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Board of Directors Meeting # 1

May 25, 2022 – 6:00 pm

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Attendance – May 25, 2022

| Board of Directors | | | |
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| At-Large Representatives (Elected) | | Present / Regrets | Arrived / Departed |
| Vacant | College of Arts | | |
| Vacant | College of Arts | | |
| Sanya Sareen | College of Biological Science | Regrets | |
| Vacant | College of Biological Science | | |
| Jake Levy | College of Engineering and Physical Sciences | Present | 6:43 pm |
| Vacant | College of Engineering and Physical Sciences | | |
| Vacant | College of Social and Applied Human Sciences | | |
| Vacant | College of Social and Applied Human Sciences | | |
| Mauricio Canedo Fernandez | Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics | Present | 6:38 pm |
| Daniel Neiterman | Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics | Present | 6:43 pm |
| Isha Maharaj | Ontario Agricultural College | Present | 6:43 pm |
| Vacant | Ontario Agricultural College | | |
| Vacant | Ontario Veterinary College | | |
| Vacant | Ontario Veterinary College | | |
| Member College Government Representatives (Appointed) | | Present / Regrets | Arrived / Departed |
| Vacant | College of Arts Student Union | | |
| Ana Maria Mercu | College of Biological Science Student Council | Present | 6:43 pm |
| Vacant | College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council | | |
| Samantha Ogbeiwi | College of Social and Applied Human Sciences - Student Alliance | Regrets | |
| Vacant | Lang Students' Association | | |
| Vacant | Student Federation of the Ontario Agricultural College | | |
| Vacant | Central Veterinary Student Association (Ontario Veterinary College) | | |

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| Student Organization Representatives (Appointed) | | Present / Regrets | Arrived / Departed |
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| Vacant | Indigenous Student Society (ISS) | | |
| Martha Yiridoe | Guelph Black Students Association (GBSA) | Regrets | |
| Vacant | Guelph Queer Equality (GQE) | | |
| Vacant | Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity | | |
| Krishna Varnika Karavadi | International Student Organization (ISO) | Present | 6:43 pm |
| Anthony Pereira | Interhall Council (IHC) | Present | 6:43 pm |
| Vacant | Guelph Campus Co-op | | |
| Vacant | Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG) | | |
| Vacant | Student Senate Caucus | | |
| Vacant | Board of Governors | | |
| Executive (Ex-officio, non-voting) | | Present / Regrets | Arrived / Departed |
| Nicole Walker | President | Present | 6:32 pm |
| Vacant | Vice President Student Experience | | |
| Mason Friebe | Vice President Academic | Present | 6:43 pm |
| Jena-Lee Ashley | Vice President External | Present | 6:33 pm |

| Staff | Position |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Cameron Olesen | Chair |
| Earl Evans | Policy & Transition Manager - Interim |
| Sarah Kurtz | Scribe |

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Summary of Resolutions

1.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 1 on May 25, 2022, be approved as printed and distributed.

Motion carried

1.3.1 Ratify Appointed Directors

MOTION: That the following appointed **College Government representatives** be ratified as Members of the 2022-2023 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately:

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| Ana-Maria Mercu | College of Biological Science - Student Council |
| Samantha Ogbeiwi | College of Social and Applied Human Services – Students Alliance |

Motion defeated

MOTION: That the following **Student Organization representatives** be ratified as Members of the 2022-2023 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately:

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| Martha Yiridoe | Guelph Black Students Association (GBSA) |
| Krishna Varnika Karavadi | International Students Organization (ISO) |
| Anthony Pereira | Interhall Council (IHC) |

Motion defeated

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- 1.0 Call to Order**
- 1.1 Land Acknowledgement**
 - Jena-Lee Ashley
- 1.2 Adoption of the Agenda**
 - 1.2.1 Approve the Agenda
 - 1.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts
- 1.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications**
 - 1.3.1 Ratify Appointed Directors
- 1.4 Comments from the Chair**
 - 1.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns
- 1.5 Approval of Past Minutes**
 - 1.5.1 Meeting # 17 – April 6, 2022
 - 1.5.2 Meeting # 18 – April 11, 2022
- 1.6 Executive Committee Minutes**
 - 1.6.1 Meeting # 27 – March 16, 2022
 - 1.6.2 Meeting # 28 – April 6, 2022
 - 1.6.3 Meeting # 29 – April 26, 2022
 - 1.6.4 Meeting # 1 – May 10, 2022
- 1.7 Executive Updates**
 - 1.7.1 President
 - 1.7.2 VP Student Experience (vacant)
 - 1.7.3 VP Academic
 - 1.7.4 VP External
- 1.8 Director Reports**
- 1.9 CSA Service Update and Reports**
- 1.10 Committee Updates and Reports**
 - 1.10.1 Report Hiring Committee – Board Scribe
 - 1.10.2 Report Hiring Committee – Board Scribe
 - 1.10.3 Report Hiring Committee – Safewalk Volunteer & PR Coordinator
 - 1.10.4 Report Hiring Committee – Safewalk Volunteer & PR Coordinator
 - 1.10.5 Report Hiring Committee – SHAC Coordinator and Asst. Coordinator
 - 1.10.6 Report Hiring Committee – Student Experience Coordinator (Interim)
 - 1.10.7 Minutes: Finance Committee – Meeting # 4 – March 7, 2022

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1.11 Business

1.11.1 Appoint Hiring Committee – Bike Centre Coordinator

1.11.2 Return to Campus & Post-Covid Pedagogy Undergraduate Student Task Force

1.11.3 Revised Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

1.12 New Business

1.12.1

1.13 Announcements

1.14 In Camera

1.15 Adjournment

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1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

I want to start by acknowledging that the place that connects us all is the University of Guelph, which is situated on the ancestral lands of the Attawandaron People and the treaty land and territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. We have a collective responsibility to honour the Dish With One Spoon covenant to this land, which was a peace agreement between nations that encourages sharing the land to mutually benefit all. As we are tuning in virtually, I want to stress the importance of recognizing and offering your respect to whose land you are currently occupying. A great way to do this is checking out Native-Land.ca, which is a great resource for checking the land you're occupying. I want to take this time again to offer my respect to my Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Metis brothers and sisters as we continue our efforts in building a strong and authentic relationship with our settler neighbours.

Jena-Lee Ashley, VP External

1.2 Adoption of the Agenda

1.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 1 on May 25, 2022, be approved as printed and distributed.

Moved: Isha Maharaj

Seconded: Nicole Walker, President

Motion carried

1.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

No declarations of conflict were made at this meeting.

1.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

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1.3.1 Ratify Appointed Directors

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| Ana-Maria Mercu | College of Biological Science - Student Council |
| Samantha Ogbeiwi | College of Social and Applied Human Services – Students Alliance |

Moved: Isha Maharaj

Seconded: Nicole Walker, President

Motion defeated

Member Jake Levy informed the Board that previous Board members had reached out to him expressing their concerns over the ratification process. For this reason, he motivated to delay the ratification of the prospective Board members until further notice, perhaps revisiting it at the next Board meeting. This would allow the members of the Board to review the bylaws in more detail. He stated that it was in the best interest of the student body to address these ratification concerns before proceeding.

Cameron Olesen, Chair asked for more details.

Member Levy reported that he had been speaking with Mike Pacheco and Justin Mihaly, previous members, whom he thought should be elected members this summer as they are both still in school. They technically do not graduate or finish their program until the end of August. They believe they should be allowed to be represented as CSA appointed members for this summer.

The Chair specified that ratifying these members would not preclude the later ratification of the two individuals mentioned by Member Levy if it is found that they are in good standing with the organization.

Member Jake Levy said that the Board should not be allowing some people to vote and some people not to vote at this meeting. Everyone is equally allowed and fit to be on the Board.

Cameron Olesen, Chair, stated that the preferred method would be to table the agenda rather than to table the ratification. These members have been appointed by their organizations according to our bylaws, and he saw no reason why they should not be ratified. They are duly appointed by their organizations and should not be prevented from their right to vote.

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MOTION: To call the question.

Moved: Daniel Neiterman

Seconded: Jake Levy

Motion carried

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| Martha Yiridoe | Guelph Black Students Association (GBSA) |
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| Anthony Pereira | Interhall Council (IHC) |

Moved: Daniel Neiterman

Seconded: Isha Maharaj

Nicole Walker, President, indicated that the PTM has had discussions with the two previous members. She reiterated that the members being ratified at the meeting were present at this meeting. The fact that they are going to be ratified tonight to the Board does not stop the two members in question from being ratified at a later date.

Motion defeated

Cameron Olesen, Chair, suggested that since the Board has decided not to ratify members present who have been appointed, it was best to adjourn the meeting early. Voting rights have been denied to those members who have been duly appointed to the Board and they will not have rights to speak or vote to any of the items on the agenda tonight.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Nicole Walker, President.

Seconded: Isha Maharaj

Motion defeated

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The Chair explained that he could not recommend that the Board proceed as it was treading on “potentially treacherous ground”. He understood the concerns around members being denied the right to vote who should have those rights to vote but essentially, that is what happened to the members who were duly appointed and set to be ratified at this meeting. Because of that, he recommended that the Board continue with procedural items and reports but did not recommend any voting. He explained that items that require a vote should be tabled until the next meeting, until members are properly ratified.

Nicole Walker, President, asked for clarification from Board members as to why they wanted to move forward with the meeting.

Jake Levy stated that the reason that he voted to deny the ratification of the appointed members was if some people are going to be denied their appointment, then all members should be denied their appointment. Until it is confirmed that all rules are being properly followed and that all people who should be and want to be appointed can be ratified onto the Board, then no people should be ratified onto the Board.

MOTION: To end the discussion period and move forward with the agenda.

Moved: Daniel Neiterman

Seconded: Jake Levy

Motion carried

1.4 Comments from the Chair

Cameron Olesen, Chair: Good evening everyone, and thank you for being here tonight. I know we’ve started a little differently than intended. But with that being said, I’ll remind everyone of Robert’s Rules and the CSA Rules of Order. If you have a point of order, point of information, or point of personal information, please raise your hand. Any items that require speaker’s list, please type ‘speaker’s list’ in the chat. If there are any items that come up tonight that need a volunteer, type ‘volunteer’ in the chat. Please avoid using the chat for other reasons as this is considered speaking out of turn.

At this point, Chair Olesen announced that the Executive was no longer present in the meeting, perhaps as a result of poor internet quality. He declared that the meeting was out of order but suggested a brief time to see if they reconnect.

Informal discussion continued but no further Minutes were taken except for clarification from the Chair.

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Cameron Olesen, Chair clarified that since the CSA is running with a diminished Executive, the President is required to be present to meet quorum. A majority of the Executive Officers is not present, which means the meeting is out of order.

The Chair reported that staff will review bylaws and policy due to the concerns expressed by the members present and come up with a sufficient response. The next scheduled meeting on June 15 provides time for reviewing.

Since he did not see quorum returning, the Chair declared the meeting to be adjourned.

1.15 Adjournment

As a result of lost quorum, the CSA Board of Directors Meeting #1 of May 25, 2022, was adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Approved by the Board of Directors

Date: July 13, 2022

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Cameron Olesen
Board Chair

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Earl Evans
Policy & Transition Manager (Interim)