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# Attendance – October 9, 2024

Board of Direct	ors		ŀ
At-Large Represei	Present / Regrets	Arrived / Departed	
Vacant	College of Arts		
Vacant	College of Arts		
Vacant	College of Biological Science		
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Jake Levy	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences	Present	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences		
Vacant	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences		
Vacant	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences		
Manpreet Rattan	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Present	
Daniel Neiterman	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Present	d: 6:40pm
Gursimran Chadha	Ontario Agricultural College	Present	
Bella Litvak	Ontario Agricultural College	Regrets	
Noam Einy	Ontario Veterinary College	Present	
Vacant	Ontario Veterinary College		
Member College G (Appointed)	overnment Representatives	Present / Regrets	Arrived / Departed
Jonah Greenhut	College of Arts Student Union	Present	
Vacant	College of Biological Science Student Council		
Noel Johnston	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council	Present	
Manveer Dhaliwal	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences - Student Alliance	Present	
Vacant	Lang Students' Association		
Mira Carter	Student Federation of the Ontario Agricultural College	Present	
Vacant	Central Veterinary Student Association (Ontario Veterinary College)		

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Student Organizati	Present / Regrets	Arrived / Departed	
Jade Dunnette	Indigenous Student Society (ISS)	Present	
Maya Liddell	Guelph Black Students Association (GBSA)	Regrets	
Jayden Khan	Guelph Queer Equality (GQE)	Present	
Vacant	Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity (GRCGED)		
Joshua Jacinto	International Student Organization (ISO)	Present	
Brady Amos	Interhall Council (IHC)	Present	
Vacant	Guelph Campus Co-op		
Ashley Ames	Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG)	Present	
Vacant	Student Senate Caucus		
Adam Cote	Board of Governors	Present	
Executive (Ex-officio, Non-voting)		Present / Regrets	Arrived / Departed
Nate Broughton	President	Present	
Naomi Amayaevbo	Vice President Student Experience	Present	
William Coleman	Interim Vice President Academic	Present	
Natalie Wilkinson	Vice President External	Present	

Staff	Position
Samuel Skelhorn	Chair
Colleen Bovay	Policy & Transition Coordinator
Isabella Saucedo Brito	Scribe

Guest	Affiliation
Hartej Singh	Outgoing President

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**

## 8.2.1 Approve the Agenda

**MOTION**: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 8 on October 9, 2024, be approved as printed and distributed.

**Motion Carried** 

**MOTION TO AMEND:** to reorder the agenda to move **item 8.11.1 Executive Appointment Process** to just after **item 8.4.1 Introductions**.

**Motion Carried** 

**MOTION TO AMEND:** to add **item 8.12.1 UGFA Support** to the agenda as a new business item.

**Motion Carried** 

**AMENDED MOTION**: that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 8 on October 9, 2024, be approved as amended with:

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- The addition of item 8.12.1 UGFA Support as a new business item.

**Motion Carried** 

# 8.3.1 Ratify College Government Representatives

**MOTION:** That the following CSA members be appointed as College Government Representatives on the 2024-2025 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately:

Jonah Greenhut	College of Arts Student Union
Manveer Dhaliwal	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences Student Alliance

#### **Motion Carried**

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## 8.3.2 De-Ratify College of Biological Sciences Student Council Representative

**MOTION:** That Nathan Cozzi be de-ratified as the College of Biological Sciences Student Council Representative on the 2024-2025 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

## **Motion Carried**

## 8.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

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

8.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 7	September 25, 2024
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#### **Motion Carried**

#### 8.6 Executive Committee Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
8.6.1	Meeting # 7	September 20, 2024

#### **Motion Carried**

## 8.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

#### **Motion Carried**

## 8.11.1 Executive Appointment Process

**WHEREAS** CSA Bylaw 1 (Organizational) section 5.2.3 states that if for any reason the CSA is left with less than three Executive Officers, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to appoint Executive Officers;

