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Attendance – February 28, 2024

Board of Directors			
At-Large Representatives (Elected)		Present / Regrets	Arrived / Departed
Jonah Greenhut	College of Arts	Present	
Vacant	College of Arts		
Daniel Spinner	College of Biological Science	Absent	
Nour Kashlan	College of Biological Science	Present	d: 9:14pm
Jake Levy	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences	Present	
Nate Broughton	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences	Present	
Mason Friebe	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences	Absent	
Reem Salloum	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences	Present	
Mauricio Fernandez	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Regrets	
Daniel Neiterman	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Present	d: 7:49pm
Bella Litvak	Ontario Agricultural College	Regrets	
Hillary Schneider	Ontario Agricultural College	Regrets	
Noam Einy	Ontario Veterinary College	Regrets	
Vacant	Ontario Veterinary College		
Member College Government Representatives (Appointed)		Present / Regrets	Arrived / Departed
Sophie Hughes	College of Arts Student Union	Present	
Natalie Wilkinson	College of Biological Science Student Council	Present	d: 9:07pm
Abdul Rafe Khan	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council		a: 6:35pm
Rachel Marcus	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences -Student Alliance	Present	
Vacant	Lang Students' Association		
Taylor Legge	Student Federation of the Ontario Agricultural College	Present	
Vacant	Central Veterinary Student Association (OVC)		

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Student Organization Representatives (Appointed)		Present / Regrets	Arrived / Departed
Samantha Scott	Indigenous Student Society (ISS)	Present	
Chikaima Ifezue	Guelph Black Students Association (GBSA)	Present	
Jayden Khan	Guelph Queer Equality (GQE)	Present	
Danielle Callaghan	Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity (GRCGED)	Present	
Joshua Ivan Jacinto	International Student Organization (ISO)	Present	
Krishna Ratnarajah	Interhall Council (IHC)	Present	d: 9:14pm
Naomi Amayaevbo	Guelph Campus Co-op	Present	
Eknoor Walia	Ontario Public Interest Research Group	Present	d: 9:25pm
Marcus Aldred-Ganhao	Student Senate Caucus	Present	
Simran Kalra	Board of Governors	Present	d: 9:07pm
Executive (Ex-officio, Non-voting)		Present / Regrets	Arrived / Departed
Shaima Alam	President	Present	
McKenna Williams	Vice President Student Experience	Present	
Bawneet Singh	Vice President Academic	Present	d: 9:07pm
Samar Tariq	Vice President External	Present	

Staff	Position
Cameron Olesen	Chair
Colleen Bovay	Policy & Transition Coordinator
Nikki Tu	Scribe

Guest	Affiliation
Carter Sorensen	Director of the Lang Tax Clinic
William Coleman	Chief Returning Officer
Daythan von Schwerin	CSA Member / Elections Candidate

*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

15.2 Adoption of the Agenda

15.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 15 on February 28, 2024, be approved as printed and distributed.

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: that the agenda be reordered so that **item 15.11.11: Presentation on Lang Tax Clinic, 15.11.2: Reconsideration of CSA Statement on Navitas, and item 15.10.3: PBRC Report re. Meeting Minutes** are moved to just after **item 15.4.1: Introductions;**

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: that the agenda be reordered so that **item 15.11.1: Declaration of Executive Officer Eligibility** be moved at the end of business items.

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: that the agenda be reordered so that **item 15.11.1: Declaration of Executive Officer Eligibility** be moved at the end of the *in-camera* session.

Motion Carried

AMENDED MOTION: that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 15 on February 28, 2024, be approved as amended with:

- The reordering of the agenda so that **item 15.11.11: Presentation on Lang Tax Clinic, 15.11.2: Reconsideration of CSA Statement on Navitas, and item 15.10.3: PBRC Report re. Meeting Minutes** are moved to just after **item 15.4.1: Introductions.**
- Moving **item 15.11.1: Declaration of Executive Officer Eligibility** at the end of the *in-camera* session

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Motion Carried

15.5 Approval of Past Minutes

15.5.1 Approval of Past Board Minutes: Meeting # 8 – October 18, 2023

WHEREAS the October 18, 2023 board minutes were tabled at the Board of Directors meeting on November 1, 2023, pending the policy referral of meeting minutes to the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee (PBRC); and

WHEREAS the PBRC has discussed the topic of meeting minutes policy, made recommendations for bylaw amendments to be voted on by the Board, and submitted a report regarding their activities on the matter;

BE IT RESOLVED that the approval of the October 18, 2023 meeting minutes be picked up from the table for consideration;

AND FURTHER that the minutes be approved for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 8 from October 18, 2023.

Motion Carried

15.5 Approval of Past Minutes

MOTION: That the Minutes be approved for the following CSA Board of Directors Meetings:

15.5.2	CSA Board Meeting # 13	January 31, 2024
15.5.3	CSA Board Meeting # 14	February 14, 2024

Motion Carried

15.6 Executive Committee Minutes

MOTION: That the Minutes be received as information for the following Executive Committee Meetings:

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
15.6.1	Meeting # 21	January 11, 2024
15.6.2	Meeting # 22	January 25, 2024

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15.6.3	Meeting # 23	February 15, 2024
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Motion Carried

15.7 Executive Updates

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

15.7.1	President	February 28, 2024
15.7.2	VP Student Experience	February 28, 2024
15.7.3	VP Academic	February 28, 2024
15.7.4	VP External	February 28, 2024

Motion Carried

15.10 Committee Updates and Reports

15.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Motion Carried

15.10.2 Student Events and Initiatives Funding (SEIF) Committee Minutes

MOTION: that the minutes for the following SEIF Committee meeting be received as information by the Board of Directors:

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
15.10.2	Meeting # 3	January 24, 2024

Motion Carried

15.10.3 PBRC Report re. Meeting Minutes

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WHEREAS on November 1, 2023 the Board of Directors resolved to table the approval of the meeting minutes from the October 18, 2023 meeting;

WHEREAS in addition to tabling the approval of the meeting minutes, the Board resolved to refer the topic of meeting minutes to the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee (PBRC) for deliberation; and

WHEREAS the PBRC has submitted suggested amendments to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) in reference to Board meeting minutes as result of the review by the committee.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the attached PBRC report as information.

