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Board of Directors Meeting # 9
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Attendance – November 1, 2023

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	Present	
Vacant	College of Biological Science		
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	a: 7pm
Vacant	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences		
Mauricio Fernandez	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Present	
Daniel Neiterman	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Present	
Bella Litvak	Ontario Agricultural College	Present	d: 10:08pm
Hillary Schneider	Ontario Agricultural College	Present	d: 10:31pm
Noam Einy	Ontario Veterinary College	Present	
Vacant	Ontario Veterinary College		
Member College Government Representatives (Appointed)		Present / Regrets	Arrived / Departed
Vacant	College of Arts Student Union		
Natalie Wilkinson	College of Biological Science Student Council	Regrets	
Abdul Rafe Khan	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council	Present	
Rachel Marcus	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences -Student Alliance	Present	
Ethan Gouveia	Lang Students' Association	Present	d: 9:55pm
Taylor Legge	Student Federation of the Ontario Agricultural College	Present	

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Vacant	Central Veterinary Student Association (Ontario Veterinary College)		
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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)	Regrets	
Jayden Khan	Guelph Queer Equality (GQE)	Present	d: 9:08pm
Vacant	Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity (GRCGED)		
Vacant	International Student Organization (ISO)		
Krishna Ratnarajah	Interhall Council (IHC)	Present	
Naomi Amayaevbo	Guelph Campus Co-op	Present	
Eknoor Walia	Ontario Public Interest Research Group	Present	
Marcus Aldred-Ganhao	Student Senate Caucus	Present	
Harsimran Kalra	Board of Governors	Present	
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	
Samar Tariq	Vice President External	Present	

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

Guest	Affiliation
Junpyo Lee	Outgoing VP Academic
William Coleman	Chief Returning Officer
Max Mancuso	SafeWalk Coordinator

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Avneet Grewal	SafeWalk Volunteer Coordinator
Hana Hassan	CSA Member
Kiara Olotu	CSA Member
Mussab Bin Imran	CSA Member
Kurhula Mbetse	CSA Member

*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

9.2 Adoption of the Agenda

9.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 9 on November 1, 2023, be approved as printed and distributed.

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: that the agenda be reordered so that item **9.11.1 Fall 2023 By-Election: Ratification of Results** is the first item of discussion;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that item **9.3.2: De-Ratify and Ratify Interhall Representative** be added to the agenda;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that item **9.3.3: Ratify Board of Governors Representative** be added to the agenda.

Motion Carried

AMENDED MOTION: that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 9 on November 1, 2023, be approved as amended with:

- The reordering of the agenda so that item **9.11.1 Fall 2023 By-Election: Ratification of Results** is the first item of discussion;
- The addition of item **9.3.2: De-Ratify and Ratify Interhall Representative** to the agenda;
- The addition of **9.3.3: Ratify the Board of Governors Representative** be added to the agenda.

Motion Carried

9.3.1 De-Ratify Junpyo Lee, VP Academic

WHEREAS in the board agenda package for the Board of Directors meeting on September 13, 2023, Junpyo Lee, VP Academic, provided his written resignation to be effective as of November 1, 2023; and

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WHEREAS an incoming VP Academic will be officially ratified following the ratification of the Fall 2023 By-Election results;

BE IT RESOLVED that Junpyo Lee, VP Academic, be de-ratified as CSA VP Academic, effective immediately.

Motion Carried

9.3.2 De-Ratify and Ratify Interhall Representatives

WHEREAS Interhall Council sent a formal request via email to inform the CSA that they will be appointing a new representative for Interhall Council to the CSA Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED that Emma Lebrun be de-ratified as the Interhall Council representative on the 2023-2024 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately;

AND FURTHER that Krishna Ratnarajah be ratified as the Interhall Council representative on the 2023-2024 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Motion Carried

9.3.3 Ratify Board of Governors Representative

MOTION: That Harsimran Kalra be appointed as the Board of Governors representative on the 2023-24 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Motion Carried

