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Board of Directors Meeting # 12  
January 17, 2024 – 6:00 pm  
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## Attendance – January 17, 2024

<b>Board of Directors</b>			
<b>At-Large Representatives (Elected)</b>		<b>Present / Regrets</b>	<b>Arrived / Departed</b>
Jonah Greenhut	College of Arts	Present	
Vacant	College of Arts		
Daniel Spinner	College of Biological Science	Present	
Nour Kashlan	College of Biological Science	Present	
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	Present	
Reem Salloum	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences	Present	
Mauricio Fernandez	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Present	d: 7:34pm
Daniel Neiterman	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Present	d: 7:57pm
Bella Litvak	Ontario Agricultural College	Present	
Hillary Schneider	Ontario Agricultural College	Present	
Noam Einy	Ontario Veterinary College	Regrets	
Vacant	Ontario Veterinary College		
<b>Member College Government Representatives (Appointed)</b>		<b>Present / Regrets</b>	<b>Arrived / Departed</b>
Kennedy Koeslag	College of Arts Student Union	Absent	
Natalie Wilkinson	College of Biological Science Student Council	Present	
Abdul Rafe Khan	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council	Present	
Rachel Marcus	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences -Student Alliance	Regrets	
Vacant	Lang Students' Association		
Taylor Legge	Student Federation of the Ontario Agricultural College	Regrets	
Vacant	Central Veterinary Student Association (Ontario Veterinary College)		

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<b>Student Organization Representatives (Appointed)</b>		<b>Present / Regrets</b>	<b>Arrived / Departed</b>
Samantha Scott	Indigenous Student Society (ISS)	Present	
Chikaima Ifezue	Guelph Black Students Association (GBSA)	Present	d: 7pm
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: 7:30pm
Naomi Amayaevbo	Guelph Campus Co-op	Present	
Eknoor Walia	Ontario Public Interest Research Group	Present	
Marcus Aldred-Ganhao	Student Senate Caucus	Present	
Simran Kalra	Board of Governors	Present	
<b>Executive (Ex-officio, Non-voting)</b>		<b>Present / Regrets</b>	<b>Arrived / Departed</b>
Shaima Alam	President	Regrets	
McKenna Williams	Vice President Student Experience	Present	
Bawneet Singh	Vice President Academic	Present	
Samar Tariq	Vice President External	Present	

<b>Staff</b>	<b>Position</b>
Cameron Olesen	Chair
Colleen Bovay	Policy & Transition Coordinator
Nikki Tu	Scribe

<b>Guest</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
William Coleman	Chief Returning Officer
Isha Maharaj	Clubs Coordinator

*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

### 12.2 Adoption of the Agenda

#### 12.2.1 Approve the Agenda

**MOTION:** That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 12 on January 17, 2024, be approved as printed and distributed.

**Motion Carried**

**MOTION TO AMEND:** to remove the in-camera session from the agenda.

**Motion Carried**

**MOTION TO AMEND:** to move **Item 12.10.5: SEIF Committee Fall 2023 Report** to just after **item 12.4: Introductions**.

**Motion Carried**

**AMENDED MOTION:** that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 12 on January 17, 2024, be approved as amended with:

- Removing the in-camera session; and
- Moving **item 12.10.5: SEIF Committee Fall 2023 Report** to just after **item 12.4.1: Introductions**.

**Motion Carried**

**MOTION:** to reconsider the agenda.

**Motion Carried**

**MOTION TO AMEND:** to add **item 12.12.1: CSA Statement on Navitas**

**Motion Carried**

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**AMENDED MOTION:** that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting #12 on January 17, 2024, be approved as amended with:

- The addition of **item 12.12.1: CSA Statement on Navitas.**

**Motion Carried**

## 12.5 Approval of Past Minutes

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

12.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 11	November 29, 2023
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**Motion Carried**

## 12.6 Executive Committee Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
12.6.1	Meeting # 19	November 16, 2023
12.6.2	Meeting # 20	November 24, 2023

**Motion Carried**

## 12.10 Committee Updates and Reports

### 12.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

**Motion Carried**

### 12.10.2 Policy & Bylaw Review Committee (PBRC) Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
12.10.2	Meeting # 4	November 3, 2023

