MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting # 10
January 27, 2021 – 6:00 pm
Microsoft Teams

Attendance for January 27, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting #10:

Board of Directors			
At-Large (Elected) Representatives		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Areej Amer	College of Arts Student Union		
Bella Harris	College of Arts Student Union	Present	
Katy Oada	College of Biological Science Student Council	Present	
Maya Persram	College of Biological Science Student Council	Present	
Laura Wilson	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences Student Alliance	Present	
Jessica Krawitz	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences Student Alliance		
Haley Bilokraly	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Present	
Jas Rubab Singh	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics		
VACANT	Ontario Veterinary College Central Veterinary Student Association		
Member College Government Representatives (Appointed)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Manseerat Uppal	College of Arts Student Union	Present	
Kristine Sondergaard	College of Biological Science Student Council	Present	
Olivia Parker	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council		
Bailey Hussey	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences Student Alliance	Present	
Tori Wakeford	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics Student Association		
Kendra Cornelissen	Ontario Agricultural College Student Federation	Present	
VACANT	Ontario Veterinary College Central Veterinary Student Association		
Student Organization Representatives (Appointed)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Jena-Lee Ashley	Aboriginal Student Association	Present	
Debbie Aturamu	Guelph Black Students Association		

Alan Negrin	Guelph Queer Equality	Present	
Jaskiran Sethi	Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity		
Lori-Ann Grossett	International Student Organization	Present	
Anum Anjum	Interhall Council	Present	
VACANT	Guelph Campus Co-op		
Blakeney Smith	Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG)	Present	
Sooraj Modi	Student Senate Caucus	Present	Arrived 6:57
Michael Pacheco	Board of Governors		
Executive (Ex-officio, non-voting)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived/ Departed**
Tyler Poirier	President	Present	
Sara Kuwatly	Vice President Student Experience	Present	
Sean Mitchell	Vice President Academic	Present	
Horeen Hassan	Vice President External	Present	

Guests	**Affiliation**
Julia Centofanti	CSA Assistant Returning Officer (ARO)

Staff	**Position**
Cameron Olesen	Chair
Pete Wobschall	Policy & Transition Manager
Sarah Dias	Scribe

Summary of Significant Resolutions:

10.6 Executive Committee Minutes

MOTION that the Executive Committee Minutes be received as information for the following meetings:

10.6.1 Meeting # 30 Minutes - December 9, 2020
10.6.2 Meeting # 31 Minutes - January 15, 2021

Motion carried.

10.7 Executive Updates

MOTION that the following Executive Updates be received as information:

10.7.1. President
10.7.2. VP Student Experience
10.7.3. VP Academic
10.7.4. VP External

Motion carried.

10.10.1 Appoint Directors to Teaching Excellence Award Selection Committee

RESOLVED that:

a) The CSA Board strike a 2021 Teaching Excellence Award Selection Committee with the mandate to review nominations and select the recipient(s) of the award to the VP Academic.

b) The VP Academic Chair the TEA Selection Committee.

c) The VP Academic, in consultation with the 2021 TEA Selection Committee, develop terms of reference (TOR) for the Board's consideration to establish this committee permanently.

d) The following two Director(s) be appointed to the 2021 Teaching Excellence Awards Selection Committee.

Haley Bilokraly
Bella Harris

Motion carried.

10.10.2 CSA Elections Appeals Board (EAB) Selection & Ratification

AMENDED MOTION:

RESOLVED that:

a) the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee (PBRC) review the EAB General Member selection process and provide recommendations to streamline the process of General Member selection to the Board by the end of the 2020-2021 academic year; and

   i. that the recommended process include protecting the confidentiality of information submitted by interested General Members.

b) the CSA Board of Directors appoint the following General Members to the Elections Appeals Board for the remainder of the 2020-2021 academic year:

Abigail Stewart
Kaitlyn Bramham

c) Members Oada and Negrin be de-ratified from the EAB, and that the following Directors be added to the EAB:

Lori-Ann Grossett
Kristine Sondergaard

Motion as amended carried.

10.11.1 Revised 2020-2021 Board Meeting Schedule

RESOLVED that the revised 2020-2021 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule be approved as presented at the January 27, 2021 Board Meeting.

Motion carried.

10.11.6 CSA Health Plan Referendum Campaign

RESOLVED that:

a) the CSA campaign against the proposed health plan with an opt-out option and represent the No Referendum Team; and

b) the CSA ensures that students receive information on both plans, so CSA Members can make an informed choice, in a manner that is inclusive and does not contribute to divisiveness.

Motion carried.

10.11.7 Adoption of Elections Office All Candidates Package (Director and Executive)

RESOLVED that both the All Candidates Package – Executive, and the All Candidates Package – Directors be adopted as included in the January 27, 2021 Board Package, and as presented by the Chief Returning Officer on behalf of the Elections Office.

Motion carried.

10.12.1. CSA COVID-19 Statement Regarding Campus Outbreak

RESOLVED that the CSA Executive Committee release a statement on the University of Guelph COVID-19 outbreak that speaks to the impact that the actions of those involved have on our community and undergraduate students, guiding the Executive's discussions with media and the University of Guelph.

Motion carried.

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Agenda – January 21, 2021:

10.0 Call to Order
10.1 Land Acknowledgement
Kristine Sondergaard
10.2 Adoption of the Agenda
10.2.1 Approve the Agenda
10.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts
10.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications
10.3.1 N/A
10.4. Comments from the Chair
10.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns
10.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes
10.5.1 N/A
10.6 Executive Committee Minutes
10.6.1 Meeting # 30 Minutes - December 9, 2020
10.6.2 Meeting # 31 Minutes - January 15, 2021
10.7 Executive Updates
10.7.1 President
10.7.2 VP Student Experience
10.7.3 VP Academic
10.7.4 VP External
10. 8 Director Reports
10. 9 CSA Services Update and Report
10.9.1 N/A
10.10 Committee Updates and Reports
10.10.1 Appoint Directors to Teaching Excellence Award Selection Committee
10.10.2 CSA Elections Appeals Board (EAB) Selection & Ratification
10.11 Business
10.11.1 Revised 2020-2021 Board Meeting Schedule
10.11.2 NOTICE: Amend Bylaw 4 – Policy of the CSA, Section 1.1. Policy Resolutions of the CSA
10.11.3 NOTICE: CSA Rules of Order Section 3.6 New Business
10.11.4 NOTICE: Amend Appendix A, Section 13. Policy Review Policy
10.11.5 NOTICE: Amend Bylaw 1 – Organizational, Section 9.0 Member Meetings (AGM Location)
10.11.6 CSA Health Plan Referendum Campaign
10.11.7 Adoption of Elections Office All Candidates Package (Director and Executive)
10.12 New Business

10.12.1. NOTICE: Winter 2021 General Election Electoral Policy Amendments – Verified Signatures
10.12.2. CSA COVID-19 Statement Regarding Campus Outbreak

10.13 Announcements
10.14 *In Camera* Session
10.15 Adjournment

Minutes – January 27, 2021:

10.0 Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.

10.1 Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the University of Guelph resides on the ancestral and treaty lands of several Indigenous peoples, including the Attawandaron people and the Mississaugas of the Credit, and we recognize and honour our Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Métis neighbours. The Dish with One Spoon Covenant speaks to our responsibility to steward and sustain the land and the environment in which we live, study and work, so that everyone may benefit from the sustenance it provides.

We recognize the rich history and culture of Indigenous Peoples in Canada. It is important for us to also recognize Indigenous lands and their significance; however, it is important to not stop there. We need to strive to educate ourselves and build respectful relationships with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and communities across Canada. It is important to strengthen our relationships with and continue to learn from our Indigenous communities, to ensure we have an active part in reconciliation.