9.5 Approval of Past Minutes

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

9.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 7	October 4, 2023
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Motion Carried

9.6 Executive Committee Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
9.6.1	Meeting # 16	October 16, 2023

Motion Tabled

9.7 Executive Updates

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

9.7.1	President	October 18, 2023
9.7.2	President	November 1, 2023
9.7.3	VP Student Experience	November 1, 2023
9.7.4	VP Academic	November 1, 2023
9.7.5	VP External	November 1, 2023

Motion Tabled

9.9.1 SafeWalk Service Update

(a) Extend Speaking Rights to SafeWalk Coordinators

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

WHEREAS CSA Rules of Order, Section 3.9 states that presentations to the Board of Directors that are submitted in the Board package shall be limited to a maximum of ten minutes when presented at the Board of Directors Meeting;

MOTION: to extend speaking rights to Max Mancuso, SafeWalk Coordinator, and Avneet Grewal, SafeWalk Volunteer Coordinator, to present the SafeWalk Service Update.

Motion Tabled

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(b) Receive the SafeWalk Service Update Presentation

MOTION: to receive the SafeWalk Service Update as presented by Max Mancuso and Avneet Grewal, as information.

Motion Tabled

9.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Motion Tabled

9.10.2 Hiring Committee Report: Front Office Assistant

MOTION: That the hiring of BJ Adekoya for the position of Front Office Assistant be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Motion Tabled

9.10.3 Hiring Committee Report: FoodBank Assistant

MOTION: That the hiring of Sarah Dent for the position of FoodBank Assistant be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Motion Tabled

9.10.4 Hiring Committee Report: Clubs Coordinator

MOTION: That the hiring of Ishaka Maharaj for the position of Clubs Coordinator be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Motion Tabled

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9.11.1 Fall 2023 By-Election: Ratification of Results

BE IT RESOLVED:

- a) that the Fall 2023 By-Election Unofficial Results, as included in the board agenda package, be received as information;
- b) that the results of the Fall 2023 By-Election, as included in the board agenda package, be ratified, and declared official;
- c) that the following CSA Members be ratified as CSA Executives for a term ending April 30, 2024:

VP Student Experience	McKenna Williams
VP Academic	Bawneet Singh

- d) that the following CSA Members be ratified as At-Large College Representatives on the 2023-24 CSA Board of Directors, for a term ending April 30, 2024:

College of Engineering and Physical Sciences	Nate Broughton
Ontario Agricultural College	Bella Litvak
Ontario Agricultural College	Hillary Schneider

MOTION TO AMEND: that the following resolution be added:

- That the results of the Arboretum Student Engagement Fee Referendum be ratified and declared official.

Motion Carried

9.11.2 Director Appointment Process Update

MOTION: that the following update regarding the Director Appointment Process to follow the Fall 2023 By-Election be received as information by the Board of Directors.

Motion Carried

9.11.3 Director Class Talks: Annual General Meeting

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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 Annual General Meetings...”; and

WHEREAS it is important to maximize promotional efforts encouraging undergraduate members to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) so that minimum quorum requirements are met, and we realize a successful process;

BE IT RESOLVED that each Director schedule and present at least one class talk for the AGM, before the date of the AGM on Wednesday, November 22, 2023;

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

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

Motion Carried

9.11.4 Statements from CSA Membership re. Statements on Israel Hamas War

WHEREAS at the CSA Board of Directors meeting on October 18, 2023 the Board approved a motion to post statements to the CSA instagram account and CSA website regarding the Israel Hamas War;

WHEREAS members of the University of Guelph undergraduate community have voiced concerns through instagram comments, emails, and in-person at the October 23, 2023 Board of Directors emergency meeting; and

WHEREAS consent has been obtained to formally share statements with the Board of Directors as sent by undergraduate students and a campus organization via email to CSA staff and Executives;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the statements from CSA members included in the board package as information.

Motion Carried

MOTION: to refer **item 9.11.4** to the subcommittee;

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AND FURTHER for the subcommittee to have a new statement to be presented to the next board meeting.