**Motion Carried**

### 12.10.3 Policy & Bylaw Review Committee (PBRC) Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
12.10.3	Meeting # 5	November 21, 2023

**Motion Carried**

### 12.10.4 Policy & Bylaw Review Committee (PBRC) Update re. Executive Courseloads

**WHEREAS** at the Board of Directors meeting on November 29, 2023, the Board referred the topic of Executive courseload restrictions to the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee for review; and

**WHEREAS** the motion stipulated for an update to be provided to the Board at the January 17, 2024 Board of Directors meeting;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the verbal update provided by the President on behalf of the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee be received as information by the Board of Directors.

**Motion Carried**

### 12.10.5 SEIF Committee Fall 2023 Report

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**MOTION:** That the Student Events and Initiatives Funding Committee Fall 2023 Report, as included in the board agenda package, be received as information;

**AND FURTHER** that the additional Winter 2024 SEIF deadlines as proposed in the report be approved by the Board of Directors.

### Motion Carried

#### 12.11 Business

##### 12.11.1 Appoint University Centre Board Undergraduate Student Representatives

**WHEREAS** the University Centre Board requires membership of ten undergraduate students appointed by the CSA, as well as five undergraduate students as alternate members, as per the Constitution of the University Centre Board; and

**WHEREAS** the University Centre Board currently has one vacancy for an alternate undergraduate student member;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following Board Director be appointed to the University Centre Board as an alternate for a term of up to two years:

Nour Kashlan
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### Motion Carried

##### 12.11.2 Appoint Member to Elections and Referendum Committee

**WHEREAS** the Elections and Referendum Committee is responsible for overseeing the operations of CSA Elections and ensuring the electoral bylaw and policy of the CSA are upheld throughout the elections;

**WHEREAS** CSA Policy Appendix G, Section 3.2.1 requires membership of the committee to consist of the President, Policy & Transition Coordinator, CRO, ARO, and two Directors; and

**WHEREAS** Member Jonah Greenhut has resigned from the committee, leaving a vacancy;

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following Director be appointed to the Elections and Referendum Committee for the remainder of the 2023-2024 academic year:

Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
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**Motion Carried**

## 12.11.3 Appoint 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 Winter 2024 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:

Bawneet Singh, VP Academic
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**AND FURTHER** that the following Board Directors be appointed to the TEA Selection Committee:

Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Reem Salloum
Jonah Greenhut
Naomi Amayaevbo
Daniel Neiterman
Abdul Rafe Khan
Danielle Callaghan

**Motion Carried**

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## 12.12.1 CSA Statement on Navitas

**WHEREAS** the CSA has previously passed a motion to express its firm opposition to the privatization of any portion of teaching at the University of Guelph through a contract with Navitas or any other for-profit corporation;

**WHEREAS** the concerns regarding the negative impact of such a partnership on the University's academic standards, reputation, degree value, and the quality of publicly funded education remain pertinent and unresolved;

**WHEREAS** the potential exploitation of students and their families, increased socio-economic divides on campus, and additional strain on university facilities and resources due to such a partnership are alarming;

**WHEREAS** the CSA aligns with the broader university community in valuing public education and opposes the assertion that the values of Navitas align with those of the University;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the CSA Board receives the following statement and accompanying resources as information;

**AND FURTHER** the CSA reiterates its opposition to the outsourcing of the University's teaching mission to Navitas or any other corporation, upholding the integrity and quality of education at the University of Guelph;

**AND FURTHER** that the CSA continues to stand in solidarity with the joint statement issued by campus unions and supports their call for ethical, sustainable alternatives to achieve the University's goals in internationalization and EDI;

**AND FURTHER** the CSA urges the Board of Governors to consider the long-term impacts of such a partnership on the University's reputation and the welfare of its students and faculty, and to reject any deal with Navitas;

**AND FURTHER** the CSA demands the University of Guelph to join several other Canadian universities that have considered and rejected similar arrangements with Navitas, thereby maintaining its status as an institution committed to educational excellence and social responsibility;