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WHEREAS Bylaw 2 (Electoral) section 2.3.9 states that if the Executive Officer Appointment Process occurs following the Winter General Election or a Spring By-Election, the vacancies will be filled for the interim until the Fall By-Election is held. If the Executive Officer Appointment Process takes place after a Fall By-Election, or if the Fall By-Election does not produce a successful candidate to fill the role, the appointed Executive will continue to hold the position until April 30 of the current academic year;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Hartej Singh be de-ratified as CSA President, effective immediately;

**FURTHER** that Nate Broughton be de-ratified as Director of the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences, effective immediately;

**FURTHER** that Naomi Amayaevbo be de-ratified as the Guelph Campus Co-Op Representative on the CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately;

**FURTHER** that the Board of Directors appoint the following CSA member as the CSA President for a term of Wednesday, October 9, 2024 to Wednesday, April 30, 2025:

Nate Broughton

**AND FURTHER** that the Board of Directors appoint the following CSA member as the VP Student Experience for a term of Wednesday, October 9, 2024 to Wednesday, April 30, 2025:

Naomi Amayaevbo

#### **Motion Carried**

## 8.11.2 Reschedule CSA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

**WHEREAS** CSA Bylaw 1 (Organizational) states that every year, one annual meeting of the membership shall be held during the elected term;

**WHEREAS** the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is currently scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 6pm;

**WHEREAS** an additional General Members Meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2025;

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**WHEREAS** AGMs involve a significant time commitment for permanent staff and the Executive to plan, advertise, and successfully fulfill all obligations of the meeting, including reaching quorum;

**WHEREAS** staff and Executive capacity has been significantly impacted due to recent Executive resignations;

**WHEREAS** it is in the best interest of the organization to host the AGM at a time when appropriate efforts can be made to ensure the event is well-attended and quorum is reached to address key business items; and

**WHEREAS** considerable cost is associated with the AGM which adds to the detriment of hosting an AGM that does not reach quorum;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the CSA AGM be rescheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 6pm;

**AND FURTHER** that the CSA General Members Meeting, as scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2025, be cancelled.

#### **Motion Carried**

## 8.11.3 Appoint Statement Making Committee

**WHEREAS** CSA Policy Appendix D (Committees) section 14.2.2 states that the membership of the Statement Making Committee will consist of:

- The Vice President External;
- Three Directors; and
- Two General Members of the CSA in good standing

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Natalie Wilkinson, VP External, be appointed to the Statement Making Committee for the 2024-2025 academic year;

**FURTHER** that the following Directors be appointed to the Statement Making Committee for the 2024-2025 academic year:

Noam Einy		
Ashley Ames		
Jake Levy		

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**AND FURTHER** that the following General Member of the CSA be appointed to the Statement Making Committee for the 2024-2025 academic year:

Amir Mokrane Benkelai

**Motion Carried** 

#### 8.11.4 CSA Winter 2025 General Elections Timeline

**MOTION:** that the Board of Directors approve the timeline for the CSA Winter 2025 General Elections, as presented in the Board Agenda Package.

#### **Motion Carried**

# 8.11.5 Appoint Executive Member to Student Affordable Housing Task Force

**WHEREAS** the Student Affordable Housing Taskforce Terms of Reference require the membership to include the VP External (Committee Chair), a minimum of one additional CSA Executive Member, and a minimum of three CSA Board Directors; and

**WHEREAS** Bawneet Singh has been de-ratified from the CSA Executive, leaving an Executive vacancy on the Student Affordable Housing Task Force;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following CSA Executive Member be appointed to the Student Affordable Housing Task Force for the 2024-2025 academic year:

William Coleman, VP Academic

#### **Motion Carried**

## 8.11.6 Appoint Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee

**WHEREAS** the Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee is tasked with selecting the winner of the Art in the Bullring event; and

