



## Board of Directors MINUTES

November 13, 2020

1. **Call to order: 4:04 PM**
2. **Roll Call**
  - 2.1. **Board of Directors**

Chair		
Brittany Lausen		Present
Directors		
Ryan Morstad		Present
Jerilyn Kotelniski		Present
Michael Frankiw		Delayed/Arrived at 4:12 pm
Chloe Collins		Present
Jonas Bystrom		Present
Membership Staff Advisors, non-voting		
Cherie Sawaryn		Not present
Jay Decore		Not present
Executive Director, non-voting		
Jonathan Bilodeau		Present
  - 2.2. **ASEC Staff**

Dir. Public Relations & Advocacy		
Emmanuel Barker		Present
Dir. Operations and Finance		
Naomi Pela		Present
3. **Approval of Agenda**
  - 3.1. *Agenda for November 13, 2020.*  
*Motion to approve the agenda for the meeting on November 13, 2020.*  
**Moved by: Director Collins Seconded by: Director Morstad Opposed: none CARRIED**
4. **Approval of Minutes**
  - 4.1. *Minutes for October 26, 2020*  
*Motion to approve minutes for the meetings on October 26, 2020.*  
**Moved by: Director Collins Seconded by: Director Kotelniski Opposed: none CARRIED**
5. **Report**
  - 5.1. **Comprehensive Organizational Report** Executive Director Bilodeau
6. **Old Business**



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### 7. Discussion Items

#### 7.1. Canadian Student Advocacy Coalition

Director Collins

- Director Collins provided some background information to the group regarding the Advocacy Coalition's activity in the past few weeks, including:
  - The development meetings that have taken place so far, specifically the process that the group went through to create resources. Meetings took place over the summer, drafting and revising documents over time and through discussion. Lack of participation from Western students in the Federal landscape emphasizes the need for the coalition to move forward.
  - Alberta Caucus Representatives (the process and structure decided on by the coalition, being brought forward at the conference)
  - Federal Advocacy Priorities (the process of deciding which priorities to take forward to the federal government)
- Director Barker also provided some context and information regarding the Federal Advocacy Goals Conference, referring specifically to the Canadian Student Advocacy Coalition Founding Document and its content. He also provided additional information:
  - The document is an MOU between all of the student organizations involved.
  - Representatives need to be selected and will assume their role until new representatives are selected the following year.
  - Federal priorities - NWPA, BCFS, SK - topics discussed: Internet broadband announcement; Fast-track to PR; Interest-free student loans; WIL, economic recovery through Post Secondary (youth employment).
  - A member posed a question regarding membership; if another SA wants to join the coalition, could they?
    - Director Barker stated that the group has had numerous discussions on the topic and that those processes are still being ironed out.
  - ED Bilodeau provided some clarification:
    - Umbrella groups are the members, as opposed to the individual SA. This plays a part in the decision making process.
    - Representative positions are limited, in order to limit decision makers = efficiency.
    - The ASEC internal process is still in development - an Advocacy Advisory Council was proposed → well received.
      - Proposed a motion to create a subcommittee of the Board for the Federal group.
  
- 7.2. Alberta 2030 Student Roundtable - Tuition Response

Chair Lausen

- Chair Lausen brought up the recommendations put forward by the AB2030 consultant and asked if the group has any thoughts regarding ASEC's potential response to that proposal.
  - ACTION ITEM for staff: prepare a strategic response to tuition deregulation.



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### 8. Decision items

8.1. Canadian Student Advocacy Coalition - Document Director Collins  
*Motion to approve the adoption of the Canadian Student Advocacy Coalition Founding Document as presented.*

**Moved by:** Director Collins **Seconded by:** Director Frankiw **Opposed:** none **CARRIED**

8.2. Canadian Student Advocacy Coalition - Representatives Executive Director Bilodeau  
*Motion to appoint Chair Lausen and Director Collins as the voting representatives to the Canadian Advocacy Coalition, as per the founding documents.*

**Moved by:** Director Frankiw **Seconded by:** Director Bystrom **Opposed:** none **CARRIED**

Director Barker opened the floor for self nominations:

- Chair Lausen nominates herself and Director Collins
- Director Collins nominates herself and Chair Lausen

*Motion to amend the main motion to replace the first blank with Chair Lausen and the second blank with Director Collins.*

**Moved by:** Director Morstad **Seconded by:** Director Bystrom **Opposed:** none **CARRIED**

*Motion to strike an ad-hoc committee to act as an advisory committee to the two AB Caucus representatives of the Western Canadian Advocacy Coalition.*

**Moved by:** Director Bystrom **Seconded by:** Director Kotelniski **Opposed:** none **CARRIED**

8.3. Canadian Student Advocacy Coalition - Priorities Director Collins  
*Motion to adopt fast-track to Permanent Residency for international students, Canadian Student Internship Program, and Indigenous Funding and Support as the ASEC Alberta Caucus federal priorities, as per the founding documents.*

**Moved by:** Director Morstad **Seconded by:** Director Frankiw **Opposed:** none **CARRIED**

Priorities being considered:

- The removal of interest on Canadian Federal Student Loans
- Improvement on funding → Post Secondary Student Support Program
- Fast-track to Permanent Residency for international students
- Rural broadband internet infrastructure
- Utilization of We Charity money for the Canadian Student Internship Program
- Funding for Open Educational Resources

*Motion to amend the main motion to replace the first blank with 'fast-track to Permanent Residency for international students', the second blank with 'Canadian Student Internship Program', and the third blank with 'Indigenous Funding and Support'.*

**Moved by:** Director Bystrom **Seconded by:** Director Frankiw **Opposed:** none **CARRIED**



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8.4. Community Mental Health Grant Executive Director Bilodeau

*Motion to apply for the Government of Alberta Community Mental Health Grant.*

**Moved by: Director Collins Seconded by: Director Frankiw Opposed: none CARRIED**

9. New Business
10. In Camera
11. Next meeting: Wednesday December 2, 2020
12. Adjournment at 5:55 pm  
*Moved by Director Frankiw*