

# Class President Package

A Guide to being a successful SUCCI Member 09-10



What You Need to Know About SUCCI's Student Leadership Structure

In this guide, you'll find...

## **Greetings and THANK YOU!**

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# WELCOME

Thank you for volunteering to be a Class President!

Over the next year you will find that the Class President System is a rewarding leadership experience that very often leads to more student leadership opportunities. This package includes useful information about the Class President System and what you can do to make a difference. Over the course of this past summer, much work has been put into the improvement of the Class President System to make it easier to be involved in while making the experience more rewarding. Any feedback about our new system would be greatly appreciated and can be directed to Josh Iredale at 475.6586 or [vicepres@succi.com](mailto:vicepres@succi.com).



# SUCCI

## What IS SUCCI?

The Student Union of Confederation College Inc. is the student government body that represents and serves Confederation College Students. SUCCI was incorporated in 1971 and is vital to college life. Today, SUCCI is responsible for an annual budget of \$2 million, has 5 professional staff, approximately 400 part time student employees and 18 board members. SUCCI provides a wide variety of excellent student-friendly services and enhance a student's overall College experience. Special events, activities, student employment, health plan, campus recreation and varsity athletics are part of the services available through SUCCI.

### **SUCCI Mission Statement**

Through pro-active leadership and representation, SUCCI will advocate for the best interest of the student body and will provide student services which compliment student life, foster personal growth and development, and enhance the formal education process.

## Advocacy and the CSA (College Student Alliance)



**SUCCI** represents our students on college committees that range from student issues, to college campaigns. It is our responsibility and pleasure to represent the students opinions along side our college staff.

### Some committees we advocate on are:

- Bookstore Advisory Committee
- RESPECT Steering Committee
- College Planning Committee
- Sustainability Committee
- Academic Council
- Information Technology Fee Committee
- SSALT
- Board of Governors

Through the active participation of our student leaders, we stay on the forefront of pertinent student issues and act based on student input.



The **College Student Alliance (CSA)** is a member-driven association, representing student-governing bodies at community colleges across Ontario.

Responding to student concerns about tuition fees

Keeping student associations and students informed about timely issues such as the provincial election and the potential faculty strike

Ensuring that the college student associations' right to exist was included in the New Charter for Colleges of Applied Arts & Technology

Advocating for increased credit recognition and transferability for college students

Improving overall government funding to colleges



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## **Services for Students**

### **○ Health Plan**

Every full time student is automatically included in our Health plan which covers students from September 1<sup>st</sup> until August 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they pay their student fees. Every student has the opportunity to withdraw from the health plan by September and receive a full refund.

### **○ Campus Employment Service**

SUCCI works with Confederation College to provide on campus employment in a variety of departments which compliment learning by allowing students to gain in-field experience.

### **○ Campus Recreation**

Whether it be basketball or bowling, SUCCI provides an abundance of free sport-related events for our students.

### **○ Varsity Athletics**

SUCCI is one of the few Student Associations within Ontario that runs its own varsity program. These sports include:

Mens and womens indoor soccer

Curling

Cross Country Running

Golf

### **○ Student Newspaper (the opus)**

SUCCI is also one of the few Student Associations within Ontario which funds and operates its own biweekly newspaper.



## ○ **Wellness and Diversity Programming**

Recently established as a permanent staple within our programming, Wellness and Diversity informs students of the pertinent issues in relation to health (mental, physical and sexual) as well as social issues that effect all of our student body.

## ○ **Fitness Centre Memberships**

Every full time student automatically receives a Gold membership to our fitness centre for the year.

## ○ **Class/Club Banking Service**

Not only to help the clubs which exist within the college, SUCCI provides free banking services for classes that fundraise for their program.

## ○ **Club Funding**

By filling out a club application form, any student is eligible for funding to start a student interest club on campus.

## ○ **Student Lounge**

A welcoming open environment that allows students to study, relax or just hang out with some friends, this space is also home to some of SUCCI's events on campus.

## ○ **Student Food Bank**

Through fundraising and community help, SUCCI offers a student food bank to help relieve cash-strapped students in need.

## ○ **Awards/Bursaries/Scholarships**

SUCCI gives out approximately \$400,000 in awards, bursaries and scholarships to student in need, as well as students involved in their college community.

## What is a Class President?



### Mission Statement

*The role of the Class President is to compliment student life through active communication between the students of Confederation College and SUCCI.*

The Class President's role is to act as a liaison between the Students and the Student Union Board of Directors. The Student Union has important information that needs to be conveyed to the students who make up its membership. The Students have essential information and needs that are required by the Board of Directors to ensure that the Board is effectively representing their membership.

The Class President System is set up to maintain a mechanism for feedback regarding issues of concern or importance from the Student Population to the Board of Directors and Administration of the Student Union. Regular Divisional Meetings are scheduled and chaired by the Senator of each division to facilitate this system in designated meeting areas. Class Presidents are selected or appointed by their class/program through a **facilitated election**.

The Class President's Responsibilities are:

1. To attend all divisional meetings scheduled by the Senator of their division.
2. Communicate concerns, ideas and suggestions from their respective class at the divisional class representative meeting.
3. Relay information and discuss with their class, upcoming activities, services, events and current issues affecting students.
4. Meet to discuss potential Student Union activities, services and issues affecting the Student Body.

## Class President Points

- Class Presidents are rewarded for participation through a points system.
- Points are recorded on "Points Sheets", which are issued as well as handed in at each meeting.
- In accordance to the Mission Statement for the Class President System, the role of the Class President is *"to compliment student life through active communication between the students of Confederation College and SUCCI."* All Presidents are required to do a bi-weekly report to their peers, collecting two classmates, and one faculty members' signature.
- Participation in SUCCI and College events is encouraged. Points can be collected when attending events.

### **Points They Can Get!**

Attendance of Meetings	10
Presentation to Class	10
Attendance at SUCCI events	2
Other School Committees	2

The purpose of this system is to create a sense of accountability with our Presidents, in order to keep track of progress and participation, as well as reward those who give back to their college community.



## 2009-2010 Class President Council Schedule



**Mondays 12-1pm**

**Sept 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Sept 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Oct 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Oct 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Nov 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Nov 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Dec 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Jan 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Feb 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Mar 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Apr 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Apr 19<sup>th</sup>**

Meetings are held in rooms:

Shuniah –Rm C242

McIntyre –Rm 191

ACE –Rm

Meetings run from 12 pm-1pm