**WHEREAS** the CSA VP Academic and Fine Arts Network Event Coordinator mutually agreed on having three undergraduate student representatives appointed by the CSA and three undergraduate student representatives appointed by FAN for the Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee;

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following Board Directors be appointed to the Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee:

Ashley Ames	
Joshua Jacinto	
Jonah Greenhut	

## **Motion Carried**

## 8.12.1 UGFA Support

**WHEREAS** the University of Guelph Faculty Association (UGFA) is currently engaged in bargaining with the University of Guelph administration to secure a new Collective Agreement for faculty;

**WHEREAS** faculty members directly impact the learning environment and academic success of undergraduate students at the University of Guelph;

**WHEREAS** section 5.4.6 of Appendix A - Executive Portfolios states that the VP External shall "collaborate and build campaign coalitions [...] with [...] labour unions, on and off campus, that are committed to worker rights," which should include supporting UGFA in its current bargaining efforts;

**WHEREAS** a "no board" report has been filed as of Monday, October 7, 2024, which sets a potential strike or lockout date of October 24, 2024; and

**WHEREAS** the UGFA Strike Committee has been actively planning for a possible strike in the event that a fair settlement cannot be reached through negotiations;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board receives the attached newsletters from UGFA regarding the bargaining process as information;

**FURTHER** that the CSA stands in solidarity with UGFA in its bargaining efforts to secure equitable working conditions for its members;

**FURTHER** that the CSA Executive Committee is empowered to take appropriate actions to assist UGFA with its bargaining efforts or striking, including but not limited to raising awareness amongst students, making social media posts, making statements in solidarity, conducting poster runs, and organizing student groups;

**AND FURTHER** that all actions taken by the Executive Committee in relation to this support shall be discussed and approved during an Executive Committee Meeting, with

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the details of such actions being documented and included in the ECM minutes, which shall be returned to the CSA Board as information for review.

**Motion Carried** 

# 8.15 Adjournment

**MOTION:** That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 8 on October 9, 2024, be adjourned at 7:55 pm

**Motion Carried** 

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8.0	Call to Order	
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8.12	New Business	
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8.13	Announcements	
8.14	In Camera Session	

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8.15	Adjournment	

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#### 8.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

## 8.1 Land Acknowledgement

Member William Coleman presented the following Land Acknowledgement:

Good evening board members, executives, and staff. While we are gathered here, I would like to acknowledge the land on which the University of Guelph is situated, where the CSA does its' work, and where we learn and work. The University is a part of the treaty land of the Mississaugas of the Credit and is the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe peoples. We would like to recognize the role that indigenous knowledge and philosophy have on this land today.

# 8.2 Adoption of the Agenda

## 8.2.1 Approve the Agenda

**MOTION**: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 8 on October 9, 2024, be approved as printed and distributed.

**Moved**: Jake Levy

Seconded: Gursimran Chadha

**Motion Carried** 

**MOTION TO AMEND:** to reorder the agenda to move **item 8.11.1 Executive Appointment Process** to just after **item 8.4.1 Introductions**.

Moved: Natalie Wilkinson, VP External

Seconded: Noel Johnston

The VP External motivated that it's important to complete the appointment process promptly.

**Motion Carried** 

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**MOTION TO AMEND:** to add **item 8.12.1 UGFA Support** to the agenda as a new business item.

**Moved:** Nate Broughton **Seconded:** Brady Amos

Member Broughton described how the University of Guelph Faculty Association has been bargaining with the school for several months over workload, modes of course delivery, and compensation. As there have been minimal agreements, a "no board" report was recently issued, allowing for a strike or a lockout to occur once seventeen (17) days have passed.

Member Broughton emphasized that this motion would allow the board of directors to support the faculty before the strike happens. This is a time-sensitive motion as there will be no board meetings until after the strike date, October 24, 2024.

The PTC requested for the benefit of new members, for the Chair to explain why this item is allowed to be added as new business. The Chair elaborated that the member provided the motion before the meeting and that it can be considered time sensitive for the board to act.

