



Executive Summary
Highlights from the
Wednesday, October 19, 2022
Board of Directors Meeting

Jessica Urzua, Chair
 Lauren Abela, Vice Chair
 Ercole Perrone, CEO

- The Leadership and Advocacy team, comprised of Meshanda Phillips (Student Advocate), Melany Palacios-Naranjo (Student Advocate) and Kristine Galvan (Manager, Leadership and Advocacy) presented IGNITE’s Advocacy Plan initiatives and priorities for the upcoming year. They outlined the 10 critical advocacy actions that IGNITE will prioritize over the next 3 - 5 years in the areas of:
 - Student representation on all institutional committees
 - Increase leadership activities
 - Leverage technology tools to support self-advocacy and the student's campus experience
 - Student placements to include compensation
 - Increase student participation in program reviews (APR's)
 - Textbook/course load affordability
 - Transparent/predictable tuition framework
 - Increase access to affordable, culturally diverse foods
 - Financial resources to support students in need/experiencing financial hardship
 - Advocate for culturally and racially relevant student supports for equity deserving students

They also spoke specifically about IGNITE’s participation on a Steering Committee leading an initiative focusing on advocating to the provincial government about the rising costs of international student tuition. IGNITE, in partnership with other student unions such as Sheridan, Mohawk, Centennial and Conestoga are developing plans for a provincial-wide march with other student associations on Thursday, November 17th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Queen's Park to address international student tuition fairness.

“Rest assured that plans are moving forward to address the high tuition cost for international students.”

- Jessica Urzua, Chair

- The Board of Directors heard from the Director of Finance and Administration at IGNITE, Tara DeFrancesco, who reviewed a proposal from a student benefit insurance vendor for the provision of Health & Dental Insurance for Domestic and International students at the University of Guelph-Humber and Humber College. The proposal spelled out the negotiated agreement details that the Board approved as presented.

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Accidental	3.00	3.00	3.15	3.15	3.24	3.24
Pres. Drug	35.84	35.84	37.63	37.63	38.76	38.76
MMED	40.64	40.64	42.67	42.67	43.95	43.95
Dental	125.50	125.50	131.78	131.78	135.73	135.73

GST (8%)	16.40	16.40	17.22	17.22	17.73	17.73
Admin	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
HST (13%)	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	.10
Total	222.23	222.23	233.30	233.30	240.26	240.26

In summary, IGNITE negotiated a below inflationary and claiming trend increases, under a 6-year term. We are delivering a 24-month rate guaranteed locked in 3 successive terms, with competitive adjustments of +5% and +3% every other year.

“On behalf of the Finance & Audit Committee, we are confident that these changes stated herein are a reflection of student concerns brought forth to IGNITE, which has done excellent work to ensure students receive the highest services at the lowest rates.”

- Lauren Abela, Vice Chair

- The Governance Review Committee presented draft amendments to IGNITE’s By-laws. These amendments are being drafted to adhere to recent changes to the Ontario Non-Profit Corporations Act as well as address the recommendation to include IGS representation on the Board. Specifically, the Board has reached consensus to allocate one representative for the IGS campus, increasing total Board composition to 10 as of 2023-24. The GRC will finalize all amendments and seek formal Board approval by the end of December 2022.

" This month the governance committee discussed potential amendments to the by-laws to better represent the needs of our student membership."

- Fiona Mahadeo, Board of Directors

- College Student Alliance (CSA) is in the planning phase to conduct a focus group at Guelph-Humber and Humber College. The desired outcome is to determine topics for the development of student toolkits for CSA to create and distribute to its membership.

“It's a privilege to be a part of the College Student Alliance (CSA) as IGNITE's representative. Since I started in this role, I've learnt that affordability is a major concern for most students. CSA is preparing to advocate for affordability and student tuition fees.”

- Aksnoor Singh Kamboj, Board of Directors