

AGENDA

Board of Directors Meeting # 14a
February 21, 2024 – 6:00 pm



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Item 14a.2.1 (a) Approve the Agenda

MOTION: that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 14a on February 21, 2024, be approved as printed and distributed.

Moved:

Seconded:

Item 14a.2.1 (b) Amend the Agenda

MOTION TO AMEND:

Moved:

Seconded:

Item 14a.2.1 (c) Approve the Amended Agenda

AMENDED MOTION: that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 14a on February 21, 2024, be approved as amended with:

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Item 14a.11.1 Declaration of Executive Officer Eligibility

WHEREAS CSA Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 5.4.2 (b) states that Executive Officers of the CSA must commit to being enrolled in no more than 1.00 credit per semester during their term;

WHEREAS registered international students with study permits are required to actively pursue their studies and must maintain a full-time courseload with limited exceptions;

WHEREAS violation of a study permit is grounds to be asked to leave Canada, per Canadian Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations, which can result in needing to leave the country for a period of 6 months before applying for a new study permit, visitor visa, or work permit;

WHEREAS the process for removing an Executive Officer, as outlined in CSA Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 6.6.1, is unreliable, even in cases of direct violation of CSA bylaws and policies;

WHEREAS the salaries of Executive Officers are funded by student fees;

WHEREAS the CSA Membership is entitled to Executive representatives that fulfill all obligations and responsibilities as outlined in CSA Bylaw 1 (Organizational), CSA Appendix A (Executive Portfolios), and the General Elections Executive Candidates' and Nomination Packages;

WHEREAS it is detrimental and a high-level risk to the organization to have one or more Executive Officers who do not fulfill their responsibilities to the full extent, due to limited recourse for Executive reprimand or removal currently outlined in the CSA Policy and Bylaw Manual; and

WHEREAS this temporary measure will be used to protect the interests of the membership and the needs of the organization until amendments for greater Executive accountability can be established in the CSA Policy & Bylaw Manual.

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSA Board of Directors receive the Declaration of Executive Officer Eligibility as information;

AND FURTHER that the CSA Board of Directors approve the Declaration of Executive Officer Eligibility and its terms for use in the Winter 2024 General Elections for all Executive candidates, to be enforced during the 2024-2025 academic year, as recommended by the Elections and Referendum Committee.

Moved: Shaima Alam, President

Seconded:

Declaration of Executive Officer Eligibility



Whereas CSA Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 5.4.2 (b) states that Executive Officers of the CSA must commit to being enrolled in no more than 1.00 credit per semester during their term.

Whereas registered international students with study permits are required to actively pursue their studies and must maintain a full-time courseload with limited exceptions.

Whereas violation of a study permit is grounds to be asked to leave Canada, per Canadian Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations, which can result in needing to leave the country for a period of 6 months before applying for a new study permit, visitor visa, or work permit.

By signing this form, you are entering an agreement with the following terms:

- That if elected, you will uphold CSA Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 5.4.2 (b) to be enrolled in no more than 1.00 credit per semester during your term from May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025;
- That if you are currently residing in Canada on a study permit, and if elected, you will disclose your status as an international student and provide documentation to the CSA Business Manager and CSA President no later than August 30, 2024 to support that your residence in Canada is no longer contingent of a study permit that requires a full-time courseload at the University of Guelph;
- That if the above conditions, as applicable, are not met, you will be immediately removed from your position as an Executive of the CSA, contrary to the process of removal as stated in CSA Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 6.6.1;
- That if removed, the vacated Executive position will be filled by a new candidate in the Fall 2024 By-Election, if applicable.

Refusal to enter this agreement will result in your ineligibility to run as an Executive candidate in the Winter 2024 General Elections.

This agreement and its terms were approved by the CSA Board of Directors on _____

Candidate Signature:

Date:

Witness Signature:

Date:

Witness Signature:

Date:

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Item 14a.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 14a on February 21, 2024 be adjourned at pm.

Moved:

Seconded: