

AGENDA
Board of Directors Meeting
January 31, 2018; 8:00 p.m.
Welland Campus
SAC Board Room, SA208

Chairperson: Chris Williams

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| 1. Declaration of Conflicts | 1 min |
| 2. Reconciliation Statement | 1 min |
| 3. College Update – Lianne Gagnon | 5 min |

Items for Approval

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| 4. Approval of Agenda | 1 min |
| 5. Approval of Motions | 1 min |
| 6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2017 | 2 min |
| 7. Budgets & Income Statements – Ryan Krafft | 2 min |
| 8. President Report – Ryan Huckla | 10 min |
| 9. Executive Vice President Reports – Aman Arora/Ryan Krafft | 5 min |

Action Items

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| 10. Freedom of Expression Policy – Ryan Krafft | 10 min |
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Point of Interest Items

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| 11. Executive Director Report – Steve Kosh | 5 min |
| 12. Constitution – Ryan Huckla | 5 min |
| 13. January Orientation Update – Ceren Camoglu/Vineet Bhatia | 5 min |
| 14. Transit Referendum – Ryan Huckla/ Steve Kosh | 5 min |
| 15. Contingency Budget – Steve Kosh | 5 min |

Items for Decision/Discussion

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| 16. CSA Membership Termination Vote – Ryan Huckla | 5 min |
| 17. By-laws – Ryan Huckla | 10 min |
| 18. Ancillary Fee Protocol – Ryan Huckla/Steve Kosh | 15 min |
| 19. Agenda Items for Next Meeting | 2 min |
| 20. Next Meeting | 2 min |
| 21. In Camera | 20 min |

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Present: Steve Kosh Chris Williams Hafsah Shiakh Ryan Huckla
 Aman Arora Vineet Bhatia David Obed Tom Price
 Artem Mekshun Ryan Krafft Ceren Camoglu Liam Fitzsimons
 Marilia Fructuoso Machado Welter

Regrets: Chelsea Mizzi

Guests: Myra Pisano Karen Marasco Lianne Gagnon

Scribe: Heather Storey

This meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m. and chaired by Chris Williams.

Action Items

SAC 6.1	<p>Declaration of Conflicts The following conflicts were declared:</p> <p>None.</p>	
SAC 6.2	<p>Reconciliation Statement</p> <p>We would like to begin by acknowledging and honouring the ancestors of those on whose traditional lands we gather today. Niagara College is located on traditional beaver hunting grounds, which was a shared territory of the Anishnaabe, Haudenosaunee, Attawandaron and other nations. Today we acknowledge, the First Nation, Métis, and Inuit peoples, and all Indigenous peoples.</p>	
SAC 6.3	<p>College Update – Lianne Gagnon</p> <p>Lianne began her presentation by explaining that the Registrar’s office has implemented a new admission process for prospective students. She also mentioned that the Centre for Student Engagement and Leadership wanted to extend their gratitude for the partnership with NCSAC and held winter start-up and Orientation events welcoming students back; Career Services also wanted to thank NCSAC for the help with Career Fest. Last month, Lianne announced Sheryl Johns’ retirement and explained that she would be working to fill that role. Lianne stated that two Health, Wellness, and Accessibility Counsellors will be splitting the role for the interim, Jay Burdon will be overseeing the Welland campus and Jennifer Babin will be looking after the Niagara-on-the-Lake campus. The position for the full-time role will be posted in spring/summer. She also mentioned that Matthew Davies position will be filled with a temporary replacement. Lianne provided the Board with an update in regards to how many students have submitted applications for the Strike Relief Fund, how many were approved, and how many of them were rejected, how many have filed appeals, etc. in regards to the Strike Relief Fund as of January 30, 2018. It was mentioned that Steve Kosh and Ryan Huckla sit on the Appeal Committee for the Strike Relief Fund. Lianne also went on to discuss plans to renovate the library and the learning commons at the Welland campus, as well as moving the Indigenous Lounge. Lianne has contacted the President of the NCSAC LGBTQ+ Club to discuss how Niagara College can support the group and to encourage awareness through Niagara College. Lastly, Lianne talked about attending the Thorold Town and Gown meeting and the discussion that took place in regards to a ‘Rent Smart’ program that educates tenants and landlords about renting.</p>	
SAC 6.4	<p>Items for Approval Approval of Agenda</p> <p>Motion made to approve the agenda for the January 31, 2018 Board of Directors meeting as submitted.</p> <p>Motioned by: Liam Fitzsimons Seconded by: Ryan Krafft</p>	

	All in Favour, Carried.	
SAC 6.5	<p>Items for Approval Approval of Motions</p> <p>Motion made to approve the prepared motions for the January 31, 2018 Board of Directors meeting as amended.</p> <p>Motioned by: Tom Price Seconded by: Marilia Frutuoso Machado Welter</p> <p>All in Favour, Carried.</p>	
SAC 6.6	<p>Items for Approval Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2017</p> <p>Motion made to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2017 meeting as amended.</p> <p>Motioned by: Tom Price Seconded by: Liam Fitzsimons</p> <p>All in Favour, Carried.</p>	
SAC 6.7	<p>Items for Approval Budgets & Income Statements – Ryan Krafft</p> <p>Motion made to accept the Budgets and Income Statements as presented.</p> <p>Motioned by: Aman Arora Seconded by: Tom Price</p> <p>All in Favour, Carried.</p>	
SAC 6.8	<p>Items for Approval President Report – Ryan Huckla</p> <p>The President’s Report was sent to the Board at an earlier date for them to review.</p> <p>Motion made to accept the President’s Report as submitted.</p> <p>Motioned by: Vineet Bhatia Seconded by: Ceren Camoglu</p> <p>All in Favour, Carried.</p>	
SAC 6.9	<p>Items for Approval Executive Vice President Reports – Aman Arora/Ryan Krafft</p> <p>The Executive Vice President Reports were sent to the Board at an earlier date for them to review.</p> <p>Motion made to accept the Executive Vice Presidents Reports as submitted.</p> <p>Motioned by: Liam Fitzsimons Seconded by: Ryan Krafft</p> <p>All in Favour, Carried.</p>	
SAC 6.10	<p>Action Items Freedom of Expression Policy – Ryan Krafft</p> <p>Ryan Krafft read aloud the Freedom of Expression Policy that he created.</p>	

	<p>Motion to approve the Freedom of Expression Policy as submitted.</p> <p>Motioned by: Ryan Krafft Seconded by: Marilia Frutuoso Machado Welter</p> <p>Discussion: A few issues were flagged with the Freedom of Expression Policy. First off, the Board took issue with the policy stating that demonstrations, rallies, public speech-making, picketing, sit-ins, marches, protests, and similar assemblies are not permitted in the interior of NCSAC facilities. It was stated that this point goes against people’s fundamental right to hold a peaceful protest; it was also mentioned that this point contradicts the purpose of the policy to have freedom of expression. Another issue was that the policy mentioned college property; NCSAC wouldn’t have the ability nor the authority to manage what happens on Niagara College property. It was also stated that this policy should have gone to the Policy Review Committee before it was brought to the Board of Directors meeting for approval. Another point that the Board did not agree with was that NCSAC will remain non-partisan in all political matters; NCSAC is a governing body as a student government, and therefore is fundamentally political. It was brought up that the policy states that NCSAC will reject demands to cancel speakers, debates or other events; in the event that there is a public speaker discussing hate, sexual harassment, or racism NCSAC should have the ability to cancel the speaking engagement. This policy would cause a strong ripple effect and could cause a lot of issues for NCSAC in the future. In addition, another point that was discussed was that NCSAC will speak out against the college’s attempts to stifle freedom of expression on campus. It was stated that this policy would be taking a step in the wrong direction and have a negative impact on the strong relationship that was been built between NCSAC and Niagara College. The Halloween Costume Policy, which was discussed and approved in October, was brought up and it stated that there will be three NCSAC designates who will be responsible for deciding if someone’s costume is allowed. Several points from the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms were read aloud and discussed disputing the Freedom of Expression Policy. It was stated that there is no reason to have a NCSAC-specific policy regarding freedom of expression, as this is a fundamental right covered by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Another large issue was that no stakeholders have been consulted during the development of this policy. Lastly, it was mentioned that the NCSAC Board of Directors are voted in by students, and therefore the Board should make all decisions based on the 10,000 students they represent, not their individual opinions and beliefs.</p> <p>In Favour: 2 Opposed: 8</p> <p>Motion Defeated.</p> <p>Motion to revise the current Halloween Costume Policy.</p> <p>Motioned by: Artem Mekshun Seconded by: Ryan Krafft</p> <p>In Favour: 4 Abstain: 2 Opposed: 4</p> <p>Motion Defeated.</p>	
<p>SAC 6.11</p>	<p>Point of Interest Items Executive Director Report – Steve Kosh</p> <p>The Executive Director’s Report was sent to the Board at an earlier date for them to review. Steve Kosh explained to the Board that he will be submitting an Executive Director’s Report on a monthly basis that will include the Manager’s Reports.</p>	
<p>SAC 6.12</p>	<p>Point of Interest Items Constitution – Ryan Huckla</p>	

	Ryan informed the Board of Directors that the NCSAC 2018-2019 Constitution was approved by the membership at the Annual General Meeting held on January 19, 2018.	
SAC 6.13	<p>Point of Interest Items January Orientation Update – Ceren Camoglu/Vineet Bhatia</p> <p>For January Orientation Ceren, Vineet, and Jaclyn planned a week of events for students to welcome them to Niagara College. There was a Throwback Pub Night at the Welland campus in The Core, video games at both campuses, and finally, there was a synthetic Ice Rink for two days at the Niagara-on-the-Lake campus located in the Courtyard. Students expressed their sincere gratitude and really enjoyed the Orientation events.</p>	
SAC 6.14	<p>Point of Interest Items Transit Referendum – Ryan Huckla/Steve Kosh</p> <p>Students were encouraged to vote for the Transit Referendum from Tuesday January 23, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. to Thursday January 25, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. which posed the question:</p> <p><i>“Do you support the increase of \$47.42 (\$92.58 to \$140.00) per term to the Universal Buss Pass Fee starting September 2018 as outlined in the ‘2018 U-Pass Terms of Referendum’?”</i></p> <p>Results were announced on Friday January 26, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. There was 23% voter turn-out, and from that group 63% voted in favour of the Transit Referendum.</p>	
SAC 6.15	<p>Point of Interest Items Contingency Budget – Steve Kosh</p> <p>NCSAC has budgeted \$30,000 in contingency to buffer against a potential lack of student enrollment. There are many factors that go into a decision like this, such as ensuring NCSAC is on track to achieve revenue targets (we are), ensuring NCSAC is on track to achieve a \$0 balanced Operating budget (we are) and ensuring that we’re forecasting funding until March 31st, 2018.</p> <p>There are some revenue lines that may look under-funded. We will be receiving the payment for part-time students as typical in March 2018. NCSAC is still waiting on the final funding release of Student Activity Fees for many January start students, which we should receive in February (this is held in trust by the college).</p> <p>There are only a couple expenditures budget lines that are over. These include Insurance expense and Promotional Swag expense. We do not foresee any major overages in the expense lines in other accounts. Wages are now tracking well and will come in on budget based on next forecast for the next two months.</p> <p>Niagara College has achieved enrolment targets and the NCSAC is on target to achieve a balanced Operating budget with surplus funds.</p> <p>With positive enrollment targets and a balanced NCSAC Operating budget, it is recommended that NCSAC release the \$30,000 in contingency funding for NCSAC use during the 2017-18 academic year.</p>	
SAC 6.16	<p>Items for Decision/Discussion CSA Membership Termination Vote – Ryan Huckla</p> <p>Earlier in the evening CSA lead a presentation about their organization, what they do, services they provide, what they are working on, future plans, and addressed questions from the Board of Directors regarding their membership. Ryan explained that the Membership Termination Vote was supposed to be held back on November 14, 2017 at the Board of Directors Meeting. The reason why the vote was moved to January is because CSA had their Advocacy Summit in Toronto that week in November. Ryan explained that CSA has agreed that if the membership vote results in NCSAC terminating their membership, CSA will allow the termination date to be effective November 14, 2017. Since CSA’s fees are structured in such a way that membership schools pay for the previous year, having an effective termination date prior to January means that Niagara College January 2019-start students will not have to pay a CSA fee.</p>	

