**Sault College Students Union Incorporated**

**2018-2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 30th, 2021 – 7:00 PM – MS Teams**

**(Rescheduled from Tuesday, April 6th 2020, 6:00pm, Odeno – cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic)**

**Board of Directors Present: Brad Niendorf, Taylor Elliot, Natalie Ira-Gould, Rishabh Bhardwaj, Maddy Speer, Yunshang Qu**

**Board of Directors Regrets:** N/A

**SCSU Executive: Mikaela Hinz, Noah Rego, Jenelle Manitowabi**

**SCSU Executive Regrets:**

**Student Members:** (See attached sign in list)

**Resource Present:** Jamie Rogers, Sue Misasi

**Recording Secretary:** Tiffany Agliani

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| Call to orderBrad Niendorf, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m. |
| Quorum CallQuorum was noted and met. |
| Agenda Approval 2021-03-30-1Motion to approve agenda as presented.**Moved By:** Jordan Brinmer **Program:** Fish and Wildlife**Seconded By:** Kayla Leadbetter **Program:** Social Service Worker All in Favour.Motion Carries. |
| Approval of Minutes2021-03-30-1Motion to approve minutes from the AGM of March 29, 2019 as presented.**Moved By:** Elizabeth Nahwegeznic **Program:** Social Service Worker – Indigenous Specialization**Seconded By:** Jamie Lee **Program:** Fish and WildlifeAll in Favour.Motion Carries.Conflict of Interest DeclaredNone |
| **President’s Report**Ahmad Alkosani welcomed Members and introduced himself as the current and returning President of SCSU. **Financial:*** + SCSU advocated for Ancillary fees reduction this year due to the pandemic, and we were able to save the students who are studying online $233 per semester. (combined reduction of Sault College fees and SCSU ancillary fees)
	+ SCSU in collaboration with Sault College started and funded the student COVID19 Emergency Fund. SCSU contributed more than $10k toward it.
	+ SCSU launched the Holiday Gift Card Program in December 2020 and in collaboration with the international department we were able to distribute more than $7,500 worth of gift cards.
	+ Refunded the remaining student meal plan money to students from Odeno’s account which is worth more than $60,000.
	+ The Food Bank
		- We expand the Food Bank operations in April 2020, to include winter clothing, and hygiene items.
		- More than 1,000 students used it for more than 3,500 unique visits.
		- We were able to distribute more than $175,000 worth of food since April 2020. Ahmad thanks our donors and supporters.
	+ Hosted part time jobs for students within SCSU and the student pub Odeno:
		- In the year of 2019-2020: SCSU spent more than $159,000 to hire (more than 30 students at Odeno, and 16 at SCSU and 2 internships)
		- In the year of 2020-2021: we spent more than $57,000 to hire (11 students and 4 internships within SCSU), Unfortunately we had to close Odeno due to the government restrictions associated with the pandemic.
		- And SCSU is planning to increase the number of student employees by 30% for the year of 2021-2022

**Diversity and celebrating our students:** Both years 2019-2020 & 2020 -2021, in collaboration with Sault College, SCSU celebrated many cultural days and events and that includes but not limited to:* + The Love and Unity Pow-Wow
	+ Indigenous day celebration
	+ Indian Republic and Independence Day
	+ Pride month
	+ The Spring Festival and Chinese New Year
	+ The Mid-Autumn Festival / Moon Festival
	+ Black History Month and Black Lives Matter movement
	+ Multicultural party with WUSC and other 7 different organizations
	+ And many more

**Advocacy:** * + On the Local Sault College level:
		- SCSU advocated to have the study hall and printing services on campus open to have these services available to students during the pandemic and the college closure
		- There are continuous efforts to reopen the gym and the health and fitness centre hopefully spring 2021
		- SCSU advocated for Sault College Fee payment deadline to be extended alongside with the health plan opt-out deadlines.
		- Advocated for larger college fee reductions
		- Helped students with academic and non-academic misconduct appeals
	+ Secondly Local SSM level:
		- SCSU has advocated in the last two years on the city level to have a Bus Terminal near to the college to best serve Sault College students and we are proud to see it under construction and soon to be done and running in front of J-wing.
	+ Provincial