Motion Carried

15.11 Business

15.11.1 Declaration of Executive Officer Eligibility

WHEREAS CSA Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 5.4.2 (b) states that Executive Officers of the CSA must commit to being enrolled in no more than 1.00 credit per semester during their term;

WHEREAS registered international students with study permits are required to actively pursue their studies and must maintain a full-time courseload with limited exceptions;

WHEREAS violation of a study permit is grounds to be asked to leave Canada, per Canadian Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations, which can result in needing to leave the country for a period of 6 months before applying for a new study permit, visitor visa, or work permit;

WHEREAS the process for removing an Executive Officer, as outlined in CSA Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 6.6.1, is unreliable, even in cases of direct violation of CSA bylaws and policies;

WHEREAS the salaries of Executive Officers are funded by student fees;

WHEREAS the CSA Membership is entitled to Executive representatives that fulfill all obligations and responsibilities as outlined in CSA Bylaw 1 (Organizational), CSA Appendix A (Executive Portfolios), and the General Elections Executive Candidates' and Nomination Packages;

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WHEREAS it is detrimental and a high-level risk to the organization to have one or more Executive Officers who do not fulfill their responsibilities to the full extent, due to limited recourse for Executive reprimand or removal currently outlined in the CSA Policy and Bylaw Manual; and

WHEREAS this temporary measure will be used to protect the interests of the membership and the needs of the organization until amendments for greater Executive accountability can be established in the CSA Policy & Bylaw Manual.

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSA Board of Directors receive the Declaration of Executive Officer Eligibility as information;

FURTHER that the CSA Board of Directors approve the Declaration of Executive Officer Eligibility and its terms for use in the Winter 2024 General Elections for all Executive candidates, to be enforced during the 2024-2025 academic year, as recommended by the Elections and Referendum Committee.

AND FURTHER that this subject matter be referred to the PBRC and that they provide recommendations on March 27.

Motion Carried

15.11.2 Reconsideration of Item 12.12.1: CSA Statement on Navitas

WHEREAS the CSA Board of Directors adopted item 12.12.1: CSA Statement on Navitas on January 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS the University of Guelph has paused a discussion of partnership with Navitas;

BE IT RESOLVED that item 12.12.1 be amended to strike “AND FURTHER to add that the CSA will conduct a poster run containing material to inform the student body of the issue regarding contracting Navitas by February 29, 2024.”

Motion Carried

15.11.3 Appendix A (Executive Portfolios) Comprehensive Review 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.

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Notice of this motion was provided at the Board meeting on February 14, 2024.

WHEREAS the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee (PBRC) implemented a Working Group to conduct a comprehensive review of Policy Appendix A (Executive Portfolios); and

WHEREAS the PBRC reached consensus to recommend forward the amendments resolved from the comprehensive review;

BE IT RESOLVED that the amendments to Appendix A (Executive Portfolios) be approved as recommended by the PBRC and as included in the Board Agenda Package.

Motion Carried

15.11.4 Amendments to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) 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.

Notice of this motion was provided at the Board meeting on February 14, 2024.

WHEREAS the Board of Directors referred the topic of policies regarding board meeting minutes to the PBRC for review;

WHEREAS the PBRC implemented a Working Group to review this item and give recommendations to the committee; and

WHEREAS the PBRC has recommended forward the following amendments resolved from the review;

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw 1 – Organizational be amended to add the following to Section 4 (Board of Directors):

Meeting Minutes:

- Meeting minutes will be recorded for every meeting by the Board Scribe.
- Minutes will be written in a paraphrased format, including for all discussion that took place.

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- Minutes will be approved at a subsequent meeting, once finalized.
 - Minutes are not to be posted to the public until they have been approved by the CSA Board of Directors.
 - Minutes will include the names of members, along with the discussions.

Motion Carried

15.11.5 Amendment to Appendix D (Committees) 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 was provided at the Board meeting on February 14, 2024.

MOTION: that the Board of Directors approve the creation of a Statement Making Committee;

AND FURTHER that the Board of Directors approve the proposed terms of reference of the committee, as included in the board agenda package, to be added to Appendix D (Committees) of the CSA Policy Manual.

Motion Carried

15.11.6 Amendment to CSA Rules of Order 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 was provided at the Board meeting on February 14, 2024.

MOTION: that the Board of Directors approve the following section to be added to the CSA Rules of Order:

Political Statements:

- Proposals to take a public stance on political matters must be referred to the Statement Making Committee for consideration and statement drafting if applicable. Political statements must pass with a 2/3 majority vote of the Board.

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- All other statements may be passed by the board with a simple majority.
 - Statements of any topic may be referred to the Statement Making Committee as proposed and passed by a simple majority vote of the Board.

Motion Carried

15.11.7 Finance Committee Recommendation re. Arboretum Proposal

WHEREAS the Arboretum has brought a funding request proposal of \$10,000 to the Finance Committee for a \$55,000 project to improve the backbone Ivey trail from the Arboretum Centre to the Memorial Forest Grove as a fully wheelchair accessible trail before Fall 2024;

WHEREAS the CSA is mandated to enhance the student experience and to contribute to a positive atmosphere of acceptance, inclusion, belonging and safety on campus;

WHEREAS the trail would increase accessibility for students on this campus;

WHEREAS a section of the trail is used in the Student Memorial Service organized by the CSA and GSA to honour students who passed away;

WHEREAS the CSA has sufficient funds available for new initiatives from our accumulated surplus;

WHEREAS a plaque will be installed in the trail to acknowledge the CSAs' contribution to the trail; and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee voted unanimously to support this proposal and recommend to the Board to consider the "Request for Support for Trail Accessibility Project";

BE IT RESOLVED that \$10,000 is contributed to making the Ivey trail fully wheelchair accessible trail before the next Student Memorial Service in the Fall 2024 semester.

