

**Minutes  
Plenary  
February 18th, 2022 11:00AM  
Location: Virtual**

**Present:**

Alannah Kennedy for Fleming College Student Administrative Council  
Adam Folland for Frost Student Association  
Tori Arnett for Cornwall Student Union  
Shay Hamilton for Humber IGNITE  
Ronnie Kasana for SUCCI  
Craig Madlin from Cornwall Student Union  
Curtis Cook from Northern College Student Union

CSA Legal Counsel Matthew Joseph, CSA President Eli Ridder, CSA Director Gabi Hentschke,  
CSA Interim GM and Director of Advocacy Jason Baryluk, CSA Research & Policy Analyst Trevor  
Potts, and CSA Office Administrator Brenda Leciuk  
Proxys Present: N/A.

Agenda Items

1. CSA President Eli Ridder called meeting to order at 11:05
2. Eli Ridder confirmed quorum was present
3. Adoption of the Agenda  
Tori motioned  
Alannah seconded
4. Declaration of Conflict-of-Interest  
No conflict of interest was declared
5. Approval of Minutes – November 17, 2021 & December 2, 2021  
Motion: Alannah  
Seconded: Ronnie  
Motion passed

Items for Approval

6. Board restructuring

Matthew explained the board restructuring proposal as an opportunity to increase participation in CSA's Board. This would allow students at large, from any member institution, to join the Board. This proposal was discussed at a previous meeting but couldn't be approved due to insufficient quorum.

Changes Matthew advises CSA to make changes to its by-laws in sections 9.5.4, 9.5.5, 10.1.3, 10.1.4, 10.2.2 to reflect the eligibility criteria change. Matthew said additional changes might be necessary, but the changes highlighted above are sufficient at the moment.

Adam asked for clarification on sections 9.5.5. Matthew explained the section refers to student eligibility for joining CSA's Board.

Eli explained the motion would allow greater student participation in CSA and inclusivity.

Adam asked for confirmation if only the five sections presented would be changed. Matthew confirmed the changes proposed at this meeting are only for sections 9.5.4, 9.5.5, 10.1.3, 10.1.4, 10.2.2. Matthew said CSA documents will be reviewed in case the motion is passed, and further changes would be notified to Directors.

Adam asked if the motion being passed would make changes to CSA's by-laws. Matthew confirmed, emphasizing changes approved are only for the five sections relevant to eligibility.

Motion: Adam

Second: Ronni

Motion passed

Matthew will look at articles of continuance and take a second look at CSA's by-laws before the next meeting in case additional changes are necessary.

## 7. Alumni

Alumni question was brought up by Matthew. Alumni option was discussed beforehand, there did not seem to be a consensus on this. Matthew would like to hear again from members if this is an option that interests them.

Adam asked if Alumni refers to Alumni at large from members or Alumni from previous Boards. Matthew said this was not looked at in depth, but it would likely be Alumni from CSA Board. Non-profit law allows for appointment of Directors. Matthew said out of the 6 seats at the Board, 1 or 2 could be reserved for Alumni, with the remaining seats being the Directors that would appoint the incoming Alumni Directors.

Tori said there's value on this option, especially in the situation CSA is in right now. This would allow CSA to be in an operating model and run optimally. Tori said current membership should be given preference to fill the Board

Shay asked whether Alumni demonstrated interest in joining CSA's Board. Jason said former Board members demonstrated interest in supporting CSA at different capacities. Tori said even Alumni from college associations that are no longer CSA members.

Adam would like motion to limit Alumni to recent graduates (graduated within 3 years) to ensure their college experience is still recent and valuable.

Matthew said that, even people who might have graduated over 5 years ago, would be beneficial for the Board since they might be passionate about the cause and work in related industries.

Shay asked about how many seats would be designated for Alumni. Eli reminded the number of seats on CSA's board is dependent on the number of members. Eli recommended the number of Alumni seats should be on top of regular seats.

Ronnie and Adam agreed the President position should not be open for Alumni.

Adam and Ronnie agreed Alumni should be a resource in case board seats are not filled by current student leaders. Tori shared the value of having at least one Alumni advisor.

Matthew stated the law only allows for a third of a Board being appointed. This adds a stop gap to how many Alumni could be appointed to the Board.

Adam emphasized the importance of right to refusal, saying SA could say they are not able to fill their seat, and only then an Alumni would be appointed.

Motion: Be it resolved that CSA adopts to an appoint alumni model to fill Board of Directors.

Motioned by Tori

Seconded: Ronnie

Majority in flavour – Motion passed

#### 8. Title change for Directors to Councillor

The discussion already happened in a previous meeting but not motion was put forward due to lack of quorum. Given the changes approved to the Board composition, it might be needed to change titles from Director to Councillor.

Alannah asked if the Councillor title is appropriate for the position.

#### 9. Audited financial statements

Jason scrolled through the Audited Financial Statements and reassured members should have a copy with their meeting package.

Motion: Alannah

Second: Tori

Motion passed

Adam, Ronnie, and Alannah left at 11:58

Items for Discussion

#### 8. P & L Financials

## 9. Board Reports

Eli presented his Board report. Gabi presented her Board report. No questions were asked.

## 10. Staff Reports

Jason presented his report. Trevor presented his report. No questions.

## 11. May Conference

No bid to host conference. Conference is still being planned and will likely be hosted virtually given public safety concerns with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

## 12. Pre- Budget

Trevor presented the pre-budget, which is divided into six sections according to advocacy issues identified by membership.

## 13. Items for Next Meeting

Matthew might have to come back with additional recommendations on changes to by-laws given the Board Structure change.

## 14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Eli

Seconded by: Tori

Meeting adjourned at 12:11pm