

# Nexus Meeting Agenda

**Feb 5, 2024**

**Present:** Celina Lessard - President, Sam Ryder - Secretary Treasurer, Hanna Shultis - Director at Large

**Absent with Regrets:** Keith Johnson - Vice President

**Absent without Regrets:**

**Guests:** Greg Pratt

1. Call to order 10:14AM
  
2. Agenda additions  
N/A
  
3. Approve previous meeting minutes  
December 11, 2023: [December 11, 2023 - Nexus Meeting Minutes](#)  
Unanimous Approval.
  
4. Cheque Approvals and E-transfer amount approvals  
01/19/24 International Web Express Issue 8 \$701.17  
01/19/24 Camosun College December G/L \$11,708.01  
This amount is higher than usual because it includes the payment of Christmas bonuses and around \$1,700 in accrual.  
Unanimous Approval.
  
5. Secretary Treasurer Bank Access Update  
Celina will begin making the meeting agendas for each meeting after the end of the preceding meeting, so that Sam can update the relevant financial information before the agenda is shared with the rest of the board.
  
6. CCSS Wellness Promotion Update  
Greg updated the board on the CCSS (Camosun College Student Society) promotional articles, which are being written as part of an agreement detailed in the November 20, 2023 and December 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes. The agreement stipulated that the payment for the articles would be broken up into two equal payments, with one in the current fiscal year and the other in the next. The first payment went through without issue.
  
7. Office Space Meeting with the CCSS Debrief

The CCSS has hired the firm ThinkSpace to explore options for new office space over concerns that Camosun College might decide to demolish the building in which the CCSS and Nexus offices are currently held. Thinkspace is in the process of drafting a plan to present to Camosun. As part of Nexus' separation agreement with the CCSS, the CCSS is required to provide Nexus with office space and wants to include Nexus in this process going forward.

Greg has stressed that there's no way to know definitively if Camosun is planning on demolishing the building and that he'd prefer Nexus to stay in its current office space so long as it's an option. Greg also highlighted the importance of Nexus maintaining a degree of physical separation between its office space and the CCSS' office space to avoid conflicts regarding journalistic ethics and integrity. However, if the building is demolished Nexus would likely have a difficult time finding an adequate replacement. Additionally, the current office building has accessibility barriers to people with limited mobility.

Greg has attended a meeting with the CCSS and ThinkSpace and he thinks that their current plans demonstrate a consideration of the necessary separation between Nexus and CCSS spaces. Greg will keep the board updated on this situation as it evolves.

Celina has advocated that the board wait to see what the CCSS' final plans look like before making any decisions regarding the issue.

#### 8. Alternative to Referendum Options

Greg is recommending that Nexus approach the CCSS about increasing the operational grant that the CCSS currently pays to Nexus (as established in the separation agreement) to address Nexus' current funding issues. Nexus has never asked for a raise in the operational grant before and Greg will need to talk to the CCSS to ascertain whether or not it's even an option. The board agreed that Greg will approach the CCSS about the possibility. Regardless of the outcome, Nexus is still planning to attempt another Referendum in the coming October.

#### 9. New Meeting Schedule

Due to conflicting schedules, only three members of the board are able to meet at the current meeting time. Celina is recommending that the three other board members hold an additional bi-weekly meeting without her, as she is no longer a Camosun student and is only staying on until a replacement can be found. Celina wanted to avoid completely reworking the current board meeting schedule because of the significant amount of time involved and the slow responses from board members in the initial scheduling process. Keith would be acting as director at these meetings.

Sam suggested Celina share the information she had regarding each board members' availability with the board members present to see if it'd be possible to immediately determine a new meeting time and avoid the increased workload associated with an additional meeting. Celina shared the scheduling information and the board agreed to begin meeting at 11:00AM on Thursdays, maintaining a bi-weekly meeting schedule. Celina will email Keith to inform him of this change and confirm his availability.

10.Adjourn 10:52AM