

Members Present: Jacob Baisley (Chair, Faculty), Sarah Moore (Admin), Matthew Wilmot (Admin), Ojeniyi Adegoke (Faculty), Anna-Liisa Mottonen (Faculty), Vimal Savsani (Faculty), Veronika Torma (Faculty), Connor Andrews (Support Staff), Ksenia Gvozdikova (Support Staff), Rebecca Morin (Support Staff), Ziyaad Rajabalee (Support Staff), Reece Sommerfeld (Student)

Members Absent: Gavin Park (Vice Chair, Faculty), Lekhanath Paudel (Faculty), Colleen Piekarski (Faculty), Kristopher Smith (Support Staff), Sruti Panicker (Student), Madison Sutherland (Student)

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm by Jacob Baisley.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Rebecca Morin
Seconded by Anna-Liisa Mottonen

CARRIED

3.0 Approval of the Previous Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes recorded for the regular meeting of College Council on February 4th, 2026.

Moved by Sarah Moore
Seconded by Rebecca Morin

CARRIED

4.0 Update on Previous Action Items

Members provided updates on their assigned action items. The following were completed:

- Rebecca reached out to the Sustainability department regarding tracking AI consumption/usage. This is not yet being done due to difficulties in data collection, but it is on the roadmap.
- Jacob sent the recommendations of the council to the student success team regarding some new workshops that members felt warranted consideration.
- Rebecca connected with the marketing team to discuss the possibility of running more stories in the media focused on the good work of our students and particularly our international students.
- Ksenia connected with administrators on the possibility of expanding the conversation club with collaboration from Nipissing University and the expansion is already underway.
- Jacob identified and shared the source and distribution strategy for the document outlining the responsibilities of various Canadore departments. Members also highlighted that Dayforce has a very detailed employee directory with organizational relationships.
- Members reviewed the operating manual and made their recommendations for edits.

Motion to approve the current draft of the operating manual and send to union local reps for review.

Moved by Rebecca Morin

Seconded by Connor Andrews

CARRIED

Jacob will send the draft manual to the presidents of the support staff and faculty union for feedback.

ACTION ITEM - JACOB

The following action items are still in progress:

- Jacob initiated conversation with the CAELL and ODTM teams regarding the issue that was raised around the Faculty Development Program and it's status as an In-Service Teacher Training program for the purposes of salary

grid advancement for faculty. He hasn't heard back yet, but clarified that the events of the prior few weeks likely meant that many departments had to quickly reprioritize and this may have been lost in the shuffle. Jacob will follow up again to see if he can provide a response to the submitter of the issue.

Jacob will continue to follow up on the FDP program, as well as outstanding action items from previous meetings: scheduling workflows, software strategies, internet access in labs, and discipline-specific AI education strategies.

ACTION ITEM – JACOB

5.0 Report on Standing List of Issues

5.1 CSC Activity Report (Student representative)

Members shared the success of recent initiatives such as the campaigns run for Black History Month, the Olympics watch parties, and more.

Members also shared news of upcoming events and initiatives, including the elections for new CSC executive members, ideas for SDG month, drop-in sports, and residence "takeovers".

5.2 Health and Safety Update

No Health and Safety reps were present at this meeting and no new issues were raised to bring back to the committee.

5.3 Sustainability / Technology / Strategic Direction

Jacob shared that he has meetings set up with Sandra Efu to discuss some goal setting and identify areas of mutual concern for the President and the Council.

Members also discussed an upcoming food waste presentation at the Conversation Club.

5.4 Supporting Students

Members shared that students often don't know who they are meant to contact for various concerns they may have at the College. Members

discussed the existence of some program-specific guides that exist, as well as the College-wide Student Concerns Process. Members shared that the details of the Student Concerns Process may be better communicated to students, perhaps highlighted during their orientation or posted more publicly.

Jacob will reach out to Student Success to discuss options for highlighting the pertinent details of the process with students – who to contact for various concerns.

ACTION ITEM – JACOB

Members also discussed the difficulty associated with getting students in one year programs to engage or find representation on the Canadore Students' Council, due to the nature of the election cycle. Members discussed options and shared that the idea of program reps is being considered to encourage representation and engagement from students in shorter programs.

Members also discussed ongoing initiatives with Yes Employment and the career centre to develop bridging programs to help connect international students with local jobs and encourage them to stay in the community.

5.5 Supporting Employees

No new issues raised.

5.6 Operating Manual Review

Members had already approved the current draft earlier, so no further discussion occurred.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Elections for Chair and Vice-Chair

Jacob opened the floor to nominations for the position of Chair.

Ksenia nominated Rebecca Morin for the position. Rebecca allowed her name to stand for nomination.

No other nominations were made, so Jacob closed the floor to nominations.

Members voted and Rebecca Morin was the successful candidate for the position of College Council Chair for the upcoming two-year term (academic years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028).

Jacob opened the floor to nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

Rebecca nominated Ksenia Gvozdikova for the position. Ksenia allowed her name to stand for nomination.

No other nominations were made, so Jacob closed the floor to nominations.

Members voted and Ksenia was the successful candidate for the position of College Council Vice-Chair for the upcoming two-year term (academic years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028).

Motion to officially recognize the results of the Chair election.

Moved by Anna-Liisa Mottonen

Seconded by Connor Andrews

CARRIED

Motion to formally recognize the results of the Vice-Chair election.

Moved by Anna-Liisa Mottonen

Seconded by Ziyaad Rajabalee

CARRIED

6.2 Anti-Racism Pilot Course

The pilot course previously shared with members via email had begin and members engaged in a brief discussion around upcoming opportunities to participate in the course.

7.0 Adjournment

Jacob B moved to adjourn at 6:14pm.

CARRIED

Minutes submitted by: **Jacob Baisley**

Approved by Council on: April 8, 2026

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Baisley", is written over a horizontal line.