

CCSAI BOARD BRIEF

Full Board Meeting Recap: July 28, 2026

Hey Centennial! Your Board of Directors met on July 28 for a full board meeting, and we're excited to walk you through what your team has been working on over the summer and what it means for you. Here's the recap:

Career Services and Co-op: Your A-to-Z for Landing a Job

The College's Career Services and Co-op team joined the board to walk through everything available to you: from your first job search to life after graduation. It all runs through Experience Centennial, which you can reach by Experience.CentennialCollege.ca, the CCSAI website, a QR code, or myCentennial. A few things you'll find there:

- Sector-filtered job postings, including part-time, volunteer, and on-campus roles
- Downloadable resume and cover letter templates built for your program
- An events calendar of workshops, career fairs, and info sessions
- Free partner platforms — Big Interview (interview practice), Devant (career-readiness tools), and 10,000 Coffees (alumni networking)
- One-on-one appointments with an Employment Adviser or Peer Career Coach

On the co-op side: co-op is an optional, paid work-experience program for Business, IT, Engineering Technology, and Transportation students. Terms run 4, 8, or 12 months, with average pay around \$19–\$21 an hour that typically increases across subsequent work terms. Roughly 75% of students who enter co-op secure a placement, and co-op grads consistently see higher employment rates and stronger starting salaries than their peers. International students are eligible too; under current IRCC rules, most roles don't require a special work permit. Notable employer partners include the City of Toronto, Hydro One, Sun Life, Scarborough Health Network, and the TTC.

What's in it for you: A complete, largely free toolkit for landing a job, an interview, or a paid work term — whatever your program may be.

Fewer Barriers, More Money Back

Two updates make school a little more affordable and a little less complicated:

- **The Learning Cost Reimbursement Program has been revamped to the Study Advantage Initiative** and it's now easier to use. Textbooks are now eligible, and the application process has less friction. Fall semester applications open on September 14 at 9am, and close on November 13 at 4pm.

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- **The mandatory English assessment (ACCUPLACER) has been removed.** You're now recommended, but not required, to take it, and you can register directly for the communications course that your program requires — removing a step that could delay graduation. If you run into registration trouble for a COMM course, reach out to the advising team!

What's in it for you: Money back on the textbooks and learning costs you're already paying for, and one less hurdle between you and your diploma.

A Bigger Boost for the Food Bank

CCSAI received an \$18,000 Daily Bread grant to offset food bank supply and delivery costs and to strengthen Grab & Go programming across campuses. Behind the scenes, the food services team is managing volatile food prices through bulk purchasing and strategic contracts to keep student pricing fair.

What's in it for you: More support for the food bank and Grab & Go, so the essentials stay accessible when you need them.

The Indigenous Student Union Is Almost Here

Progress on the ISU continued this summer. Office space has been officially secured (converted from the former alumni base), branding and logo work is underway, and the governance piece — By-law No. 2 — has cleared legal review and been approved by the board, positioning CCSAI to formally launch the ISU by the end of the fall semester.

In a related show of support, the College welcomed roughly 300 evacuated Indigenous community members to campus in response to wildfires, with donation boxes placed at CCSAI offices and security desks across all campuses.

What's in it for you: A dedicated home and voice for Indigenous students is moving from planning into reality this fall.

Standing Up for Students

Your executive team's advocacy work stayed busy over the summer. The advocacy campaign — recently rebranded as Sidenote (formerly Save Our Future) — launched and is active, with 220 interactions so far. The team also met with six city council candidates and an MPP to advance CCSAI's priorities. A review of the Fees Protocol is also underway, with a focus on building an inclusive panel.

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What's in it for you: A more organized, better-resourced advocacy effort speaking up for you at the college, municipal, provincial, and federal levels.

Also at This Meeting

- **A leadership transition is underway.** Christina Farow's transition plan is in motion, with formal training for incoming Executive Director Ajané Adams beginning the week of August 4.
- **A busy summer of events.** The Canada's Wonderland trip, Summer Wellness Week, FIFA watch parties, a Summer Patio Party, and Clubs Fest. Half-price CNE tickets sold out — all to students — and the search is on for an artist for the Fall Freshers Party.
- **Centennial College's 60th Anniversary.** Colts varsity home openers are set for soccer (Sept 11), basketball (Nov 4), and volleyball (Nov 8), with a recreational e-sports program launching in the fall.
- **Getting ready for fall.** Orientation dates are set across campuses, with Ashtonbee holding two welcome sessions to accommodate higher enrollment. Board members will be there to welcome and connect with new students.
- **Governance ahead.** The governance committee is reviewing several policies — Elections, Referendum, and Vote of No Confidence, and a new AI policy is in development.

Stay Tuned!

Your CCSAI Board of Directors is here to represent your voice, support your experience, and advocate for the issues that matter most to you. Questions about anything in this brief? Reach out anytime.