## **Motion Carried**

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- The addition of **item 8.12.1 UGFA Support** as a new business item.

#### **Motion Carried**

#### 8.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

Member Amayaevbo and Member Broughton declared conflicts of interest with item 8.11.1, as they are both running to be appointed as Executive Officers.

## 8.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

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# 8.3.1 Ratify College Government Representatives

**MOTION:** That the following CSA members be appointed as College Government Representatives on the 2024-2025 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately:

Jonah Greenhut	College of Arts Student Union
Manveer Dhaliwal	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences Student Alliance

**Moved:** Nate Broughton **Seconded:** Noel Johnston

**Motion Carried** 

# 8.3.2 De-Ratify College of Biological Sciences Student Council Representative

**MOTION:** That Nathan Cozzi be de-ratified as the College of Biological Sciences Student Council Representative on the 2024-2025 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

**Moved:** Jonah Greenhut **Seconded:** Noel Johnston

**Motion Carried** 

#### 8.4 Comments from the Chair

The Chair welcomed the new members and instructed them on voting processes.

The Chair also clarified that during motions for committee appointments, Directors who are running are allowed to vote and be present during voting. Member Greenhut asked for further clarification on the change to which the Chair explained that this procedure is supported by Robert's Rules of Order, as there may be instances where a large number of Directors are running, leaving few to vote.

#### 8.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

## 8.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

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

8.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 7	September 25, 2024

**Moved:** Jayden Khan **Seconded:** Jake Levy

**Motion Carried** 

## 8.6 Executive Committee Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
8.6.1	Meeting # 7	September 20, 2024

**Moved:** Brady Amos **Seconded:** Noel Johnston

Member Greenhut asked for clarification on what the Judicial Services Committee is. The VP External answered that the committee handles student misconduct cases.

#### **Motion Carried**

# 8.7 Executive Updates

#### 8.7.1 President

No executive update was given by the President.

## 8.7.2 VP Student Experience

No executive update was given by the VP Student Experience.

## 8.7.3 VP Academic

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The VP Academic stated that he participated in the Senate meeting and met with the Library Student Fee Committee recently.

The VP Academic oversaw changes in the academic calendar and worked on a SHAC hiring committee for a SHAC Assistant.

On October 24, SHAC will hold a Halloween themed event in the UC including pumpkin painting and spooky tenancy story telling.

Member Greenhut asked for updates regarding the previous petition to change degree certificates. A meeting is to be scheduled, but more news will be shared once it happens.

Member Ames asked the VP Academic what was discussed at the Senate meeting. Topics covered included the University President being on leave, programs being approved, University honors occurring, but no actual updates were presented.

#### 8.7.4 VP External

VP External shared that the Student Memorial Service was a beautiful success and has started to plan for next year's memorial.

The VP External chaired the SEIF Committee meeting. She also shared that she has been planning for the Townhall with Guelph MPP Mike Schreiner, with promotions and QR codes being shared.

## 8.8 Director Reports

Member Johnston attended the Athletic Advisory Committee meeting.

## 8.10 Committee Updates and Reports

# 8.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

**Moved:** Noel Johnston **Seconded:** Jake Levy

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Member Greenhut asked if the de-ratification of members changes the committee summary. The PTC explained that the summary document is updated after each meeting with all new appointments and removals. Committee vacancies will be filled at the next board meeting.