**AND FURTHER** the CSA will publicly post the following statement labeled "Public Statement" on its official Instagram and website expressing its stance on this issue by Tuesday, January 23 at 12pm, highlighting the concerns and the united opposition of the student body and campus unions against the partnership with Navitas;



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**AND FURTHER** the CSA will deliver the following 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 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**

### 12.15 Adjournment

**MOTION:** That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 12 on January 17, 2024, be adjourned at 8:22 pm

**Motion Carried**

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## Agenda – January 17, 2024

<b>12.0</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>	
<b>12.1</b>	<b>Land Acknowledgement</b> Member Samar Tariq	
<b>12.2</b>	<b>Adoption of the Agenda</b> 12.2.1 Approve the Agenda 12.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts	
<b>12.3</b>	<b>Ratifications and De-Ratifications</b>	
<b>12.4</b>	<b>Comments from the Chair</b> 12.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns	
<b>12.5</b>	<b>Approval of Past Minutes</b> 12.5.1 Meeting # 11 – November 29, 2023	
<b>12.6</b>	<b>Executive Committee Minutes</b> 12.6.1 Meeting # 19 – November 16, 2023 12.6.2 Meeting # 20 – November 24, 2023	
<b>12.7</b>	<b>Executive Updates</b> 12.7.1 President – January 17, 2024 12.7.2 VP Student Experience – January 17, 2024 12.7.3 VP Academic – January 17, 2024 12.7.4 VP External – January 17, 2024	
<b>12.8</b>	<b>Director Reports</b>	
<b>12.9</b>	<b>CSA Service Update and Report</b>	
<b>12.10</b>	<b>Committee Updates and Reports</b> 12.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments 12.10.2 PBRC Minutes #4 – November 3, 2023 12.10.3 PBRC Minutes #5 – November 21, 2023 12.10.4 PBRC Update re. Executive Courseloads 12.10.5 SEIF Committee Fall 2023 Report	
<b>12.11</b>	<b>Business</b> 12.11.1 UC Board Appointment 12.11.2 Appoint Member to Elections and Referendum Committee 12.11.3 Appoint Teaching Excellence Award Selection Committee	
<b>12.12</b>	<b>New Business</b> 12.12.1 CSA Statement on Navitas	
<b>12.13</b>	<b>Announcements</b>	
<b>12.14</b>	<b>In Camera Session</b>	

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	12.14.1	
<b>12.15</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	

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### 12.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:24 pm.

### 12.1 Land Acknowledgement

The VP External, Samar Tariq, delivered the following land acknowledgement:

I would like to acknowledge that although we all come from different places we are currently within the University of Guelph. The University resides on the traditional land of the Attawandron people, and the Treaty Lands of the Mississauga of the Credit. We also honour our Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Metis neighbours, and recognize the significance of the Dish with One Spoon Covenant. For those of you who do not know, the dish with one spoon treaty is not only a promise between nations for peace and prosperity, but it is also a promise to the land itself. In the context of the treaty, the dish represents the land, and the spoon (or rather absence of utensils such as a knife) represents not only that we all eat out of this dish and are thus sustained from it, but also that it is a sign of peace. This agreement binds all who inhabit the land to live sustainably by sharing resources, and acting in peace and love, not war.

### 12.2 Adoption of the Agenda

#### 12.2.1 Approve the Agenda

**MOTION:** That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 12 on January 17, 2024, be approved as printed and distributed.

**Moved:** Jake Levy

**Seconded:** Jonah Greenhut

**Motion Carried**

**MOTION TO AMEND:** to remove the in-camera session from the agenda.

**Moved:** Jake Levy

**Seconded:** Jonah Greenhut

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As the tv screen in the meeting room currently isn't functioning, it won't be possible to display the in-camera minutes for the board to review and approve them.

### **Motion Carried**

**MOTION TO AMEND:** to move **Item 12.10.5: SEIF Committee Fall 2023 Report** to just after **item 12.4: Introductions**.

**Moved:** McKenna Williams, VP Student Experience

**Seconded:** Jonah Greenhut

### **Motion Carried**

**AMENDED MOTION:** that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 12 on January 17, 2024, be approved as amended with:

- Removing the in-camera session; and
- Moving **item 12.10.5: SEIF Committee Fall 2023 Report** to just after **item 12.4.1: Introductions**.