SCSU has attended many conferences and met with fellow student association members and with provincial and national parliament members. Our advocacy efforts included but not limited to: * + - * Ontario government to provide an additional 7 million dollars to help increase access to mental health and addiction services for postsecondary students during COVID19
			* Strengthen sexual violence and harassment policies at post-secondary institutions
			* Ontario government to invest in the virtual learning strategy for post secondary education
			* Calling on Ontario government to stop OSAP debt repayments during the pandemic
	+ National
		- Members of SCSU attended the Student Union Development Summit at University of British Columbia in British Columbia.
		- In collaboration with Canada wide student associations we advocated to:
			* Support international students and the extension of the Post-Graduate Working permit

**Student life:** * + SCSU Spent more than $25,200 on programing and student life events in the year of 2019-2020 and more than $12,400 in 2020-2021 on frosh, frost weeks, and during the academic year events
	+ SCSU was able to shift the Chapter and Clubs operation to be fully online and accessible by both on campus and off campus students.

Ahmad also introduced the new executive team:President – Ahmad AlkosaniVP Campus Connections – Noah RegoVP Student Life – VacantIndigenous Student Union President - VacantBoard of Directors (6 positions vacant)Brad NiendorfVacant positions are looking to be filled during upcoming by-elections. |
| **VP Campus Connections Report**Noah Rego presented the VPCC reportIn the past year Noah has overlooked and handled the @myscsu Instagram and Facebook accounts. He has grown the Instagram account by 300 followers.He has also overseen and ran the direct messages for 8 months until Jamie Rogers returned to SCSU. Direct messages are mainly pertaining to questions from international students and event inquiries.In addition to the awareness weeks, we have done throughout every year thus far Noah has started a series called the “Un-Learn” series where SCSU posted about the dangerous of prejudices against people and minority groups such as ableism, racism and homophobia.Noah has also helped run the SCSU foodbank out of Odeno since early July 2020.Has attended every executive meeting and helped approve ancillary fees and discuss other ideas for SCSU to better the student experience.Has overseen and posted 161 posts on SCSU social media, overseeing the creation and captioning of most of these.**VP Student Life Report**Mikaela Hinz presented the VPSL report:**Transition into the Role of VPSL*** The start of my role as the Vice President of Student Life began as of May 1st, 2020. Mikaela was enthused to begin with Sault College Student’s Union and be able to provide opportunities for students to engage with each other in social events. Between the time she accepted my role as VPSL and began, a lot had changed so quickly for everyone due to the pandemic. Every one of us has had a first-hand experience of what it is like to be impacted by the pandemic and for us at SCSU, learning to adapt to the world of providing our services online would be the new reality. Although a nerve-wrecking thought, she was ready to overcome these challenges and be able to connect students, no matter what circumstances that may arise.
* Mikaela’s first week with SCSU began with a virtual orientation, learning the pathways of the overall job at SCSU and for my position as Vice President of Student Life. The summer months of this position was full of learning curves and challenges, especially finding ways to engage students to participate in events. Most of SCSU services went to completely virtual platform due to the campus having restrictions set into place with COVID-19, which would mean having to keep events mostly virtual. Nonetheless these challenges were persevered.

**Summer Time Going into September*** Beyond creating events for the upcoming year, she was able to participate in virtual conferences, such as the College Student’s Alliance (CSA) and the Leaders Hall with student leaders across Canada and connect with them about our goals and endeavours for upcoming year. Mikaela has had the opportunity to work alongside the SCSU staff and executive at the SCSU Food Bank twice a week to provide students with essential food items and still continue to help there as much as I can.
* Throughout the summer, she worked at planning the first ever SCSU Virtual Frosh Month, Frosh of the Decades. There was a total of 4 weeks (se, 9 events and 2 challenges throughout the Frosh and each week represented a different decade from the 80’s, 90’s, 2000’s and 2010’s. 90% of our events were virtual, but we had the opportunity to hold one in-person event, our Drive-In Movie Night, which featured Ferris Bueller’s Day Off. From decade specific based trivia, to playing classic games such as Tetris (the 80s) and Jackbox games (2000s), a virtual escape room and hosting challenges like the TikTok challenge, where students were put to the test to create a fun TikTok to show off any of their talents or skills for the chance at winning a prize bundle. In total there were dozens of participants throughout the whole month and overall, students shared their love for the decades and some generational, fun events.