**Motion Carried** 

#### 8.11 Business

## **8.11.1 Executive Appointment Process**

**WHEREAS** CSA Bylaw 1 (Organizational) section 5.2.3 states that if for any reason the CSA is left with less than three Executive Officers, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to appoint Executive Officers;

WHEREAS Bylaw 2 (Electoral) section 2.3.9 states that if the Executive Officer Appointment Process occurs following the Winter General Election or a Spring By-Election, the vacancies will be filled for the interim until the Fall By-Election is held. If the Executive Officer Appointment Process takes place after a Fall By-Election, or if the Fall By-Election does not produce a successful candidate to fill the role, the appointed Executive will continue to hold the position until April 30 of the current academic year;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors appoint the following CSA member as the CSA President for a term of Wednesday, October 9, 2024, to Wednesday, April 30, 2025:

Nate Broughton

**AND FURTHER** that the Board of Directors appoint the following CSA member as the VP Student Experience for a term of Wednesday, October 9, 2024, to Wednesday, April 30, 2025:

Naomi Amayaevbo

Moved: Jake Levy

Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Member Broughton, running for President, stated his experience working in different areas such as finance, human resources, and operations and management. These experiences allowed him to familiarize himself with the skills and knowledge necessary for the executive position. He believes his experience would allow him to make a smooth transition into the presidency

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Member Greenhut asked what the priorities are for the presidency. Member Broughton clarified that priorities included the completion of last year's audit, updating out-of-date policies, and improving office culture.

Member Broughton then excused himself so board members could speak freely while a secret ballot vote took place. Members Greenhut, Chadha, Johnston, and Cote scrutineered.

Member Amayaevbo, running for Vice President Student Experience, expressed her previous experiences in event planning and marketing, advocating for minorities, as well as participating in student clubs and extracurricular activities. She emphasized her ambition to set aside apathy to allow students to feel welcomed and encouraged to participate in the campus community.

Member Greenhut asked member Amayaevbo what she was the most excited about in her vice-presidency. She replied that she is the most excited for Sexy Bingo, upcoming Christmas events, as well a Stress Buster events. Member Greenhut also asked how she will manage time with this added responsibility. She mentioned how being an international student has helped her learn how to distribute her time properly between working, school, and life. Member Amayaevbo is also confident in her abilities and knows where her capabilities lie.

Member Chadha reflected on how hosting events has been difficult lately and wanted to know how member Amayaevbo would help the situation. As the president of a club, she completely understands and has had two years of experience working with the UC and hospitality. She plans and has had conversations alongside both departments on how to better process bookings and events. She also wants to make policies more available to the student body as a lack of visibility tends to stop students from having or participating in events. A central budget template is also something she would like to implement.

Member Chadha also asked about Aggie Pub as it recently implemented a new 19+ restriction where 18-year-old students are not allowed to participate. He mentioned that this has had negative effects on the Ontario Agricultural College and wanted to hear member Amayaevbo's opinions and suggestions. Member Amayaevbo was also in agreement that traditions should not be broken and planned to talk to the UC services to see if 18-year-old students would be able to participate while not being introduced to alcohol through preventative measures such as showing ID.

Member Jacinto requested to hear about any event concepts or ideas. Member Amayeavbo is looking into past events with the hopes of improving them for this academic year.

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Member Johnston mentioned how student groups have had financial difficulties with hospitality and wondered if member Amayaevbo had any plans to correct them. As for finances, she explained that there is little to do over pricing but is willing to advocate for what students can do, which includes petitions for price reductions and advocating to bring cheaper options to campus.

Member Dunnette added to the conversation that the Indigenous Student Society has had a 15-year-plus event tradition called Soup and Bannock that serves traditional indigenous foods to students. However, the University has recently deemed the kitchen not food-safe, which has made the event rely on hospitality which has overpriced the food. She highlighted that this has been an issue for cultural groups on campus.

Member Amayaevbo left the room, and the secret ballot vote commenced with members Greenhut and Johnston as scrutineers.

**MOTION TO AMEND:** to add the following resolutions to the motion:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Hartej Singh be de-ratified as CSA President, effective immediately;

**FURTHER** that Nate Broughton be de-ratified as Director of the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences, effective immediately;

**FURTHER** that Naomi Amayaevbo be de-ratified as the Guelph Campus Co-Op Representative on the CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

**Motion:** Natalie Wilkinson, VP External

Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Member Ames asked for clarification on when the positions that are being de-ratified will be re-filled. The PTC answered that member Broughton's seat will be filled through the director appointment process that follows the By-Election. As for the Guelph Campus Co-Op seat, the position will be filled according to Co-Op's decision on an undergraduate student to appoint.