Motion Carried

9.14.1 In-Camera Session: Approve Board Minutes

MOTION: to table the approval of the minutes until PBRC reviews them.

Motion Carried

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

9.5.2	CSA Board Meeting # 8	October 18, 2023
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Motion Tabled

9.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 9 on November 1, 2023, be adjourned at 11:20 pm

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9.0	Call to Order	
9.1	Land Acknowledgement Member Eknor Walia	
9.2	Adoption of the Agenda 9.2.1 Approve the Agenda 9.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts	
9.3	Ratifications and De-Ratifications 9.3.1 De-Ratify Junpyo Lee, VP Academic 9.3.2 De-Ratify and Ratify Interhall Representative 9.3.3 Ratify Board of Governors Representative	
9.4	Comments from the Chair 9.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns	
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9.7	Executive Updates 9.7.1 President – October 18, 2023 9.7.2 President – November 1, 2023 9.7.3 VP Student Experience – November 1, 2023 9.7.4 VP Academic – November 1, 2023 9.7.5 VP External – November 1, 2023	
9.8	Director Reports	
9.9	CSA Service Update and Report 9.9.1 SafeWalk Service Update	
9.10	Committee Updates and Reports 9.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments 9.10.2 Hiring Committee Report: Front Office Assistant 9.10.3 Hiring Committee Report: FoodBank Assistant 9.10.4 Hiring Committee Report: Clubs Coordinator	
9.11	Business 9.11.1 Fall 2023 By-Election: Ratification of Results 9.11.2 Director Appointment Process Update 9.11.3 Director Class Talks: Annual General Meeting	

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	9.11.4 Statements from CSA Membership re. Statements on Israel Hamas War	
9.12	New Business 9.12.1	
9.13	Announcements	
9.14	In Camera Session 9.14.1 Approve Board Minutes	
9.15	Adjournment	

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9.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

9.1 Land Acknowledgement

Member Eknor Walia delivered the following land acknowledgement:

The University of Guelph is situated on the ancestral lands of the Attawandaron/Chonnonton, the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee and the treaty lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit. The Between the Lakes Treaty (No. 3) was negotiated in 1784 and updated in 1792. The Treaty covers approximately 3 million acres between lakes Erie, Huron, and Ontario. Those of us who live, work and study in this area are bound by this treaty and it is important to know it and to respect its terms, even when our governments and other institutions do not. We acknowledge the significance of the Dish With One Spoon Covenant to this land and offer our gratitude and respect to all Indigenous peoples who have, and continue to, defend & steward these territories. In acknowledging the land, we also acknowledge that we are occupying these lands as a result of colonial violence that continues to this day.

The effects of colonial violence are not a matter of the past, nor a matter restricted to Turtle Island. Today the world is facing one of the greatest humanitarian crises with the displacement and murders of Palestinians as a direct result of colonialism. Just like the Indigenous People of Turtle Island, The Palestinian people are Indigenous peoples with an Indigenous connection and right to their ancestral land.

In stating this, we must commit ourselves to challenging the systems that continue to perpetuate violence towards Indigenous communities on Turtle Island and beyond, as colonialism anywhere is colonialism everywhere. Some suggestions for concrete ways that we can act include reading the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action and find and do the things that we can do as individuals, and find the things the CSA, the University of Guelph, and the city of Guelph should be doing and pressure them to follow through. You can also learn the history of your area, find ways to protect and steward the land you live on, attend public events organized by Indigenous groups, and support Indigenous services and land defense actions. I encourage you, as student leaders, to take the time and learn about the lands that we have settled on and do what you can to work towards Reconciliation.

9.2 Adoption of the Agenda

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9.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 9 on November 1, 2023, be approved as printed and distributed.

Moved: Noam Einy

Seconded: Jake Levy

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: that the agenda be reordered so that item **9.11.1 Fall 2023 By-Election: Ratification of Results** is the first item of discussion;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that item **9.3.3: Ratify the Board of Governors Representative** be added to the agenda.