Kristine Sondergaard
College of Biological Science Student Council

10.2 Adoption of the Agenda

10.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 10 on **January 27, 2021** be approved as printed and distributed.

Moved: Sara Kuwatly, VP Student Experience
Seconded: Maya Persram

MOTION TO AMEND: To add item 10.12.1. W21 Election Policy Amendments – Verified Signatures under New Business items.

Moved: Tyler Poirier, President

Seconded: Sara Kuwatly, VP Student Experience
The President explains how this item is time sensitive: the CSA is currently in the election process and needs to determine if we want to make amendments to election policies. Getting signatures virtually can be challenging, and we need to ensue we are not creating any barriers to the democratic process. The Chair agrees that this is a time-sensitive item as there is a deadline with the election coming up and can be added to the agenda.

Motion to amend carried.

MOTION TO AMEND: To reorder the agenda so that:

- New Business item 10.12.1 Winter 2021 General Election Electoral Policy Amendments – Verified Signatures immediately follows item 10.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns; and

- Item 10.11.7 Adoption of Elections Office All Candidates Package (Director and Executive) immediately follows item 10.12.1.

Moved: Tyler Poirier, President
Seconded: Maya Persram

Motion to amend carried.

MOTION TO AMEND: To add item 10.12.2 CSA COVID Statement Regarding Campus Outbreak under New Business items

Moved: Tyler Poirier, President
Seconded: Sara Kuwatly, VP Student Experience

President explains this item is time sensitive because the CSA Executives have been contacted by multiple media groups and they would like to reply with a solidified response. In addition, the President states that he will be on a panel at the University tomorrow discussing this topic. The Chair agrees that this is a time-sensitive item as the panel is tomorrow.

Motion to amend carried.

AMENDED MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting on **January 27, 2020** be approved as amended:

a) To add item 10.12.1 Winter 2021 General Election Electoral Policy Amendments – Verified Signatures under New Business items.

b) To reorder the agenda so that:

- New Business item 10.12.1 Winter 2021 General Election Electoral Policy Amendments – Verified Signatures immediately follows item 10.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns; and

- Item 10.11.7 Adoption of Elections Office All Candidates Package (Director and Executive) immediately follows item 10.12.1.

c) To add item 10.12.2 CSA COVID-19 Statement under New Business items

Moved: Tyler Poirier, President
Seconded: Sara Kuwatly, VP Student Experience

Motion as amended carried.

10.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

The following Board of Directors members declared a conflict of interest with election-related agenda items as they indicated their intent to run in the upcoming election:

- Bella Harris
- Maya Persram
- Laura Wilson
- Alan Negrin
- Haley Bilokraly
- Kendra Cornelissen
- Sara Kuwatly

10.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

No ratifications or de-ratifications tonight.

10.4. Comments from the Chair

I appreciate everyone being here, the conflict of interest is the only new thing for tonight. Other than that, please raise hand for point of order, point of personal privilege, point of parliamentary procedure, or point of information. Request speakers list or volunteer by typing in the chat. If anyone is having internet issues or having issues seeing the poll, let us know please, and we will accommodate that.

10.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

10.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

No past board minutes to approve tonight.

10.6 Executive Committee Minutes

MOTION that the Executive Committee Minutes be received as information for the following meetings:

10.6.1 Meeting # 30 Minutes - December 9, 2020
10.6.2 Meeting # 31 Minutes - January 15, 2021

Moved: Sara Kuwatly, VP Student Experience
Seconded: Alan Negrin

Motion carried.

10.7 Executive Updates

10.7.1 President

Hi everyone, it has been a busy month. We are prepping for the Winter semester and for next year. There will be lots of things coming to the board; coming in the next few weeks. If you have any questions at all, please reach out to me. I am always willing to make time, even if it is meeting online; I know emails are not always the best, so please do not be afraid to reach out to me.