Motion Carried

15.11.8 Director Class Talks re. General Members Meeting

WHEREAS CSA Bylaw 1: Organizational, Section 4.10.1 (d) states: "Each Director shall... be prepared to speak to classes during times of significant importance to the CSA, including but not limited to AGMs, GMMs..."; and

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WHEREAS it is important to maximize promotional efforts encouraging undergraduate members to attend the General Members Meeting so that we realize a successful process;

BE IT RESOLVED that each Director schedule and present at least one class talk for the GMM, before the date of the GMM on Wednesday, March 13, 2024;

FURTHER that the Policy & Transition Coordinator (PTC) provide Directors with suggested speaking points that may be used in their GMM class talks;

AND FURTHER that Directors provide the date and location of their class talks to the PTC.

Motion Carried

15.11.9 Appoint Director to theCannon.ca Operating Committee

WHEREAS theCannon.ca Operating Committee has updated their Terms of Reference to include a CSA Board of Directors representative for student representation;

WHEREAS theCannon.ca had a new look launch that has reached many people but also is in a transition phase to fix any technical/students' issues that may arise;

WHEREAS Board Director Nate Broughton has participated as a guest in the last theCannon.ca Operating Committee on February 9, 2024 to provide several insights into the student perspective and concerns to the committee; and

WHEREAS Member Broughton has demonstrated the ability to provide key information in the student perspective, interest in the committee, and now already understands the operations of the committee;

BE IT RESOLVED that Nate Broughton is appointed to theCannon.ca Operating Committee, effect immediately.

Motion Carried

15.11.10 Board of Governors Response re. CSA Statement on Navitas

WHEREAS the CSA Board of Directors adopted item 12.12.1: CSA Statement on Navitas on January 17, 2024, which included a resolution for the CSA to deliver a statement labeled "Letter

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to the Board of Governors” to the Board of Governors, cc: President Charlotte Yates, Provost Gwen Chapman, and AVPA Byron Sheldrick within one (1) week; and

WHEREAS the CSA President received an email response from the Chair of the Board of Governors on Wednesday, February 7, 2024;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the email response, as provided in the board agenda package, as information.

Motion Carried

15.11.11 Presentation on the Lang Tax Clinic

(a) Speaking Rights

WHEREAS CSA Rules of Order Section 3.3 states that visitors shall be allowed to speak following a motion to extend speaking rights;

BE IT RESOLVED to extend speaking rights to Carter Sorensen, Director of the Lang Tax Clinic, for a presentation regarding the Lang Tax Clinic.

Motion Carried

(b) Receive Presentation

MOTION: That the presentation by Carter Sorensen, Director of the Lang Tax Clinic , regarding the Lang Tax Clinic, be received as information by the Board of Directors.

Motion Carried

15.14.1 Approval of Past In-Camera Minutes

MOTION: That the In-Camera Minutes be approved for the following CSA Board of Directors Meeting:

15.14.1	CSA Board Meeting # 13	January 31, 2024
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15.14.2 Approval of Past In-Camera Minutes

MOTION: That the In-Camera Minutes be approved for the following CSA Board of Directors Meeting:

15.14.2	CSA Board Meeting # 14	February 14, 2024
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Motion Carried

15.14.3 Publicize In-Camera Minutes: October 23, 2023 and November 1, 2023

WHEREAS an emergency meeting, including an in-camera session, was convened by the CSA Board of Directors on October 23, 2023;

WHEREAS an in-camera session was convened by the CSA Board of Directors on November 1, 2023;

WHEREAS neither in-camera session discussed items that are considered necessary to be confidential under any CSA policy or bylaw by harming the corporation or the privacy of an individual;

WHEREAS the CSA is mandated to represent and amplify the voice of undergraduate students at the University of Guelph;

WHEREAS all undergraduate students are represented by their respective elected and/or appointed At-Large Director(s) and have a right to transparency of how they are being represented by the CSA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of CSA Members to understand the positions their representatives are taking during Board meetings and view the discussion of business items before a decision is made;

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the in-camera session from the CSA Board of Directors meeting on October 23, 2023 are made public and posted to the CSA website;

AND FURTHER that the minutes of the in-camera session from the CSA Board of Directors meeting on November 1, 2023 are made public and posted to the CSA website.

Motion Carried

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15.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 15 on February 28, 2024, be adjourned at 9:37 pm

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15.12	New Business 15.12.1	
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15.15	Adjournment	

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15.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:27 pm.

15.1 Land Acknowledgement

Member Danielle Callaghan delivered the following land acknowledgement:

It is important today before we start this meeting to acknowledge that as we discuss issues and topics related largely to our specific campus community, that we remind ourselves of historical struggles and issues that have been endured by the Indigenous peoples of Canada on this land that we now speak, learn and live on; and how each Individual Indigenous group is effected uniquely by the historical legacy, and current reality, of colonialism.

At the University of Guelph, we must commit to the duty that is owed in the name of the Dish of the One Spoon Covenant, that we are on the land of the Attawandaron people and the Mississaugas of the Credit; and we should also be mindful of our Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Métis neighbours.

The Indigenous peoples are the original teachers of Canada; and as settlers we must remind ourselves how for decades we have robbed the peoples of their ability to teach, and to pass on their ways of life on their land without fear or harm as a result of state intervention; the same state that built the walls of this institution that we now speak in. We should strive to make bigger commitments to the goal of reconciliation, and ask ourselves what is truly being done to put the peoples of Canada in a better place than we have put them in. Indigenous voices need and deserved to be heard, because just one or a few can't represent the diversity of our people, and then we must remember that listening to our original teachers and reacting is most important action we can take.

15.2 Adoption of the Agenda

15.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 15 on February 28, 2024, be approved as printed and distributed.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut

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Seconded: Jake Levy

Motion Carried

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Moved: Jonah Greenhut

Seconded: Nate Broughton

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: that the agenda be reordered so that **item 15.11.1: Declaration of Executive Officer Eligibility** be moved at the end of business items.

Moved: Bawneet Singh, VP Academic

Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: that the agenda be reordered so that **item 15.11.1: Declaration of Executive Officer Eligibility** be moved at the end of the *in-camera* session.

Moved: Jake Levy

Seconded: Simran Kalra

Motion Carried

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- Moving **item 15.11.1: Declaration of Executive Officer Eligibility** at the end of the *in-camera* session

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Motion Carried

15.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

Members Wilkinson and Kalra, VP Academic, and a guest, Daythan von Schwerin, declared a conflict of interest with **item 15.11.1: Declaration of Executive Officer Eligibility.**

The Chair clarified that members who leave due to members declaring a conflict of interest will not affect quorum for discussion of the item. The new quorum will be the number of members present in the meeting.

15.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

No ratifications or de-ratifications were considered.

15.4 Comments from the Chair

If at any point during the meeting you wish to request the Speaker's List, please type in the chat. If you need to raise a Point of Information, a Point of Personal Privilege, a Point of Parliamentary Procedure, or a Point of Order, please raise your hand.

Due to previous disruptions, the Chair clarified that Point of Information is a request for information, Point of Order is used for a rule violation, Point of Parliamentary Procedure is to ask what the rules are, Point of Personal Privilege is an action request for accommodations. Please keep chatter to a minimum as there has been cross-talking which can be distracting. Please remember to not interrupt other member's speaking time. Remember to keep speaking time to 3-minutes as we have many items tonight.

There will be amendments to bylaws which require a 2/3 majority vote, and they are a roll-call vote. Amendments to policies require a 2/3 majority vote but does not require a roll-call vote.

15.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

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15.5 Approval of Past Minutes

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WHEREAS the PBRC has discussed the topic of meeting minutes policy, made recommendations for bylaw amendments to be voted on by the Board, and submitted a report regarding their activities on the matter;

BE IT RESOLVED that the approval of the October 18, 2023 meeting minutes be picked up from the table for consideration;

AND FURTHER that the minutes be approved for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 8 from October 18, 2023.

Moved: Shaima Alam, President

Seconded: Nate Broughton

Motion Carried

15.5.2 Approval of Past Minutes

MOTION: That the Minutes be approved for the following CSA Board of Directors Meetings:

15.5.2	CSA Board Meeting # 13	January 31, 2024
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Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Seconded: Nate Broughton

Motion Carried

15.5.3 Approval of Past Minutes

MOTION: That the Minutes be approved for the following CSA Board of Directors Meetings:

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Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Nate Broughton

Motion Carried

15.6 Executive Committee Minutes

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15.6.3	Meeting # 23	February 15, 2024

Moved: Nate Broughton
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

15.7 Executive Updates

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

15.7.1	President	February 28, 2024
15.7.2	VP Student Experience	February 28, 2024
15.7.3	VP Academic	February 28, 2024
15.7.4	VP External	February 28, 2024

Moved: Jake Levy
Seconded: Nate Broughton

Motion Carried

15.7.1 President

It has been a busy month in finalizing Executive portfolios and miscellaneous job descriptions.

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The President attended Lobby Week with the Executives and Member Broughton. We got good MPPs, and they promise to connect us with the federal government to stop the cuts of universities in Ontario and support students.

The President did a presentation for the Board of Governors.

Reviewed several SLEF applications and provided recommendations on what to accept and reject.

The President is also on working on the Fall Reading Referendum.

15.7.2 VP Student Experience

The Club's office has finally started to wrap up accreditation after sorting out a few details for clubs with outstanding accreditation requirements. At this point, all clubs either have their documentation in and are accredited or they have been notified that they will need to reapply for next semester.

The Clubs Event Coordinator has been working hard to plan Club Hub for the Winter 2024 semester. This event is intended to celebrate CSA clubs for their hard work this year, and to encourage networking and collaborative event planning amongst clubs. Clubs will have the opportunity to win monetary prizes to fund their club's events; additionally, there will be free food and lots of opportunity to mingle with other student leaders! This event is planned to be at the Bullring in the evening on Monday, March 18.

VP Student Experience has been editing the Clubs Office operations manual. The Clubs Coordinator and McKenna will be working hard to develop this manual to comprehensively support the incoming full-time Clubs Coordinator.

The Last Toast is a tradition started by the CSA in 2016, in which we come together for a meal with friends, listen to wise words from our guest speakers, and toast to the graduating class! VP Student Experience has been eagerly planning, especially in consideration that this will be the first year in a few now that COVID and social distancing is no longer a concern. She notes that the space and food booked, glasses ordered, and promotional materials designed. Speaker selection will happen in the next week or so once Student Experience chooses a speaker for the Last Lecture. Ticket sales will run from March 6-27 via the CSA Front Office; \$15.00, cash only.

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VP Student Experience announced that there will be a semiformal event at the Brass Taps. The theme will be “champagne celebration.” Tickets will be \$5.00, also available at the CSA Front Office (cash-only) as of March 6 until the night of the event.

Mckenna Williams has also been working on the menstrual discs initiative which will be advertised in-person and online. They will be running a giveaway both in-person and via Instagram with the goal of distributing 120 products to menstruating undergraduate students. The Instagram giveaway will run from Wednesday, March 20, at noon until Monday, March 25 at 3pm. Similar to most IG giveaways, we will be asking students to like the post, follow @csaguelph, and tag friends in the comments to enter (each tag/comment = 1 entry). The in-person giveaway will run in tandem with the IG giveaway on Monday, March 25, from 11am-3pm by the North elevators in the UC Courtyard.