### **Motion Carried**

## **12.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts**

No declarations of conflict were made at this meeting.

## **12.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications**

No ratifications or de-ratifications were considered.

## **12.4 Comments from the Chair**

The Chair welcomes everyone back as the first CSA meeting of the semester. If at any point during the meeting you wish to request the Speaker's List, please raise your placard. 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.

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## 12.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

## 12.5 Approval of Past Minutes

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

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**Moved:** Nate Broughton

**Seconded:** Jake Levy

**Motion Carried**

## 12.6 Executive Committee Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
12.6.1	Meeting # 19	November 16, 2023
12.6.2	Meeting # 20	November 24, 2023

**Moved:** Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

**Seconded:** Jayden Khan

**Motion Carried**

## 12.7 Executive Updates

### 12.7.1 President

Due to the absence of The President, Shaima Alam, there were no updates during the meeting.

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### 12.7.2 VP Student Experience

The Finance Committee will be scheduling another meeting for next year's budget.

VP Student Experience has solidified some major objectives for the year regarding student engagement. They will be posting upcoming reels and TikToks on social media.

Once event budgets are finalized, we will start planning for events. We are getting quotes for food, venues, entertainment, and other aspects.

We are looking to collaborate with many other clubs on-campus.

The website, thecannon.ca, has relaunched. Information on the site includes textbooks and housing.

VP Student Experience met with Student Wellness Advisory Group to discuss fee increases and will meet before the end of the month.

Please check out Clubs Day occurring in the UC this week on Thursday and Friday.

### 12.7.3 VP Academic

Teaching Excellence Award nominations will be opening January 25. There will be a motion to form a committee for this event. Students will nominate teachers based on discipline.

VP Academic has been advocating for late night study spaces, they are still waiting for feedback. If anyone has more ideas, they would appreciate an email.

VP Academic has been solidifying academic misconduct policies. He plans to make a series on Instagram detailing what is considered academic misconduct.

### 12.7.4 VP External

VP External has been preparing for the 2024 Lobby Week that she will be attending at the end of February. For an entire week, Executives will connect with provincial government and motivate on behalf of the student body. She has created a feedback form inquiring students regarding consent, sexual misconduct in an academic setting,

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inflation of student fees, and the housing crisis. Many students who are not in leader positions are not aware that the university is functioning at a deficit.

She has been planning advocacy postings and outreach this month.

VP External is planning a large event for Women's History Month.

Working closely with Joseph, the Bike Centre Assistant, and members around the office for the Bike Auction.

She requests the board's help when the feedback form is launched. She will appreciate it if the board could do class talks.

VP External explained that due to Ford's government, there have not been enough funding for universities. We used to have six Executives but had to cut down to four. As such, universities have had to privatize many aspects of its institution. Many international students will have to pay triple the cost compared to domestic students to help afford pension plans for faculty and staff.

### 12.8 Director Reports

Member Broughton attended the town hall meeting for Navitas. He crafted a statement and hopes to amend the agenda to read the motion.

Member Levy attended a PBRC meeting and discussed the international students position in Executives roles item.

### 12.10 Committee Updates and Reports

#### 12.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

**Moved:** Jonah Greenhut

**Seconded:** Nate Broughton



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## Motion Carried

### 12.10.2 Policy & Bylaw Review Committee (PBRC) Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
12.10.2	Meeting # 4	November 3, 2023

**Moved:** Jake Levy

**Seconded:** Nate Broughton

## Motion Carried

### 12.10.3 Policy & Bylaw Review Committee (PBRC) Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
12.10.3	Meeting # 5	November 21, 2023

**Moved:** Naomi Amayaevbo

**Seconded:** Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

## Motion Carried

### 12.10.4 Policy & Bylaw Review Committee (PBRC) Update re. Executive Courseloads

**WHEREAS** at the Board of Directors meeting on November 29, 2023, the Board referred the topic of Executive courseload restrictions to the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee for review; and

**WHEREAS** the motion stipulated for an update to be provided to the Board at the January 17, 2024 Board of Directors meeting;

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that the verbal update provided by the PTC on behalf of the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee be received as information by the Board of Directors.

**Moved:** Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

**Seconded:** Nate Broughton

The PTC explained that PBRC met during last semester's exams. The committee reached consensus that they did not support the suggested policy change. We would need additional staff and Executives with the changes proposed by the board, in addition to working out many other logistics. The minutes have not been approved yet but will be at the next committee meeting, which will then be available to the board to see the full discussion of the matter.

**Motion Carried**

### 12.10.5 SEIF Committee Fall 2023 Report

**MOTION:** to extend speaking rights to Isha Maharaj, CSA staff member.

**Moved:** Nate Broughton

**Seconded:** Jake Levy

**Motion Carried**

**MOTION:** That the Student Events and Initiatives Funding Committee Fall 2023 Report, as included in the board agenda package, be received as information;

**AND FURTHER** that the additional Winter 2024 SEIF deadlines as proposed in the report be approved by the Board of Directors.

**Moved:** Jonah Greenhut

**Seconded:** Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Isha Maharaj, CSA Staff Member, presented the following information in the SEIF Committee Report.

- Total Applications Submitted: 49
- Number of CSA Applications: 43
- Number individual CSA Clubs: 28

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- Number of Fundraising Events: 7
  - Number of Community Engagement Events: 37
  - Number of Educational Events: 5

The following information includes the Funding Requests:

- Total requested: \$11,950.30
- Average requested: \$243.88
- Number of funding requests over \$500: 2
- Funding requested per category:
  - Fundraising events:
    - Total: \$1,841.00
    - Average: \$263.00
  - Community Engagement Events
    - Total: \$6,914.59
    - Average: \$192.07
  - Educational Events
    - Total: \$2,668.69
    - Average: \$533.74

The following information includes the Funding Allocation:

- Total funding granted: \$2,280.26
- Total funding spent: \$2,035.61
- Average funding granted: \$88.50
- Funding allocated per category:
  - Fundraising events:
    - Total: \$0.00
    - Average: \$0.00
  - Community Engagement Events
    - Total: \$3,517.26
    - Average: \$125.62
  - Educational Events
    - Total: \$148.00
    - Average: \$74.00

The SEIF process went through fundamental changes in its change in the application format and reporting change. This includes a new online form, new budget template, requirements for application, hiring a staff member to be the point person for questions, following up, and checking for application completion between committee meetings. The SEIF committee has been committed to prioritizing CSA clubs and not funding fundraising events for external causes.

Many events were not funded due to no application being submitted the Students Events and Risk Management (SE&RM) Committee for approval.

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The clubs have been very responsive this term in submitting final reports compared to the past.

Due to the large amount of remaining funds, 3 additional deadlines have been proposed for the Winter 2024 semester, pending approval of the Board of Directors: January 17 at 11:59pm, February 1 at 11:59pm, and March 6 at 11:59pm. We will also be working on how groups become aware of the funding and how groups can utilize it. The committee is excited to allocate \$7,964.39 to student-led initiatives throughout the 2024 Winter Semester.

### **Motion Carried**

## **12.11 Business**

### **12.11.1 Appoint University Centre Board Undergraduate Student Representatives**

**WHEREAS** the University Centre Board requires membership of ten undergraduate students appointed by the CSA, as well as five undergraduate students as alternate members, as per the Constitution of the University Centre Board; and

**WHEREAS** the University Centre Board currently has one vacancy for an alternate undergraduate student member;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following Board Director be appointed to the University Centre Board as an alternate for a term of up to two years:

Nour Kashlan
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**Moved:** Mckenna Williams, VP Student Experience

**Seconded:** Jake Levy

The VP Student Experience explained that meetings are approximately once a month for an hour. The UC is governed by 50% students and 50% administration. It is important to have full student representation at each meeting. As an alternative member, you will only be contacted if a member is unable to attend.