Moved: Jake Levy

Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

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Motion Carried

9.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

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No declarations of conflict were made at this meeting.

9.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

9.3.1 De-Ratify Junpyo Lee, VP Academic

WHEREAS in the board agenda package for the Board of Directors meeting on September 13, 2023, Junpyo Lee, VP Academic, provided his written resignation to be effective as of November 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS an incoming VP Academic will be officially ratified following the ratification of the Fall 2023 By-Election results;

BE IT RESOLVED that Junpyo Lee, VP Academic, be de-ratified as CSA VP Academic, effective immediately.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut

Seconded: Jake Levy

Motion Carried

9.3.2 De-Ratify and Ratify Interhall Representatives

WHEREAS Interhall Council sent a formal request via email to inform the CSA that they will be appointing a new representative for Interhall Council to the CSA Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED that Emma Lebrun be de-ratified as the Interhall Council representative on the 2023-2024 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately;

AND FURTHER that Krishna Ratnarajah be ratified as the Interhall Council representative on the 2023-2024 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut

Seconded: Jake Levy

Motion Carried

9.3.3 Ratify Board of Governors Representative

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MOTION: That Harsimran Kalra be appointed as the Board of Governors representative on the 2023-24 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Moved: Jake Levy
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

9.4 Comments from the Chair

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.

9.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

9.5 Approval of Past Minutes

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

9.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 7	October 4, 2023
9.5.2	CSA Board Meeting # 8	October 18, 2023

Moved: Abdul Rafe Khan
Seconded: Naomi Amayaevbo

MOTION: that the minutes be approved for CSA Board Meeting #7: October 4, 2023.

Motion Carried

MOTION: To move In-Camera for item 9.5.2.

Moved: Jake Levy
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

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A secret ballot was conducted to move the meeting in camera. Member Levy motivated that this is due to safety concerns regarding the minutes, and he intends to motion to go out of in-camera after item 9.5.

The Chair clarified that executives do not have voting rights or influence on in camera sessions. If members do not believe an in-camera session is due, they can vote against.

Motion Carried

MOTION: to table items 9.6, 9.7, 9.8, 9.9, and 9.10.

Moved: Shaima Alam, President

Seconded: Naomi Amayaevbo

Motion Carried

9.11 Business

9.11.1 Fall 2023 By-Election: Ratification of Results

BE IT RESOLVED:

- a) that the Fall 2023 By-Election Unofficial Results, as included in the board agenda package, be received as information;
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- c) that the following CSA Members be ratified as CSA Executives for a term ending April 30, 2024:

VP Student Experience	McKenna Williams
VP Academic	Bawneet Singh

- d) that the following CSA Members be ratified as At-Large College Representatives on the 2023-24 CSA Board of Directors, for a term ending April 30, 2024:

College of Engineering and Physical Sciences	Nate Broughton
Ontario Agricultural College	Bella Litvak
Ontario Agricultural College	Hillary Schneider

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Moved: Shaima Alam, President

Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

MOTION TO AMEND: that the following resolution be added:

- That the results of the Arboretum Student Engagement Fee Referendum be ratified and declared official.

Motion Carried

MOTION: to extend speaking rights to the Chief Returning Officer

Moved: Shaima Alam, President

Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

The Chief Returning Officer stated that to calculate Quorum, we referenced the total number of forms completed with the number of registered undergraduate students from Registrar Services.

Arboretum Student Engagement Fee Referendum: Quorum Met (24%) 5644 votes were cast. The results are as follows: Yes (In favor of the Referendum): 4615, No (Not in favor of the Referendum): 755, and Decline: 320. The Arboretum Student Engagement Fee Referendum has been passed.

Vice President, Academic: Quorum Met (24%). There was one candidate for the position of Vice President, Academic: Bawneet Singh. 5644 votes were cast. The results are as follows: Yes (In favor of the candidate): 3572, No (Not in favor of the candidate): 379, and Decline: 1739. Bawneet Singh has been elected as Vice President, Academic.

