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# Attendance – February 15, 2023

Board of Directo	ors		
At-Large Represer	ntatives (Elected)	Present / Regrets	Arrived / Departed
Vacant	College of Arts		
Vacant	College of Arts		
Sanya Sareen	College of Biological Science	Present	
Simran Kalra	College of Biological Science	Present	
Jake Levy	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences	Present	
Jesse Varkul	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences	Present	
Ella Odeh	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences	Regrets	
Jacob Miller	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences	Present	d: 7:53pm
Mauricio Fernandez	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Regrets	
Daniel Neiterman	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Regrets	
Isha Maharaj	Ontario Agricultural College	Present	
Jenna Scharnowski	Ontario Agricultural College	Present	
Vacant	Ontario Veterinary College		
Vacant	Ontario Veterinary College		
Member College G (Appointed)	overnment Representatives	Present / Regrets	Arrived / Departed
Vacant	College of Arts Student Union		
Ana Maria Mercu	College of Biological Science Student Council	Present	
Michaela Hishon	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council	Present	
Samantha Ogbeiwi	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences - Student Alliance	Regrets	
Alec Moyle	Lang Students' Association	Regrets	
Kelly Ruigrok	Student Federation of the Ontario Agricultural College	Regrets	
Vacant	Central Veterinary Student Association (Ontario Veterinary College)		

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Student Organizati	on Representatives (Appointed)	Present / Regrets	Arrived / Departed
Duncan McGuire	Indigenous Student Society (ISS)	Regrets	
Martha Yiridoe	Guelph Black Students Association (GBSA)	Present	
Olivia Smith	Guelph Queer Equality (GQE)	Present	
Vacant	Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity (GRCGED)		
Varnika Karavadi	International Student Organization (ISO)	Present	
Anthony Pereira	Interhall Council (IHC)	Present	
Naomi Amayaevbo	Guelph Campus Co-op	Present	
Trennon Wint	Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG)	Absent	
Michelle Wilk	Student Senate Caucus	Present	d: 7:53pm
Vacant	Board of Governors		
Executive (Ex-offic	tio, Non-voting)	Present / Regrets	Arrived / Departed
Nicole Walker	President	Present	
Vacant	Vice President Student Experience		
Mason Friebe	Vice President Academic	Present	
Jena-Lee Ashley	Vice President External	Present	

Staff	Position
Cameron Olesen	Chair
Colleen Bovay	Policy & Transition Coordinator
Sean Lloyd	Scribe

Guest	Affiliation
Paige Quinn	CSA Bike Centre Coordinator
Kayla Weiler	Canadian Federation of Students – Ontario
Moe Alqasem	

Note: If a Member arrives after the Call to Order, their arrival time (a) is shown above. If they leave before Adjournment, their departure time (d) is shown. If no time is shown in the column, they were present for the entire meeting.



# Summary of Resolutions

# 14.2.1 Approve the Agenda

**MOTION**: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 14 on February 15, 2023, be approved as printed and distributed.

# Motion Carried

**MOTION TO AMEND:** that **Item 14.11.2: Student Budget Committee Presentation** be removed from the agenda.

# Motion Carried

**MOTION TO AMEND:** That the agenda be reordered so that **Item 14.9.1: Bike Centre Service Update** is the first item of discussion; and

FURTHER that the agenda be reordered so that Item 14.11.1: Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) – Ontario: Presentation is the second item of discussion.

# **Motion Carried**

**MOTION AS AMENDED:** That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 14 on February 15, 2023, be approved as amended with:

- The reordering of the agenda so that **Item 14.9.1: Bike Centre Service Update** is the first item of discussion; and
- The reordering of the agenda so that **Item 14.11.1: Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) – Ontario: Presentation** is the second item of discussion.

**Motion Carried** 

# 14.3.1 Ratification of Guelph Campus Co-op Representative

**MOTION:** That **Naomi Amayaevbo** be appointed as a Student Organization Representative for the **Guelph Campus Co-Op** on the 2022-23 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.



#### Motion Carried

#### 14.7 Executive Updates

**MOTION:** That the following Executive Updates be received as information:

14.7.1	President	February 15, 2023
14.7.2	VP Student Experience (vacant)	
14.7.3	VP Academic	February 15, 2023
14.7.4	VP External	February 15, 2023

#### **Motion Carried**

#### 14.9.1 Bike Centre Service Update

### (a) Extend Speaking Rights to Bike Centre Coordinator

**WHEREAS** CSA Rules of Order, Section 3.3 states that visitors can be extended speaking rights following a motion passed by the Board of Directors;

**MOTION:** to extend speaking rights to Paige Quinn, Bike Centre Coordinator, to present the Bike Centre Service Update.

