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Board of Directors Meeting # 2

June 16, 2021 – 6:00 pm

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## Attendance for June 16, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting #2:

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

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

<b>Guests</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Ellyse McGarr	The Ontarion (Editor-in-Chief)
Ahmad Hassan	MSA VP External
Ahmad Farag	MSA President
Amal Zeidan	PSSA President

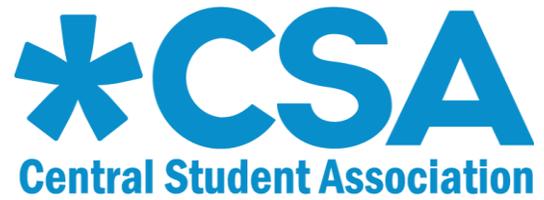
<b>Staff</b>	<b>Position</b>
Cameron Olesen	Chair
Pete Wobschall	Policy & Transition Manager
Sarah Dias	Scribe

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## Summary of Significant Resolutions:

### 2.11.1 PRESENTATION: Muslim Student Association (MSA)

**MOTION** to receive the presentation, letter and statement from the Muslim Student association (MSU) as information.

**Motion carried.**

### 2.2.1 Approve the Agenda

*This motion occurred late in the meeting and has been presented in the minutes out of chronological order.*

**MOTION** to hold an additional board meeting on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, beginning at 6:00 pm, via Microsoft Teams.

**Motion carried.**

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## Agenda – June 16, 2021:

- 2.0 Call to Order**
- 2.1 Land Acknowledgement**
  - Leilani Rocha
- 2.2 Adoption of the Agenda**
  - 2.2.1 Approve the Agenda
  - 2.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts
- 2.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications**
  - 2.3.1 Ratification of Appointed Directors
- 2.4. Comments from the Chair**
  - 2.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns
- 2.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes**
  - 2.5.1 Meeting # 1 – May 26, 2021
- 2.6 Executive Committee Minutes**
  - 2.6.1 Meeting # 2 – May 19, 2021
  - 2.6.2 Meeting # 3 – June 3, 2021
- 2.7 Executive Updates**
  - 2.7.1 President
  - 2.7.2 VP Student Experience
  - 2.7.3 VP Academic
  - 2.7.4 VP External
- 2.8 Director Reports**
- 2.9 CSA Services Update and Report**
  - 2.9.1 Bike Centre Reopening Progress Report
- 2.10 Committee Updates and Reports**
  - 2.10.1 Appoint Board Members to the Late Payment and Reinstatement Fee Appeal Committee
  - 2.10.2 Appoint Directors to the Standing Referendum Committee (SRC)
  - 2.10.3 Appoint Hiring Committee – SE&RM Coordinator
- 2.11 Business**
  - 2.11.1 PRESENTATION: Muslim Student Association (MSA)
  - 2.11.2 MOTION: Follow-up Regarding CSA Israel-Palestine Conflict Activities
  - 2.11.3 Outsource Hiring of a Third Business Office Staff Member – Nicole
  - 2.11.4 NOTICE: Bus Pass Referendum-Related Policy & Bylaw Amendments
  - 2.11.5 CSA Statement on Unmarked Graves at Kamloops Residential School
- 2.12 New Business**
  - 2.12.1.
- 2.13 Announcements**
- 2.14 In Camera Session**
- 2.15 Adjournment**

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## Minutes – June 16, 2021:

### 2.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

### 2.1 Land Acknowledgement

Hi everyone. As we gather today as part of the CSA who is meant to represent and support our student body, it is important that we take the time to not only acknowledge, but to honour the Indigenous peoples of whom we have taken so much from as a nation. Especially in light of recent events, it is crucial that we thoroughly show our solidarity as representatives of the student voice, and truly understand our place on this stolen land.

We acknowledge that this land we now call Guelph resides on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation of the Anishinabek Peoples, and holds rich Indigenous history. Up until the 15th century, the Attawandaron people lived, farmed, and hunted in the Guelph area before their settlements moved closer to what we now call Hamilton. Their population started to decline during epidemics of diseases brought from Europe, while others were driven out of the area during wars, or became part of what is today Six Nations. This land was then purchased by the British in 1784, as part of the Upper Canada Treaty No. 3. Today, Guelph is home to many First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples who have moved to the area from across Turtle Island.

