

Executive Summary

Highlights from November 17, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting

Shay Hamilton, Chair
Andy Do, Vice Chair
Ercole Perrone, CEO

- Camilla Ruiz Tacha and Meshanda Phillips (Student Engagement Coordinators) along with Kristine Galvan (Manager, Leadership and Advocacy) shared with the Board a report detailing several advocacy initiatives currently underway. The main initiatives discussed include a) a student petition regarding Humber's Winter 2022 plans, b) a student group concerned about recent program changes and c) a student group looking for support to develop an advisory group within their program (consistent with our efforts to build a Humber-specific Academic Program Representative framework). In addition, the team highlighted their continuous and ongoing meetings with senior leaders at Humber and Guelph-Humber to discuss matters impacting/benefitting students.

"Hearing from Meshanda, Camila, and Kristine on the advocacy efforts they have been working on is great. I am glad to know that students are being more active when it comes to advocating for themselves, and the SEC's work demonstrates how IGNITE is here to support students in their efforts." – Gabi Hentschke

- The Governance Review Committee reported on their work to date on key governance issues it is exploring and sought feedback from the rest of the Board. The main issues presented and discussed include staggered Board terms for Directors, the possible selection process, roles and responsibilities of a future President and Vice-Presidents (currently referred to as Chair and Vice-Chair), and the proposed creation of an Advocacy Committee comprised of Board members and Student Engagement Coordinators. The Board provided much feedback for the Committee to consider, and future discussions will occur amongst the Committee members with a report back to the Board at the December Board meeting.

"GRC is brainstorming ideas and options for increasing institutional memory and providing better support and communication with the Board members and staff." – Alex Sien

- The Finance & Audit Committee shared the results of IGNITE's student wide budget survey and facilitated a consultation exercise with the Board to inform the development of the 2022-23 operating budget. Board members provided their feedback as to their student investment priorities and the Committee members agreed to use the feedback to create a proposed operating budget for Board review and approval at a future Board meeting. In addition, the Board also approved returning all of IGNITE's fees back to their pre-COVID pandemic levels, maintaining the ability for students to opt-out of the Social Events and Opportunities fee.

Fiscal 2023 Fee Rates

Proposed F23 fees (full rates applied)		F22 rates (discount applied)	
Mandatory Fees		Mandatory Fees	
Career Success	\$10.50	Career Success	\$10.00
Membership	\$23.50	Membership	\$23.50
Well-being and Financial Security	\$18.00	Well-being and Financial Security	\$18.00
Advocacy + Leadership	\$12.00	Advocacy + Leadership	\$11.00
Total Fees	\$64.00	Total Fees	\$62.50
Optional Fees		Optional Fees	
Social Events and Opportunities	\$20.00	Social Events and Opportunities	\$0.00

“IGNITE is looking to address student issues and proposals to life on campus. IGNITE has heard a lot of valuable feedback from the budget consultation survey that over 900 students responded to. The Board discussed opportunities for the advancement of services that IGNITE offers on and off-campus to be included in next year’s budget. We have heard students’ voices about what services we offer are most relevant to them. Thanks to everyone who shared their opinion!” – Maksym Botte

“The budget consultation survey was well received by the student body and IGNITE gained insightful input that we’ll be able to implement next year. Moving forward, we are looking to offer more financial support for international students through bursaries. Also, we will be creating more part-time jobs on campus so that students will have an easier time managing their school-work balance!” – Gabi Rana

- Ercole Perrone (CEO) facilitated a brief strategic planning exercise to gather Board feedback on the current components of IGNITE’s Strategic Plan last approved in Winter 2018. Since then, the post-secondary education landscape has undergone significant transformation (Student Choice Initiative and the COVID pandemic) it was agreed that it was time to revisit this plan and consider the new and different issues faced by students that require IGNITE’s attention. Board members were asked to identify what changes they would like to see made and to forward those suggestions to E. Perrone.

“IGNITE’s CEO has yet again provided the framework to help IGNITE succeed. The strategic planning roadmap/exercise allows for all board members’ ideas and thoughts to be considered. It, therefore, allows discussion and decision making, which we would hope will ultimately lead to accomplishing our objectives.” – Shay Hamilton