#### Motion Carried

#### (b) Receive the Bike Centre Service Update Presentation

**MOTION:** to receive the Bike Centre Service Update as presented by Paige Quinn, Bike Centre Coordinator, as information.

#### Motion Carried

#### 14.10.1 Policy & Bylaw Review Committee Meeting # 2 Minutes

**MOTION:** that the minutes for the following Policy & Bylaw Review Committee meeting be received as information by the CSA Board of Directors:

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14.10.1	Meeting # 2	January 10, 2023

Motion Carried

#### 14.10.2 Summary of Committee Appointments

**MOTION:** That the **Summary of Committee Appointments**, as presented in the Board Agenda Package, be received as information.

#### **Motion Carried**

#### 14.11.1 Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) Ontario – Presentation

#### (a) Speaking Rights: CFS Ontario Representatives

**WHEREAS** CSA Rules of Order, Section 3.3 states that visitors can be extended speaking rights following a motion passed by the Board of Directors;

**WHEREAS** CSA Rules of Order, Section 3.9, states that presentations will be given a maximum of ten minutes; and

**WHEREAS** CSA Rules of Order, Section 3.9.1, states that the length of a presentation may be extended by a Board motion;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that speaking rights be extended to Kayla Weiler and Moe Alqasem for a presentation regarding the Canadian Federation of Students – Ontario;

**AND FURTHER** to extend speaking time from 10 minutes to 20 minutes for this presentation.

#### Motion Carried

#### (b) Presentation

**MOTION:** That the presentation by Kayla Weiler and Moe Alqasem, regarding the Canadian Federation of Students – Ontario, be received as information.

#### Motion Carried



#### 14.11.3 Ratify Referendum Question: The Arboretum Student Engagement Fee

**WHEREAS** CSA Policy Appendix G – Electoral, Section 6.3 states that referendum questions shall be included in the Elections period as approved by the Board of Directors;

**WHEREAS** CSA Policy Appendix G – Electoral, Section 10.1 states that the final ratification date for referendum questions will be the last Board meeting of the General Election nomination period; and

**WHEREAS** The referendum team comprised of The Arboretum and Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots: University of Guelph Chapter was successful in collecting the appropriate number of verified petition signatures required for a referendum question to be ratified by the Board of Directors;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the CSA Board of Directors ratify the referendum question from The Arboretum and Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots, as presented in the Board Agenda Package, to be included on the ballot of the CSA Winter 2023 General Elections.

#### Motion Carried

#### 14.11.4 Notice: Policy and Bylaw Manual Language Amendments re PBRC

Note: Bylaw 1 - Organizational, Section 12, states that amendments to a CSA Bylaw require one Board meeting notice. Bylaw amendments require a two-thirds majority vote at a Board meeting.

Note: Bylaw 4 – Policy of the CSA, Section 2.2 states that amendments to a policy require one Board meeting notice, and a two-thirds majority vote at a meeting of the Board.

Notice of this motion is hereby provided at the Board meeting on February 15, 2023.

The following motion will be considered at the Board meeting on March 1, 2023.

**MOTION:** That the CSA Policy and Bylaw Manual be amended as follows:

• That all occurrences of the word 'Aboriginal' throughout the Policy and Bylaw Manual be deleted and replaced with the word 'Indigenous';



• That all occurrences of the job title 'Policy and Transition Manager' throughout the Policy and Bylaw Manual be deleted and replaced with the job title 'Policy and Transition Coordinator'.

### 14.11.5 Notice: HR Policy Amendment re PBRC

Note: Bylaw 4 – Policy of the CSA, Section 2.2 states that amendments to a policy require one Board meeting notice, and a two-thirds majority vote at a meeting of the Board.

Notice of this motion is hereby provided at the Board meeting on February 15, 2023.

The following motion will be considered at the Board meeting on March 1, 2023.

**MOTION:** That CSA Policy Appendix C – Human Resources Policy be amended as follows:

• That Section 4.2.2 be deleted and replaced with the following wording:

The Striking of a hiring committee at the last Executive Committee Meeting prior to the close of the job posting period. The hiring committee shall consist of the Executive Supervisor, a CSA staff member (preferably the outgoing position holder or staff supervisor) and a member of the Core Staff team, to be selected by the CSA President. At the discretion of the CSA President, individuals outside CSA staff and Executive may also be appointed to the hiring committee as applicable.

