



# Executive Summary

## Highlights from the January 20, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting

**Eli Ridder, Chair**

**Aashi Jhunjunwala, Vice Chair**

Ercole Perrone, CEO

- The Board of Directors heard fee protocol presentations from the following guests: Jason Hunter (VP, Students and Institutional Planning); Shaun Carson (Associate Director, Student Life and Learning); Melanie Chai (Associate Director, Advising & Career Services); Ray Chateau (Director, Athletics & Recreation).
  - First Year Experience (\$4), Career Services (\$1.25) and Athletics and Recreation (\$3) each requested approval from the Board for minor increases in fees for the 2022-2023 academic year.
  - After thoughtful discussion and careful consideration, directors voted unanimously to approve the proposed increases.

*“With continued and improved quality of student life the premise to their requests, the Board of Directors were able to find significant merit to approving the increases on behalf of the student body.”*

- *Eli Ridder*

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- Governance Committee Adherence Report as delivered by Keithtian Green.
    - The Governance Review Committee (GRC) has met numerous times during their term and have reviewed IGNITE Board policies and the by-laws. The GRC has continuously identified opportunities to provide more clarity within Board documents, stay in line with governance best practices and present



considerations for the IGNITE Board. The report identified the review progress and any key amendments.

- Overall, Board policies and by-laws were updated and amended to reflect the impact and changes of the current global pandemic, Institutional decisions and to include recommendations provided by IGNITE's lawyers.
- Executive Summaries and media days were added to the Board policies.
- The GRC also worked hard to produce a new 3-3-3 representation model for the campuses that IGNITE will serve, while preparing for an election taking place amid a pandemic.
- Several of these changes were approved as needed during the Special Meeting of the Members during the fall semester.

*"Transparency of the Board of Directors is very important to me, so it was encouraging to have Executive Summaries and Media Days included as part of formal Board policy so that they would continue into the future."*

- *Eli Ridder*

*While keeping the best interest of the student body in mind and ensuring the future Board runs smoothly, GRC took every opportunity they could to amend and update IGNITE's documents.*

- *Aashi Jhunjhunwala*

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- IGNITE Director of Finance and Administration Tara DeFrancesco gave a detailed nine-month Financial Statement Update that showed IGNITE on track to meet the budget approved by the current Board of Directors in the spring of 2020.

*"Tara presented the budgeted amounts approved by the Board compared to actual expenses for the nine-month period. She explained variances, mainly consequences of adapting activities to a virtual setting, asserting that IGNITE continues to support students."*

- *Gabi Hentschke*



- The Board of Directors had a thoughtful discussion about how to engage students in the upcoming Board election period starting in late January.
    - Stay tuned to @ShareIGNITE on social media and at [IGNITEStudentLife.com](http://IGNITEStudentLife.com) for the latest information on the election process and how Humber College and University of Guelph-Humber students can get involved.
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- Chair Eli Ridder and CEO Ercole Perrone updated the Board of Directors on plans to consider external advocacy options and the potential for IGNITE to take on an advocacy leadership role at a provincial level. This process is expected to continue in the coming months.