**Motion Carried** 

#### **AMENDED MOTION:**

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#### **Motion Carried**

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**WHEREAS** AGMs involve a significant time commitment for permanent staff and the Executive to plan, advertise, and successfully fulfill all obligations of the meeting, including reaching quorum;

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**WHEREAS** it's in the best interest of the organization to host the AGM at a time when appropriate efforts can be made to ensure the event is well-attended and quorum is reached to address key business items; and

**WHEREAS** considerable cost is associated with the AGM which adds to the detriment of hosting an AGM that does not reach quorum;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the CSA AGM be rescheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 6pm;

**AND FURTHER** that the CSA General Members Meeting, as scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2025, be cancelled.

**Moved:** Natalie Wilkinson VP External

**Seconded:** Jonah Greenhut

The VP External explained that AGMs require high staff involvement and that the audit and other items are behind.

The PTC further clarified that the audit has been behind since COVID, with the 2022-2023 audit that occurred during the summer still not being fully completed. Multiple steps must be followed to complete the process, hindering the possibility of covering it during the scheduled AGM in November. By holding an AGM in March, the previous audit will be completed and the 2023-2024 may be finalized as well.

Member Levy inquired the difference between AGMs and GMMs. The PTC responded that a GMM is not a requirement and can be used as an opportunity to discuss new items and give executive and service updates.

Member Greenhut encouraged the Board of Directors to hold an outreach event before the next AGM.

Member Chadha shared that at the last AGM, not many students were present and wondered what efforts are being made to increase participation. The President communicated that this will be discussed once planning commences.

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Member Ames worried that, in canceling the General Members Meeting (GMM), students would not get the opportunity to give feedback to the CSA. The PTC explained that AGMs are the central focus of student feedback rather than GMMs, as students can submit business items to be heard at the AGM.

Member Ames encouraged for an opportunity for students to respond to the outreach given by the CSA before March. The President affirmed that he is looking for an opportunity to provide this, but also verified that it does not need to be board-mandated as students are welcome to contact the Board of Directors at any time. He brought up the idea of making an open forum of a smaller scale in the hopes that it would be more accessible to students who have concerns.

Member Levy suggested having an Instagram "ask box" as it can be an easy way to help and motivate students to ask any questions.

Member Greenhut reaffirmed that a conversation needs to be had to figure out a method for students to be encouraged to participate.

#### **Motion Carried**

# 8.11.3 Appoint Statement Making Committee

**WHEREAS** CSA Policy Appendix D (Committees) section 14.2.2 states that the membership of the Statement Making Committee will consist of:

- The Vice President External;
- Three Directors; and
- Two General Members of the CSA in good standing

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Natalie Wilkinson, VP External, be appointed to the Statement Making Committee for the 2024-2025 academic year;

**FURTHER** that the following Directors be appointed to the Statement Making Committee for the 2024-2025 academic year:

Noam Einy	
Ashley Ames	
Jake Levy	

**AND FURTHER** that the following General Member of the CSA be appointed to the Statement Making Committee for the 2024-2025 academic year:

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#### Amir Mokrane Benkelai

Moved: Natalie Wilkinson. VP External

**Seconded:** Jake Levy

The VP External explained that the Statement Making Committee was made last year to write statements on various issues. Once a statement is requested, the committee will hold discussions to perfect the statement which will then be approved. Members are expected to be fair and act in the best interest of the CSA.

Member Levy looked for confirmation on whether all vacant seats must be filled. The PTC answered that there must be at least one general member to have meeting quorum.

Member Levy, Einy, and Ames volunteer.