• That Section 4.2.6 be deleted and replaced with the following wording:

The Hiring Committee Chair will be the Executive Supervisor of the position. In the event that the Executive Supervisor is unable to be Chair, an alternate member of the Executive will be appointed Chair at the discretion of the CSA President.

#### 14.11.6 Teaching Excellence Award Selection Committee

**WHEREAS** the Teaching Excellence Award (TEA) is coordinated by the Vice President Academic, as per CSA Policy Appendix A – Executive Portfolios, Section 4.4;



**WHEREAS** a Selection Committee must be formed to review nominations and choose the recipient(s) of the 2023 Teaching Excellence Award; and

**WHEREAS** CSA Policy Appendix D – CSA Committees, Section 3.8.1 states that each CSA committee shall have formal terms of reference to determine their responsibilities and expectations;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the CSA Board of Directors approve the Terms of Reference for the Teaching Excellence Award Selection Committee, as included in the Board Agenda Package;

**FURTHER** that the following Executive member be appointed to the TEA Selection Committee:

**AND FURTHER** that the following Board Directors be appointed to the TEA Selection Committee:

Michaela Hishon		
Sanya Sareen		
Isha Maharaj		

**Motion Carried** 

#### 14.11.7 Appoint University Centre (UC) Board Member

**WHEREAS** it is the responsibility of the University Centre Board ('UC Board') to establish written policies respecting the use of facilities and management of space within the University Centre; to acknowledge the special requirements of user groups to manage their own activities within the spaces assigned to them, and to provide services for the University Community at large;

**WHEREAS** the UC Board is comprised of ten (10) students, four (4) university appointees, two (2) alumni, two (2) clubs' representatives; including one (1) CSA Executive, nine (9) CSA representatives, and five (5) 'Alternates' appointed by the CSA Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS** there is one (1) vacancy to fill for a CSA member on the UC Board due to a resignation;

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following CSA Member be appointed to the UC Board for a term including the remainder of the 2022-23 academic year, and for the 2023-24 academic year:

Jenna Scharnowski

#### Motion Carried

#### 14.11.8 Appoint Members to Elections Appeals Board

**WHEREAS** CSA Policy Appendix G – Electoral, Section 27.3.1 states that the Elections Appeals Board (EAB) shall consist of the following:

- Three Directors; and
- Two General Members of the CSA in good standing

**WHEREAS** there are currently two vacancies on the EAB for General Members of the CSA in good standing; and

**WHEREAS** CSA Policy Appendix G – Electoral, Section 27.3.4 states that the membership of the EAB shall consist of no less than 40% women-identified individuals;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following CSA members be appointed to the Elections Appeals Board for the remainder of the 2022-2023 academic year:

Simran Kalra	
Sanya Sareen	

Motion Carried

#### 14.15 Adjournment

**MOTION:** That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 14 on February 15, 2023, be adjourned at 8:12 pm.

**Motion Carried** 

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14.14	In Camera Session	
14.15	Adjournment	



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#### 14.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm.

# 14.1 Land Acknowledgement

Member Jena-Lee Ashley presented the following Land Acknowledgement:

I would like to begin by acknowledging the place that connects all of us, the University of Guelph, is situated on the traditional lands of the Hodinöhsö:ni' and Anishinaabe and the treaty lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit. We have a collective responsibility to honour the Dish with One Spoon Covenant to this land, which is a peace agreement between nations that encourages sharing the land to mutually benefit all.

I first heard of land acknowledgments in 2017, my first year at the University of Guelph. Considering there is no pan-Indigeneity across Turtle Island, there are mixed feelings amongst Indigenous people on giving land acknowledgements. Personally, I like to acknowledge the land because I am a visitor here. I was born on and am a member of Moose Cree and James Bay Treaty 9 land.

Land acknowledgments give us all the opportunity to reflect on and understand the long-standing history that has brought us to the land we occupy. There is nothing comfortable about them, they provoke us all to, as one of my favorite youtubers would say, seek discomfort. My Kukom (grandmother) was a residential school survivor, my mother experienced inter-generational trauma leading to her giving me up to be raised by my father's adoptive parents, or my grandparents. This isn't uncommon, as a result of residential schools many Indigenous people were not raised within their communities.

