

CENTENNIAL COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION INC.

FULL BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
Student Centre Board Room, Progress Campus
941 Progress Avenue, Toronto, Ontario
Held via Zoom videoconference

MINUTES

Present:	T. Shah	-	President
	J. Singh	-	Vice President, Downsview Centre Campus
	A. Adams	-	Vice President, Ashtonbee Campus
	D. Soni	-	Vice President, Story Arts Centre
	D. Thakkar	-	Vice President, Progress Campus
	J. Chapman	-	Vice President, Morningside Campus
	P. Kirlik	-	Executive Director/CEO
Staff:	N. Singh	-	Office Coordinator, Progress Campus
	A. Tumber	-	Research Coordinator
	J. Perri	-	Advocacy Coordinator
	P. Pawar	-	Student Advocate
By Invitation:	J. Nguyen	-	Recording Secretary, MinuteTakers Inc.
Guests:	M. Metcalfe	-	Executive Director, CASA
	W. Joomun	-	Membership Relations, CASA
Regrets:	D. Ip Yam	-	Dean of Students, Centennial College

*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, P. Kirlik called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and presided as Chair.

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

D. Thakkar read out the land acknowledgment statement.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

On Motion by J. Singh and seconded by T. Shah it was **RESOLVED THAT the following items as contained in the Consent Agenda of January 30, 2023 be duly approved and adopted:**

i) **Conflict of Interest**

ii) **Approval of Agenda as amended:**

- **To be moved to next month:**
 - **Vice-President's Reflections**
 - **Approval of minutes dated December 20, 2022**
- **Dr. Ip Yam's report to be removed from the agenda**
Motion carried (6-0-0).

4. **ADVOCATE INTRODUCTION**

P. Pawar was introduced as the new Student Advocate and was welcomed by the Board.

5. **CANADIAN ALLIANCE OF STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS**

CCSAI has been approved and voted in as full members to CASA. M. Metcalfe and W. Joomun were present to welcome the Board to the organization and to provide an overview. Pertinent discussion highlights were noted as follows:

- (a) *Contract Review* – It was advised that the contract between CCSAI and CASA is not legally binding but as a member of CASA, the by-laws within are.
- (b) *Delegates* – The roles of delegate members were reviewed and the importance of having them elected for attendance at events and conferences was stressed.
- (c) *CCSAI and CASA Relationship* – The by-laws and new membership responsibilities were reviewed.
- (d) *Year Ahead* – A high-level overview of events over the next year was provided, and what each month consists of for members of CASA was outlined.

- (e) *International Students* – J. Chapman inquired about the involvement with IRCC (Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada) and CASA. M. Metcalfe advised of the advocacy work that was performed for International Students and went through the initiatives and progress that was made.
- (f) *Delegate Selection* – T. Shah asked how to move forward with multiple Board members who have been in contact with CASA and how to decide to send delegates. It was clarified that CASA will not advise on how the Board should run or whom they should send but will provide information to enable the Board to make the best decision. It was suggested that any member of a Committee who is presenting a by-law should be sent as a delegate so that they may defend and speak on their proposed by-law.
- (g) *Committees* – T. Shah inquired about committee work and if Board members can join Committees as voting members. It was clarified that each member school of CASA is allowed one voting committee delegate member and one delegate member in attendance. J. Chapman advised that being involved in committees is fruitful work even if someone cannot be a voting member. A. Adams, who is a voting committee member of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, thanked CASA for their work and commended the organization for its efforts.
- (h) *Initiatives* – Various initiatives that CASA runs on their own were reviewed and provided to the Board such as the upcoming Student Grants Campaign and the Get Out the Vote Campaign.

6. **CLUB RATIFICATION** – C. Nagma presented:

C. Nagma provided an overview of four clubs that were presented for ratification.

- (a) *Reginald Rose Fan Club* – A. Adams requested clarity on the club as there is a concern with ratifying multiple clubs that are fan clubs for specific people such as authors or performers. A recommendation was made for the longevity of the club to make it a book club with a focus this year on a specific niche/writer. T. Shah advised that it is the right of students to have clubs ratified for the shared resources and that it is important for CCSAI to allow niche interests to flourish.
- (b) *The Ghorkas Club* – The name “Ghorkas” was clarified to be Nepali.
- (c) *Clubs Logistics* – J. Singh requested clarity on how students join clubs and if there is a more transparent way to provide this information to students. There is currently no universal way to track memberships, as the clubs operate independently. This is on the docket to be reviewed.

6... On Motion by D. Thakkar and seconded by A. Adams it was
RESOLVED THAT the following clubs are ratified as part of the Centennial College Student Association's clubs:

- **The Reginald Rose Fan Club**
- **The Movies Club**
- **The Gorkhas Club**
- **The Mechanical Engineer Club**

Motion carried (6-0-0).

7. **STAR REPORT** – T. Shah presented:

T. Shah and P. Kilirk have met extensively with C. Raso, the Governance Consultant for the STAR plan. Pertinent discussion highlights were as follows:

- (a) *Priority for Removal of Barriers* – The STAR plan has become more concise with a focus on priority of education with no barriers for students.
- (b) *Treatment of Staff and Volunteers* – The changes were reviewed as well as reiteration of the importance of treating staff and volunteers fairly, including compensation.
- (c) *Indigenous Priorities* – J. Chapman provided some recommendations for the Indigenous priorities and definitions.
- (d) *Next Steps* - The Board will review the document and recommended changes and vote on the document at the next meeting.

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

The President provided an update on the Board happenings and thanked the Board for their continued hard work. Pertinent discussion highlights follow:

- (a) *Ontario Student Voices* – The President provided information on Ontario Student Voices, which is a provincial advocacy organization. A. Adams inquired on the different governing policies between CASA and the Ontario Student Voices and T. Shah responded accordingly.

9. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – P. Kilirk reported:

- (a) *Operations* – There have been many new hires of students in various positions.
- (b) *Silent Disco* – This was a successful event that sold out quickly.
- (c) *Student Supports* – The In-Person Income Tax clinic is returning, and a fridge is being installed in the Food Bank to allow more capacity for perishable items.

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- (d) *Expression of Appreciation* – P. Kirlik commended the amazing leadership of T. Shah and the supportiveness of the Board and thanked them for making CCSAI a wonderful and supportive organization during difficult personal times.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Full Board meeting will be held on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.; to be held virtually.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was concluded at 7:33 p.m. on Motion duly made and seconded.

President – T. Shah

Executive Director/CEO – P. Kirlik