**Events Throughout 2020-2021*** There are been a total of over 30 events that have taken place this year by SCSU between September 2020 to present. We started off the school year with our Frosh of the Decades and then October rolled around quick with some fall and Halloween based events, such as pumpkin carving, a movie night featuring Ghostbusters, and a Cyber Sleuth/Detective event, all which were on virtual platforms such as Zoom, MS Teams and Teleparty.
* For the months of October and December, she created seasonal themed colouring pages where students could submit their colouring masterpieces to us to show off on our social media. For the fall colouring submission, there was a prize of a $25 Visa giftcard.
* November was the month of the first Paint Night with Kale, where she lead a virtual painting class via Teams, and the participants and Mikaela completed their own painting masterpiece step-by-step. This event became such a success that it was hosted twice more throughout the year, during our Frost Week and again in February.
* In November we held the ‘Get Outside Challenge’ where we challenged students to get outside and explore their local areas. With photo submissions via Instagram/Facebook platforms, students had the chance to win a ‘SCSU Get Outside’ Bundle and gift card for Joe’s Sports in Sault Ste. Marie.
* There were various movie nights held throughout the year, hosted through the Teleparty platform where multiple people are able to watch a movie at the same time virtually! Beyond the one in October, we had a Disney themed movie night during November, and a Marvel themed during our Frost Week, and will be having one more during April!
* Come 2021, we held our annual Frost Week! Every day from January 11-14th we held different interest groups, hosted by some of our staff and executive members at SCSU. Along with the movie night and Paint with Kale, we held a Frosty Bingo, another virtual Escape Room and a HIIT class led by Lisa Folz. We also had a ‘Build for a Burton’ giveaway, where students could submit their best snow creations for the chance to win a Burton snowboard! As well we held a Bright Lights show outside of the college throughout the holidays and into the new year.
* February started off with ‘The Office’ themed Trivia, hosted by Hub of the Hammer, with which students from Confederation College joined our event at well! Mikaela also lead a Bake Along event, where students and her virtually made sugar cookies together; as well she hosted my final Paint Afternoon with Kale. To end off our Sexual Health Awareness month, we held our annual Sexy Bingo (virtually) with Tim Murphy as the host!
* Now into March, we had an Embroidery Class, a St. Patrick’s Game Night and currently, we are in the midst of our Annual General Meeting and our Big A$$ Bingo!
* Throughout the year, she has also participated in several different meetings with other student leaders, meetings with our President and Vice Presidents of the College doing strategic planning, making executive decisions regarding the opening of Odeno
* Emails! Sending and replying to emails constantly.