With that being said, I would like to take this time again to offer my respect to my Anishinaabe, Hodinöhsö:ni', and Metis brothers and sisters as we continue our efforts in building a strong and authentic relationship with our settler neighbours.

Jena-Lee Ashley, VP External

# 14.2 Adoption of the Agenda

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### 14.2.1 Approve the Agenda

**MOTION**: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 14 on February 15, 2023, be approved as printed and distributed.

Moved: Jake Levy Seconded: Sanya Sareen

**MOTION TO AMEND:** that **Item 14.11.2: Student Budget Committee Presentation** be removed from the agenda.

**Moved:** Nicole Walker, President **Seconded:** Michelle Wilk

Nicole Walker, President explained there was a miscommunication with the presenter, and the presentation will be moved to a later date, likely March 1.

#### **Motion Carried**

**MOTION TO AMEND:** That the agenda be reordered so that **Item 14.9.1: Bike Centre Service Update** is the first item of discussion; and

FURTHER that the agenda be reordered so that Item 14.11.1: Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) – Ontario: Presentation is the second item of discussion.

**Moved**: Nicole Walker, President **Seconded**: Anthony Pereira

Nicole Walker, President, explained that we have the presentations held first so we are mindful of our presenters' time.

#### Motion Carried

**AMENDED MOTION**: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 14 on February 15, 2023, be approved as amended with:

• The reordering of the agenda so that **Item 14.9.1: Bike Centre Service Update** is the first item of discussion; and



• The reordering of the agenda so that Item 14.11.1: Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) – Ontario: Presentation is the second item of discussion.

Motion Carried

#### 14.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

Member Jake Levy declared a conflict of interest with **Item 14.11.8 Appoint Members to Elections Appeals Board** because he will be running in the election that the Elections Appeals Board applies to. As a result, he will abstain from the vote.

#### 14.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

#### 14.3.1 Ratification of Guelph Campus Co-op Representative

**MOTION:** That Naomi Amayaevbo be appointed as a Student Organization Representative for the Guelph Campus Co-Op on the 2022-23 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Moved: Jake Levy Seconded: Jacob Miller

**Motion Carried** 

# 14.4 Comments from the Chair

**Cameron Olesen, Board Chair:** Glad to see that we are well off for our quorum tonight. We have two presentations tonight so we will need to extend speaking rights to the presenters and extend their time. As always, remember to distinguish whether you would like to be added to the speaker's list by raising your placard or to interject by raising your hand.

#### 14.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

Each member provided their name, pronouns, and role on the Board.

#### 14.7 Executive Updates

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**MOTION:** That the following Executive Updates be received as information:

14.7.1	President	February 15, 2023
14.7.2	VP Student Experience (vacant)	
14.7.3	VP Academic	February 15, 2023
14.7.4	VP External	February 15, 2023

**Moved:** Anthony Pereira **Seconded:** Sanya Sareen

#### **Motion Carried**

### 14.7.1 President

The CSA office renovations are ongoing. It was delayed with COVID for awhile, but it is finally moving forward. There will be new paint, new carpet, and new furniture. The office will be closed next week but the main front office will still be open from 10 AM to 4 PM to access supports you need. SafeWalk, the Bullring, the Bike Centre, and the Clubs Office will be closed over Reading Week. Clubs will monitor via email and still be reachable. The elections team and SE&RM coordinator will be working online. Business office has moved temporarily to the yellow-door office and will stay there until the end of March.

Thanks to all who attended the Student Affordable Housing Taskforce last week. We are in the process of following up for sub-committees. We are also trying to engage the community in this process.

Winter General Elections nominations closed today. There was a lot of interest in both Executive and Director positions. Almost all positions are being contested.

We are hiring for 12 positions for the next year.

Nicole Walker, President

#### 14.7.3 VP Academic

A lot of my time has been working with SHAC doing case work. Met with the Athletics Advisory Committee and approved the budget, chose to increase the fee by the Cost-of-Living adjustment.



Attended Senate and got to listen in on very interesting conversations about topics in academics. The use of AI and ChatGPT has generated a lot of concerns about academic misconduct. The University is starting to talk about making committees to investigate how to regulate and use this new tool for learning, expect a statement about this soon. On another note, the University is on less of a decline for international student enrollment according to projections. The VP Finance and Operations is working on a housing strategy, hopefully the CSA will be able to participate in those discussions.

Working on Student Life Enhancement applications. It is always cool to see what can be done with the funding we can provide.