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## 12.11.2 Appoint Member to Elections and Referendum Committee

**WHEREAS** the Elections and Referendum Committee is responsible for overseeing the operations of CSA Elections and ensuring the electoral bylaw and policy of the CSA are upheld throughout the elections;

**WHEREAS** CSA Policy Appendix G, Section 3.2.1 requires membership of the committee to consist of the President, Policy & Transition Coordinator, CRO, ARO, and two Directors; and

**WHEREAS** Member Jonah Greenhut has resigned from the committee, leaving a vacancy;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following Director be appointed to the Elections and Referendum Committee for the remainder of the 2023-2024 academic year:

Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
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**Moved:** Jonah Greenhut

**Seconded:** Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Meetings are typically biweekly during elections periods. Members cannot sit on the committee if you are running in the election or if you are a current member of the Elections Appeals Board.

**Motion Carried**

## 12.11.3 Appoint 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 Winter 2024 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;

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

Bawneet Singh, VP Academic
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**AND FURTHER** that the following Board Directors be appointed to the TEA Selection Committee:

Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Reem Salloum
Jonah Greenhut
Naomi Amayaevbo
Daniel Neiterman
Abdul Rafe Khan
Danielle Callaghan

**Moved:** Bawneet Singh, VP Academic

**Seconded:** Jonah Greenhut

The VP Academic explained that the time commitment for this committee is still tentative.

**Motion Carried**

### 12.12. New Business

**MOTION:** to reconsider the agenda

**Moved:** Nate Broughton

**Seconded:** Jonah Greenhut

Member Broughton would like to add a new business item regarding the potential university partnership with Navitas as there are currently town halls going on in relation to the partnership. He thinks it's important to discuss this now rather than waiting two weeks until the next meeting.

**Motion Carried**

**MOTION:** to suspend the Rules of Order

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**Moved:** Marcus Aldred-Ganhao  
**Seconded:** Naomi Amayaevbo

**Motion Carried**

**MOTION:** to amend the agenda to add **item 12.12.1: CSA Statement on Navitas**

**Moved:** Nate Broughton  
**Seconded:** Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

**Motion Carried**

**AMENDED MOTION:** that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting #12 on January 17, 2024, be approved as amended with:

- The addition of **item 12.12.1: CSA Statement on Navitas.**

**Motion Carried**

**MOTION:** to have a 10-minute recess.

**Moved:** Jonah Greenhut  
**Seconded:** Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

**Motion Carried**

### 12.12.1 CSA Statement on Navitas

**WHEREAS** the CSA has previously passed a motion to express its firm opposition to the privatization of any portion of teaching at the University of Guelph through a contract with Navitas or any other for-profit corporation;

**WHEREAS** the concerns regarding the negative impact of such a partnership on the University's academic standards, reputation, degree value, and the quality of publicly funded education remain pertinent and unresolved;

**WHEREAS** the potential exploitation of students and their families, increased socio-economic divides on campus, and additional strain on university facilities and resources due to such a partnership are alarming;

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**WHEREAS** the CSA aligns with the broader university community in valuing public education and opposes the assertion that the values of Navitas align with those of the University;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the CSA Board receives the following statement and accompanying resources as information;

**AND FURTHER** the CSA reiterates its opposition to the outsourcing of the University’s teaching mission to Navitas or any other corporation, upholding the integrity and quality of education at the University of Guelph;

**AND FURTHER** that the CSA continues to stand in solidarity with the joint statement issued by campus unions and supports their call for ethical, sustainable alternatives to achieve the University’s goals in internationalization and EDI;

**AND FURTHER** the CSA urges the Board of Governors to consider the long-term impacts of such a partnership on the University’s reputation and the welfare of its students and faculty, and to reject any deal with Navitas;

**AND FURTHER** the CSA demands the University of Guelph to join several other Canadian universities that have considered and rejected similar arrangements with Navitas, thereby maintaining its status as an institution committed to educational excellence and social responsibility;

**AND FURTHER** the CSA will publicly post the following statement labeled “Public Statement” on its official Instagram and website expressing its stance on this issue within 48 hours, highlighting the concerns and the united opposition of the student body and campus unions against the partnership with Navitas;

**AND FURTHER** the CSA will deliver the following 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.

**Moved:** Nate Broughton

**Seconded:** Jonah Greenhut

Member Broughton motivated that more attention needs to be brought to this issue as the university is currently hosting town halls but is publicizing them as being regarding internationalization, without mentioning the possible partnership with Navitas. This, along with only sending the details to faculty has led to lower attendance, which was likely the intention. The Associate VP Academic was avoiding the questions posed during the meetings.