The Grove X CSA Mental Wellness Breakfast initiative occurred on Monday, February 12, from 8:30am-11:30am near the South elevators in the UC Courtyard. They were able to help give away nearly \$800 of free food and coffee to undergraduate students with the help of the Grove staff.

15.7.3 VP Academic

The nomination deadline for the Teaching Excellence Award is March 1. The VP Academic encourages the board to put a nomination to show support to the initiative. The award ceremony will be held on March 19, 6pm to 8pm at Bullring. The committee will sit once the deadline for nomination passes.

Upcoming Meeting with VPA Byron: He was not able to meet Byron due to being in different time zones but will be discussing the following issues with him shortly.

VP Academic is working on late night study spaces on campus. Prior to COVID-19, the library was open until 2:00am. He is hoping to negotiate 24-hour spaces on-campus. Member Kalra stated that this may be difficult as the bus services are unable to operate late.

He has been working on the clarification of the implementation of AI detectors for professors. There have been many academic misconducts. VP Academic will try to advocate the use of Grammarly.

There is a SHAC Initiative tonight and at the end of March about a 2-hour drop-in event for exam relaxations. We want to create a relaxing space for students before exams with many options like painting, colouring, beading, etc.

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15.7.4 VP External

The VP External is almost finished counting water fountains on central campus. Since it is not World Water Day yet, she will continue to count more for statistics. She has also been in touch with residence leaders to explore what access to water looks like for students living on campus, not just studying on campus.

Samar Tariq also attended Lobby Week with the Executives and Member Broughton. We got good MPPs, and they promise to connect us with the federal government to stop the cuts of universities in Ontario and support students, organized by MPP Mike Schreiner. He will also come host a meeting that all students are welcome to attend to ensure that admin stops taking advantage of us.

Finalizing the Bike Auction, just waiting for a few more bikes to arrive. The operational manuals for both Bike Centre and FoodBank are going to be on hold for now.

More sustainability and advocacy events will be coming up.

15.8 Director Reports

Member Broughton has been active in the Lobby Week Initiative.

Member Amayaevbo mentioned there was a working group meeting for PBRC during Reading Week.

Member Wilkinson attended Sustainability Action Fund Meeting and the form goes live tomorrow for students to share their ideas for sustainability with a budget of \$10,000.

Member Aldred-Ganhao was at an election and referendum committee meeting regarding rules for Executive roles.

15.10 Committee Updates and Reports

15.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Moved: Jake Levy
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

15.10.2 Student Events and Initiatives Funding (SEIF) Committee Minutes

MOTION: that the minutes for the following SEIF Committee meeting be received as information by the Board of Directors:

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
15.10.2	Meeting # 3	January 24, 2024

Moved: Nate Broughton
Seconded: Naomi Amayaevbo

Motion Carried

15.10.3 PBRC Report re. Meeting Minutes

WHEREAS on November 1, 2023 the Board of Directors resolved to table the approval of the meeting minutes from the October 18, 2023 meeting;

WHEREAS in addition to tabling the approval of the meeting minutes, the Board resolved to refer the topic of meeting minutes to the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee (PBRC) for deliberation; and

WHEREAS the PBRC has submitted suggested amendments to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) in reference to Board meeting minutes as result of the review by the committee.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the attached PBRC report as information.

Moved: Shaima Alam, President
Seconded: Nate Broughton

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This item was referred to PBRC and was considered. The report details the consideration. The working group consisted of Member Broughton, Levy, and the PTC, Colleen.

Motion Carried

15.11 Business

15.11.1 Declaration of Executive Officer Eligibility

WHEREAS CSA Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 5.4.2 (b) states that Executive Officers of the CSA must commit to being enrolled in no more than 1.00 credit per semester during their term;

WHEREAS registered international students with study permits are required to actively pursue their studies and must maintain a full-time courseload with limited exceptions;

WHEREAS violation of a study permit is grounds to be asked to leave Canada, per Canadian Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations, which can result in needing to leave the country for a period of 6 months before applying for a new study permit, visitor visa, or work permit;

WHEREAS the process for removing an Executive Officer, as outlined in CSA Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 6.6.1, is unreliable, even in cases of direct violation of CSA bylaws and policies;

WHEREAS the salaries of Executive Officers are funded by student fees;

WHEREAS the CSA Membership is entitled to Executive representatives that fulfill all obligations and responsibilities as outlined in CSA Bylaw 1 (Organizational), CSA Appendix A (Executive Portfolios), and the General Elections Executive Candidates' and Nomination Packages;

WHEREAS it is detrimental and a high-level risk to the organization to have one or more Executive Officers who do not fulfill their responsibilities to the full extent, due to limited recourse for Executive reprimand or removal currently outlined in the CSA Policy and Bylaw Manual; and

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WHEREAS this temporary measure will be used to protect the interests of the membership and the needs of the organization until amendments for greater Executive accountability can be established in the CSA Policy & Bylaw Manual.

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSA Board of Directors receive the Declaration of Executive Officer Eligibility as information;

AND FURTHER that the CSA Board of Directors approve the Declaration of Executive Officer Eligibility and its terms for use in the Winter 2024 General Elections for all Executive candidates, to be enforced during the 2024-2025 academic year, as recommended by the Elections and Referendum Committee.

Moved: Shaima Alam, President

Seconded: Jake Levy

The President explained that if someone is taking more than 1.00 credit, they are not eligible. Usually, international students are required to take more than 1.00 credits. There isn't a proper process outlined in policy for reprimanding an Executive who is not doing their job. The only way to remove an Executive is by having the board unanimously vote for their removal or a referendum. This form is a temporary measure until better processes can be put in place for better accountability for both executives and directors.

VP Student Experience reiterated that they want to ensure that the Executives can balance their work and school schedule while effectively helping students as part of the CSA.

Member Rafe Khan stated that there is some misinformation. International students opt to do full-time studies to receive a post-graduate work permit after their degree. International students can be part-time students, most just choose not to.

Member Broughton asked if it would be out of order to amend the motion to send a part of the motion to PBRC. The Chair clarified that it is in order. The PTC added that the PBRC is already discussing this subject.