Mason Friebe, VP Academic

The Board discussed ChatGPT and many of the emerging tools surrounding it, including detection tools, which are not always accurate, and tracking document processes.

# 14.7.4 VP External

Our FoodBank Coordinator is still looking to collaborate on events or initiatives related to food insecurity, nutrition, and food drives. If any clubs or organizations you know are looking to collaborate that would be really great. The Bike Centre auction is starting on March 30 and running until April 1. Follow them on Instagram to be ready for that.

For our Tap In Campaign, we participated with tabling in the UC yesterday and got lots of students to sign the petition to stop the sale of bottled water on campus. Water is a human right, and no one should have to pay for it. If anyone is interested in this campaign, please reach out.

When our posts about hiring go out please share them around.

Jena-Lee Ashley, VP External

# 14.8 Director Reports

Isha Maharaj went to the Finance Committee meeting, and it was going really well. Also had the first Affordable Housing Task Force meeting.

Jake Levy went to the Finance Committee meeting and did some budgeting.

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Jesse Varkul was in a UC Finance Meeting earlier today. They are making a bit of money and are going to renovate the UC. They are investing in making more spaces for students and to bring maintenance costs down.

Jacob Miller attended the Athletic Advisory Committee and voted on the budget. They might need to look into an extra 3% increase in fees. Also had the first Affordable Housing Task Force meeting.

Michelle Wilk also had the first Affordable Housing Task Force meeting. Started hiring for a Front Office Assistant, interviews began and there will be more this coming week.

Jenna Scharnowski also had the first Affordable Housing Task Force meeting.

Olivia Smith also had the first Affordable Housing Task Force meeting.

Simran Kalra is meeting with the Guelph Organic Farming Coordinator tomorrow morning.

Martha Yiridoe sat on the FoodBank Hiring Committee a few weeks ago.

#### 14.9 CSA Service Update and Report

#### 14.9.1 Bike Centre Service Update

#### (a) Extend Speaking Rights to Bike Centre Coordinator

**WHEREAS** CSA Rules of Order, Section 3.3 states that visitors can be extended speaking rights following a motion passed by the Board of Directors;

**MOTION:** To extend speaking rights to Paige Quinn, Bike Centre Coordinator, to present the Bike Centre Service Update.

Moved: Jake Levy Seconded: Jacob Miller

Motion Carried

#### (b) Receive the Bike Centre Service Update Presentation

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#### Paige Quinn, Bike Centre Coordinator:

I will be giving a presentation about the services the Bike Centre is offering and what we are helping students with. I work with two amazing Bike Centre Assistants: Jacob and Spencer.

The Bike Centre is a DIY bike repair service for students, completely free for all students to use. We help students by appointment to diagnose and fix their bikes. We offer used parts for free from other bikes and offer new parts for sale at-cost. That makes it one of the cheapest places to get repair supplies which is important for students who rely on bikes for transportation. The Bike Centre is very busy during peak biking seasons such as the fall and spring and slower during the winter. The Bike Centre helps, on average, 3-4 students per day in the winter.

An annual bike auction is held at the end of March where twenty to thirty bikes are auctioned off. This is a great fundraiser that also helps students get bikes at affordable prices. The bike auction will be run through our Instagram account. There are also three workshops being run this semester about commuter safety, how to fix a popped tire, and how to fix any problems with gear or braking systems. Every week on Tuesdays from 5-8 PM there is a Rainbow Bike Workspace. The Bike Centre is reaching out to Guelph Queer Equality (GQE) to get more involvement in that. The Bike Centre also regularly hosts promotions and tabling around the University Centre.

Michelle Wilk asked about the kinds of bikes that the Bike Centre fixes.

Paige Quinn, Bike Centre Coordinator, replied any kind of bike.

Jena-Lee Ashley, VP External, thanked Paige for this presentation and all the hard work she does with all of the Bike Centre's operations. Special thanks for all the promotion to get it back up after being closed most of the pandemic.

Nicole Walker, President, added that the proceeds of the bike auction go directly back into the Bike Centre to help more students. Also, to note, the location of the Bike Centre is off Gordon just passed South Ring Road.

Jacob Miller asked how to go about donating a bike.

Paige Quinn replied to make an appointment or just show up.

Jesse Varkul asked when the Bike Centre is most popular.

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Paige Quinn answered in the fall at the beginning of the semester. This service caters a lot to international students who have just gotten bikes.

Sanya Sareen asked if services are provided during the summer.

