

CENTENNIAL COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION INC.

FULL BOARD MEETING

Monday, June 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
Student Centre Board Room, Progress Campus
941 Progress Avenue, Toronto, Ontario

MINUTES

Present:	T. Shah	-	President
	J. Chapman	-	Vice President, Morningside Campus
	D. Thakkar	-	Vice President, Progress Campus
	J. Rose	-	Vice President, Story Arts Centre
	J. Singh	-	Vice President, Downsview Campus
	S. Balodi	-	Student Advocate
	A. Rojaiye	-	Advising Council Member
	P. Kirlik	-	Executive Director/CEO
Staff:	D. Ip Yam	-	Ex-Officio Member/Dean of Students
	Janet Nguyen	-	Recording Secretary, MinuteTakers Inc.
Guests:	L. Barlow	-	Director of Development, Alumni Engagement
	W. Joomun	-	Member Relations Officer, CASA
Regrets:	R. Naidu	-	Student Advocate

Motions will include the count of votes for, against and abstentions. The count will be shown as follows: (FOR – AGAINST – ABSTAINED).

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Notice having been given and there being a quorum present, the President called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. and presided as Chair.

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

D. Thakkar read the land acknowledgment statement.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

On Motion by J. Rose and seconded by J. Singh it was
RESOLVED THAT the following items as contained in the Consent Agenda of June 13, 2022 be duly approved and adopted:

- i) **Conflict of Interest**
- ii) **Approval of Agenda**
 - **Removal of Item 14 – ‘In Camera’**
- iii) **Approval of the Minutes from last meeting dated May 5, 2022**
Motion carried (5-0-0).

4. **CCSAI SCHOLARSHIP**– J. Barlow reported:

J. Barlow the Director of Development was present to advise on the CCSAI's commitments to the scholarship endowments.

- (a) *Endowments* – A brief history of the endowments was given; the OSOTF and OTSS Principal Endowment Fund had the Ontario government matching donations one-to-one. Due to the government matching of funds, this endowment has restrictions. The other scholarship disbursement created in 2011, the General Endowment, has no restrictions and usually goes to international students.
- (b) *Principal Fund* – These funds are untouchable as these are the investments and accrued interest. It was clarified that there have not been deposits into the fund and only an accrual of interest.
- (c) *Scholarship Restrictions* – The OSOTF and OTSS have restrictions including a minimum 3.0 GPA, enrolment in an approved Ministry program, and Ontario and Canadian Residency requirements.
- (d) *Scholarship Disbursement* – The amounts of scholarship disbursements were provided to the Board.

- (e) *2021-2022 New Commitments* – The CCSAI have a \$15,000 annual commitment to the Black History Month scholarships, and a \$15,000 annual commitment to the Ka-Naadmaadi Bursary Fund. These scholarships provide 30 students from equity deserving groups with much needed scholarships.
- (f) *Interest Rates* – It was advised that Centennial College is very conservative when it comes to the investments. There is an overall 4.5% return on investment (ROI).
- (g) *Indigenous Scholarship Fund* – The Ka-Naadmaadi Bursary fund was clarified to be \$1,000 for fifteen students each and J. Barlow advised of how the fund was created to fulfil a need from indigenous students who have gaps in their own funding. This bursary is completely based on financial need and is not merit based.
- (h) *Scholarship Decisions* – The scholarship information must be sent to Student Financial Services by June 24, 2022. The Board will make decisions on the criteria and how to move forward with the scholarships being available. Concern was raised on the scholarships only being available for the two-year or three-year programs and none being available for one-year programs. L. Barlow advised that this is due to the GPA requirement, which requires students to have a semester completed.

J. Barlow was thanked and departed the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

5. **CLUB RATIFICATION** – P. Kilirk reported:

- (a) *The Parametric Design & Architecture Club* – The members were not able to attend and P. Kilirk provided a description of the club.

On Motion by J. Singh and seconded by J. Chapman it was,
RESOLVED THAT the 'Parametric Design & Architecture Club' be ratified and accepted as a club at the College. Motion carried (5-0-0).

6. **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG)** – J. Rose presented:

- (a) *SDG Accord* – J. Rose advised on the SDG Accord which was outlined and accepted by the United Nations and consists of seventeen goals that organizations and countries sign on to commit to sustainable development.
- (b) *CCSAI Role* – Signing the accord means a commitment to annual reporting and consciously working toward the goals as laid out in the SDG and for the Board to implement policies where possible to help the work continue. It was clarified that the CCSAI would report to the SDG at the end of the year, and that the College has also signed onto the accord.

- (b...) This is an opportunity for the CCSAI to join. P. Kirlik advised that the CCSAI are already making actions towards the SDG, and as an organization can support what steps the College is making.
- (c) *Goals* – T. Shah advised that it might be difficult for the CCSAI to meet each goal but are good ones for future students to strive towards.