As a result of the continual violence towards Indigenous peoples, I definitely have a lot of privileges here. My parents had the privilege of immigrating to Canada, and we are able to profit off of this stolen land through our owned property. I have the privilege to have access to basic necessities such as clean drinking water that countless Indigenous reserves in Canada still do not have, at least two of which are within only two hours from us here. I have the privilege to not be worried that if I go missing, that I will become a faceless name in the same way that countless missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls are left without justice. As a consumer who contributes to environmental issues in my daily practices, I contribute to the destruction of this land. To combat my actions, I am involved in organizations such as Climate Justice Guelph and Guelph Students for Environmental Change, and if you would like to get involved, feel free to message me. We discuss climate justice through the lens of Indigenous peoples and helping to fight for Indigenous rights.

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However, at the end of the day these actions alone are not enough to eradicate all the injustice in Canada.

My heart goes out to the 215 children in Kamloops, B.C. who never returned home, the 104 children in Brandon, Manitoba, the 35 children in Lestock, Saskatchewan this week, as well as the countless other children who are suspected to be at other residential school sites in Canada. Our Canadian government continues to spend money to silence Indigenous voices who speak about this in court. What happened is not a 'dark history' of Canada; it continues to be prevalent today.

At this time, we need to do our best to support our Indigenous friends who are grieving right now. We need to listen to Indigenous voices who have been advocating about these issues for years, and do more to educate ourselves on these topics. And we need to do more to be mindful of our relationship with the land through our daily practices. Above all, it is really important that we do not stay complacent.

Now before we continue with our meeting, as requested by the ISS, I would like for us to take a moment of silence to honour the children who never returned home. The 215 unmarked graves in B.C. in particular was influential in that it started a bigger conversation about the continual injustice in Canada and the true severity of the mistreatment experienced in residential schools. So, we will now be taking 215 seconds of silence to honour the children in Kamloops.

Leilani Rocha, CSA Director

## 2.2 Adoption of the Agenda

### 2.2.1 Approve the Agenda

**MOTION** that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 2 on **June 16, 2021** be approved as printed and distributed.

**Moved:** Maya Persram

**Seconded:** Lisa Kazuhara, VP Academic

**MOTION TO AMEND:** To reorder the agenda so that item 2.11.1 PRESENTATION: Muslim Student Association (MSA) and 2.11.2 immediately follows item 2.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns.

**Moved:** Sara Kuwatly, VP Student Experience

**Seconded:** Laura Wilson

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VP Student Experience Sara Kuwatly motivated by sharing she did not want to make the guests stay longer than they had to and wants to be respectful of their time.

**Motion to amend carried.**

**AMENDED MOTION** that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 2 on **June 16, 2021** be approved as amended:

- a) To reorder the agenda so that items 2.11.1 PRESENTATION: Muslim Student Association (MSA) and item 2.11.2 MOTION: Follow-up Regarding CSA Israel-Palestine Conflict Activities immediately follows item 2.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns. immediately follows item 2.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns.

**Moved:** Maya Persram

**Seconded:** Lisa Kazuhara, VP Academic

**Amended Motion carried.**

### 2.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

No declarations of conflict.

### 2.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

No ratifications or de-ratifications.

### 2.4. Comments from the Chair

The Chair thanked all Board Members for being here tonight and went over how Members could participate in discussions.

#### 2.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

All Members introduce themselves and share their respective pronouns and roles on the Board.

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### Items 2.5 - 2.10 and 2.12 - 2.15

The Agenda was amended to move Item 2.11.1 Presentation: Muslim Student Association (MSA) right after 2.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns. Item 2.11.1 took over four hours to discuss. As a result, Items 2.5-2.10 and Items 2.12-2.15 were not discussed.

### 2.11 Business

*This item was discussed after item 2.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns, as the Agenda was amended.*

#### 2.11.1 PRESENTATION: Muslim Student Association (MSA)

##### 2.11.1 (a) Extend Speaking RIGHTS to Ahmad Hassan

**WHEREAS** CSA Rules of Order, Section 3.9. states that any presentations to the Board of Directors that are submitted in the Board package shall be limited to 10-minutes.

**MOTION** to extend speaking rights to Ahmad Hassan, CSA Member, for items 2.11.1 PRESENTATION: Muslim Student Association (MSA) and 2.11.2 MOTION: Follow-up Regarding CSA Israel-Palestine Conflict Activities.

**Moved:** Sara Kuwatly, VP Student Experience

**Seconded:** Laura Wilson

**Motion carried.**

##### 2.11.1 (b) Extend Speaking Time for Ahmad Hassan

**WHEREAS** CSA Rules of Order, Section 3.9. states that any presentations to the Board of Directors that are submitted in the Board package shall be limited to 10-minutes.

**MOTION** to extend the speaking time of Ahmad Hassan, CSA Member, for item 2.11.1 PRESENTATION: Muslim Student Association (MSA) from 10-minutes to 15-minutes.

**Moved:** Sara Kuwatly, VP Student Experience

**Seconded:** Lisa Kazuhara, VP Academic

Guest Ahmad Hassan thanked the Board for inviting him to speak, he summarized the letter and statement as provided on page 78 of the Board Agenda Package.

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Member Justin Mihaly voiced his concerns with speaking about Zionism in the letter that was written. He shared his fears that anti-Semitism would rise on campus if this statement was released, and shared examples of Ontario universities where anti-Semitism has increased.

Guest Ahmad Hassan explained that he and all the MSA condemn all forms of hate speech and violence. He also explained that they included Zionism to explain that anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism are not the same thing.

VP Student Experience Sara Kuwatly thanked Guest Hassan and the MSA and PSSA for their time. She shared that the CSA does not tolerate any anti-Semitic speech or Islamophobic speech. As well, she discussed how there is a difference between government and people and that it is important to recognize that.

Member Bella Harris thanked the guest speaker and asked him to explain the difference between anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism.

Guest Ahmad Hassan shared that he is not a member of the Jewish faith, so cannot speak to that fully. Yet from his opinion he shared that anti-Semitism refers to any form of invalid denouncement or targeted hate at any member who is associated with the Jewish faith. Whereas, anti-Zionism refers to being opposed to the ideology of Zionism, which is a political ideology.

Member Leilani Rocha thanked the MSA for their presentation and the CSA Executives for incorporating it in the meeting. She shared that this is not a Muslim versus Jews situation, however by staying neutral in this situation the Board is not giving students the support they need right now.

Member Amanda Conibear shared her concerns of how staying completely neutral is causing more harm than it is helping people.

Member Michael Pacheco shared that the Motion passed last week was to consult with groups and not take a direct stance yet, and that this consultation process is still ongoing with student groups.

President Nicole Walker thanked everyone for their time and effort. She shared that it is in the Board's mandate to stand up for all students and encouraged the Board to consider the presentation today and amplify those students voices to ensure they feel safe on campus.

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Member Alyssa Ahmed thanked Guest Hassan for his presentation and requested that this information be accessible to all students on campus.

Member Justin Mihaly thanked the MSA for providing context from the Palestinian point of view. He raised concerns that there were no Jewish students here to present another perspective of the situation.

VP Student Experience Sara Kuwatly explained that Guelph Hillel reached out to the CSA just as the MSA and PSSA had done. She shared that the CSA had invited Guelph Hillel to present, but had never heard back, whereas the CSA had heard back from the MSA and PSSA, which is why they were presenting tonight.

Member Justin Mihaly sought further clarification regarding if Guelph Hillel received the same invitations as the other groups.

VP Student Experience Sara Kuwatly explained that no group was given a formal invitation and all groups received the same chances to present to the Board.

Guest Ahmad Hassan further clarified by sharing that the MSA did not receive a formal invitation but rather reached out to the CSA first.

**MOTION** to receive the presentation, letter and statement from the Muslim Student association (MSU) as information as presented in the Board Package for the June 16, 2021, meeting.

**Moved:** VP Student Experience, Sara Kuwatly

**Seconded:** Bella Harris

**Motion carried.**

### 2.11.2 Motion: Follow-up Regarding CSA Israel-Palestine Conflict Activities

**WHEREAS** at their meeting on May 26, 2021, the CSA Board of Directors approved the following resolution:

“RESOLVED that the CSA respond and work alongside impacted CSA members and student organizations to develop a direct action plan on campus, which may include a solidarity statement and options will be presented at a future board meeting.”; and

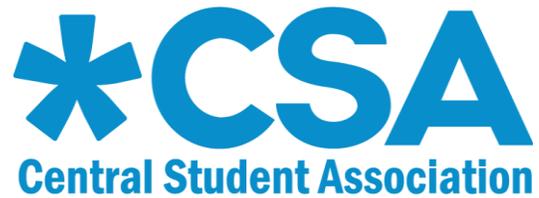
**WHEREAS** the conflict remains an extremely sensitive issue that requires the highest level of foresight and democratic oversight.

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**RESOLVED** that the CSA:

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- b) Require a public listing of all students and groups consulted to be affixed to any statement, release or letter on the conflict, if the CSA chooses to publish such a document.
- c) Require that any statement, letter, direct action plan or release issued in the CSA's name in reference to the conflict be brought before the Board of Directors for approval.

**Moved:** Joshua Vito

**Seconded:** Michael Pacheco

Member Joshua Vito motivated by sharing how this Motion will ensure everyone is fairly consulted before releasing a statement, will show proof of those consultations, and will get the Board's final say before releasing it. He shared that this would ensure the most safety for the CSA and the Board Members.

Member Justin Mihaly shared that the CSA should remain bipartisan on this issue. He shared examples of a university in Ontario who spoke on the situation had a rise in anti-Semitism and had to create working groups to address that issue. He raised his concerns that this may happen at the University of Guelph if a non bipartisan statement was to be released by the CSA and that he is thus in favour of the Motion.

Member Michael Pacheco spoke in favour of this Motion. He shared an example of an incident from March 2020 where student groups were not properly consulted in the CSA and discussed how this Motion would ensure that the past was not repeated.

President Nicole Walker shared that she understands some of the Directors' concerns and hopes they can move forward and build trust between the Directors and Executives. She spoke against this Motion as she shared that it seems to be redundant with the Motion passed last meeting.

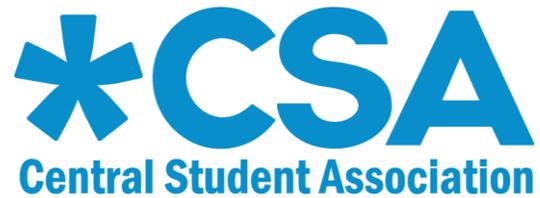
Member Bella Harris agreed with the President that this Motion seems redundant. She shared that she is uncomfortable remaining neutral and nonpartisan as there is a human rights violation occurring.

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VP Student Experience Sara Kuwatly agreed with Member Harris and the President. She shared that the CSA should not remain neutral on this issue, but that they can support Palestinian students while also condemning anti-Semitism. She expressed concerns about bringing up past CSA mistakes as this is a new year with a new team and it would be most productive to move forward in good faith with one another.

Guest Ahmad Hassan expressed concerns with saying that this was a bipartisan issue. He shared that it is dangerous to remain neutral and that it is important to consider the students who have already been impacted so much. He shared two examples on the Guelph campus of how remaining neutral to this issue has negatively impacted Muslim students.

VP Academic Lisa Kazuhara thanked everyone who had spoken thus far. She acknowledged the mistakes the CSA had made in the past but emphasized that this does not mean they [the new Executive Team] will act in the same way today. She expressed how important it is to build trust between Directors and Executives. As well she shared the importance of providing students a safe experience on campus that is anti-war and anti-oppressive. She raised concerns with this Motion as it required public listing of all students which could lead to confidentiality and safety concerns for students.

Member Maya Persram agreed with the VP Academic and raised similar concerns with requiring students to publicly list their names, as anyone who wishes to remain anonymous should be allowed to.

Member Joshua Vito explained that he is open to Amendments to the Motion and understands and appreciates the privacy concerns. He shared that this Motion is not about staying neutral in the statement or not, but rather ensuring that the consultation process is neutral. He expressed he does not have a lack of trust for the Executives, but that trust comes from clear expectations and this Motion will give the Board and Executives clear expectations on how to move forward with consultations.

Member Justin Mihaly reiterated the importance of staying bipartisan and shared examples of other Ontario universities who have had an increase in anti-Semitism on campus after solidarity statements had been released. He shared his concern as a Jewish student with things getting out of hand and seeing a rise in anti-Semitism if a statement were to be made. He explained that Jews are nervous that another holocaust will occur and that the way this will happen is if Jews are silenced, as they are feeling silenced right now. He expressed his favour of this

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Motion to ensure things stay neutral and the CSA remains anti-oppressive by not opening up campus to an increase in anti-Semitism.

VP External Shilik Hama thanked everyone for the conversation thus far. She expressed that the Motion does seem redundant as the meetings are already publicly accessible and that statements already get approved by the Board. She shared that the CSA's priority is keeping students safe, and they will do something if they recognize there is hate on campus directed at any student. She also shared concerns with how the Motion requires public listing of the names of students and shared an example from McGill University of how harmful this can be to students. She emphasized their commitment to anti-oppression of all students and that the CSA is happy to work with Jewish groups, but that this Motion seems to be redundant, and an invasion of privacy and safety.

Member Leilani Rocha agreed with VP External that this Motion brings up several privacy issues. She expressed concern with some of the language being used and reminded Members that what is occurring between Israel and Palestine is not reflective of all Jews and Muslims. As well, she shared how the CSA is capable of supporting Palestinian students while condemning anti-Semitism and that they should not use fear as a reason not to make a statement for students who really need support right now.

### **MOTION TO AMEND MAIN MOTION** by:

- Inserting "on CSA Social Media pages" to end of section a)
- Striking "students and" in section b)

a) Require all consultation on the conflict to be publicly available and accessible to all groups and individuals who wish to access it on CSA social Media pages.

b) Require a public listing of all ~~students and~~ groups consulted to be affixed to any statement, release or letter on the conflict, if the CSA chooses to publish such a document.

**Moved:** Michael Pacheco

**Seconded:** Joshua Vito

Member Michael Pacheco motivated for this Motion by sharing how these Amendments will remove the redundancy and privacy concerns from the Motion, while still ensuring fair consultation for all students.

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Member Justin Mihaly voiced support with this Amendment.

Member Jena Ashley sought clarification on what posting on social media would mean exactly and why groups would put their name on the CSA's statement, as it would be the CSA's responsibility to do the work themselves and sign off on it.

VP Student Experience Sara Kuwatly asked what posting on social media would look like and shared that these Amendments seemed redundant.

Member Michael Pacheco explained that part a) would require the CSA to post on their Instagram stating they are holding consultations and share their email to be contacted at. He explained that part b) would require a reference page at the end of the letter to share a list of all groups who were consulted in making the statement.

Member Amanda Conibear sought clarification as she thought the Executive Members had already been conducting consultations. She expressed that these Amendments seem to be delaying the process of releasing a statement.

Member Leilani Rocha shared how these Amendments do not seem to be adding any new information and it would mean more to the students if they released a statement as their first post, as posting about consultations now would seem like the CSA was delaying the statement. Member Rocha agreed with Member Ashley that it is the CSA's responsibility to do the work and the statement should be coming from them.

Member Bella Harris spoke against this Amendment as posting consultation invitations on the CSA's social media pages is opening the world to freely target specific groups which is dangerous and thus makes it more difficult for groups to consult with the CSA.

Member Joshua Vito explained that in the Amendment part a) would not list the groups who had decided to consult with the CSA but would rather be an open invitation that anyone can consult with the CSA if they wish to.

**MOTION** to call to question regarding the Motion to Amend.

**Moved:** Shilik Hama, VP External

**Seconded:** Sara Kuwatly, VP Student Experience

**Motion to call to question carried.**

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**Moved:** Michael Pacheco

**Seconded:** Joshua Vito

**Motion to amend is carried.**

**MOTION** to call to question on the Amended Motion.

**Moved:** Sara Kuwatly, VP Student Experience

**Seconded:** Michael Pacheco

**Motion to call to question is carried.**

### **AMENDED MOTION:**

**WHEREAS** at their meeting on May 26, 2021, the CSA Board of Directors approved the following resolution:

“RESOLVED that the CSA respond and work alongside impacted CSA members and student organizations to develop a direct action plan on campus, which may include a solidarity statement and options will be presented at a future board meeting.”; and

**WHEREAS** the conflict remains an extremely sensitive issue that requires the highest level of foresight and democratic oversight.

**RESOLVED** that the CSA:

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- c) Require that any statement, letter, direct action plan or release issued in the CSA's name in reference to the conflict be brought before the Board of Directors for approval.

**Moved:** Joshua Vito

**Seconded:** Michael Pacheco

*Member Ashley abstained from the vote.*

**Amended Motion defeated.**

**MOTION** to have a 10-minute recess, beginning at 8:20 pm until 8:30 pm.

**Moved:** Justin Mihaly

**Seconded:** Bella Harris

**Motion carried.**

*At 8:30 pm the Chair called the meeting back to order.*

**MOTION** to reconsider the motion to approve the Amended Agenda.

**Moved:** Shilik Hama, VP External

**Seconded:** Sara Kuwatly, VP Student Experience

**Motion carried.**

*Reopen Discussion of Motion to Approve Agenda*

### 2.2.1 Approve the Agenda

**MOTION TO AMEND:** to add item 2.12.1 MOTION to publish the statement included in the MSA submission on page 83 of the CSA Board Package from Meeting #2 – June 16, 2021, under New Business items.

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**Moved:** Shilik Hama, VP External

**Seconded:** Lisa Kazuhara, VP Academic

Member Michael Pacheco spoke against this Amendment to New Business. He voiced concerns that this would circumvent democracy and the consultations of student groups. As well he voiced how this had not been agreed upon in the beginning of the meeting and that they should not release a statement before consulting other groups.

Member Joshua Vito voiced concerns with this Amendment as Members have not been given notice and thus have not had enough time to read through and consider the letter.

Member Maya Persram sought clarification that this letter was a direct result on the Motion from last meeting.

VP External Shilik Hama answered that this is a result of the Motion from the last meeting, as the PSSA came forward with a statement for the CSA to sign off on and now they are motioning it to the board.

[Due to continued disruptions in the meeting chat from a limited number of guests, which resulted in one guest being ejected from the meeting due to repeated interruptions and following warnings from the Chair, Member Bella Harris made a motion to move in camera in an effort to provide an uninterrupted, safe space to finish this item's discussion.]

**MOTION** to move in camera.

**Moved:** Bella Harris

**Seconded:** Sara Kuwatly, VP Student Experience

**Motion to move in camera is defeated.**

Member Justin Mihaly voiced concerns with this Motion as it is only in consultation with one student group, and thus is silencing Guelph Hillel and other groups. He expressed concern that this Motion is going against the Motion from last meeting as the CSA would be silencing groups they had agreed to consult by signing off on this Motion.

VP Student Experience Sara Kuwatly reiterated that the CSA did reach out to Guelph Hillel and invited them to work with them, yet they never heard back.

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She expressed confusion as concerns were raised about not consulting student groups at the previous meeting, but now they have consulted student groups and it feels as if Members are still unhappy with that. She expressed that they did reach out to groups and it is important to support the students and therefore encouraged Members to vote in support of this Motion.

Member Leilani Rocha expressed the importance of getting a statement out as so many students have already felt unsupported thus far.

**MOTION** to call to question.

**Moved:** Amanda Conibear

**Seconded:** Leilani Rocha

**Motion to call to question is defeated.**

Member Michael Pacheco spoke against this Amendment to the Agenda as he does not think student groups were adequately consulted with. He expressed concerns with moving this meeting moving in camera as he wants the Minutes to be public and remain transparent so that they can be reviewed later and expressed concerns that this may be a sneaky way to ram in a statement to be passed without proper review and consultation.

President Nicole Walker expressed that going in camera was not due to lack of transparency but rather to respect some of the Board of Directors concerns about being uncomfortable with comments from the chat.

Member Bella Harris expressed concerns with the meeting remaining public as comments in the chat were making her feel unsafe from individuals who would not identify themselves

Member Justin Mihaly shared that the meeting should remain in public to ensure transparency.

VP Student Experience Sara Kuwatly expressed that the statement is valuable as it represents student groups who were consulted and agreed to work with the CSA. She also explained that the Executives and Directors are all working in the interest of the students and calling Executives 'sneaky' is disrespectful and unproductive. She reiterated her support for this Motion and shared that this is not an issue of Palestinians versus Jewish students but rather an issue of a government being oppressive and ethnic cleansing.

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Member Amanda Conibear questioned why there was distrust towards the Executives and reiterated that this statement had been in the package beforehand and thus there were no aspects of being sneaky on the Executives part. She shared how important it was to work as a team and move forward.

Member Joshua Vito addressed Member Conibear's point by stating that although the statement was in the package it was only a Motion to receive it as information, not a Motion to release it as a statement, which are two very different things. He shared concerns that Members have not had enough time to review this letter as a statement. He shared that he thought from the last meeting's Motion that the VP External would be writing out a solidarity statement.

Member Michael Pacheco reiterated that this meeting needs to remain public. He shared that all Members are elected as public figures of the University and when taking the oath to office they are accepting to be open to criticism from the student body. He shared concerns that it would appear cowardly if this Motion was done in private and that it must stay in the public minutes so people can review later.

**MOTION** to call to question.

**Moved:** Shilik Hama, VP External

**Seconded:** Leilani Rocha

**Motion to call to question carried.**

**MOTION TO AMEND:** to add item 2.12.1 MOTION to publish the statement included in the MSA submission on page 83 of the CSA Board Package from Meeting #2 – June 16, 2021, under New Business items.

**Moved:** Shilik Hama, VP External

**Seconded:** Sara Kuwatly, VP Student Experience

*Member Ashely abstained from the vote.*

**Motion to amend carried.**

**MOTION TO AMEND:** to reorder agenda to move 2.12.1 to immediately follow 2.11.2 and before 2.5 Approval of Board Minutes.

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**Moved:** Sara Kuwatly, VP Student Experience

**Seconded:** Amanda Conibear

VP Student Experience Sara Kuwatly motivated that this Amendment would be mindful of guests' time who may wish to speak.

**Motion to amend carried.**

**MOTION** that the Policy & Transition Manager remove all guests from the meeting.

**Moved:** Bella Harris

**Seconded:** Amanda Conibear

Policy & Transition Manager Pete Wobschall shared concerns with this Motion. He shared that he has removed the individuals who seem to have been creating issues and does not feel comfortable removing other guests, who have respected the meeting rules. He requested Members to look to the Chair if they are not satisfied with what has been done so far.

Member Bella Harris reiterated that she was uncomfortable by the guests and requested that the Chair remove them all from the meeting. She expressed appreciation to the Policy & Transition Manager for removing guests who were speaking without speaking rights being given to them. She explained that guests are continuing to come in and out of the meeting and are making her feel unsafe, which is why she proposed this Motion to keep the transparency of the meeting by keeping public Minutes, but not allowing guests to be present during the meeting.

President Nicole Walker sought clarification about this Motion to see if it included the guests from the PSSA and MSA who took time to present and may wish to engage in further discussion. She raised concerns about inhibiting positive discussion with these guests through this Motion.

Member Bella Harris shared that she is open to amending the Motion to include those specific guests from the PSSA and MSA.

Member Michael Pacheco shared concerns about removing guests who have been respectfully listening throughout the meeting as they have been very accommodating and stayed for almost four hours.

Member Jena-Lee Ashely shared that she recognized it is fair to remove guests who have received warnings and have been disrespectful but agreed with Member

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Pacheco that they cannot just kick everyone out when the meetings are meant to be open to the public.

**MOTION AMEND** to remove guests from meeting by inserting "other than representatives from MSA, PSSA, Guelph Hillel and Chabad Guelph. "

**Moved:** Bella Harris

**Seconded:** Leilani Rocha

Member Bella Harris motivated for this Motion by sharing that she wished to include these four organizations as they are relevant to the conversations at hand whereas other guests are not and are making her uncomfortable.

Member Jena Ashley raised concerns about signalling out organizations as a lot of students do not associate with those organizations or student groups. She expressed concern that this Amendment makes it seem that you must be part of a student group to have a discussion, which is not right.

Member Michael Pacheco shared that he does not support this Amendment as all Board Members are elected and thus if guests are being respectful, they should be allowed to view the meetings. He shared concerns about calling out individuals and making them share which group they are a part of as this could be a risk to individuals' safety.

Member Bella Harris explained that this Motion does not prohibit guests from reviewing the minutes later, only from listening to the minutes live. She shared that she specifically mentioned these organizations because past Motions stated that they would do consultations with those organizations.

Member Justin Mihaly raised concerns that kicking out student guests from the meeting would ruin the democracy of the CSA and thus he is against this Motion.

**MOTION** to call to question for the Motion to Amend.

**Moved:** Sara Kuwatly, VP Student Experience

**Seconded:** Lisa Kazuhara, VP Academic

*Member Mihaly abstained from the vote.*

**Motion to call to question is carried.**

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**Moved:** Bella Harris

**Seconded:** Leilani Rocha

**Amendment is defeated.**

VP Student Experience Sara Kuwatly encouraged Members to move along with this Main Motion, as the meeting has been four hours and time would be better spent discussing the statement.

**MOTION** to call to question Motion.

**Moved:** Lisa Kazuhara, VP Academic

**Seconded:** Leilani Rocha

**Motion to call to question is defeated.**

Member Michael Pacheco reiterated that they should not remove guests from the meeting as they voted for the Members and should have the right to sit in the meeting and see what is taking place. He explained that guests will gain more detail from sitting in the meeting than reading the Minutes as the Minutes are just a summary. He encouraged other Members to vote against this Motion.

**MOTION** that the Policy & Transition Manager remove all guests from the meeting.

**Moved:** Bella Harris

**Seconded:** Amanda Conibear

**Motion is defeated.**

Member Joshua Vito raised concerns with this Amended Agenda as there is an Item later about the tragic discovery of the remains of 215 children at the residential school and he feared that by amending the agenda there would not be enough time to discuss this very important Item.

**MOTION TO AMEND** to reorder the agenda, so that 2.11.5 is the next item discussed, followed by 2.12.1 (New Business item: letter), 2.11.3, and 2.11.4, then 2.11.5.

**Moved:** Michael Pacheco

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**Seconded:** Justin Mihaly

Member Michael Pacheco motivated for this Motion by sharing that the Indigenous gravesites are the most recent and local issue and thus should be discussed first and then can go and discuss the statement afterwards.

Member Bella Harris expressed that since the issue with the gravesites is more recent it is important to put out a statement for the issues in Palestine as it has been over a month now.

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT** by reordering the items as follows: 'to approve the amended agenda to reorder the agenda, so that item 2.12.1 (New Business item: letter) is the next item discussed, followed by 2.11.5, 2.11.3, and then 2.11.4.

**Moved:** Leilani Rocha

**Seconded:** Bella Harris

Member Leilani Rocha motivated for this Amendment to the Amendment by sharing how there are guests here who wish to speak to the statement and so they should cover that item first, yet both items are equally important and should be discussed.

**Motion to amend the Amendment is carried.**

**AMENDED MOTION TO AMEND** to approve the amended agenda to reorder the agenda, so that item 2.12.1 (New Business item: letter) is the next item discussed, followed by 2.11.5, 2.11.3, 2.11.4, and then 2.5 approve the board minutes.

**Moved:** Michael Pacheco

**Seconded:** Justin Mihaly

**Motion to amend is carried.**

**MOTION** to suspend the rules and extend the meeting by one hour to 12:01am.

**Moved:** Bella Harris

**Seconded:** Amanda Conibear

**Motion is defeated.**

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**MOTION** for a 2-minute recess.

**Moved:** Michael Pacheco

**Seconded:** Sara Kuwatly

**MOTION TO AMEND** to change for a 5-minute recess.

**Moved:** Bella Harris

**Seconded:** Sara Kuwatly, VP Student Experience

**Motion to amend is carried by unanimous consent.**

**Motion is carried by unanimous consent.**

*The Chair called the meeting back to order at 10:50 pm.*

President Nicole Walker wondered what the options were for holding a meeting next week to complete the issue-based resolutions that need to be passed but also operational decisions that need to be voted on to move forward.

Policy & Transition Manager Pete Wobschall answered the President by sharing that one option to add an additional meeting requires 48 hours notice, so if a Motion was passed tonight there could be a meeting next week.

**MOTION** to hold an additional meeting Wednesday, June 23, 2021, beginning at 6:00 pm, via Microsoft Teams.

**Moved:** Nicole Walker, CSA President

**Seconded:** Amanda Conibear

President Nicole Walker motivated for this Motion by sharing that there are many agenda items that need to be addressed regarding releasing statements as well as operational items which all need to be covered and another meeting would give everyone the time and space to have discussions and complete all the important operational items.

**MOTION TO AMEND** to change the time of the meeting on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 to 5:00pm.

**Moved:** Michael Pacheco

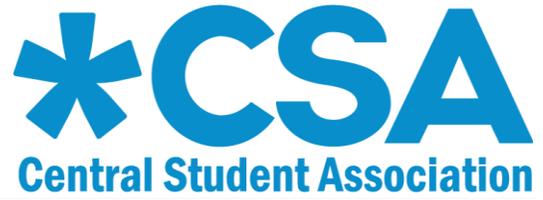
**Seconded:** Joshua Vito

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**Motion to amend is defeated.**

**Motion is carried.**

*The meeting is adjourned at 11:01 pm.*

<b>Approved by the Board of Directors</b>	July 28, 2021
<b>Cameron Olesen, Board Chair</b>	
Signature 	Date August 10, 2021
<b>Pete Wobschall, Policy and Transition Manager</b>	
Signature 	Date July 29, 2021