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Board of Directors Meeting # 15A
March 8, 2023 – 6:00 pm
Microsoft Teams



Attendance – March 8, 2023

Board of Directors			
At-Large Representatives (Elected)		Present / Regrets	Arrived / Departed
Vacant	College of Arts		
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Sanya Sareen	College of Biological Science	Present	
Simran Kalra	College of Biological Science	Present	
Jake Levy	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences	Regrets	
Jesse Varkul	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences	Present	
Ella Odeh	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences	Present	
Jacob Miller	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences	Present	
Mauricio Fernandez	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Present	
Daniel Neiterman	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Present	
Isha Maharaj	Ontario Agricultural College	Present	
Jenna Scharnowski	Ontario Agricultural College	Present	
Vacant	Ontario Veterinary College		
Vacant	Ontario Veterinary College		
Member College Government Representatives (Appointed)		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	Present	
Alec Moyle	Lang Students' Association	Present	
Kelly Ruigrok	Student Federation of the Ontario Agricultural College	Present	
Vacant	Central Veterinary Student Association (Ontario Veterinary College)		

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Student Organization 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)	Regrets	
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	
Vacant	Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG)		
Michelle Wilk	Student Senate Caucus	Present	
Vacant	Board of Governors		
Executive (Ex-officio, 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	

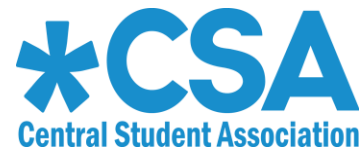
Staff	Position
Cameron Olesen	Chair
Colleen Bovay	Policy & Transition Coordinator
Sean Lloyd	Scribe

Guest	Affiliation

*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.*

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Summary of Resolutions

15A.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 15A on March 8, 2023, be approved as printed and distributed.

Motion Carried

15A.11.1 Suspension of Electoral Policy for Spring By-Election

Note: Bylaw 4 – Policy of the CSA, Section 2.3 states that the suspension of policies, or a section of a policy, must be submitted and included in the Board package for review prior to the Board meeting. All suspensions require a one Board meeting notice, and a two-thirds majority vote at a meeting of the Board.

Notice of this motion was provided at the Board meeting on March 1, 2023.

WHEREAS CSA Policy Manual Appendix G – Electoral, Section 2.15.1 states that the Election Schedule shall include a minimum of five (5) business days for each of the following elections periods: nominations, promotion and signature verification, campaigning, and voting;

WHEREAS the CSA will be running a Spring By-Election to fill the position of VP Student Experience which has no candidates for the CSA Winter 2023 General Election;

WHEREAS the voting period for the Spring By-Election will occur during the exam period if each elections period is given five (5) business days;

WHEREAS campaigning and securing quorum will be more difficult for candidates during the exam period due to the competing priorities of students; and

WHEREAS signature verification and promotions require less time to complete during a By-Election due to a smaller pool of candidates;

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSA Board of Directors suspend Appendix G – Electoral, Section 2.15.1 of the CSA Policy Manual for the duration of the CSA Spring 2023 By-Election.

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15A.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 15A on March 8, 2023, be adjourned at 6:29 pm

Motion Carried

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15A.0	Call to Order	
15A.1	Land Acknowledgement President Nicole Walker	
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15A.12	New Business	
15A.13	Announcements	
15A.14	In Camera Session	
15A.15	Adjournment	

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15A.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

15A.1 Land Acknowledgement

President **Nicole Walker** presented the following Land Acknowledgement:

I wanted to acknowledge that the land that we are situated on currently, for the purposes of where I am, I'm on Campus, which is Guelph, is home to past, present, and future First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples. Recognizing the Dish with One Spoon Covenant, recognizing our commitment to being stewards of the land, and working towards decolonizing our campus and community. As the CSA, some ways we can discuss and contribute towards reconciliation includes working with our Indigenous students, staff, faculty, and community members. I think the first step is having discussions and inviting people in to have those discussions in both the ways in which we can work towards reconciliation and working towards indigenizing our spaces and making everyone feel included and a part of, not only the CSA as an organization, but our community and our spaces. I think the second step is implementing and taking action. I know from the CSA perspective we've been actively talking about ways we can make students feel welcome within our spaces and ways we can indigenize spaces that students use. I hope that this has given you time today to think about how as student leaders we can take a role and push forward decolonization and supporting our indigenous students.

Nicole Walker, President

15A.2 Adoption of the Agenda

15A.2.1 Approve the Agenda

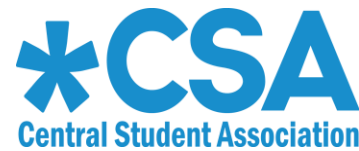
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Moved: Sanya Sareen

Seconded: Michelle Wilk

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15A.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

No declarations of conflict were made at this meeting.

15A.4 Comments from the Chair

Cameron Olesen: Good evening, everyone, and thank you for being here for this emergency meeting. We only have one item of discussion up tonight which is a proposed policy suspension. Because it is a motion that would affect policy it does require a two thirds majority vote. If that threshold is not met then the suspension will not happen. Because we are meeting online, if ever you need information on how to participate in this meeting, just raise your hand and ask. You can request the speakers list by typing those words in the chat, and voting will be done through a poll.

15A.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

15A.11 Business

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Moved: Nicole Walker, President

Seconded: Mauricio Fernandez

Nicole Walker, President, motivated that in terms of our elections timeline, immediately following the current election we're looking to start the nomination period for our Spring 2023 By-Election. It's a really tight timeline because there's not much time left in the semester. We want to make sure students are on campus and not in exam season during the voting. Our intention in suspending the policy is that it will take less time for signature verification because less people will be running. All candidates will have the same even playing field in terms of not having the extra time for preparing promotion. Ultimately, we want the voting period to be during the April 3 to 6 timeline. After April 6, exams are starting and we want to be sure to reach quorum.

Anthony Pereira asked what happens if there are no candidates that decide to run.

Cameron Olesen, Chair, answered that if there are no candidates, a by-election cannot be hosted.

Sanya Sareen asked if there are no promotional materials for the by-election that candidates can use.

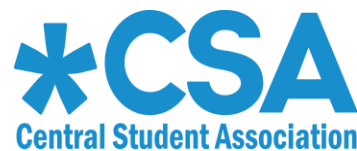
Nicole Walker, President, explained that this just means there will not be extra time for members to develop promotional material.

Colleen Bovay, PTC, spoke to Member Pereira's question and shared that if there were no candidates for VP Student Experience, we will have a fall by-election. There will be a fall by-election either way because we don't have candidates running for every position.

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15A.12. New Business

No new business was presented at this meeting.

15A.13 Announcements

No announcements regarding member's involvement in groups on campus were provided at this meeting.

15A.14 In Camera

No In Camera session was held at this meeting.

15A.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 15A on March 8, 2023 be adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Moved: Anthony Pereira

Seconded: Mauricio Fernandez

Motion Carried

Approved by the Board of Directors

Date: April 3, 2023

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Cameron Olesen
Board Chair

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Colleen Bovay
Policy & Transition Coordinator