



Student Senate Meeting/United Indigenous Students' Council

Thursday February 12, 2026

10:00 AM

Simcoe Composite School

AGENDA

A - 1	10:00	Arrival and Check In	
TB - 1	10:10	Opening (a) Welcome (b) Opening Address (c) Land Acknowledgement (d) Approval of minutes – November 20, 2025	Trustee Thompson S. Gibson Trustee Singh Trustee Staats
C - 1	10:30	Candidate Panel (a) North (b) Voting to follow	Trustee Singh
D - 1	10:30	District Caucus (a) South (b) United Indigenous Students' Council	Trustee Thompson Trustee Staats
E - 1	11:30	Lunch	
F - 1	12:15	Working Groups (a) Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (b) Mental Health (c) Student Voice	Trustee Singh Trustee Thompson Trustee Staats
G - 1	1:15	Round Table Discussion	
H - 1	1:25	Closing (a) Closing Address	S. Gibson
	1:30	(b) Departure of Students back to Secondary Schools	
I-1		Future Meetings March 26, 2026 (BCI), April 30, 2026 (DDSS)	Trustee Thompson



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Hagersville Secondary School

MINUTES

Present:

Cayuga Secondary School, Delhi District Secondary School, McKinnon Park, Nations New Start, North Park Collegiate, Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School, Simcoe Composite School, Tollgate Technological Skills Centre, Valley Heights Secondary School

Regrets: GELA

Student Trustees: Prabhsidak Singh (Representing North), Ryleigh Staats, (Representing Indigenous), Harper Thompson (Representing South)

Administration: Superintendent Regan Vankerrebroeck

Recorder: Rebecca Mason

A - 1 Arrival and Check In

B - 1 Opening

(a) Superintendent Vankerrebroeck opened the meeting and welcomed Senators.

(b) Student Trustee Thompson read the Land Acknowledgement.

(c) Student Trustee Staats played the Ohsen:ton Kariwatehkwen Opening Address.

(d) Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: D. Tilson

Seconded by: H. Kennedy

THAT the UISC & Student Senate accept the November 20, 2025, consent agenda and the recommendations contained within

Approve the minutes of:

(i) Student Senate minutes dated May 1, 2025

Carried

(e) Description of Working Groups

Student Trustees each described their working groups.

C - 1 District Caucus – Introductions and sharing

Student Trustees each broke into district caucus meetings to discuss topics relevant to their districts.

D - 1 Working Groups

UISC & Student Senators broke into working groups.

E - 1 Round Table Discussion



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UISC & Student Senators summarized the working group discussion:

Mental Health

Strategies were discussed to reduce exam stress and burnout, including Mental Health Week activities like snacks, music, and creating safe spaces for support. A suggestion was made to use Student Support Days to promote well-being.

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

The group explored the meaning of equity, diversity, and inclusion, emphasizing inclusive holiday celebrations, diverse clubs, and school-wide events to ensure everyone feels included. Feedback was provided on the menstrual equity project for the Ministry.

Student Voice

Schools highlighted their efforts and successes in amplifying Student Voice and discussed strategies to further expand and strengthen student participation across all schools.

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Lunch

G - 1

Keynote Speaker – Stacey Laforme

(a)

Introduction – Stacey Laforme was introduced by Student Trustee Staats

(b)

UISC & Student Senators had the opportunity to hear former Gimaa Stacey Laforme share his personal reflection and a call for greater understanding and connection through the lens of Indigenous wisdom and storytelling from his book Beneath The Surface Poems and Their Stories.

(c)

Stacey Laforme was thanked by Student Trustee Singh.

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Closing

The meeting ended with the closing address by J. Gibson.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15pm

Future Meetings

February 12, 2025, March 26, 2025, April 30, 2025