On Motion by D. Thakkar and seconded by J. Rose it was,
RESOLVED THAT CCSAI be a signatory onto the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Motion carried (5-0-0).

W. Joomun connected at 11:52 a.m. to present.

7. **CASA PRESENTATION** – W. Joomun presented.

CASA is the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. CCSAI has been an observer in the Alliance and is interested in moving up to membership status.

- (a) *Overview* – CASA is a non-partisan, member-driven, student advocacy organization. The vision is to advocate to the federal government for accessible, affordable, innovative, and high quality post-secondary education in Canada. The structure of the organization was outlined, noting that the organization is majority student run.
- (b) *Advocacy and Lobbying* – The methods and steps of CASA were shared. The priorities that have taken precedence for students are concerns such as rising tuition costs, rising living costs, and the effects of isolation and online learning.
- (c) *Observer Status* – The Observer status enables CCSAI to attend all conferences and be involved in planning and priority setting but does not allow CCSAI to be part of the plenary or on the CASA Board. As an Observer the CCSAI can sit on committees as a non-voting member.

W. Joomun was thanked for the presentation and disconnected at 12:22 p.m.

8. **COLLEGE UPDATE** – Dr. Ip Yam reported:

- (a) *National Indigenous History Month* – The College has organized events for the month of June 2022.
- (b) *Pride Month* – The College has organized events for Pride Month. There was \$12,000 raised in Pride Month fundraiser with the College matching the amount. The account currently sits at \$27,000, which exceeds the funds raised over the last two years.

- (c) *Anti-Black Racism Task Force* – The task force is being implemented.
- (d) *Graduation and Convocation* – Celebrations were noted for the graduating students this year, and this is the first in-person convocation since 2019.

9. **VICE-PRESIDENT REFLECTIONS**

Each of the Vice-Presidents provided a reflection of the last few months of their work with the CCSAI.

9.1 **Story Arts Centre** – J. Rose reported:

- (a) *Beginning Stages* – J. Rose advised of how the new position on the Board has been and how welcoming and educational the role is. Onboarding was a success.
- (b) *Goals* – A summary of goals was provided with a focus on female-identifying students using the gym, along with other initiatives.

9.2 **Progress Campus** – D. Thakkar reported:

- (a) *Reflections* – D. Thakkar advised on the meetings they attended and advised on the initiatives they are working on, such as the extra costs associated with labs and other items that are not listed on tuition.

9.3 **Downsview Centre** – J. Singh reported:

- (a) *Reflections* – Highlights include the Downsview Booth and connecting with students, attending the 2022 convocation ceremony, and engaging with students from Morningside and Ashtonbee campuses. An overview of the College's hierarchy was also given.

9.4 **Morningside Campus** – J. Chapman reported:

- (a) *Reflections* – J. Chapman attended the nursing convocation and had a great experience. Other initiatives were reviewed, such as reaching out to a previous philosophy professor and setting up a workshop with the Board and/or students to teach the aspects of critical thinking. Casual meetings have been scheduled for discussion regarding the Anti-Black Racism Taskforce. A great opportunity for student involvement was also noted.

9.5 **Reflections**

- (a) *Recommendations* – The President asked if the reflections were useful to the Directors. J. Rose recommended having a dedicated time to discuss the initiatives and to not have items be put on a list to be addressed later. J. Singh agreed with this. The Board will consider.

- (b) *Executive Director* – P. Kirlik celebrated the Board's current successes and thanked the Board for their hard work. It was also advised that the role of the Executive Director is to support the Board and take care of administration and College relations.

10. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – T. Shah reported:

- (a) *Board Support* – A checklist has been created and provided to the Board by T. Shah and this practice will continue as there has been great feedback on it.
- (b) *Advocacy* – The President attended rallies and spoke at the TTC Riders Scarborough Transit Rally.
- (c) *Highlights* – The President celebrated completed initiatives and the 2022 Convocations and the Board's attendance. Fundraising was successful with funds being raised for Pride Month.

11. **NEW/OTHER BUSINESS**

- (a) *Award Committee Meeting* – T. Shah advised of an upcoming meeting for awards selection and invited the Board to attend.
- (b) *Centre for Entrepreneurship* – J. Singh invited the Board to attend a Centre for Entrepreneurship meeting.
- (c) *Student Advocate* – S. Balodi thanked the Board for the individual reports. The reports help them to see the changes and actions taken by CCSAI.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Full Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 4, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. via ZOOM video/teleconferencing.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was concluded at 1:00 p.m. on Motion duly made by J. Chapman and seconded by D. Thakkar.

President – T. Shah

Executive Director/CEO – P. Kirlik