Member Amos helped new members by reminding them that they must be on at least one committee.

### **Motion Carried**

#### 8.11.4 CSA Winter 2025 General Elections Timeline

**MOTION:** that the Board of Directors approve the timeline for the CSA Winter 2025 General Elections, as presented in the Board Agenda Package.

**Moved:** Nate Broughton, President

Seconded: Noel Johnston

The President affirmed that the timeline was approved by the Elections and Referendum Committee.

#### **Motion Carried**

# 8.11.5 Appoint Executive Member to Student Affordable Housing Task Force

**WHEREAS** the Student Affordable Housing Taskforce Terms of Reference require the membership to include the VP External (Committee Chair), a minimum of one additional CSA Executive Member, and a minimum of three CSA Board Directors; and

**WHEREAS** Bawneet Singh has been de-ratified from the CSA Executive, leaving an Executive vacancy on the Student Affordable Housing Task Force;

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following CSA Executive Member be appointed to the Student Affordable Housing Task Force for the 2024-2025 academic year:

William Coleman, VP Academic

Moved: Natalie Wilkinson, VP External

Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

The VP External expressed her excitement on getting started with the meetings and for that, she explained that she needs another executive member on board.

Member Greenhut asked if it were possible to amend the motion to add a board director. The PTC answered that if any director is interested in joining, they can email the VP External, as the committee has no membership maximum. Member Chadha volunteered and will email the VP External.

**Motion Carried** 

# 8.11.6 Appoint Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee

**WHEREAS** the Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee is tasked with selecting the winner of the Art in the Bullring event; and

**WHEREAS** the CSA VP Academic and Fine Arts Network Event Coordinator mutually agreed on having three undergraduate student representatives appointed by the CSA and three undergraduate student representatives appointed by FAN for the Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following Board Directors be appointed to the Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee:

Ashley Ames
Joshua Jacinto
Jonah Greenhut

Moved: William Coleman, VP Academic

Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

VP Academic shared that this fun event was curated by the CSA and Fine Art Network where collected art pieces are presented and judged by a panel of judges.

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Member Greenhut asked when the activity will be held. VP Academic explained that the top five (5) art pieces will be picked by the CSA and Fine Art Network and the event will be on November 21, 2024.

Members Ames, Jacinto, and Greenhut volunteered

**Motion Carried** 

## 8.12 New Business

## 8.12.1 UGFA Support

**WHEREAS** the University of Guelph Faculty Association (UGFA) is currently engaged in bargaining with the University of Guelph administration to secure a new Collective Agreement for faculty;

**WHEREAS** faculty members directly impact the learning environment and academic success of undergraduate students at the University of Guelph;

**WHEREAS** section 5.4.6 of Appendix A - Executive Portfolios states that the VP External shall "collaborate and build campaign coalitions [...] with [...] labour unions, on and off campus, that are committed to worker rights," which should include supporting UGFA in its current bargaining efforts:

**WHEREAS** a "no board" report has been filed as of Monday, October 7, 2024, which sets a potential strike or lockout date of October 24, 2024; and

**WHEREAS** the UGFA Strike Committee has been actively planning for a possible strike in the event that a fair settlement cannot be reached through negotiations;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board receives the attached newsletters from UGFA regarding the bargaining process as information;

**FURTHER** that the CSA stands in solidarity with UGFA in its bargaining efforts to secure equitable working conditions for its members;

**FURTHER** that the CSA Executive Committee is empowered to take appropriate actions to assist UGFA with its bargaining efforts or striking, including but not limited to raising awareness amongst students, making social media posts, making statements in solidarity, conducting poster runs, and organizing student groups;

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**AND FURTHER** that all actions taken by the Executive Committee in relation to this support shall be discussed and approved during an Executive Committee Meeting, with the details of such actions being documented and included in the ECM minutes, which shall be returned to the CSA Board as information for review.

