



CENTENNIAL COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION INC.

FULL BOARD MEETING

Friday, October 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Held via Zoom videoconference

MINUTES

Present: A. Adams - President
 B. Kaur - Vice President, Morningside Campus
 K. Singh - Vice President, Downsview Centre Campus
 K.M. Herrera - Vice President, Progress Campus
 R. Olawoyin - Vice President, Ashtonbee Campus
 V. Eke - Vice President, Story Arts Centre
 L. Routhier - Representative, Performing Arts Centre
 P. Kirlik - Executive Director/CEO
 D. Ip Yam - Dean of Students, Centennial College

Staff: J. Perri - Advocacy Coordinator
 A. Tumber - Research Coordinator
 E. Nolan - Manager, Events and Clubs
 F. Bedlington - Manager, Annual and Legacy Giving

Guest: Avery Ladouceur Mukwa

By Invitation: Anna Nutovich - Recording Secretary, MinuteTakers Inc.

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 10:02 a.m. and presided as Chair.

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

B. Kaur read out the land acknowledgment statement.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

3.1 Discussion – Amendments to the Agenda

- Indigenous Student Representative – Presenter changed from J. Perri to A. Adams
- Executive Director Report to be discussed in-camera.
- Giving Tuesday – Motion(s) will be added

On Motion by B. Kaur and seconded by K. Singh it was:

RESOLVED THAT the following items as contained in the Consent Agenda of October 25, 2024 be duly approved and adopted:

- i) **Conflict of Interest**
 - ii) **Approval of Agenda as amended**
- Motion carried (6-0-0).

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 September 27, 2024 Full Board Meeting Minutes

On Motion by B. Kaur and seconded by V. Eke it was:

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Full Board Meeting of September 27, 2024 be duly approved and adopted as presented.

Motion carried (6-0-0).

5. GIVING TUESDAY – F. Bedlington

- (a) *Student Emergency/Student Opportunity Funds* – The CCSAI Board has initiated the Student Emergency and Student Opportunity Funds and there is hope to raise money for these funds. This is students fundraising for students. Last year, \$15,000 was given by CCSAI to Giving Tuesday.
- (b) *Use of Funds* – L. Routhier asked for clarification on how the monies are being used. It was advised that the Student Emergency Fund is to fund small emergencies and to provide quick assistance to students. The Student Opportunity Fund is more about advancing something, like attending a conference, etc. The Student Opportunity Fund is faculty-led.
- (c) *Application Process* – V. Eke believes that the Student Emergency is a very helpful initiative. V. Eke further inquired about the application process for the Student Emergency Fund and clarification was provided. Communication regarding the Fund needs to be discussed.
- (d) *Fund Qualification* – Upon inquiry by B. Kaur, it was confirmed that the Student Emergency Fund is available for domestic and international students.
- (e) *Recording Usage* – K.M. Herrera wondered whether the record is being kept on all the instances of fund use.

- (e...) F. Bedlington confirmed that this information can be provided. L. Routhier further suggested that an update be presented on the use of the fund, the balance remaining, etc. F. Bedlington confirmed that this information can be provided.

On Motion by R. Olawoyin and seconded by B. Kaur it was:

RESOLVED to approve the Student Emergency and Student Opportunity Funds for Giving Tuesday and to donate \$15,000 to these funds.

Motion carried (6-0-0).

6. **CLUB RATIFICATION** – E. Nolan

- (a) *CCSAI CyberSecurity Experts* – A dynamic student club where aspiring cybersecurity professionals can come together to learn, share, and grow their expertise. The club focuses on building practical skills through hands-on workshops, preparing members for key certifications, and offering real-world security challenges that enhance their technical abilities. The club offers valuable networking opportunities with industry professionals, helping members stay ahead of the latest cybersecurity trends and boosting their career prospects.

On Motion by K. Singh and seconded by B. Kaur it was:

RESOLVED THAT CCSAI CyberSecurity Experts Club be approved.

Motion carried (6-0-0).