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Member Broughton reminded members of the presentation from the CSA Foodbank Coordinator last semester where it was stated that 75% of the CSA FoodBank visitors are international students. If we bring in more international students who are also experiencing financial strain, this will only worsen the overcapacity. He thinks the proposed statements are the right way to go forward.

Member Greenhut believes it is important to add the way this impacts international students, as well as the CSA-specific context mentioned in the motivation.

VP Student Experience addressed the timeline of 48-hours for the instagram post. She stated that the statement may get less visibility due to Clubs Days and other items coming up this week that will have posts. It may be better to post within a week just to have better student engagement.

Member Aldred-Ganhao believes it is a vital issue and supports the motion. He highly recommends approving the motion.

VP Academic mentioned that he is against Navitas. He is unsure of how to inform international students that Navitas is good for short-term but not for long-term.

Member Amayaevbo mentioned that she has never heard of international students using Navitas coming to study abroad. In response to the VP Academic's question, Member Amayaevbo stated that we should share with international students that applications for Canadian universities can be achieved without the need of Navitas, and students just need to invest some time into the application process by themselves or with their guardians, and aspire for good grades in prior educational institutions.

Member Broughton noted that the Associate VP Academic references tuition fees that international students pay once they become a student at the University of Guelph, which is in their second year after completing the program with Navitas. At TMU, domestic students pay approximately \$43,000, and international students pay approximately \$150,000. After the Navitas program, it totals up to \$250,000. Member Broughton noted that the Associate VP Academic hasn't commented on any additional fees that would apply for the Navitas students, and it was mentioned that those enrolled with their program will be guaranteed residence, which is questionable based on the current demand for residence and lack of availability.

**MOTION TO AMEND:** to amend the 48-hour deadline for the instagram post and website post to Tuesday, January 23, at 12pm.

**Moved:** Jonah Greenhut

**Seconded:** Naomi Amayaevbo

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This is to ensure that this statement will reach the greatest number of students, based on the comments regarding the other CSA activities that will be getting posted this week.

The VP Student Experience mentioned that we need to strategize how to promote the campaign quickly.

### **Motion Carried**

**MOTION TO AMEND:** 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:** Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

**Seconded:** Nate Broughton

### **Motion Carried**

**MOTION:** to call the question

**Moved:** Jake Levy

**Seconded:** Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

### **Motion Carried**

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### **Motion Carried**

### **12.13 Announcements**

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

The PTC thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished them a great rest of the semester.

VP Student Experience encouraged everyone to attend Clubs Week.

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Member Levy stated next week is Holocaust Education Week with many initiatives on-campus. There will be an event on Zoom on Monday showing Auschwitz. On Tuesday and Wednesday, Hillel will be tabling. There will be a ceremony on Tuesday at 1PM. On Thursday at 7PM, there will be a Holocaust survivor on Zoom recounting his story. All sign-ups are on GryphLife.

Member Khan wished everyone a good rest of the week.

Member Scott informed that there will be many events hosted by the Indigenous Student Centre and the Indigenous Student Society. All can be found on GryphLife.

Member Amayaevbo will be at Clubs Week too and invited everyone to attend. With the cannon website being launched, it will provide information on to how to purchase textbooks cheaper by reselling and reusing.

Member Aldred-Ganhao mentioned that Tabletop Games is having an event right now. Membership is not required until Clubs Day.

### 12.14 In Camera

No in-camera session was held at this meeting.

### 12.15 Adjournment

**MOTION:** That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 12 on January 17, 2024 be adjourned at 8:22 pm.

**Moved:** Natalie Wilkinson

**Seconded:** Jake Levy

**Motion Carried**

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**Approved by the Board of Directors**

**Date: January 31, 2024**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cameron Olesen  
Board Chair

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Colleen Bovay  
Policy & Transition Coordinator