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Committee of the Whole Meeting # 15

March 9, 2022 – 6:00 pm



Attendance for March 9, 2022

Board of Directors			
At-Large (Elected) Representatives		Present / Regrets	Arrived / Departed
Bella Harris	College of Arts	Present	
Vacant	College of Arts		
Leilani Rocha	College of Biological Science		
Maya Persram	College of Biological Science	Present	
Valeria Telles	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences	Present	
Anton Naim Ibraim	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences		
Laura Wilson	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences		
Alyssa Ahmed	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences	Present	
Leila Stevens	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Present	
Joshua Vito	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Present	
Isha Maharaj	Ontario Agricultural College		
Vacant	Ontario Agricultural College		
Vacant	Ontario Veterinary College		
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Member College Government Representatives (Appointed)		Present / Regrets	Arrived / Departed
Vacant	College of Arts Student Union		
Vacant	College of Biological Science Student Council		
Lily Taylor-Stackhouse	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council	Present	Departed 7pm
Samantha Ogbeiwi	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences - Student Alliance		
Quinton Stummer	Lang Students' Association		
Hudson Bell	Student Federation of the Ontario Agricultural College		
Vacant	Central Veterinary Student Association (Ontario Veterinary College)		
Student Organization Representatives (Appointed)		Present / Regrets	Arrived / Departed

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Jena Ashley	Indigenous Student Society (ISS)		
Damilola Oguntala	Guelph Black Students Association (GBSA)	Present	Arrived 6:30pm
Amanda Conibear	Guelph Queer Equality (GQE)	Present	
Vacant	Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity		
Keshini Digamber	International Student Organization (ISO)	Present	
Liz Powell	Interhall Council (IHC)		
Vacant	Guelph Campus Co-op		
Ariel Oleynikov	Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG)		
Justin Mihaly	Student Senate Caucus		
Michael Pacheco	Board of Governors		
Executive (Ex-officio, non-voting)		Present / Regrets	Arrived / Departed
Nicole Walker	President	Present	
Vacant	Vice President Student Experience		
Lisa Kazuhara	Vice President Academic	Present	
Shilik Hamad	Vice President External	Present	

Guests	Affiliation
Daniel Hinds	SafeWalk Program Coordinator, CSA

Staff	Position
Cameron Olesen	Chair
Pete Wobschall	Policy & Transition Manager
Olivia Wells	Scribe

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- 15.0 Call to Order**
- 15.1 Land Acknowledgement**
 - Valeria Telles
- 15.2 Adoption of the Agenda**
 - 15.2.1 Approve the Agenda
 - 15.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts
- 15.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications**
 - 15.3.1 N/A
- 15.4 Comments from the Chair**
 - 15.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns
- 15.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes**
 - 15.5.1 Meeting # 14 – February 16, 2022
- 15.6 Executive Committee Minutes**
 - 15.6.1 Meeting # 25 – February 9, 2022
- 15.7 Executive Updates**
 - 15.7.1 President
 - 15.7.2 ~~VP Student Experience~~ (position currently vacant)
 - 15.7.3 VP Academic
 - 15.7.4 VP External
- 15.8 Director Reports**
- 15.9 CSA Services Update and Report**
 - 15.9.1 SafeWalk – Daniel Hinds, SafeWalk Program Coordinator
- 15.10 Committee Updates and Reports**
 - 15.10.1 MINUTES: PBRC Meeting # 9 – Feb 9, 2022
 - 15.10.2 REPORT: PBRC Report # 1 – Summer & Fall 2022
 - 15.10.3 REPORT: Hiring Committee – FoodBank Coordinator
 - 15.10.4 APPOINT: Strike Hiring Committee – FoodBank Assistants (2)
 - 15.10.5 APPOINT: Strike Hiring Committee - Bike Centre Assistant
 - 15.10.6 REPORT: Hiring Committee – Bike Centre Assistant
- 15.11 Business**
 - 15.11.1 MOTION: Director Outreach for the 2022 Annual General Meeting
 - 15.11.2 MOTION: Winter 2022 General Election Report – (receive report and ratify unofficial results)
- 15.12 New Business**
 - 15.12.1
- 15.13 Announcements**
- 15.14 In Camera Session**
- 15.15 Adjournment**

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This meeting was a Committee of the Whole meeting as quorum was not met. The following meeting summary therefore reflects informal discussion between the members regarding the threshold for quorum, and other information to be received at the next Board Meeting such as the presentation from Daniel Hinds regarding the SafeWalk Service Update.

Chair Cameron Oleson began by explained in-person voting, the speakers' list, various aspects of Robert's Rules, and a general review of how participation differed for in-person meetings compared to the online format of the past two years. Since quorum was not met, he also suggested that this informal meeting could serve as practice on proper Parliamentary Procedure.

Policy & Transition Manager Pete Wobschall suggested that this informal meeting be used to receive reports and updates that could then be later received as information officially.