	<p>Motion to terminate the membership of the Niagara College Student Administrative Council with the College Student Alliance, effective Tuesday, November 14, 2017.</p> <p>Motioned by: Ryan Huckla Seconded by: Vineet Bhatia</p> <p>Discussion: CSA mentioned in their presentation that the organization has been very visible advocating for College students in Ontario. It was stated that the College Faculty Strike gave CSA more publicity and a platform to be seen – it was mentioned that without the strike, CSA has not been visible in the public eye. It was also said that the Rally that was held in Toronto was the first time that CSA had a ‘call to action’ for their membership schools to attend. At the Rally, Niagara College had the largest student presence there with 43 Niagara College students attending the Rally to advocate for students – it was stated that Niagara College students accomplished such a large impact on their own at the Rally, and the membership to CSA was questioned. It was also stated that the large sum of money that NCSAC pays CSA is difficult to justify. Engagement with CSA was also discussed; some Board members felt that there has been a disconnect between the two groups and that NCSAC has not been asked for input or involvement. The Board also mentioned that they believe CSA missed the mark in advocating for students in regards to the Strike Relief Fund. In addition, CSA attended the March 23, 2017 Board of Directors meeting where NCSAC put certain milestones for CSA to achieve. One of those milestones was in regards to recruiting larger schools; CSA stated that they would recruit two new schools by February 2018, a goal they have not yet achieved. Another milestone that NCSAC imposed onto CSA at the March 23, 2017 Board of Directors meeting was in regards to Executive Compensations. At the meeting, CSA told NCSAC that they had reached out to the College Employer Council and said that CSA will be making a statement to call for these consultations to be reopened and have those comparators reassessed and to have the institutions to provide reasoning on why specific comparators were used. NCSAC stated that they have not heard any further development on this topic from CSA. Outside of CSA, NCSAC has been meeting with similar size schools to discuss common topics that effect college students.</p> <p>All in Favour, Carried.</p>	
<p>SAC 6.17</p>	<p>Items for Decision/Discussion By-laws – Ryan Huckla</p> <p>The Constitution and By-law Committee has met several times regarding the NCSAC Bylaws and have made several recommendations.</p> <p>Motion made to approve the revisions to the NCSAC By-Laws which will take effect May 1st, 2018 as a result of the approval of the Constitutional changes by the membership at the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>Motioned by: Ryan Huckla Seconded by: Ryan Krafft</p> <p>All in Favour, Carried.</p>	
<p>SAC 6.18</p>	<p>Items for Decision/Discussion Ancillary Fee Protocol – Ryan Huckla/Steve Kosh</p> <p>The Fee Protocol Committee has been working to confirm this year’s fees. Steve explained that the fees have been voted on by the Fee Protocol Committee which will then need to be ratified by the Board of Governors (BOG) and approved in February 2018. Steve explained the 2018-19 Compulsory Ancillary Fees and updated the board on the changes that will be made for the following academic school year:</p> <p>NCSAC Ancillary Fees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Centre: Currently \$60.25/semester; Proposed \$64.00/semester • Universal Bus Pass: Currently \$93.16/semester; Proposed \$140.00/semester (Referendum) • College Student Alliance (CSA): no changes • Student Activity: Currently \$62.00/semester; Proposed \$72.00/semester 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Health & Dental Plan: Currently \$112.00/semester; Proposed \$114.50/semester <p>New NCSAC Fee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability Fee: Currently N/A; Proposed \$5.00/semester <p>\$20 STEC Reallocation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the process of confirming the 2018/2019 ancillary fees, NCSAC has been working with STEC and the Ancillary Fee Protocol Committees to reallocate funds, which have been used in the past to support the Hospitality and Tourism Centre, Welland Skills Centre and the Welland Campus Master Plan since 2006. This \$20/semester currently appears in the STEC fee. \$5/semester will be left in the STEC fee to account for increases in 2016-2017 and 2017-2018. The additional \$15/semester will be reallocated between the Sustainability Fee and Student Activity Fee. <p>Motion made to recommend to the Board of Governors that the proposed 2018-19 NCSAC Compulsory Ancillary Fees be approved for the 2018-2019 academic school year as outlined.</p> <p>Motioned by: Ryan Huckla Seconded by: Liam Fitzsimons</p> <p>All in Favour, Carried.</p>	
SAC 6.19	<p>Items for Decision/Discussion Agenda Items for Next Meeting</p> <p>None.</p>	
SAC 6.20	<p>Items for Decision/Discussion Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is to be held on February 22, 2018 at the Niagara-on-the-Lake campus at 7:00 p.m. Room: W212.</p>	
SAC 6.21	<p>Items for Decision/Discussion In Camera</p> <p>Motion to go In Camera.</p> <p>Motioned by: Tom Price Seconded by: David Obed</p> <p>All in Favour, Motion Carried.</p> <p>Motion to go Out of Camera.</p> <p>Motioned by: Vineet Bhatia Seconded by: Aman Arora</p> <p>All in Favour, Carried.</p>	

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Approved:

Ryan Huckla
President