
MEETING MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: 2024.07.25

Location: Microsoft Teams, 2A310-2

Time: 9:06AM

Meeting called by:	BOD
Type of Meeting	Board Meeting
Call to order	9:06AM
Attendees	Nelson Chukwuma, Alexandra Oestreicher, Hayden Stewart, Amandeep Singh Saini, Vinayak Baiju, Amal Jeevan, Janelle Gordon, Shubham Savaliya, Daniel Olusi, Monil Jethva, Amelia Baty
Proxy	
Regrets	Brandi-Rae Tibishkogijig, Janie Renwick, Sheena Witzel
Adjournment	10:27AM

AGENDA TOPICS

CALL TO ORDER

PROCEDURAL

Presenter: Monil Jethva, Chair

- Meeting called to order at 9:06AM

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PROCEDURAL

Presenter: Amal Jeevan, Director

We wish to acknowledge the lands where we live, learn, work & organize hold the ancestral connections and stories of Indigenous peoples. As we all know, colonization has orchestrated the displacement of Indigenous peoples from their ancestral lands which has hindered their ability to be in good relations with the land. Indigenous peoples are actively maintaining and strengthening their relationships with the land, which are grounded in respect, reciprocity, and resiliency.

The land our Brantford, Kitchener, Waterloo, and Cambridge campuses are located on represents the unceded territory of the Neutral, Haudenosaunee (Ho-deh-no-show-nee) and Anishinaabe (Ah-nish-nah-bay) peoples. This land was promised to the Haudenosaunee (Ho-deh-no-show-nee) people of Six Nations, which includes six miles on each side of the Grand River, known as the Haldimand

Tract. We also wish to acknowledge and recognize that the lands our Stratford, Ingersoll, Guelph & our future campus in Milton are located on represent the ancestral and treaty lands of the Anishinaabe (Ah-nish-nah-bay) peoples.

Our acknowledgement of the land is our declaration of our collective responsibility to this place and its peoples' histories, rights, and presence. We extend our respect, friendship & solidarity to all Indigenous peoples for their past, present & future contributions to this land and our community, and in their past, present and future struggles.

TIME TO ADJOURN

PROCEDURAL

Presenter: Monil Jethva, Chair

- Time to adjourn will be 11:00AM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DECISION

Presenter: Monil Jethva, Chair

Attachment: Board Meeting Agenda 2024.07.25

Motion to approve the agenda 2024.07.25 as presented

Forward: Janelle Gordon

Second: Shubham Savaliya

Abstain: None

Opposed: None

In Favor: All

Motion: Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DECISION

Presenter: Monil Jethva, Chair

Attachment: Board Meeting Minutes 2024.06.20

Motion to approve the minutes 2024.06.20 as presented

Forward: Silvanus Fernando

Second: Vinayak Baiju

Abstain: None

Opposed: None

In Favor: All

Motion: Carried

POLICY COMMITTEE

UPDATE

Presenter: Hayden Stewart, Policy Committee Chair

- The policy committee has no recommendations to bring forward at this time
- Janelle was appointed Policy Committee Secretary at the last meeting

CSI CLUBS

DISCUSSION

Presenter: Amandeep Singh Saini, Director

- Are there restrictions on faculty involvement with clubs? Nelson – yes, faculty could attend a club event but cannot be a club member, or be actively involved in the club or the planning of events
- CSI Clubs Department should be aware of faith-based club's practices to ensure no miscommunication. Nelson – this is why the club President makes a semester-plan so everyone is aware
- Can an outside individual be brought in to present to CSI Leadership what the club is about? Nelson – no, the club must be able to do that itself
- The policy committee has no recommendations to bring forward at this time
- Janelle was appointed Policy Committee Secretary at the last meeting

SERVICE COUNTS

UPDATE

Presenter: Hayden Stewart, Associate Vice President

- Directors have looked over the documents and have no questions currently

CSSI FINANCIALS

UPDATE

Presenter: Hayden Stewart, Associate Vice President

- Budget to actuals won't see much change in the first few months
- Wellness had more revenue than expenses
- Catering provided \$1600 to the food bank