10.7.2 VP Student Experience

Hi friends. There are a few things I want to highlight. Clubs Day is happening next week on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. If you are an accredited club you should have gotten an email. If you are having any issues signing up for Clubs Day, please reach out to me. Another thing I want to mention is that the Athletic Advisory Committee is looking to hire an Indigenous artist to do a mural in the UC lobby; they are down to four artists and they are looking for feedback from students. I can send a Qualtrics survey of the artists and the work they have done, so if you can take some time to check out the artists and vote for your favorite one that would be great. All of this has been done in consultation with Indigenous folks on campus. Take a look at the work they've done and reach out to me if needed.

10.7.3 VP Academic

Hi everyone. I want to say that the motion from last board meeting regarding alternatives to Respondus was received by the university admin. Soon after the student assessment committee received the preliminary report that has recommendations to have alternatives to Respondus, it is unclear who will be eligible to have that option. I am pushing it to anyone who feels as though they would be better served using an alternative to Respondus. Aside from that, the Teaching Excellence Award closes on February 26th, so I encourage you to get applications in. The selection committee will be established later during this meeting, so I encourage you to put your name forward if you are interested in that selection process.

[A Member asks about if there is a timeline to see change in Respondus testing].

The VP Academic shares that it is currently being tabled at the Student Assessment Committee, who needs to approve the recommendations. He also shares that another significant recommendation for students is that they will have access to laptops to complete their midterms and exams, which is a good improvement. In the past they were able to borrow laptops from the library, but there was quite limited resources from there. Once the recommendations are accepted by the Provost, they go to the Deans, who will be meeting next Friday, and then they go to Senate. Once they go to Senate they came be approved, and they could be approved by the President, hopefully prior to midterms.

10.7.4 VP External

A few highlights from my updates, one of the biggest focus for the next few weeks is a lobby document, which our VP Academic have been working with different stakeholders

across campus to highlight some of the issues and concerns that students and workers have been facing; whether issues with mental health and safety, workload, quality of education, accessibility and whatnot, so that has been a big thing I am working on. Another highlight is that the BIPOC student coalition will be meeting tomorrow from 4-5pm, for the first time this semester. If you are a Black, Indigenous, or Person of Colour, the you are more than welcome to come into that space to build relationships and share resources and concerns with us. My last highlight is a new initiative, not announced yet, the CSA is partnering with Speed River Bicycle, to give the first 50 students a $40 discount to purchase bike part and repairs. I am hoping to have link go live sometime this week, so keep eyes peeled and check out social media.

MOTION that the following Executive Updates be received as information:

10.7.1. President
10.7.2. VP Student Experience
10.7.3. VP Academic
10.7.4. VP External

Moved: Maya Persram
Seconded: Katy Oada

Motion carried.

10. 8 Director Reports

Bella Harris: I got to talk about CSA elections in class. I encouraged folks to reach out, and had some really nice conversations, hopefully that encouraged more people to run.

Kristine Sondergaard: I have been telling professors to post things about elections and referendum. Hopefully you guys have been seeing those, if not please reach out to me and I will follow up with them.

10. 9 CSA Services Update and Report

No service updates or reports for tonight.

10.10 Committee Updates and Reports

10.10.1 Appoint Directors to Teaching Excellence Award Selection Committee

MOTION:

WHEREAS the Teaching Excellence Award (TEA) is presented annually by the Central Student Association (CSA) to recognize and show appreciation for the contributions of outstanding instructors on the University of Guelph campus;

WHEREAS nominations for the CSA TEA opened in December 2020 and closes on February 26, 2021 at 4pm;

WHEREAS the CSA VP Academic is responsible for awarding up to two recipients of the TEA annually as per CSA Policy Appendix A, Section 14.5.4, which states 'to coordinate the annual Teaching Excellence Award'; and

WHEREAS there have been more than two nominations for the 2021 TEA.

RESOLVED that:

a) The CSA Board strike a 2021 Teaching Excellence Award Selection Committee with the mandate to review nominations and select the recipient(s) of the award to the VP Academic.

b) The VP Academic Chair the TEA Selection Committee.

c) The VP Academic, in consultation with the 2021 TEA Selection Committee, develop terms of reference (TOR) for the Board's consideration to establish this committee permanently.

d) The following two Director(s) be appointed to the 2021 Teaching Excellence Awards Selection Committee.

Haley Bilokraly
Bella Harris

Moved: Sean Mitchell, VP Academic
Seconded: Alan Negrin

Sean Mitchell, VP Academic : I am hoping two of you will help me select up to two recipients, usually there is only one, but we have the ability to select two this year, so far we have received more than two nominations. The time commitment will be low, and I would appreciate if you put you name forward.

[Members Bilokraly and Harris volunteered.]

Motion carried.

10.10.2 CSA Elections Appeals Board (EAB) Selection & Ratification

MOTION:

WHEREAS Appendix G, section 27.3.1 states that the Elections Appeals Board (EAB) shall consist of three (3) Directors and two (2) General Members of the CSA;

WHEREAS at their meeting on September 16, 2020, the CSA Board of Directors appointed the following Directors to the EAB:

- Anum Anjum
- Alan Negrin
- Katy Oada;

WHEREAS Appendix G, section 27.3.3., subsection c) states that the Board will appoint CSA General Members to the EAB as per Robert's Rules and the Chair's discretion,

WHEREAS the CSA President informed General Members of the EAB volunteer opportunity via mass-mail in the January 13, 2021 CSA Newsletter as per Appendix G, section 27.3.3, subsection a);

WHEREAS the President received responses from two (2) interested General Members and the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) and President have reviewed these responses to ensure no conflict of interest exists as per Appendix G, section 27.3.5; and

WHEREAS the President provided the General Member responses received, which included a 150-word statement of interest and CV for each, in an email to the Board on January 25, 2021 to prevent publishing confidential information within a Board Package.

RESOLVED that:

a) the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee (PBRC) review the EAB General Member selection process and provide recommendations to streamline the process of

General Member selection to the Board by the end of the 2020-2021 academic year; and

i. that the recommended process include protecting the confidentiality of information submitted by interested General Members.

b) the CSA Board of Directors appoint the following General Members to the Elections Appeals Board for the remainder of the 2020-2021 academic year:

Abigail Stewart
Kaitlyn Bramham

Moved: Tyler Poirier, President
Seconded: Kristine Sondergaard

Tyler Poirier, President: Just want to note, I sent out email on Monday with two General Member applicants. I do want to recognize that the EAB appointed Directors in September, and I recognize there may be conflicts of interest with their membership on the Elections of Appeal Board now. If Directors have decided to run in this election, I feel we may need to amend in this motion to reappoint Directors to Appeals Board, if that is the case.

Chair: You are correct, Members cannot run for elections and be on the Appeals Board, because that is a conflict of interest.

MOTION TO AMEND: To add resolved item c) Members Oada and Negrin be de-ratified from the EAB, and that the following Directors be added to the EAB:

Lori-Ann Grossett
Kristine Sondergaard

Moved: Tyler Poirier, President
Seconded: Lori-Ann Grossett

Motion to amend carried.

AMENDED MOTION:

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WHEREAS the President provided the General Member responses received, which included a 150-word statement of interest and CV for each, in an email to the Board on January 25, 2021 to prevent publishing confidential information within a Board Package.

RESOLVED that:

a) the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee (PBRC) review the EAB General Member selection process and provide recommendations to streamline the process of General Member selection to the Board by the end of the 2020-2021 academic year; and

    i. that the recommended process include protecting the confidentiality of information submitted by interested General Members.

b) the CSA Board of Directors appoint the following General Members to the Elections Appeals Board for the remainder of the 2020-2021 academic year:

Abigail Stewart

Kaitlyn Bramham

c) Members Oada and Negrin be de-ratified from the EAB, and that the following Directors be added to the EAB:

Lori-Ann Grossett
Kristine Sondergaard

The following Members were recorded as abstaining from the vote:

- Maya Persram
- Laura Wilson
- Katy Oada
- Kristine Sondergaard
- Bella Harris
- Haley Bilokraly
- Alan Negrin
- Kendra Cornelissen

Motion as amended carried.

10.11 Business

10.11.1 Revised 2020-2021 Board Meeting Schedule

MOTION:

WHEREAS a revised CSA Board of Director's meeting schedule was approved on October 28, 2020;

WHEREAS the date of the Annual General Meeting was amended from February 10, 2021 to Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at the January 13, 2021 Board Meeting; and

WHEREAS moving the February 4, 2021 approved meeting date to Wednesday, February 10, 2021 would space Board Meetings evenly to every two weeks.

RESOLVED that the revised 2020-2021 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule be approved as presented at the January 27, 2021 Board Meeting.

Moved: Tyler Poirier, President
Seconded: Haley Bilokraly

Tyler Poirier, President: I want to indicate that this change does not remove the Special Elections Meeting that is required for the Signatures that is required, so this is besides that.

Motion carried.

10.11.2 Amend Bylaw 4 – Policy of the CSA, Section 1.1. Policy Resolutions of the CSA

Notice of this item was provided, for consideration at the next meeting.

WHEREAS during review of Bylaw 4 – Policy of the CSA, the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee (PBRC) agreed that more context should be provided to the definition of, and an archival process should be established for, CSA Issues-Based Policies as described in Section 1.1 Policy Resolutions of the CSA; and

WHEREAS this bylaw amendment is being presented at this meeting with a similar motion to amend associated Appendix A, Section 13. Policy Review Policy, so that the two are complimentary.

RESOLVED that **Bylaw 4 – Policy of the CSA, Section 1.1. Policy Resolutions of the CSA** be amended as presented in the January 27, 2021 Board Package, and as recommended by the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee (PBRC).

Pete Wobschall, Policy & Transition Manager: Information on this item and the next three items are all notice items. They include changes to Bylaw and Policy and this is notice of that. Although you will not be voting on this item tonight, you can certainly discuss it. If you have any questions at all, please contact me at any time.

10.11.3 CSA Rules of Order Section 3.6 New Business

Notice of this item was provided, for consideration at the next meeting.

WHEREAS the CSA's Policy & Transition Manager (PTM) received a request to provide more context by clearly defining 'time-sensitive' and 'emergency' requirements to introduce

New Business Items as described in **CSA Rules of Order Section 3.6 New Business**; and

WHEREAS PBRC, in collaboration with the CSA Chair, has discussed this issue and respectfully recommends this motion for the Board's consideration.

RESOLVED that **CSA Rules of Order, Section 3.6 New Business** be amended as presented in the January 27, 2021 Board Package, and as recommended by the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee (PBRC).

Pete Wobschall, Policy & Transition Manager: This was included in the package. There were questions about what time sensitive and emergency items were, so it has now been clearly identified and the proposed revision includes greater context.

10.11.4 Amend Appendix A, Section 13. Policy Review Policy

Notice of this item was provided, for consideration at the next meeting.

WHEREAS during review of Appendix A, Section 13 Policy Review Policy, the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee (PBRC) identified several issues rendering it ineffective and inefficient as written; and

WHEREAS this policy amendment is being presented at this meeting with a similar motion to amend associated Bylaw 4 – Policy of the CSA, so that the two are complimentary.

RESOLVED that **Appendix A, Section 13. Policy Review Policy** be amended as presented in the January 27, 2021 Board Package, and as recommended by the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee (PBRC).

10.11.5 Amend Bylaw 1 – Organizational, Section 9.0 Member Meetings (AGM Location)

Notice of this item was provided, for consideration at the next meeting.

WHEREAS at their meeting on January 13, 2021, the CSA Board of Directors approved the date, time and location of the 2021 AGM, which included meeting virtually via Microsoft Teams;

WHEREAS the University continues to restrict in-person meetings due to Covid related impacts; and

WHEREAS Bylaw 1 – Organizational, Section 9.0. Members Meetings, subsection 9.1.2. states: 'The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held at the University of Guelph or elsewhere in the City of Guelph, at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors.'

RESOLVED that:

a) Bylaw 1 – Organizational, Section 9.0 Members Meetings, be amended by removing subsection 9.1.2.

b) The President consult with the Executive Committee and core staff and provide recommendations supporting the continuation of, or reinstating, this policy amendment and supporting rationale to Board prior to the final Board Meeting of the academic year.

10.11.6 CSA Health Plan Referendum Campaign

MOTION:

WHEREAS the CSA Board of Directors ratified a referendum question brought forward by the CSA/GSA Health & Dental Plan Committee regarding the Universal Health Plan,

WHEREAS the current Universal Health Plan is set at a fee of $140 per year and has the potential to increase by the Consumer Price Index annually (e.g. 2.1% in 2020-2021),

WHEREAS the proposed plan with an opt-out option would be set at a fee of $186 and has the potential to increase by a maximum of 4% annually,

WHEREAS Bylaw 1 - Organizational, Section 1.2.1.c) states that we offer members services to save money like health and dental plans, affordable bus passes, and more,

WHEREAS the Executive Committee recognizes that 81% of undergraduate students decided not to opt-out of the dental plan in the 2020-2021 academic year, indicating similar patterns may occur if an opt-out option was introduced for the health plan,

WHEREAS the CSA has a responsibility to make an informed endorsement prior to asking students to decide on the referendum question,

RESOLVED that:

a) the CSA campaign against the proposed health plan with an opt-out option and represent the No Referendum Team; and

b) the CSA ensures that students receive information on both plans, so CSA Members can make an informed choice, in a manner that is inclusive and does not contribute to divisiveness.

Moved: Tyler Poirier, President
Seconded: Sooraj Modi

Tyler Poirier, President: As you know, this question is a big one. The health plan is pretty unique for Guelph. It is actually one of the only universities with a universal health plan. The reason why the executive team felt it necessary to have this motion, is because the majority of students remain on the dental plan, which does have an opt out option. We feel as though, the data supports that a health plan that has an opt out option would have similar rates of opt outs, and therefore, most students would remain opted in to the plan, and therefore the CSA should side with saving students money and because most would have stayed on the dental health plan, and we feel as they would on the health plan as well, it also ensures accessibility.

It also removes delays with reimbursement, for opt out enrollment periods. So, during opt out enrollment periods for the dental plan, students have to wait to get reimbursed, as our insurer processes the opt out students, because they are initially charged the fee, and then reimbursed after the opt-out period. And also, those who remain on plans under the opt out, have to wait as well. To add on to this, students can coordinate their benefits, even if they have alternative coverage, with a universal health plan, and that health plan, if universal, is cheaper. So, we do feel the CSA should campaign against the proposed plan, which means we would support a vote of "no" in the referendum.

Motion carried.

10.11.7 Adoption of Elections Office All Candidates Package (Director and Executive)

This item was discussed earlier in the agenda, as approved under Adoption of the Agenda.

MOTION:

WHEREAS CSA Policy Appendix G, Section 2.9 states that the CSA Elections Office shall ensure the All Candidates Package is up to date and provided to the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS CSA Policy Appendix G, Section 18.3. states that specific electoral policy guidelines and campaign infractions, outlined in the All Candidates Package, from which the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) will make their decisions must be adopted by the CSA Board of Directors at a Board meeting in the semester during which the election will be held, and prior to the commencement of such election period.