MOTION TO AMEND: to refer this subject matter to PBRC.

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

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AMENDMENT: to have the PBRC provide recommendations by March 27.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

The PTC clarified that this applies to all executive candidates, not specifically international students. International students can work unlimited hours on campus only if they are a full-time student on that campus, which could create a conflict in relation to the 1 credit requirement.

VP Student Experience wanted to add that folks who can work lots of hours and balance a full-time course load are the exception. We need to protect the student's ability to do well in their studies and the duty of serving the student body.

MOTION: to call the question

Moved: Jake Levy
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

AMENDED MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSA Board of Directors receive the Declaration of Executive Officer Eligibility as information;

AND FURTHER that the CSA Board of Directors approve the Declaration of Executive Officer Eligibility and its terms for use in the Winter 2024 General Elections for all Executive candidates, to be enforced during the 2024-2025 academic year, as recommended by the Elections and Referendum Committee.

AND FURTHER that this subject matter be referred to the PBRC and that they provide recommendations on March 27.

Motion Carried

MOTION: to extend speaking-rights to the Chief Returning Officer

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Moved: Jake Levy

Seconded: Jayden Khan

Motion Carried

The CRO explained that all current Executive candidates have been given advance notice of this item being considered at the previously scheduled emergency board meeting. Once this motion is passed, we will have the candidates sign and acknowledge it.

15.11.2 Reconsideration of Item 12.12.1: CSA Statement on Navitas

WHEREAS the CSA Board of Directors adopted item 12.12.1: CSA Statement on Navitas on January 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS the University of Guelph has paused a discussion of partnership with Navitas;

BE IT RESOLVED that item 12.12.1 be amended to strike “AND FURTHER to add that the CSA will conduct a poster run containing material to inform the student body of the issue regarding contracting Navitas by February 29, 2024.”

Moved: Nate Broughton

Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Member Broughton stated that the university paused discussion with Navitas, as such, there is no reason to continue with this motion.

Motion Carried

15.11.3 Appendix A (Executive Portfolios) Comprehensive Review 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 was provided at the Board meeting on February 14, 2024.

WHEREAS the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee (PBRC) implemented a Working Group to conduct a comprehensive review of Policy Appendix A (Executive Portfolios); and

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WHEREAS the PBRC reached consensus to recommend forward the amendments resolved from the comprehensive review;

BE IT RESOLVED that the amendments to Appendix A (Executive Portfolios) be approved as recommended by the PBRC and as included in the Board Agenda Package.

Moved: Shaima Alam, President

Seconded: Jake Levy

Executive portfolios were changed in 2017 when the CSA moved from the commissioner model with 5 executives to the president model with 4 executives. This review clarifies and expands upon the roles of each executive. Any passion projects should be related to their role. Furthermore, the President's role was never mentioned for doing outreach, being a spokesperson, and supervising the Executives, it has been updated now.

Motion Carried

15.11.4 Amendments to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) 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.

Notice of this motion was provided at the Board meeting on February 14, 2024.

WHEREAS the Board of Directors referred the topic of policies regarding board meeting minutes to the PBRC for review;

WHEREAS the PBRC implemented a Working Group to review this item and give recommendations to the committee; and

WHEREAS the PBRC has recommended forward the following amendments resolved from the review;

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw 1 – Organizational be amended to add the following to Section 4 (Board of Directors):

Meeting Minutes:

- Meeting minutes will be recorded for every meeting by the Board Scribe.

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- Minutes will be written in a paraphrased format, including for all discussion that took place.
 - Minutes will be approved at a subsequent meeting, once finalized.
 - Minutes are not to be posted to the public until they have been approved by the CSA Board of Directors.
 - Minutes will include the names of members, along with the discussions.

Moved: Shaima Alam, President

Seconded: Nate Broughton

A roll call vote was conducted as this is an amendment to bylaw. Member Broughton, Rafe Khan, Khan, Ifezue, Hughes, Callaghan, Legge, Marcus, Levy, Walia, Scott, Amayaevbo, Ratnarajah, Wilkinson, Kashlan, Salloum, Aldred-Ganhao, Jacinto, Kalra, and Greenhut were in favour of the motion. It was a unanimous vote.

Motion Carried

15.11.5 Amendment to Appendix D (Committees) 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 was provided at the Board meeting on February 14, 2024.

MOTION: that the Board of Directors approve the creation of a Statement Making Committee;

AND FURTHER that the Board of Directors approve the proposed terms of reference of the committee, as included in the board agenda package, to be added to Appendix D (Committees) of the CSA Policy Manual.

Moved: Shaima Alam, President

Seconded: Nate Broughton

A roll call vote was conducted as this is an amendment to bylaw. Member Broughton, Rafe Khan, Khan, Ifezue, Hughes, Callaghan, Legge, Marcus, Levy, Walia, Scott, Amayaevbo, Ratnarajah, Wilkinson, Kashlan, Salloum, Aldred-Ganhao, Jacinto, Kalra, and Greenhut were in favour of the motion. It was a unanimous vote.

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Motion Carried

15.11.6 Amendment to CSA Rules of Order 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 was provided at the Board meeting on February 14, 2024.

MOTION: that the Board of Directors approve the following section to be added to the CSA Rules of Order:

Political Statements:

- Proposals to take a public stance on political matters must be referred to the Statement Making Committee for consideration and statement drafting if applicable. Political statements must pass with a 2/3 majority vote of the Board.
- All other statements may be passed by the board with a simple majority.
- Statements of any topic may be referred to the Statement Making Committee as proposed and passed by a simple majority vote of the Board.

Moved: Shaima Alam, President

Seconded: Simran Kalra

Motion Carried

15.11.7 Finance Committee Recommendation re. Arboretum Proposal

WHEREAS the Arboretum has brought a funding request proposal of \$10,000 to the Finance Committee for a \$55,000 project to improve the backbone Ivey trail from the Arboretum Centre to the Memorial Forest Grove as a fully wheelchair accessible trail before Fall 2024;

WHEREAS the CSA is mandated to enhance the student experience and to contribute to a positive atmosphere of acceptance, inclusion, belonging and safety on campus;

WHEREAS the trail would increase accessibility for students on this campus;

WHEREAS a section of the trail is used in the Student Memorial Service organized by the CSA and GSA to honour students who passed away;

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WHEREAS the CSA has sufficient funds available for new initiatives from our accumulated surplus;

WHEREAS a plaque will be installed in the trail to acknowledge the CSAs' contribution to the trail; and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee voted unanimously to support this proposal and recommend to the Board to consider the "Request for Support for Trail Accessibility Project";

BE IT RESOLVED that \$10,000 is contributed to making the Ivey trail fully wheelchair accessible before the next Student Memorial Service in the Fall 2024 semester.

Moved: Shaima Alam, President

Seconded: Jake Levy

Motion Carried

15.11.8 Director Class Talks re. General Members Meeting

WHEREAS CSA Bylaw 1: Organizational, Section 4.10.1 (d) states: "Each Director shall... be prepared to speak to classes during times of significant importance to the CSA, including but not limited to AGMs, GMMs..."; and

WHEREAS it is important to maximize promotional efforts encouraging undergraduate members to attend the General Members Meeting so that we realize a successful process;

BE IT RESOLVED that each Director schedule and present at least one class talk for the GMM, before the date of the GMM on Wednesday, March 13, 2024;

FURTHER that the Policy & Transition Coordinator (PTC) provide Directors with suggested speaking points that may be used in their GMM class talks;

AND FURTHER that Directors provide the date and location of their class talks to the PTC.

Moved: Shaima Alam, President

Seconded: Nate Broughton

Motion Carried

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15.11.9 Appoint Director to theCannon.ca Operating Committee

WHEREAS theCannon.ca Operating Committee has updated their Terms of Reference to include a CSA Board of Directors representative for student representation;

WHEREAS theCannon.ca had a new look launch that has reached many people but also is in a transition phase to fix any technical/students' issues that may arise;

WHEREAS Board Director Nate Broughton has participated as a guest in the last theCannon.ca Operating Committee on February 9, 2024 to provide several insights into the student perspective and concerns to the committee; and

WHEREAS Member Broughton has demonstrated the ability to provide key information in the student perspective, interest in the committee, and now already understands the operations of the committee;

BE IT RESOLVED that Nate Broughton is appointed to theCannon.ca Operating Committee, effect immediately.

Moved: Shaima Alam, President

Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

15.11.10 Board of Governors Response re. CSA Statement on Navitas

WHEREAS the CSA Board of Directors adopted item 12.12.1: CSA Statement on Navitas on January 17, 2024, which included a resolution for the CSA to deliver a statement labeled "Letter to the Board of Governors" to the Board of Governors, cc: President Charlotte Yates, Provost Gwen Chapman, and AVPA Byron Sheldrick within one (1) week; and

WHEREAS the CSA President received an email response from the Chair of the Board of Governors on Wednesday, February 7, 2024;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the email response, as provided in the board agenda package, as information.

Moved: Shaima Alam, President

Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

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Motion Carried

15.11.11 Presentation on the Lang Tax Clinic

(a) Speaking Rights

WHEREAS CSA Rules of Order Section 3.3 states that visitors shall be allowed to speak following a motion to extend speaking rights;

BE IT RESOLVED to extend speaking rights to Carter Sorensen, Director of the Lang Tax Clinic, for a presentation regarding the Lang Tax Clinic.

Moved: Daniel Neiterman

Seconded: Jake Levy

Motion Carried

Carter Sorensen announced that taxes are coming soon. Our organization holds free programs sponsored by the CRA to help students collect tax returns and others in the Guelph community. This is designed for people with modest incomes (\$35,000 per year maximum) to file their return. This service is completely free. Please relay this information to students. There are credits in which you can earn regardless of if you have an income. I have been working with members in the international student organization. Most international students are not making \$35,000 so we can help them. The clinics will be hosted on Saturday, March 23 and Saturday, April 6 in the LANG building from 9:30AM-4:30PM. For any questions after I leave this meeting, please refer them to Member Neiterman.

(b) Receive Presentation

MOTION: That the presentation and document by Carter Sorensen, Director of the Lang Tax Clinic, regarding the Lang Tax Clinic, be received as information by the Board of Directors.

Moved: Daniel Neiterman

Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

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Memo

To: Daniel Neiterman
From: Carter Sorensen
cc: Central Student Association
Date: February 28, 2024
Re: Lang Tax Clinic

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to outline the Lang Tax Clinic, what the event is, who it serves and how it benefits the students at the University of Guelph ("UofG").

Background

The government of Canada has a program called the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program ("CVITP"), which is designed to allow communities to offer free income tax services to low-income individuals and families, reducing the barriers to entry for government programs and services, and ensuring that everyone can file their return. To be eligible to go to a CVITP, there are certain income eligibility requirements, and they are as follows:

1. Modest income and simple tax situation
2. Not more than \$35,000 in employment income for 1 person
3. No self-employment income
4. No business income or expenses
5. No rental income or expenses
6. No interest or investment income over \$1,000
7. No capital gains or losses
8. Did not declare bankruptcy in the tax year or preceding tax year
9. Not deceased
10. Not more than \$100,000 in foreign property or foreign income*

More rules about the CVITP can be found here: [About free tax clinics - Canada.ca](#)

The Lang Tax Clinic

The Accounting Students' Association ("ASA"), previously known as the Accounting Society of Guelph, has operated a CVITP for the students of UofG for the past couple years. Co-ordinated by a director and two managers, the Lang Tax Clinic team collects volunteers to help prepare

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tax returns for the benefit of their fellow peers. The team is provided with guidance by Professors Sonia Dhaliwal and Sandra Scott. Together, with further assistance by the remaining team members of the ASA, the Lang Tax Clinic prepares over 100 returns each year for the students of UofG.

This year, those leading the team are as follows:

1. Carter Sorensen, Director of Tax Clinic
2. Ethan Evans, Tax Clinic Manager
3. Jonathan Tu, Tax Clinic Manager

This year we are excited to announce that external members of the Guelph community are now eligible to come to this year's clinic. We are also excited to partner with Two Rivers Neighbourhood Group, sending a team our volunteers there to help with their own CVTIP.

Important Dates

The Lang Tax Clinic will run on two Saturdays:

1. Saturday March 23rd, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM
2. Saturday April 6th, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

The Issue

We need students to know about the free tax filing services that we offer. We ask that you please share this amongst your peers and students to ensure that they know we are here to help them during this tax season.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carter Sorensen', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Carter Sorensen

Director of Tax Clinic | Accounting Students' Association
Academic Delegate (Accounting) | JDCC Lang
Gordon S. Lang School of Business & Economics
Bachelor of Commerce, Accounting Co-op (2025)

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15.12. New Business

No New Business was presented at this meeting.

15.13 Announcements

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

The PTC thanked everyone for attending the last in-person board meeting. Voting will start soon for elections. It is a requirement to do a class talk if you are not a candidate. If you are in co-op, you can email professors to post on Courselink in place of in person class talks.

The President stated that there will be a campaign with GSA to share reasons why students may be struggling financially. For any questions, feel free to reach out.

The VP Student Experience stated that on Friday there will be a concert by Texas King. Tickets are \$10.

The VP Academic encouraged everyone to nominate their favourite professor for the Teaching Excellence Award.

The VP External stated that tomorrow is the all-candidates panel in the UC, and it is a drop-in. It is important to ask the Executives critical questions and learn more about them.

Member Jayden Khan hoped everyone had a good reading week.

Member Legge said she found a replacement for her role in SFOAC and three people running in the election from the OAC for at-large directors.

Member Marcus stated there is a Mock Trial event upcoming and encouraged everyone to attend.

Member Levy stated that Hillel will be hosting a Coffeehouse tomorrow in Bullring.

Member Walia shared that OPIRG has a symposium this Saturday and Sunday with a free lunch and guest speakers in Peter Clark Hall.

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Member Ratnarajah shared that on March 23, there will be an event for first years and pay \$3-6 for a free ride to Toronto for the Raptors Game. There are free food and drinks. The link to tickets will be posted on the Interhall Council page.

Member Wilkinson says CBSSC Gala will be the day after the Raptors event. The theme is “Hollywood Glamour.” Tickets will be sold on Friday.

Member Kashlan shared that there is a Palestine Charity event by GPSA on March 8 at 6pm. For more information, check out the GPSA Instagram.

Member Salloum reminded everyone that March 8 is International Women’s Day and to attend the Palestine Charity event.

Member Aldred-Ganhao wished everyone good luck on their midterms and to vote in the Board of Governors' election.

Member Jacinto said that March 23 is the anime convention. The tickets have gone out and we are hoping to do posters next week.

Member Greenhut added that for the Hillel event, they are looking for a magician. Hillel will be having a thrift shop on March 11, 12, and 14. Finally, thank you to the Chair for his patience, expertise, and knowledge.

The Chair communicated that this is his last meeting in-person. He will be providing any support the organization needs in the new Chair’s time of transition.

MOTION: to have a 10-minute recess

Moved: Jake Levy

Seconded: Simran Kalra

Motion Carried

15.14 In Camera

MOTION: to move in-camera.

Moved: Jake Levy

Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

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Motion Carried

15.14.1 Approval of Past In-Camera Minutes

MOTION: That the In-Camera Minutes be approved for the following CSA Board of Directors Meeting:

15.14.1	CSA Board Meeting # 13	January 31, 2024
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Moved: Jake Levy
Seconded: Nate Broughton

Motion Carried

15.14.2 Approval of Past In-Camera Minutes

MOTION: That the In-Camera Minutes be approved for the following CSA Board of Directors Meeting:

15.14.2	CSA Board Meeting # 14	February 14, 2024
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Moved: Jake Levy
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

15.14.3 Publicize In-Camera Minutes: October 23, 2023 and November 1, 2023

WHEREAS an emergency meeting, including an in-camera session, was convened by the CSA Board of Directors on October 23, 2023;

WHEREAS an in-camera session was convened by the CSA Board of Directors on November 1, 2023;

WHEREAS neither in-camera session discussed items that are considered necessary to be confidential under any CSA policy or bylaw by harming the corporation or the privacy of an individual;

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WHEREAS the CSA is mandated to represent and amplify the voice of undergraduate students at the University of Guelph;

WHEREAS all undergraduate students are represented by their respective elected and/or appointed At-Large Director(s) and have a right to transparency of how they are being represented by the CSA Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interest of CSA Members to understand the positions their representatives are taking during Board meetings and view the discussion of business items before a decision is made;

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the in-camera session from the CSA Board of Directors meeting on October 23, 2023 are made public and posted to the CSA website;

AND FURTHER that the minutes of the in-camera session from the CSA Board of Directors meeting on November 1, 2023 are made public and posted to the CSA website.

Moved: Shaima Alam, President

Seconded: Nate Broughton

Motion Carried

MOTION: to close the in-camera session.

Moved: Jake Levy

Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

MOTION: to have a 2-minute recess

Moved: Jonah Greenhut

Seconded: Simran Kalra

Member Greenhut expressed that it would be nice to take a group photo given it is the last board meeting in-person.

Motion Defeated

MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting # 15
February 28, 2024 – 6:00 pm
UC 442



15.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 15 on February 28, 2024 be adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut

Seconded: Jake Levy

Motion Carried

Approved by the Board of Directors

Date: March 27, 2024

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Cameron Olesen
Board Chair

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Colleen Bovay
Policy & Transition Coordinator