

Executive Summary

Highlights from the August 26, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting

Eli Ridder, Chair
Aashi Jhunjunwala, Vice Chair
Ercole Perrone, CEO

- Andrew Ness, Dean of International, gave a detailed update to the directors on the work Humber College is doing for international students amid the coronavirus pandemic.

“From making sure they are aware of the rules to creating activities to engage in to subsidizing quarantine living quarters, I can tell Humber College is working hard to make the start of the academic year that much easier in a challenging time.” – Eli Ridder

- The Governance Committee brought forward a proposal to change the current make-up of the board to include three directors from each campus, a change to the bylaws that was passed in a 5-4 vote. The bylaw amendment will come before the Special Meeting of the Members in September.

“When a board member is elected, they represent IGNITE and advocate for every student on campus. Hence each campus will get equal representation.” – Aashi Jhunjunwala

- The board received an update from Principal Diane Simpson who spoke on the new Humber College International Graduate School. We learned of the amazing opportunities it will offer students who aim to build their careers in Canada. There will be space for IGNITE events and activities, though not a permanent presence such as at North or Lakeshore Campuses.
- The Student Engagement Coordinators were invited to the board of directors meeting for the first time, giving an in-depth presentation on their advocacy and work over the past several months. The SECs have been pivotal in their role advocating for students.

“The board looks forward to working with the SECs this year on prioritizing meaningful advocacy and supporting each other in our roles.” – Eli Ridder

- Concerns highlighted by the directors in regards to extra program-related expenses incurred by students due the pandemic led to SEC advocacy that resulted in a bursary created for certain students. Humber created the Laptop Bursary Program to alleviate the strain of purchasing technology at this time. Students who apply are eligible to receive a bursary between \$500 and \$1,000 depending on their financial circumstances as well as the requirements for their program.

“The Student Engagement Coordinators are a valuable part of this team and have put in outstanding effort to fulfill the advocacy initiatives set by the board.” - Aashi Jhunjunwala