Paige Quinn confirmed yes.

Nicole Walker, President, added we previously did not have it open in the summer because we could not hire someone for the position. But we are looking to hire for this summer to keep it open full time.

**MOTION:** To receive the Bike Centre Service Update as presented by Paige Quinn, Bike Centre Coordinator, as information.

Moved: Jake Levy Seconded: Isha Maharaj

**Motion Carried** 

#### 14.10 Committee Updates and Reports

#### 14.10.1 Policy & Bylaw Review Committee Meeting # 2 Minutes

**MOTION:** That the minutes for the following Policy & Bylaw Review Committee meeting be received as information by the CSA Board of Directors:

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14.10.1	Meeting # 2	January 10, 2023

**Moved:** Michaela Hishon **Seconded:** Anthony Pereira

**Motion Carried** 

#### 14.10.2 Summary of Committee Appointments

**Motion:** That the **Summary of Committee Appointments**, as presented in the Board Agenda Package, be received as information.

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**Moved:** Anthony Pereira **Seconded:** Jacob Miller

Motion Carried

### 14.11 Business

### 14.11.1 Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) – Ontario: Presentation

#### (a) Speaking Rights: CFS Ontario Representatives

**WHEREAS** CSA Rules of Order, Section 3.3 states that visitors can be extended speaking rights following a motion passed by the Board of Directors;

**WHEREAS** CSA Rules of Order, Section 3.9, states that presentations will be given a maximum of ten minutes; and

**WHEREAS** CSA Rules of Order, Section 3.9.1, states that the length of a presentation may be extended by a Board motion;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that speaking rights be extended to Kayla Weiler and Moe Alqasem for a presentation regarding the Canadian Federation of Students – Ontario;

**AND FURTHER** to extend speaking time from 10 minutes to 20 minutes for this presentation.

Moved: Jacob Miller Seconded: Michelle Wilk

**Motion Carried** 

#### (b) Presentation

#### Kayla Weiler and Moe Alqasem, of the Canadian Federation of Students:

Thank you for having us today on your campus! The goal of today's presentation is to outline your membership in the Federation. As members of the CSA, you are members of the Canadian Federation of Students and representatives of Local 54.

The CFS is the oldest and largest student organization in the country. Provincially we represent over 350,000 students, nationally we represent over 530,000

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students. The goal of the CFS is to achieve free, accessible, and fully publicly funded education for all students across the country. Representation of the CFS works similarly to the CSA in that it is democratically run, with annual general meetings, regular board meetings, and follow all not-for-profit regulations. The CFS has representatives from each member local, you in the CSA have Jena-Lee Ashley, VP External. These representatives are part of different caucuses within the organization that have decision making power and there are also elected officials.

Our campaigns and mobilizations are informed by the membership and are the bulk of the work the federation does. Some of the campaigns include Fight the Fees, Consent is Mandatory, and Fairness for International Students. All campaign resources and materials are provided at no cost to the membership. Fight the Fees is a campaign to achieve free education for all. We believe that education is a right and that this goal is within reach. The goal is to eliminate the profit motive that can affect post-secondary education. 50,000 students across Ontario have already signed the petition for this.

The National Student Health Network is a not-for-profit health and dental insurance provider alternative for student unions. We work with Green Shield Canada, the only not-for-profit insurance company in the country. This service cuts out the middleman to let you negotiate 1-year plans directly, this way it can be adapted to the needs of the student body and not be trapped into long-term plans. The Ethical Purchasing Network is how the Federation can ethically source merchandise and purchase it in bulk to lower costs. UFile is free tax filing for all students, type in code: CFS1981.

As the largest student union in the country the Federation sits on many government meetings and roundtables and can provide advice on policy. Recently commented on the Ontario Budget and all things related to tuition as determined by government. The CFS can also help local unions lobby university administrations on particular issues. Lobby Week coming up will be an opportunity to meet with members of provincial parliament to discuss the future of education. The CFS does a lot of work to communicate student issues to the general public and government through media press releases and interviews. We also work with member locals on communication help.

Unions vote by referendum to join the Federation, once they are members, they pay fees per individual student, per semester, which go directly into campaigns and services. These fees increase by the Consumer Price Index.

The yearly schedule is divided by quarters of the year and includes many events and executive meetings, also local and national meetings. Within the organization



the members make the decisions. The CSA, for example, sends delegates to attend CFS meetings. Executives, campaigns, and future initiatives are decided on by member locals on behalf of the members. There is a principle of one member local equals one vote, meaning each student union has an equal voice in the direction of the Federation.