Vice President, Student Experience: Quorum Met (24%). There were two candidates for the position of Vice President, Student Experience: Adam Ratkowski and McKenna Williams. 5644 votes were cast. The results are as follows: McKenna Williams (In favor of the candidate): 2457, Adam Ratkowski (In favor of the candidate): 1603, and Decline: 1630. McKenna Williams has been elected as Vice President, Student Experience.

College of Engineering and Physical Sciences: Quorum Met (24%) There was one candidate for one College of Engineering and Physical Sciences seat: Nate Broughton. 898 votes were cast. The results are as follows: Yes (In favor of the candidate): 556, No

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(Not in favor of the candidate): 92, and Decline: 250. Nate Broughton has been elected as Director at Large for the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences.

Ontario Agricultural College: Quorum Met (29%). There were two candidates for two Ontario Agricultural College seats: Hillary Schneider and Bella Litvak. 766 votes were cast. The results are as follows: Bella Litvak (In favor of the candidate): 364, Hillary Schneider (In favor of the candidate): 455, and Decline: 204. The initial number of votes cast was reported as 1023. This is due to an issue related to multiple responses in Microsoft Forms – two answers to one question are counted as two responses, not one. Hillary Schneider and Bella Litvak have been elected as Directors at Large for the Ontario Agricultural College.

9.11.2 Director Appointment Process Update

MOTION: that the following update regarding the Director Appointment Process to follow the Fall 2023 By-Election be received as information by the Board of Directors.

Moved: Jake Levy

Seconded: Nate Broughton

The PTC noted that the by-election results are now ratified, and we have a process in our bylaw to move through a director appointments process to fill remaining vacancies. We will have a call out to members based on the board vacancies, they will receive a nomination package from the CRO. Anyone who has successfully submitted the package will be brought to the board of directors where a vote will take place for each position.

Motion Carried

9.11.3 Director Class Talks: Annual General 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 Annual General Meetings...”; and

WHEREAS it is important to maximize promotional efforts encouraging undergraduate members to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) so that minimum quorum requirements are met, and we realize a successful process;

BE IT RESOLVED that each Director schedule and present at least one class talk for the AGM, before the date of the AGM on Wednesday, November 22, 2023;

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

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

Moved: Shaima Alam, The President

Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

9.11.4 **Statements from CSA Membership re. Statements on Israel Hamas War**

WHEREAS at the CSA Board of Directors meeting on October 18, 2023 the Board approved a motion to post statements to the CSA instagram account and CSA website regarding the Israel Hamas War;

WHEREAS members of the University of Guelph undergraduate community have voiced concerns through instagram comments, emails, and in-person at the October 23, 2023 Board of Directors emergency meeting; and

WHEREAS consent has been obtained to formally share statements with the Board of Directors as sent by undergraduate students and a campus organization via email to CSA staff and Executives;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the statements as included in the board agenda package as information;

FURTHER that the Board of Directors allow the CSA to post a retraction of the statements posted regarding the Israel Hamas War and remove the statements from the CSA instagram page and CSA website, effective immediately;

AND FURTHER that the retraction will state the following: “The CSA acknowledges the harm we have caused on this campus and to some of our members by posting a statement without consultation when we are supposed to be an organization that represents all students. Due to that, we are retracting our previous statements related to the middle eastern conflict and have created a subcommittee that is mandated to provide a centred statement consulted by all student groups impacted by the conflict. This includes CSA Clubs such as Guelph Palestinian Students Association, Hillel Guelph, Muslim Student Association, and others. For the full motion and subsequent actions please refer to our minutes from the October 23 emergency board meeting and

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the November 1 board meeting after they are approved and posted. The statement will have references, refer students to resources, and the actionable items the subcommittee will come up with to support the student body. To provide input to the subcommittee please reach out.”

Moved: Shaima Alam, President

Seconded: Nate Broughton

MOTION: To divide into two separate questions, one to accept the statement as information and one to retract the statement.

Moved: Jake Levy

Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

MOTION: that the Board of Directors receive the statements from CSA members as included in the board package as information.

