



Executive Summary

Highlights from the November 18, 2020
Board of Directors Meeting

Eli Ridder, Chair

Aashi Jhunjunwala, Vice Chair

Ercole Perrone, CEO

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- The Board of Directors heard from Ian Crookshank, Humber's Dean of Students, and Guelph-Humber's Brenda Whiteside, Interim Director of Administration and Student Services. They filled the Board in on how the college and university are approaching campus operations currently and plans for the future.
 - Ongoing meetings between IGNITE's SECs, CEO and the administration on a bi-weekly basis allow for the conversations to continue and for IGNITE to advocate on behalf of students.

"Ian and Brenda's time with us was super valuable and we appreciated their update on how their respective institutions are working together to keep campus safe and operating during this time."

• *Eli Ridder*

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- The board participated in a 2021-2022 budget consultation with Tara DeFransceco, IGNITE's Director of Finance and Administration, that was thoughtful and lively. Directors also approved a re-allocation within this year's budget of up to \$250,000 toward student bursaries and emergency funds.

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- The Board of Directors had two options on the table from the Governance Review Committee in regards to changing our policy. Option 1 was to formally establish Executive Summaries after every Board meeting and Media Days. Option 2 was to formally re-open board meetings with a few limitations.

I am excited to kick off and be a part of IGNITE's upcoming Media Days. I am also looking forward to seeing all interested individuals who want to come and get their voices heard, while getting anyone's questions and uncertainties answered!

• *Ryan Stafford*

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- The board voted for Option 1. Four voted in favour, three voted against and one abstained after several rounds of voting and much discussion. The following directors wanted it noted where they voted on the decision:
 - Gabi Hentschke was opposed.
 - Aashi Jhunjhunwala was opposed.
 - Eli Ridder was opposed.

“I ran on and still strongly believe that open Board meetings are key to a transparent student union. Allowing students to observe their elected representatives make decisions always fosters better discussions and accountability.”

• *Eli Ridder*

- Anthony Grguric abstained.

“I am purely abstaining for the reason that I believe we need a “circumstance dictates” policy where in the event that COVID-19 comes back that we will revert to option one and during a normal year we will go with the model of option two.”

• Anthony Grguric

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- The Board of Directors voted four in favour to three opposed with one abstaining to approve Shay Hamilton as a new director representing North Campus.

“I’m excited to have Shay join our board over the next few months! I believe her voice, experience and knowledge will add to our board discussions and further assist us as we strive to advocate and support students!”

• *Stefan Thomas*

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- Lakeshore Director Gabi Hentschke gave a presentation on her efforts to expand IGNITE's environmental sustainability efforts that received strong support from the board.

“To establish an official commitment to environmental sustainability at IGNITE, I have been developing a Sustainability Framework made up of two main branches: accountability and awareness. I presented a general breakdown to the Board and I am happy to see there is support to keep pursuing it.”

• *Gabi Hentschke*



“The meeting was our longest this term at four hours, and we had to push one agenda item back. However, it showed our strength in diverse voices and the seriousness as to which we advocate for students and aim to make the best decisions on behalf of those we represent.”

- *Eli Ridder*

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