** *In Camera*
MOTION: Tooth/Pimentel
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors move into camera at 7:45pm
CARRIED

MOTION: First/Second
BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors move out of camera at 8:52pm
CARRIED

MOTION: Tooth/De Guzman

Redacted HR motion regarding Executive Director.

AMENDED: Quesada/Lam
Motion to table

AMENDMENT FAILED. Original motion comes back to the floor.

Quesada requested a roll call of votes.

Vote: YES to Table
- Quesada
- Lam
- Purnell

Vote: NO to Table
- Tooth
- De Guzman
- Leyland
- Peterson
- Campoy
- Pimentel

Vote: ABSTAIN to Table
- Huynh

MOTION: Tooth/De Guzman

Redacted HR motion regarding Executive Director.

CARRIEDs

Huynh requested a roll call of votes.

Vote: YES
- Tooth
- De Guzman
- Leyland
- Peterson
- Campoys
- Pimentel

Vote: NO
- Lam

Vote: ABSTAIN
- Quesada
- Purnell
- Huynh

IX Adjournment

MOTION: Lam/Purnell
Adjourned 8:57

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