Moved: Shaima Alam, President

Seconded: Nate Broughton

Motion Carried

FURTHER that the statements posted regarding the Israel Hamas War be removed from the CSA Instagram account and CSA website effective immediately;

AND FURTHER that the retraction will state the following: “The CSA acknowledges the harm we have caused on this campus and to some of our members by posting a statement without consultation when we are supposed to be an organization that represents all students. Due to that, we are retracting our previous statements related to the middle eastern conflict and have created a subcommittee that is mandated to provide a centred statement consulted by all student groups impacted by the conflict. This includes CSA Clubs such as Guelph Palestinian Students Association, Hillel Guelph, Muslim Student Association, and others. For the full motion and subsequent actions please refer to our minutes from the October 23 emergency board meeting and the November 1 board meeting after they are approved and posted. The statement will have references, refer students to resources, and the actionable items the subcommittee will come up with to support the student body. To provide input to the subcommittee please reach out.”

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Moved: Shaima Alan, President
Seconded: Jayden Khan

The President, Shaima Alam, thinks this statement would be a good placeholder while the subcommittee forms a finalized statement and plan.

Member Levy states we should not do anything further without the subcommittee and student groups' consultation.

Member Greenhut believes any decisive action should come from the subcommittee. Transparency is part of not deleting the statement as it's part of our history. An amendment can be proposed later.

MOTION: to extend speaking rights to guests.

Moved: Samantha Scott
Seconded: Eknor Walia

Motion Carried

Member Walia states that the comments in the post reflect how they want us to act. We should retract the statement. It will allow the subcommittee to come up with a better statement to replace what's already there. The initial statement was not well-informed and some of us voted in haste. This will be a good opportunity for the CSA to move in the right direction and a retraction will not do any harm.

MOTION: to refer **item 9.11.4** to the subcommittee

Moved: Daniel Neiterman
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Member Neiterman states he completely acknowledges the harm done in posting the original statement. He fears that making the rash decision to remove it will anger another group of students. He proposes letting the subcommittee do a full analysis and act from there.

Kiara Olotu, an undergraduate student guest mentioned that this motion should not be left unsaid for a long period as it will do harm. They believe the students are owed information about what is being progressed with the current situation.

MOTION: to extend Hana Hassan's speaking time to 10-minutes

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Moved: Eknor Walia

Seconded: Krishna Ratnarajah

Motion Carried

Hana Hassan, an undergraduate student guest stated that the longer we wait to retract or put out another statement, it will continue to hurt the student body. The CSA statement made by the Board of Directors has created a one-sided and unbalanced stance. It is my sincere belief when an education institution makes a statement about complex situation, it is important to recognize the diverse communities involved. Failing to do so will induce bullying and harassment. Moving forward, we must address the statement made by the board. A statement presumed to include all student bodies failed to include Palestine even once which is a deep level of negligence. Doing so is a complete erasure of Palestinian students. I can attest that this has caused discomfort with the rise of Islamophobia. It is crucial to emphasize that many Palestinians have lost their lives, over 8,000 including children. It is a stark reminder we must respect all those affected by violence. This message is a call for a more comprehensive approach.

MOTION: to extend The President's, Shaima Alam, speaking time to 5-minutes.

Moved: Shaima Alam, President

Seconded: Eknor Walia

Motion Carried

The President explained that the statement she wrote is just to let students know what we as a board are doing and that we are looking for their consultation. That statement is waiting for recommendations. A retraction is the first step to show that we recognize that we are in the wrong. Us staying silent makes students think we don't care. This is currently blocking our operation as staff are leaving. We can make amendments, but we cannot be silent as it is further damaging the CSA. We need to provide services to our student membership.

Mussab Bin Imran, an undergraduate student guest shared that if the response to the statement is extreme, it means to reflect. It makes logical sense to take the statement down as it is leaving a wound open. By leaving the statement up, it means leaving people who feel unsafe in campus.

Member Amayaevbo agreed that the statement should be retracted and that a deadline should be applied in creating a new statement.