Moved: Nate Broughton, President

**Seconded:** Jake Levy

President Broughton reminded the board that the strike would cause major disruptions to all undergraduate students on campus. This motion provided the board's permission for the organization to give support through direct lines of communication with students. By increasing awareness, administration could be pressured to continue to bargain and find a settlement. He also reiterated that this motion should be held at this meeting as the strike would happen before the next board meeting.

Member Levy asked if the strike would interfere with the inner workings of the CSA and if standing in solidarity would mean the board members striking themselves. The President confirmed that the CSA would stand in solidarity from an organizational messaging standpoint, not by striking as well.

Member Greenhut asked if the President would be open to adding a verbal report being provided. President Broughton agreed to add it to the President's Executive Update.

Member Ames asked if the support given to UGFA is more explicit or implicit. The President provided examples of creating social media posts dedicated to the cause, supporting their demands, and emphasizing that the CSA is standing in solidarity with them.

### **Motion Carried**

#### 8.13 Announcements

The PTC reminded the board that the next meeting is in 3 weeks on October 30, 2024. She also encouraged the board to hold class talks to encourage students in the College of Biological Sciences to vote and reminded them that most people on the board are not in CBS. She also asked members to be mindful of the upcoming slow transitions that may happen due to the executive appointments and upcoming transition period.

The VP Academic announced that his club's show was recently revealed to be a production called Spring Awakening. Currently, the club is still hiring for the following roles: design and production, communications and marketing. Open auditions for cast, band, dancers, and singers are also still open.

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The VP Student Experience informed the board that she looks forward to serving the student body.

Member Johnston shared that the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council had their AGM last Thursday.

Member Amos shared that Interhall Council has an annual Thanksgiving Dinner from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at PHC open for everyone as first come-first served. He encouraged students to arrive closer to 6:00 pm.

Member Chadha explained that the OAC will hold a fundraiser for the Children's Foundation. The opportunity to register will be held open until October 22. This month's event will be a tractor pull competition to raise funds for the organization.

Member Levy thanked everyone who came to see the October 7 exhibit. About 300 Jewish and non-Jewish students participated. During the exhibit that lasted throughout the whole day, member Levy was able to witness many people having conversations that ended in finding common ground. He also gave a shoutout to the Chair and the Scribe for entering the organization in a chaotic time.

Member Einy mentioned that on Tuesday, OVC started their small animal surgeries.

Member Carter updated on how the OAC-SF meeting on Monday decided that on October 21, the student federation of the OAC will be hosting an open meeting.

Member Ames promoted a Yintah film screening happening on October 17 at 5:30 pm. Yintah is a documentary covering the efforts of the Indigenous peoples in protecting their ancestral land from the creation of a harmful pipeline. They also reminded the board that on October 21, the second part of the Conflict Skills for Activist training will be continued at the UC in room 442 at 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Member Dunnette reminded the board that the Indigenous Student Society's meetings will be held every Tuesday at 7:00 pm and everyone is welcome to join.

Member Khan shared that on October 17, there will be a Yarn Bombing event held by the Knitting and Crochet Club. They highlighted that they will be using 100% natural fibers to make this event sustainable.

Member Greenhut shared that the Arts and Science annual conference has been posted and that their lounge is finally open.

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The VP Student Experience shared that a Mental Health charity is coming on Sunday, October 27 at PCH to hold a workshop around 4:00 pm.

The Chair reminded everyone to love each other as a hurricane hit the states recently and many people are struggling.

#### 8.14 In Camera

No In Camera session was held at this meeting.

# 8.15 Adjournment

**MOTION: That** the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 8 on October 9, 2024, be adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Moved: Jake Levy

Seconded: Manpreet Rattan

**Motion Carried** 

Appro	ved by the Board of Directors	Date: October 30, 2024
Signed:		Date:
	Samuel Skelhorn Board Chair	
Signed:		Date:
	Colleen Bovay Policy & Transition Coordinator	