Stay connected with us by email or through socials. Thank you for having us for this presentation.

**MOTION:** That the presentation by Kayla Weiler and Moe Alqasem, regarding the Canadian Federation of Students – Ontario, be received as information.

**Moved:** Jena-Lee Ashley, VP External **Seconded:** Sanya Sareen

**Motion Carried** 

#### 14.11.3 Ratify Referendum Question: The Arboretum Student Engagement Fee

**WHEREAS** CSA Policy Appendix G – Electoral, Section 6.3 states that referendum questions shall be included in the Elections period as approved by the Board of Directors;

**WHEREAS** CSA Policy Appendix G – Electoral, Section 10.1 states that the final ratification date for referendum questions will be the last Board meeting of the General Election nomination period; and

**WHEREAS** The referendum team comprised of The Arboretum and Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots: University of Guelph Chapter was successful in collecting the appropriate number of verified petition signatures required for a referendum question to be ratified by the Board of Directors;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the CSA Board of Directors ratify the referendum question from The Arboretum and Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots, as presented in the Board Agenda Package, to be included on the ballot of the CSA Winter 2023 General Elections.

Moved: Nicole Walker, President Seconded: Jake Levy

Nicole Walker, President, explained that getting to this point has been a long process with student consultation and engagement. Roots & Shoots collected



1,000 signatures just for the Compulsory Fees Committee to look over it. Subcommittees were made, and it went through our Standing Referendum Committee. The group met all the timelines and collected over 2,100 signatures between January 10 and February 6. They followed all rules so it should go forward.

Nicole Walker, President, clarified that this vote is not to endorse the referendum question, but rather to ratify it to be included on the ballot of the Winter 2023 General Elections.

#### Motion Carried

#### 14.11.4 Notice: Policy and Bylaw Manual Language Amendments re PBRC

Note: Bylaw 1 - Organizational, Section 12, states that amendments to a CSA Bylaw require one Board meeting notice. Bylaw amendments require a two-thirds majority vote at a Board meeting.

Note: Bylaw 4 – Policy of the CSA, Section 2.2 states that amendments to a policy require one Board meeting notice, and a two-thirds majority vote at a meeting of the Board.

Notice of this motion is hereby provided at the Board meeting on February 15, 2023.

The following motion will be considered at the Board meeting on March 1, 2023.

**MOTION:** That the CSA Policy and Bylaw Manual be amended as follows:

- That all occurrences of the word 'Aboriginal' throughout the Policy and Bylaw Manual be deleted and replaced with the word 'Indigenous';
- That all occurrences of the job title 'Policy and Transition Manager' throughout the Policy and Bylaw Manual be deleted and replaced with the job title 'Policy and Transition Coordinator'.

#### 14.11.5 Notice: HR Policy Amendment re PBRC

Note: Bylaw 4 – Policy of the CSA, Section 2.2 states that amendments to a policy require one Board meeting notice, and a two-thirds majority vote at a meeting of the Board.

Notice of this motion is hereby provided at the Board meeting on February 15, 2023.



The following motion will be considered at the Board meeting on March 1, 2023.

**MOTION:** That CSA Policy Appendix C – Human Resources Policy be amended as follows:

• That Section 4.2.2 be deleted and replaced with the following wording:

The Striking of a hiring committee at the last Executive Committee Meeting prior to the close of the job posting period. The hiring committee shall consist of the Executive Supervisor, a CSA staff member (preferably the outgoing position holder or staff supervisor) and a member of the Core Staff team, to be selected by the CSA President. At the discretion of the CSA President, individuals outside CSA staff and Executive may also be appointed to the hiring committee as applicable.

• That Section 4.2.6 be deleted and replaced with the following wording:

The Hiring Committee Chair will be the Executive Supervisor of the position. In the event that the Executive Supervisor is unable to be Chair, an alternate member of the Executive will be appointed Chair at the discretion of the CSA President.

Nicole Walker, President, provided background information that students are limited for time and volunteer that time to be Directors on our Board to help advocate for things they're passionate about. This amendment will help to better balance the time of Board members, and there will still be student representation on hiring committees through student employees that will sit on the committees. Student input and voices still involved.

