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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Student Union of
Confederation College Inc. Board of Directors – December 7, 2011**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ryan West at 6:35 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Members Present

Naomi Abotossaway	Lynne Savela (e.o.)
John Laudone	Kathy Kimpton (e.o.)
Allison Pelletier	Ryan West (e.o.)
Aaron Gullins	Jennifer Kaplanis (e.o.)
Armanda Cimon	
Rob Trevisanutto	
Katie Arpin	
Allison Crane	
Alexa Metselaar	
Bethanie Mandamin	

Regrets – Dan Kincaid, Liisa Kolehmainen, Peggy Petersen, Alex Skochinski,
Rich Tatebe

Guests - President, Jim Madder

Adoption of the Agenda as Amended

Board Motion #1 Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as amended.

Moved by: Allison Pelletier
Seconded by: Alexa Metselaar
VOTE 10/0/0 CARRIED

Declaration of Possible Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting – November 23, 2011

Board Motion #2 Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting of November 23, 2011 be adopted as presented with the correct spelling for Alexa Metselaar.

Moved by: Armanda Cimon
Seconded by: Allison Crane
VOTE 10/0/0 CARRIED

Possible Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared. Allison Crane noted she has to depart at 7:30 p.m.

President Jim Madder – Environmental Scan

President Jim Madder was introduced to the SUCCI Board. President Jim Madder started at the college in July. As part of his orientation and determining future direction, the President had an environmental scan completed by Dr. Rosehart on Confederation College.

The full report is on the internet and copies of the presentation were circulated. Discussion on the demographics & population of Northwestern Ontario were reviewed as well as the decline in the high school population and enrollment of Confederation College. The economy for both forestry and mining continues to transform and employers are indicating shortage of skilled workers in these areas despite the public perception that these industries are suffering. The population of aboriginal students continues to grow.

The GTA (Greater Toronto Area) colleges continue to grow, however, Northern Colleges growth continues to decline. If the college does not change, enrollment is projected to continue to decline. Currently 89% of Confederation Students are from NWO region.

For the future, the college will focus on Strategic Enrollment Management, Aboriginal Focus, Reorganization, Mining, new programs to attract new students and Alumni. The college needs to grow their market outside of Northwestern Ontario and for the interim, cut costs. Through discussion with Porter Airlines, there is support for special student rates for students travelling to and from Thunder Bay to attend school. Details are not finalized.

President hopes to implement some of the new fiscal plan for April 1, 2012. He is currently consulting with college groups and will discuss further with the Confederation College Board of Governors.

(Allison Crane leaves – 7:30 p.m)

OASA Report

Bethanie Mandamin indicated that OASA held a bake sale today with funds being donated. On Monday, December 12th, OASA will host a “Meet and Greet” for Aboriginal Students. Surveys will be done and incentives to attend and participate are gift cards. OASA will work with LUNSA on the Pow Wow to be held March 16 to March 18th at Lakehead University. An OASA day will be held in early March.

New Year's Revolution

This new event will be held on Monday, January 16th from 11:30 till 1:30 and will feature the new clubs we have on campus. In addition, other opportunities for students will be featured.

Welcome Back Events

Special Events will be held from January 9th till January 16th as a Winter Warmup Frost Week. Details on the scheduled events will be sent out by e-mail.

Elections 2012

In the New Year, Election material and marketing for the 2012 Elections will begin. Nominations commence on January 11th. Lynne Savela asked board members to encourage others to consider running for a leadership position. Many are scared to run in an election or speak at an open forum. Students need encouragement to consider running in the election and word of mouth is very important.

Program Specific Fee – AMET

The board unanimously agreed that they do not support the introduction of a new fee of \$115 per student. The fee does not appear to fall within the MTCU guidelines and some of the supplies are consumables and not eligible to charge a program specific fee to students.