CSI FINANCIALS

UPDATE

Presenter: Hayden Stewart, Associate Vice President

- YTD revenue is currently higher than expenses in all categories
- No other items of significance

CASA UPDATE

UPDATE

Presenter: Alex Oestreicher, Vice President

- Nelson, Hayden, Michelle and Alex were at the Poly Strat Conference last week
- Reviewed the board work plan, landed on priorities for the year that are aligned with feedback from students. These priorities will be shared in an upcoming meeting

OSV UPDATE

UPDATE

Presenter: Nelson Chukwuma, President

- CSI is hosting the conference next week with Alex doing much of the planning
- It will be a similar conference content as last week's CASA (poly/strat)
- There will be a dinner downtown on Sunday and all our directors are invited. This dinner and travel to/from will not be reimbursable, however it is a good opportunity for directors

COMPLIANCE REPORT

UPDATE

Presenter: Nelson Chukwuma, President

Attachment: July 2024 Monitoring Report EL 3.9 Communication and Support to the Board

- Compliance Report EL #3.9 Communication and Support to the Board
- Nelson reports compliance

EXECUTIVE UPDATES

UPDATE

Presenter: Nelson Chukwuma, President
Alex Oestreicher, Vice President
Hayden Stewart, Associate Vice President

Hayden

- CASA Poly Strat Conference last week
- Joined a couple of CASA Committees
- Policy committee meeting

Alex

- CASA Conference
- Prepared and submitted a bid for future CASA Conference
- Planning OSV Conference

- Meetings with partners and stakeholders
- Looking into strategic planning process
- Elected Chair of OSV at their conference

Nelson

- Attended and planned CASA Conference
- Stampede conference for government relations work with CASA; met several government ministers
- With Alex, met Laurier Student Union
- College meetings, Town and Gown, Laurier and Waterloo Student Union meetings
- Sitting on committee with Indigenous Department for arts festival

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION

Presenter: Monil Jethva, Chair

- Amal – Students are requesting more items for the snack program and for the hours to increase. Can funds be added to this program? Nelson – food support is the highest budget item and we do not have funds to add more. We need to be intentional with funds for all programs. Directors are reminded of their fiduciary duty and be fiscally responsible. This program is not meant to provide meals but to be a supplement
- Amal – Food is delivered on Mondays and by Friday it isn't fresh. Nelson – will look into this
- Amal – Brantford students need an additional facility for nourish and go. Nelson – it would be difficult to get additional space and justify the cost as the buildings may be temporary
- Shubham – could we tell politicians that students are in a financial crisis? Nelson – in the past the provincial government was not funding post-secondary education, therefore schools looked to international students. However, there were not enough supports in place to handle the influx and the federal government stepped in with a cap. OSV will be advocating at the provincial level about food insecurity. This is why CASA and OSV work is important as it a way to advocate to government
- Amal – the campus manager at Guelph said that some space may be able to be allocated if CSI made an official request. Nelson – has a meeting today about Guelph campus and will report back
- Additional New Business following the In Camera Session:
- Amandeep – what should be said to students who have concerns about the nourish and go program? Nelson – direct them to send an email to the President

BOARD MONITORING

IN CAMERA

Presenter: Monil Jethva, Chair

Motion to enter In Camera at 10:20AM

Forward: Shubham Savaliya
Second: Janelle Gordon
Abstain: None
Opposed: None
In Favor: All
Motion: Carried

Motion to exit In Camera at 10:22AM

Forward: Daniel Olusi
Second: Silvanus Fernando
Abstain: None
Opposed: None
In Favor: All
Motion: Carried

ADJOURNMENT

PROCEDURAL

Presenter: Monil Jethva, Chair

Motion to adjourn at 10:27AM

Forward: Vinayak Baiju
Second: Silvanus Fernando
Abstain: None
Opposed: None
In Favor: All
Motion: Carried

Nelson Chukwuma

September 5, 2024

President

Date

Vinayak Baiju

2024.09.05

Secretary

Date