MOTION: to call the question

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Moved: Eknor Walia
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Defeated

Kurhula Mbetse, an undergraduate student guest urged that this is a time sensitive motion. After the initial statement was released, they wanted to make sure that the CSA was speaking for them. Having to bring it to committee slows the process, erodes the trust of the students. This statement is just transparency about what is happening currently as many students do not trust CSA anymore.

MOTION: to extend Samantha Scott's speaking time to 5-minutes.

Moved: Samantha Scott
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

The actions of this board on October 18 have created an unsafe environment for the student body. We cannot deny the impact of this statement. We must take responsibility as the board. Words are not enough; we have to take action. I support retracting the statement as a meaningful first step. We cannot undo what we did but we can ensure that this never happens again. A subcommittee with student voices will not be a simple meeting, I urge the board members to retract the statement or make amendments to it. Listen to those who have been kicked out and share their pain.

MOTION TO AMEND: For the subcommittee to have a new statement be presented to the next board meeting.

Moved: Daniel Neiterman
Seconded: Jake Levy

The President, Shaima Alam, believes we are mostly agreeing with each other. We should defeat this current motion and send it to the subcommittee.

MOTION: to extend the meeting time by 20-minutes

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Jake Levy

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Motion Defeated

MOTION: to call the question

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Seconded: Jake Levy

Motion Carried

MOTION: to refer **item 9.11.4** to the subcommittee;

AND FURTHER for the subcommittee to have a new statement be presented to the next board meeting.

Motion Carried

9.12. New Business

No New Business was presented at this meeting.

9.13 Announcements

No Announcements were provided at this meeting.

9.14 In Camera

MOTION: To move *In Camera*.

Moved: Jake Levy

Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

MOTION: To allow all guests present to remain in the meeting by signing a non-disclosure agreement.

Moved: Eknor Walia

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Seconded: Jayden Khan

Motion Carried

MOTION: to extend Member Levy’s speaking time to 7 minutes.

Moved: Jake Levy

Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

MOTION: to call the question.

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Seconded: Jake Levy

Motion Carried

MOTION: to vote via secret ballot.

Moved: Daniel Neiterman

Seconded: Jake Levy

Motion Carried

MOTION: to recess for 10 minutes.

Moved: Jake Levy

Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

9.5.2 Approve Past Minutes

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

9.5.2	CSA Board Meeting # 8	October 18, 2023
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Moved: Jake Levy
Seconded: Jayden Khan

MOTION: to extend Member Levy’s speaking time to 10 minutes

Moved: Jake Levy
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

MOTION: to extend Member Amayaevbo’s speaking time to 5 minutes.

Moved: Naomi Amayaevbo
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

MOTION: to extend speaking rights to all meeting guests.

Moved: Eknor Walia
Seconded: Krishna Ratnarajah

Motion Carried

MOTION: to extend Member Neiterman’s speaking time to 5 minutes.

Moved: Daniel Neiterman
Seconded: Jake Levy

Motion Carried

MOTION: to extend Mussab Bin Inran’s speaking time to 5 minutes.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

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MOTION: to extend Hana Hassan’s speaking time to 5 minutes.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Nate Broughton

Motion Carried

MOTION: to extend Member Ratnarajah’s speaking time to 5 minutes.

Moved: Krishna Ratnarajah
Seconded: Eknoor Walia

Motion Carried

MOTION: to extend Shaima Alam’s speaking time to 10-minutes

Moved: Shaima Alam, President
Seconded: Eknoor Walia

Motion Carried

MOTION: to table the approval of the minutes until PBRC reviews them.

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Jake Levy

Motion Carried

MOTION: to call the question.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

MOTION: to vote through secret ballot for the postponement of the minutes and refer it to PBRC.

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Moved: Jake Levy
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

MOTION: to have a 10-minute recess.

Moved: Daniel Neiterman
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

MOTION: To close the *In Camera* session.

Moved: Jake Levy
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

9.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 9 on November 1, 2023 be adjourned at 11:20 pm.

Moved: Daniel Neiterman
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