Program Specific Fee- Tourism & Travel

The \$50 fee for OTEC – Service Excellence Certification is a program requirement. The fee has been collected over the years. This fee will be built into the costs for the program and students will pay it upon registration. A student who has the certification will pay the fee up front but it will be reimbursed back upon proof. The board understood and supported the fee.

Program Specific Fee – Mask Fitting

Clarification was provided that this fee is for mask fitting as part of some of the health programs. The mask is retained by the student and the cost of the mask fitting is \$15. The fee will not be collected up front but paid at time of fitting.

CSA – Update on Communication Committee

Naomi Abotossaway is the SUCCI Representative on the CSA Communication Committee. Points are collected for showcasing the CSA and the services they provide. Naomi circulated brochures, took pictures of the CSA banner and referenced SUCCI's work in promotion of the CSA. The points collected will get your student association dollars for your food bank.

Office Hours – Final Week of Semester

Board members are not required to complete office hours during the final academic week of the semester. Naomi encouraged the board members to focus on their final assignments and exams.

The honorarium payment will be available on Wednesday, December 16th, however board members must complete and e-mail their semester year end report prior to receiving this honorarium check. The information you should include is referenced in the Policy 4.3 – Reports.

The report is due by December 31st at the latest, however, the honorarium check will be held until the report is sent out.

Timetable/Office Hours & Winter Semester Meeting Schedule

Academic timetables are available to view on Monday, December 12th. On-line registration opens December 22nd. Board members are asked to send or drop off their timetable asap to Lynne. The winter semester board meetings cannot be scheduled until all the academic timetables are confirmed.

Allison Pelletier has classes on Monday evenings and John Laudone has classes on Tuesday & Thursday evenings.

Aramark Food Services

Student complaints continue around the quality, price and food choices available particularly in the McIntyre and ACE buildings. Aaron Gullins suggested a 3rd party survey be conducted to gather feedback on the satisfaction with Aramark. There were questions around the agreement. Suggestions around an “Eat Smart” program were made. Alexa suggested that students make suggestions on what they would like to see available at Aramark.

It was suggested that the College VP, Bob Backstrom be invited to the Board to hear and respond to some of the concerns and seek possible solutions.

Regional Student Fee

Board Motion #3 Be it resolved that SUCCI approve a new ancillary fee of \$120 for regional campus students for delivery of student services. This approval is contingent upon consultation with regional councils in January 2012.

Moved by: John Laudone
Seconded by: Naomi Abotossaway
VOTE 9/0/1 CARRIED

Employment Policy

Board Motion #4 Be it resolved that SUCCI approve the changes to the Policy – Board Member Employment Field & Co-Op Placement policy as presented.

Moved by: Naomi Abotossaway
Seconded by: John Laudone
VOTE 9/0/0 CARRIED

Internal Appointment of Chief Justice

Board Motion#5 Be it resolved that Ryan West be appointed to the position of Chief Justice effective immediately.

Moved by: Naomi Abotossaway
Seconded by: John Laudone
VOTE 9/0/0 CARRIED

Lakehead Young Liberals Fundraiser Dinner

Naomi Abotossaway received an invitation to attend a Young Liberals Fundraising Dinner. The event is scheduled for Thursday, January 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the Italian Hall. Ticket prices for students are \$25. There were differing opinions if SUCCI should have any affiliation to the event. It was evident that SUCCI should develop a policy around support of specific political parties or events or using funds to support political activities. Naomi Abotossaway and Aaron Gullins expressed interest and will attend. The Minister of MTCU will be in attendance.

Update – Meeting with Jim Madder

President Madder has agreed to have two water filter stations installed in the Shuniah Building. Naomi will finalize costs and a plan and will provide this to the President in mid-January.

A follow up meeting has been scheduled to confirm plans around construction of covered smoking areas at different college buildings. President Madder has also asked for feedback on the existing smoking policy.

Covered Bike Rack Stations

This item will be put on the January agenda for further discussion.

Adjournment

Board Motion #6 Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: Alexa Metselaar
Seconded by: Rob Trevisanutto
VOTE 9/0/0 CARRIED