Directors were informally polled regarding whether it would be worthwhile to have an informal discussion tonight. They agreed it was worthwhile and that this informal meeting could simply be a Committee of the Whole.

President Nicole Walker suggested that it would be necessary to call an emergency meeting prior to the next board meeting to accomplish time-sensitive business on the agenda.

Directors considered options to reduce the threshold for quorum, so that business could be conducted and to increase the likelihood of achieving quorum, including de-ratification of Directors that have missed meetings without notice for several subsequent meetings.

Member Harris and Member Persram asked the board for clarification regarding Parliamentary Procedures such as point of information or point of personal privilege.

The President proposed next Monday or Wednesday evening for an emergency board meeting.

Directors conducted a straw poll regarding their availability on the proposed dates.

Discussion between the members moved to in-person vs virtual board meetings and the effect each may influence Director attendance.

Member Vito was concerned with the precedent that moving future meetings to an online format again would set.

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Policy & Transition Manager Pete Wobschall responded to Member Vito by clarifying that if directors miss two consecutive meetings without providing notice that they won't be able to attend, then the CSA's policies state that they should be de-ratified.

Member Conibear proposed that an email could be sent out to inquire about the reasons that some members may not be able to attend in-person meetings.

Members then discussed the merits of in-person and online formats for meetings and whether it would have been worthwhile to conduct a poll regarding Directors' preferences.

President Nicole Walker clarified that the CSA is aiming to have the actions of the Board mirror those of the rest of campus in their return to a fully in-person format, with respect to all current public health guidelines to ensure Members' health and safety.

Guest Hinds asked a point of information regarding the meaning of de-ratification.

Chair Cameron Oleson responded by providing the definitions of ratification and de-ratifications.

Member Persram added that we should allow guest presenter Daniel Hinds to present to be respectful of his time. Then we could decide on the date of the emergency meeting afterwards.

Member Harris clarified that the process of re-ratification differs for appointed and elected members of the Board.

Members further deliberated the best timing and format for the emergency meeting during next week.

Policy & Transition Manager Pete Wobschall noted that this week there were a number of exceptional circumstances that prevented some of the Directors from attending this meeting.

President Nicole Walker proposed based on the results of the straw poll that the emergency board meeting be held next Monday at 6pm in-person, but with a contingency that it be online if we are unable to reserve a space.

Guest Daniel Hinds began his presentation.

Guest Daniel Hinds gave a presentation regarding the purpose of SafeWalk. He provided their hours and their services. This semester SafeWalk has had reduced hours due to campus closures, but they have maintained consistent online office hours despite these interruptions. Regular hours have now resumed post-reading week. Daniel and his co-worker Bea have also successfully recruited a number of new volunteers. Their main goal has been to grow the roster of volunteers for the upcoming semester, so that the program can run successfully without having to rebuild a team next semester. They have

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conducted individual check-ins with their volunteers and they feel that this has allowed them to maintain the relationship between coordinators and volunteers better, despite much of the semester being online. They have also added the Sexual Violence Support Modules to required trainings for all SafeWalk volunteers. This is especially important given that students accessing SafeWalk may have experienced sexual violence in the past. They have established a shift sign-up system that has been mostly effective, and prevents coordinators from needing to continually adjust the schedule. This has allowed for them to better accommodate the individual needs of their volunteers. They are also currently in talks with physical resources to use the electric cart and set up training sessions for it. It is expected that the electric cart will be available for students in Fall 2022. In the future, SafeWalk aims to recruit more volunteers and continue to provide online office hours for volunteers and students. Additionally, they will continually update the transition documents for incoming program coordinators. They will also be hosting a volunteer appreciation event at Brass Taps later this semester.

Member Persram asked whether there was an increase in volunteer applications before or after the reading week.

Guest Daniel Hinds responded by explaining that the volunteer applications have occurred fairly steadily throughout the semester.

Member Persram asked whether a plan was in place for the Fall Semester regarding recruitment of volunteers.

Guest Daniel Hinds clarified that this would fall to the next Program Coordinator but that it is likely there would be a plan in place.

VP Academic Lisa Kazuhara noted the great work of Daniel Hinds in his position, especially regarding how much change has occurred over the course of the school year. The new position is currently open for applications and she recommended people apply.

President Nicole Walker asked Daniel Hinds whether minimum requirements for shift sign-ups existed with the new structure for shift schedules. She also congratulated Daniel Hinds on his admission to law school next year.

Daniel Hinds responded by stating that they do have requirements for the amount of shifts that volunteers should sign up for, but due to the reading week and some peoples' level of comfort surrounding the pandemic, they have purposefully been lax in enforcing this.

Member Stevens asked what happens during a SafeWalk office hour.

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Daniel Hinds added that during these hours volunteers can attend to ask any questions, or those hoping to use SafeWalk's services could attend as well.

Chair Cameron Oleson suggested that the information presented during this Committee of the Whole be included as information in the emergency Board meeting next week.

Moved: Maya Persram
Seconded: Leila Stevens

Motion carried.

Members discussed potential options for adding personal pronouns to placards for future in-person meetings to provide additional clarity during meetings.

Announcements

A round of informal announcements was conducted prior to ending the meeting.

Member Persram thanked the chair for answering all of her questions throughout the meeting.

Member Ahmed had her first football tournament last weekend and enjoyed it thoroughly. She almost got concussed but would love if anyone wants to attend her next game this coming weekend.

Member Harris showed the Directors their skirt which has pockets. She is also the only chair for Guelph Pride currently, which she did not plan as this has made her very busy at the moment. They have also been doing a lot of anti-oppression workshops lately and have more coming up soon. She has been modifying the methods used for that and has been enjoying the opportunity to be creative. They told Members about their mask which is very effective, and which they have owned since before the pandemic. It is almost her birthday, but it is also several months away. Since their birthday is in the summer, they are deciding to celebrate it earlier, perhaps during the last board meeting of this semester. Recently, she enjoyed trying a buffalo flavoured chicken wing from Walmart, which was very spicy, but very good. She is also excited to try vegan salmon sometime soon. The GQE room is open now and office hours are going well. They purchased a new air filter which they still have to name.

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Member Conibear recommended Directors attend Member Harris' workshops. She is very excited to move to Windsor soon for school. Since covid, they have been living with their parents again and are looking forward to having more independence and potentially getting a cat. They are doing gay prom soon. She has been playing the new Pokémon game and has been enjoying it. Also, she is looking forward to playing a PS5 game that she has been waiting over two years for and she would recommend it.

Member Oguntala is quite busy, but is doing her best.

Member Digamber is attending an event for different cultures next Monday at the Lookout that will include cultural performances, an open mic, free food, and a cultural runway walk, and she would love for people to attend. She is also planning a Holi event with Member Maharaj on Johnston Green later in March.

Member Persram will be very busy with work for the admissions department since next week is March break. She will be doing Sunday tours of campus as hundreds of students are expected to attend each day during the break. They have been training volunteers to have more tour guides as they are already all booked up.

Member Stevens noted that International Women's Day was yesterday and she celebrated by sending messages to the women in her life. She is cutting her boyfriend's hair for the first-time next week and has been enjoying watching Drag Race.

Member Vito is not looking forward to being done at Guelph because he doesn't like endings. For International Women's Day he said a big thank you to his mom because he loves his mom.

President Nicole Walker suggested he could run for the VP of Student Experience so that he would not have to end his time at Guelph.

VP Academic Lisa Kazuhara said that she has been very busy. She went to Niagara Falls last weekend, and enjoyed visiting with her friends and taking a break from work. This is the first time she's ever been in the same city for 5 years, as she has only ever been in one for 3 beforehand.

President Nicole Walker would like people to sign up for the by-election as Friday is the cutoff for submitting signatures and candidate packages. She says the budget should allow for events to be held throughout next year and encourages someone to apply for the VP of Student Experience. People can now register to attend the AGM, and can be entered to win tuition credits and

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other prizes for your participation. Member should also consider joining the UC board if they would like to be involved with that as well. In terms of personal updates, she wrote her last exam recently. She made waffles for her house and they were very good, so if anyone wants a good waffle, she has perfected it. She got her new car a couple weeks ago, but gas has been really expensive so she hasn't driven anywhere yet. She has also started a personal budget recently and is pleased with that so far. She is starting a spam account with her sister and is excited for that. Her final update is that on Friday she had an in-service at the HPC. She got to test out the different reflexes that people have, and she is proud of her ability to get reflex reactions based on that.

VP External Shilik Hamad is going to apply to a graduate program in the fall and is looking forward to that. She does not feel ready to leave the CSA yet, and can't believe that this year is almost over. She thanked everyone for listening and has really enjoyed the meeting.

Board Scribe Olivia Wells is enjoying her last year at Guelph and is in the process of determining where she will attend school next. She also enjoyed this meeting.

Member Ahmed is speaking at the Last Toast and would love for members to attend.

Policy and Transition Manager Pete Wobschall apologized for the multiple invitations to this meeting. There is an AGM early bird deadline. He asks that members would register as they need 100 people to meet quorum. He requested that people please RSVP for future meetings, especially given that food has to be ordered now that they are in-person.

Chair Cameron Oleson reiterated that everyone should attend the AGM, so that there is not an issue meeting quorum. His second point was that he is very happy to be resuming meetings in-person.

The meeting was informally concluded at 8:05 pm.

Received by the Board of Directors	March 23, 2022
Cameron Olesen, Board Chair	

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Signature 	Date March 31, 2022
Pete Wobschall, Policy and Transition Manager	
Signature 	Date March 28, 2022