- (b) *CCSAI 3D Printing Club* – The 3D Printing Club is about creating a collaborative network of people interested in 3D printing and exploring the technology. Giving members a chance to teach and learn about designing parts, the operation of the machines, and about the design of the machines, as well as connecting those with to those without printers. Allowing for hands on experiences and feed back that you can't get from a printing service. This will give members the tools to approach 3D printing with confidence in a personal and professional setting, demystifying these machines and its capabilities.

On Motion by B. Kaur and seconded by V. Eke it was:

RESOLVED THAT CCSAI 3D Printing Club be approved.

Motion carried (6-0-0).

- (c) *CCSAI Food Science Club* – The Food Science Club is to provide students with opportunities for professional development, learning enhancement, community building, and industry exposure. The club aims to organize guest lectures and workshops, to connect members with industry professionals and broaden career options. It also fosters discussion on current food science issues and research projects, while promoting networking through social events and community service. Additionally, the club helps students gain insight into the food industry through interactions with faculty and experts.

On Motion by V. Eke and seconded by B. Kaur it was:

RESOLVED THAT CCSAI Food Science Club be approved.

Motion carried (6-0-0).

- (d) *CCSAI Engineering Club* – The primary goal of the club is to unite engineering students from various disciplines, creating an inclusive community where all engineers are welcome. The first rule of the Engineering Club is simple: no matter what type of engineer you are, you're invited to join. The club offers engineering students a range of opportunities, including workshops featuring industry experts and companies to expand their knowledge, especially for new engineers. It also provides peer support services, allowing members to collaborate on engineering projects. Additionally, the club organizes collaborative events and fairs to build community, network, and exhibit student projects to peers, faculty, and engineering companies.

On Motion by K. M. Herrera and seconded by K. Singh it was:

RESOLVED THAT CCSAI Engineering Club be approved.

Motion carried (9-0-0).

- (e) *CCSAI AI Robotics Student Union* – This club aims to offer students hands-on experience in designing AI-powered robots, enhancing their technical skills in engineering, programming, and problem-solving. The club looks to provide networking opportunities, mentorship, and practical knowledge, giving students a competitive edge in the growing fields of robotics, AI, and advanced technology industries. Through hands-on projects, collaboration, and mentorship, we foster innovation, teamwork, and problem-solving, preparing members for careers in engineering, robotics, and AI industries.

On Motion by B. Kaur and seconded by K. M. Herrera it was:

RESOLVED THAT CCSAI AI Robotics Student Union be approved.

Motion carried (6-0-0).

- (f) *Storybook Studios* – Storybook Studios is affiliated with Centennial College's Animation Program and aims to gather animation students, as well as other related disciplines, together for shared projects. Storybook Studios' members will follow the animation pipeline to create shorts for TikTok and Instagram, and longer films for publication on YouTube and beyond. Storybook Studios will grant students the opportunity to gain valuable studio experience and bolster their portfolio for when they enter the job market, and network with emerging animators. Storybook Studios aims to gather animation students, and other related disciplines, together for shared projects. Storybook Studios' members will follow the animation pipeline to create shorts for TikTok and Instagram, and longer films for publication on YouTube and beyond. Storybook Studios will grant students the opportunity to gain valuable studio experience and bolster their portfolio for when they enter the job market, and network with emerging animators.

On Motion by V. Eke and seconded by K. Singh it was:

RESOLVED THAT CCSAI Storybook Studios be approved.

Motion carried (6-0-0).

7. **INDIGENOUS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** – A. Adams

- i) On Motion by B. Kaur and seconded by R. Olawoyin it was:
RESOLVED THAT the Indigenous Student Position be approved.
Motion carried (6-0-0).
- ii) On Motion by B. Kaur and seconded by R. Olawoyin it was:
RESOLVED THAT Avery Ladouceur Mukwa be appointed as the Indigenous Student Position.
Motion carried (6-0-0).