# 14.11.6 Teaching Excellence Award Selection Committee

**WHEREAS** the Teaching Excellence Award (TEA) is coordinated by the Vice President Academic, as per CSA Policy Appendix A – Executive Portfolios, Section 4.4;

**WHEREAS** a Selection Committee must be formed to review nominations and choose the recipient(s) of the 2023 Teaching Excellence Award; and

**WHEREAS** CSA Policy Appendix D – CSA Committees, Section 3.8.1 states that each CSA committee shall have formal terms of reference to determine their responsibilities and expectations;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the CSA Board of Directors approve the Terms of Reference for the Teaching Excellence Award Selection Committee, as included in the Board Agenda Package;

FURTHER that the following Executive member be appointed to the TEA Selection Committee:



**AND FURTHER** that the following Board Directors be appointed to the TEA Selection Committee:

Michaela Hishon	
Sanya Sareen	
Isha Maharaj	

Moved: Mason Friebe, VP Academic Seconded: Jake Levy

Mason Friebe, VP Academic, explained that this committee is designed to review the submitted Teaching Excellence Award applications. There are around 45 people interested in submitting applications. Based on how many complete the applications will determine the time commitment of the committee.

### **Motion Carried**

# 14.11.7 Appoint Member to University Centre (UC) Board

**WHEREAS** it is the responsibility of the University Centre Board ('UC Board') to establish written policies respecting the use of facilities and management of space within the University Centre; to acknowledge the special requirements of user groups to manage their own activities within the spaces assigned to them, and to provide services for the University Community at large;

**WHEREAS** the UC Board is comprised of ten (10) students, four (4) university appointees, two (2) alumni, two (2) clubs' representatives; including one (1) CSA Executive, nine (9) CSA representatives, and five (5) 'Alternates' appointed by the CSA Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS** there is one (1) vacancy to fill for a CSA member on the UC Board due to a resignation;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following CSA Member be appointed to the UC Board for a term including the remainder of the 2022-23 academic year, and for the 2023-24 academic year:

#### Jenna Scharnowski

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**Moved:** Nicole Walker, President **Seconded:** Michelle Wilk

Nicole Walker, President explained this is a very important Board to have student representation on because of the history of the University Centre. Students have a majority on this Board, and it is important to keep it this way. This is a great opportunity to get involved beyond the CSA.

#### **Motion Carried**

### 14.11.8 Appoint Members to Elections Appeals Board

**WHEREAS** CSA Policy Appendix G – Electoral, Section 27.3.1 states that the Elections Appeals Board (EAB) shall consist of the following:

- Three Directors; and
- Two General Members of the CSA in good standing

**WHEREAS** there are currently two vacancies on the EAB for General Members of the CSA in good standing; and

**WHEREAS** CSA Policy Appendix G – Electoral, Section 27.3.4 states that the membership of the EAB shall consist of no less than 40% women-identified individuals;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following CSA members be appointed to the Elections Appeals Board for the remainder of the 2022-2023 academic year:

Simran Kalra	
Sanya Sareen	

**Moved:** Nicole Walker, President **Seconded:** Sanya Sareen

Nicole Walker, President, explained that during the election period it is possible that people will commit infractions of our electoral policies. If the candidates disagree with the decision of the Chief Returning Officer, this Board gives them an opportunity to appeal the decision.

#### **Motion Carried**



#### 14.12. New Business

No new business was presented at this meeting.

#### 14.13 Announcements

Members provided personal updates and information regarding their involvement in groups on campus.

Nicole Walker, President, shared we are in the process of getting quarter-zips, for Board members but blue is a hard colour to find so we might do grey with a blue logo. Will be bringing a paper sign-up sheet to the March 1 meeting for Directors to sign up for elections tabling.

Varnika Karavadi shared the ISO One World event is on March 10.

Isha Maharaj shared the ISA Formal on March 11. This is the first event to have a 360 degrees photo booth.

Ana Maria Mercu shared this is the last week of selling tickets for CBS gala.

Martha Yiridoe shared that a lot of Black History Month events have been running. This week there is a UC marketplace. On Feb 28 there will be a keynote speaker.

#### 14.14 In Camera

No In Camera session was held at this meeting.

#### 14.15 Adjournment

**MOTION:** That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 14 on February 15, 2023 be adjourned at 8:12 pm.

**Moved:** Anthony Pereira **Seconded:** Simran Kalra

**Motion Carried** 

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Appro	ved by the Board of Directors	Date: April 3, 2023
Signed:	Cameron Olesen Board Chair	Date:
Signed:	Colleen Bovay Policy & Transition Coordinator	Date: