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CCSS Board of Directors meeting, August 10th, 2026

Online, Various Locations

VACANT.....	External Executive	PEICU, Nadia	Interurban Director
PIMENTEL, Athena.....	Interurban Executive	VACANT.....	Interurban Director
LAM, Riley.....	Lansdowne Executive	PETERSON, Aleah	Lansdowne Director
BALUYUT, Terence	Finance Executive	ROUSSEAU-HANSON, Jessie ...	Lansdowne Director
PURNELL, Mia	SWA Director	VACANT.....	Lansdowne Director
CAMPOY, Hector.....	International Director	VACANT.....	Lansdowne Director
SAMANIEGO, Juan.....	Pride Director	CHOU, Angela.....	Off Campus Director
FREDERICKSON, Jeremy...	Indigenous Director	STIRLING, Dorothy	Education Council
SHARMA, Aarisca	Sustainability Director	STONE, Jay	Education Council
HUYNH, Madison	Women's Director	DANIELS, Devon.....	Education Council
SIGOUIN, Nyleah	Interurban Director	LAVAN, Jewel	Board of Governors
QUESADA, Daniella	Interurban Director	VACANT.....	Board of Governors

Attending: Aleah Peterson, Jessie Rousseau-Hanson, Jay Stone, Angela Chou, Juan Samaniego, Dorothy Stirling, Aarisca Sharma, Madison Huynh, Athena Pimentel, Nadia Peicu, Terence Baluyut, Riley Lam

Absent: Hector Campoy, Devon Daniels, Jewel Lavan

Regrets: Emma Jones, Daniella Quesada

Guests & Staff: Matthew Martin, Mathieu Poirier, Michael Glover, Christine Desrochers, Hannah Carr

I Call to Order

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

Angela called to order at 5:13pm on August 10th, 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: Stone / Piceu

BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors approve the late regrets of Mia Purnell, Jeremy Frederickson, Nyleah Sigouin

CARRIED

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Juan / Madison

BIRT that the CCSS Board of Directors approve the agenda as amended

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Approval of Previous Minutes

MOTION: Juan / Lam

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve the minutes from July 20th, 2026

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

- a) Resignation of **Emma Jones**

MOTION: Stone / Lam

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors accept the resignation of Emma Jones

CARRIED

IV Financial Motions/Issues

- a) \$2000 for self-defense classes – **Madison** spoke to the board about funding for self-defense classes from the women's constituency fund. It will include renting space at PISE and adding an additional class at Interurban. David, the teacher, has given the CCSS a \$350 discount, so the total should be \$1800 with some wiggle room for snacks and drinks. Participation is free and will be open to 80 women. **Aleah** asked when the classes will be taking place and how many classes there will be. **Madison** responded that there will be classes on Sep 19, 26, and Oct 3, 17 with a total of four classes. Posters will go up around CamFest.

MOTION: Samaniego / Aleah

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve up to \$2000 for self defense classes

CARRIED

- b) \$6,500.00-Holiday Hampers-**Christine** has begun shopping for the 96 hampers that go to students in needs during the holidays. **Aarisca** asked if it's just food or other items as well. Christine answered that it's mainly food unless something is donated, but we do include soap, toothpaste, and a toothbrush. The hampers are distributed by lottery with an online submission if they exceed the 96. **Jay** suggested that they be aligned with other organizations that also provide hampers so that we can direct students towards other resources. **Christine** requested a chat with **Jay** about these options and **Jay** offered to help.

MOTION: Baluyut / Samaniego

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors approve up to \$6500 for Holiday Hampers

CARRIED

V Committee Reports

- a) Organizational Design—**Terence**- Policy Review Committee Notice Policy (See Appendix A, attached) The OD committee met on July 24th and discussed the Notice to Committee policy. **Madison** had raised these issues previously, and **Terence** has brought forward the amended policy. One of the primary issues was making sure that a single member cannot veto a meeting. They also stipulated that closed committees and open committees are treated differently in terms of attendance, and that chairs need to make efforts to consult with committee members regarding availability.

The policy would be adopted immediately and would only pertain to committee notice. **Aarisca** asked for clarification regarding the 3-day notice period, and **Terence** clarified that it is a 72-hour notice period.

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MOTION: Peterson / Huynh

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors adopt the Committee Notice Policy as presented.

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b) Special Events— **Athena / Riley**- No report.

c) Campaigns & Advocacy— No report.

d) Executive Committee— No report.

e) Finance Committee— **Terence** - No report.

f) Electoral Committee— **Mia** – No report.

g) Personnel Committee— **Jessie** –

MOTION: Rousseau-Hanson / Baluyut

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors move into camera

CARRIED

MOTION: Rousseau-Hanson / Peicu

BIRT the CCSS Board of Directors move out of camera

CARRIED

VI Member Reports

- a) Finance Executive - Health and Dental Renewal, and Long-Term Plan for CCSS H&D Program – **Terence** attended the last Alumo conference which was the first of its kind under the new merger. He highlighted the Alumo impact fund that is a \$250000 fund that is to come back to its clients to turn their ideas into projects, much like Enactus. There is no competition, just submit a proposal and the selection committee will decide if it is fundable. Student societies cannot submit proposals, but the general student body is viable. More information about eligibility should be clarified soon. **Christine** will be our representative in this effort.

Renewal of the health and dental plan: On August 24th, there will be an Alumo rep attending our board meeting, but **Terence** gave a high-level overview of what will be discussed. In terms of health claims, we are right in the golden area in terms of loss ratios. Overall, it is a normal year for our health plan. The invoiced rate will be raised by 3% in the next year. Overall, there has been a 19% decrease in dental claims. This is partially due to the international decline, and the CDCP. This plan does typically exclude students; however, some students do not know this and are using this anyway. This may be clawed back in the next tax season. **Terence** does not believe this 19% decrease is a stable one in the long run, and expects change in the future. Overall, there was a 77% loss ratio. Our dental premium will be dropping in the new year by 15%. In total, the health and dental program will be 7% less expensive for our students in the next year. He explained that out of the \$306, \$186 go to the renewal, while the \$120 go to funding staff and work studies, and helping in extraordinary circumstances. He broke down the H&D income statement, and the surplus that has been accumulated over the last 10 years. He asked the board if students are being charged too much for their plan, and if we have a plan for the future.

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Terence restated that having a surplus isn't a bad thing, but our students are currently paying into a program without necessarily getting the full value that they could be getting from it. He does not think the full surplus should be spent, but instead come up with a solid reserve number and decide how funds above that are spent.

He has spoken to **Christine** and **Matthew** about this, and **Christine** suggested improving the current program, such as adding coverage so they get more out of the plan they pay for. A flex plan was suggested, and Alumo, **Terence**, **Christine**, and **Matthew** will be meeting later this month to discuss this moving forward. He is suggesting a 10-20 year plan to help students with exceptional health needs, by creating an additional student benefit using the yearly interest to help support our students. He stated that building guard rails and getting expectations will make sure that long term sustainably doesn't put the program at risk. He does not want a plan decided upon today, but will look forward to speaking with the financial committee and executive team. It is our responsibility to get the best value out of our resources.

Christine and **Matthew** have met and will be sending Alumo a request for a quote that would increase dental, vision care, and adjust other benefits, after this board meeting. The CCSS is hoping to roll these changes out by November 1st and have details by the August 24th meeting.

Aleah requested that the presentation be sent out to the board.

Christine said another option is to back the plan off slightly to make it less expensive for the students.

Terence asked when \$318 began being collected, and **Christine** said last year. It has increased over the past 10 years, and is increased by CPI+1%. **Matthew** clarified that this year it was not increased.

- b) Women's Director's Report – **Madison** issued a call for volunteers for tomato harvesting! It will be at Government House on August 13th from 6pm – 7:30. Please send her a message if you would like to join.

Madison also spoke to the removal notice that she had been issued and asked for a chance to defend herself. She wanted the board to understand what a CCSS removal notice like that actually entails. It means taking away her access to mental health resources, insurance, dental, eyecare, bus pass, legal assistance, the food bank, advocacy, and much more. All over a parking pass. In 30 years, no one has ever been removed from the CCSS. It requires extraordinary circumstances such as embezzlement, human right violations, harassment, and physical violence. She reached out to the former Executive Director, **Michel**, to ask about the circumstances surrounding her issued parking pass and she was assured that the decision was his and his alone and followed past practice and a clear pattern over the last 20 years including car sharing. She had explained her rationale to **Michel** and he decided that accommodating her needs was in the best interest of the society and had personally witnessed her being driven to campus on multiple occasions. She confirmed that she has never broken a rule, and this was an accommodation that was issued to her. She wanted clarification about why the first step in investigating the mismanagement of parking passes was to remove her from the board without any conflict resolution or conversation. She is concerned that this was an immediate retaliatory action following her concerns about the SLO portfolio. She was

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never made aware of any complaints and no one ever spoke to her about the parking pass. She spoke with **Rob Thompson**, ombudsperson, about this issue, who has offered to talk about conflict resolution skills with anyone willing. **Rob** also said that the ombuds can be consulted at any time, much like the BCFS.

A copy of her presentation will be kept on file.

VII Other Reports

VIII Unfinished Business

IX Question Period

Terence said that there will be three guests at the next board meeting (August 24th), and that the meeting will likely exceed 4 hours. **Hannah** added that the BCFS will also be attending that meeting, meaning there will be four sets of guests.

The council members were also reminded that they have a WhatsApp group and suggested that new members join for quick info sharing.

X New Business

- a) Start time for the August 24th Meeting – **Christine** asked if a 4pm start would be possible for the board and said that she will order pizza for 6pm if the board would like that option. She asked for information about any dietary restrictions.

Juan agreed with **Christine** and suggested a start time after noon.

Overall, attendance for a 4pm meeting looked scarce, but **Christine** still offered to order pizza. More people were available for 4:30pm, so an invite will be issued for 4:30pm.

- b) pizza for next meeting – **Christine** will be emailing the board about dietary restrictions.

She will also be adjusting the start time for September in-person meetings by 15 minutes to help students get from Interurban to Lansdowne.

XI Adjournment

MOTION: Peicu /Lam

Adjourned at 6:47pm.

CARRIED