**ISU President Report**Jenelle Manitowabi introduced herself as the current ISU President and presented her annual report.Last year was Jenelle’s first year attending Sault College. Out of her own desire, she approached the Indigenous Student Union and asked about position openings. She held the Social Events Coordinator position at this time. Although it was difficult to manage her workload as a varsity athlete, an active volunteer within the community, and as a student. She thoroughly enjoyed her time with SCSU. Last year (2019-2020) we went through three different presidents. Each individual did the job well which showed in the success that was our Love and Unity powwow. When the college closed at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ISU president position remained vacant throughout the summer resulting in a fall election. Jenelle was fortunate to be acclaimed for the ISU President’s position. As with many college events occurring virtually during the pandemic the student involvement was low. In the first semester ISU launched Sault College Reads Indigenous, a week-long event spotlighting indigenous authors and prizes of books. This event fell short and the ISU decided to re-evaluate our goals for the year. They decided to move forward using this year as a rebuilding year. Next year (2021-22) each position will come with a binder outlining the expectations, tips and resources sourced from previous ISU members. Blueprints for future events and fundraisers will be ready for whomever decides to represent the union in the upcoming year. This year ISU may have fallen short, but their time and effort has not gone to waste. Jenelle is excited and inspired when thinking of how this restructuring year will benefit the Indigenous Student Union moving forward.  |
| **Executive Director’s Report** Sue Misasi welcomed everyone to the AGM and introduced herself as the Executive Director for the Sault College Students’ Union.**Introduction**Sault College Students’ Union receives fees from each Full-Time student at Sault College. In total we collect $342 per student. As you can note on the attached slide, these fees are distributed amongst different categories. These include Student Association Fee, Student Membership Fee, Chapters and Clubs Fee, and others.SCSU also collects $190 per Full-Time student for the student Health and Dental Insurance Plan. This fee is one in which students may opt out if they have other comparable insurance.  In the case of an opt-out, the fee is credited to the students’ account.SCSU manages these fees to ensure that great services are provided to our students. Services such as on-campus activities and events, academic support, safe space student workstations, we have an on-campus student pub, nutritional programs such as the famous breakfast program and the food bank, volunteering opportunities, employment opportunities at both SCSU and our pub Odeno.SCSU continuously works on improving our services to provide each student a great experience at Sault College.  We create smother processes and procedures to reduce cost and increase services whenever possible.  We do this, while remaining fiscally responsible to our membership which are you, the students.  We carefully allot funds into account lines striving to have a balanced budget.This year, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, we adjusted many of our services to be provided on a virtual manner.   This adjustment was also reflected on a reduction of some of the fees.I strongly recommend that you look through the information I will be providing in this presentation today and if you have  any questions, comments or suggestions, please email SCSU at SCSUInfo@saultcollege.ca.    **Financial Report (6 attachments)**On the attached link noted on the screen,  <http://www.myscsu.ca/agm.html>, you will find the approved by the SCSU Board of Directors Budget for 2020-21 as well as for 2021-22 fiscal years.You will also find information as to the Year-To-Date revenue and expenditures of previous fiscal years going back to 2013-14.Also attached is the completed audited Year End Financial Statements and Audit Finding Reports for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2019 and for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2020.  These Audits and Findings are Independent reports conducted by KPMG.SCSU is once again happy to announce, that we (the students) are in a very strong financial position with nearly three year's fiscal responsibilities in reserves. In 2019-20 we experienced challenges due to the implementation of the Students Choice Initiative, in which many of our fees became elective. In 2020-21 no one would have predicted the challenges brough by Covid-19 Pandemic, in which many of our fees were reduced. However, SCSU stands strong and continues to deliver great services, while remaining fiscally responsible to our students.Again, Sue strongly recommend that you look through the information provided to you today and please if you have any questions, comments, suggestions email SCSU at SCSUInfo@saultcollege.ca.  For future reference, these audited documents will be available to you as well on the SCSU website, Myscsu.ca |
| 2021-03-30-1Motion to approve the Executive Director’s Financial Report as presented.**Moved By:** Carl Dion **Program:** Natural Environment Technician**Seconded By:** Deann Neyland **Program:** Early Childhood EducationAll in Favour.Motion Carries. |
| 2021-03-30-1Motion to approve that SCSU enters into association with the organization as presented for 2019-2020 fiscal year, AMICUS.**Moved By:** Hayleigh Haye-Sheen **Program:** Natural Environment Technician**Seconded By:** Andrew Budau **Program:** AviationAll in Favour.Motion Carries. |
| 2021-03-30-1Motion to approve KPMG as auditors of SCSU for the 2019-2020 fiscal years.**Moved By:** Sarah Mackenzie **Program:** Fish and Wildlife**Seconded By:** Adam Paliga **Program:** Forestry TechnicianAll in Favour.Motion Carries. |
| New Business None. |
| Adjourned at 7:21 p.m.Motion to Adjourn the SCSU AGM for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. |

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Brad Niendorf, Chairperson Tiffany Agliani, Recording Secretary