8. **PERSONAL LEGAL SUPPORT FOR BOARD** – A. Adams

- (a) *Fund* – It was being proposed to provide an allocation for the personal legal support for the Board.
- (b) *Permanent Residency Situation* – K. M. Herrera noted that there is no clarity with permanent residency situation. CCSAI support is appreciated.
- (c) *Conference IRCC Changes* – P. Kirlik distributed information on the upcoming conference.

9. **PAC REPRESENTATIVE RESTRUCTURE** – A. Adams

- (a) *PAC Representative Restructure* – It was noted that initial expectations for the position remain, however changes are being proposed, including compensation. Additional information will be presented in the coming weeks.

10. **CENTENNIAL COLLEGE UPDATE** – D. Ip Yam presented:

10.1 **Canadian Immigration Policy** – Due to recent changes in Canadian immigration policy, Centennial College faces significant enrollment and budget challenges, and is rising to overcome them.

- (a) *New Requirements for PGWP Eligibility* – Beginning November 1, 2024 international students applying for study permits must graduate from programs linked to specific occupations in Federally identified shortage areas like healthcare, STEM, agriculture, and trades to qualify for the Post Graduation Work Permit (PGWP). This may affect programs in areas like Business, Arts, and Hospitality that are underrepresented on this list. The list does not reflect regional or local employer needs. We are working with our industry partners to advocate.
- (b) *Potential Enrollment and Revenue Impact* – The College could see anywhere between a 60-75% drop in total new international student enrolments. This could mean a substantial loss in revenue, which supports many college (and CCSAI) functions for all students.

- (c) *College's Response* – The College is in a state of discovery. Centennial is evaluating and realigning programs to better meet labor market demands, analyzing operational processes to streamline, pausing vacant positions and new hires, and review alternative revenue generation that supports college's mission as an academic institution. A project team is being formed to manage these transitions effectively, ensuring that students' needs remain a priority. College is confident that mission of preparing students for career success will endure.
- (d) *Letter to MPs* – It is recommended sending a letter to the local MP to share concerns about the federal government's recent reforms to the Post-Grad Work Permit program, which excludes many essential industries that rely on graduates to fill critical labor gaps, and to offer suggestions for the new permit system. Email Government Relations team for guidance and to access a template letter.

11. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – A. Adams presented:

- (a) *CASA Update* – CASA's new advocacy document is scheduled to be released on November 6, 2024. This is going to be the guide for visit to Parliament Hill for the advocacy week in November 2024. Once the documents are received, time will be provided for review. L. Routhier was thanked for providing updates.
- (b) *Advocacy Week* – A. Adams advised that 21 meetings with the Members of Parliament were secured for the advocacy week. The meetings will span over two days and assistance may be required.
- (c) *Club Conference* – The first club conference was held on October 24, 2024. It was truly inspirational and a move forward in building on advocacy within the college community through community, as well shaping the student leaders to become valuable global citizens. The 2025-2029 action plan and how collectively work together to ensure its successful implementation was discussed. It is hoped to have this annually. Discussions will be started around establishing a committee of the Board which will be centred around bring all Club Presidents together as a select council where they will share ideas, discuss matters that will impact the performance of their respective clubs and the students they serve.
- (d) *Indigenous Student Representative* – The Indigenous Student Representative has been appointed and will be working with J. Perri and A. Adams closely in developing the Indigenous framework for the organization as it moves towards true reconciliation and decolonization. The Indigenous Student Representative will also stand as the college representative for NIAC.

12. **IN-CAMERA SESSION**

(a) *Begin In-Camera Session*

On Motion by B. Kaur and seconded by R. Olawoyin it was,
RESOLVED THAT the Board would enter into an in-camera session at 11:25 a.m. Motion carried (6-0-0).

(b) *Close In-Camera Session*

On Motion by K. M. Herrera and seconded by K. Singh it was,
RESOLVED THAT the Board would close the in-camera session at 12:07 p.m. Motion carried (6-0-0).

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Full Board meeting will be held virtually on Friday, November 15, 2024 at 7:30 a.m.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was concluded at 12:07 p.m. on Motion duly made and seconded.

President – A. Adams

Executive Director/CEO – P. Kirlik