WHEREAS at their meeting on February 26, 2020, the CSA Board of Directors referred the Winter 2020 General Election Candidate's Package to the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee (PBRC) to review and amend according to the following concerns:

a) Pages 7 and 8 of the package be used as a non-binding outline until such time as committee is able to produce a recommendation, and that recommendation is approved by the Board of Directors;
b) Any successful candidates from the Winter 2020 General Election have the option upon approval of the updated package to transfer to the updated package;
c) The package be amended to remove the "limit outside commitments clause";
d) The updated candidate package be presented by PBRC to the Board of Directors by April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee (PBRC) reviewed and amended the Candidate's Package as directed.

RESOLVED that both the All Candidates Package – Executive, and the All Candidates Package – Directors be adopted as included in the January 27, 2021 Board Package, and as presented by the Chief Returning Officer on behalf of the Elections Office.

Moved: Sean Mitchell, VP Academic
Seconded: Jena-Lee Ashley

The following Members were recorded as abstaining from the vote:

- Maya Persram
- Bella Harris
- Haley Bilokraly
- Alan Negrin
- Kendra Cornelissen

Motion carried.

10.12 New Business

10.12.1. Winter 2021 General Election Electoral Policy Amendments – Verified Signatures

This item was discussed earlier in the agenda, as approved under Adoption of the Agenda.

Notice of this item was provided, for consideration at the next meeting.

WHEREAS filling all Executive and Board of Director positions is critical to the success of the Central Student Association;

WHEREAS COVID-19 public health policy and University of Guelph COVID-19 regulations have made the prescribed electoral process infeasible;

WHEREAS it is the collective role and responsibility of the CSA Elections Office to ensure the CSA Elections process is organized, fair and democratic;

WHEREAS the Elections Office believes it is necessary for the CSA to amend related policies in order to carry out a fair and successful 2021 Winter General Election;

WHEREAS in response to the challenges listed above, at their meeting on January 13, 2021, the CSA Board of Directors amended various Elections-related policies and bylaws, including Appendix G – Electoral, Section 4.3.1.c) by reducing the requirement for an Executive candidate to secure 100 'verified signatures in support of their candidacy' ('verified signatures') to 50 verified signatures; and

WHEREAS since the nomination period opened on Monday January 25, 2021, the Elections Team has received concerns from several candidates that the number of verified signatures required in the nominations package is prohibitive under Covid-related restrictions, despite employing reasonable tactics to secure the minimum number of signatures including classroom talks and reaching out by electronic means to their immediate contacts.

RESOLVED that based on recommendations from the Elections Office:

a) The requirement of Executive Candidates securing 50 signatures be further reduced to 25 verified signatures in Section 4.3.1.c).

b) The requirement of Director Candidates securing 25 verified signatures be reduced to 10 verified signatures in Section 4.2.1.d).

c) The Elections Office be permitted to maintain Friday January 29, 2021 as the deadline for the nominations period but extend the date to submit the required

number of verified signatures to Thursday February 4, 2021.

d) The CSA Board of Directors hold a Special Elections Meeting on Wednesday February 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm on Microsoft Teams to discuss this motion.

e) Recommendations from the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) relating to the policy revisions in a), b) and c) above, be included in their report at the end of the academic year for consideration by the Board for future elections cycles.

MOTION to extend speaking rights to Assistant Returning Officer (ARO), Julia Centofanti, for Item 10.12.1. and 10.11.7.

Moved: Tyler Poirier, President
Seconded: Laura Wilson

Motion carried.

10.12.2. CSA COVID-19 Statement Regarding Campus Outbreak

MOTION:

WHEREAS the Executive Committee has been contacted by media groups inquiring about the students' reaction to the COVID-19 outbreak that occurred in the East Village residences at the University of Guelph;

WHEREAS the outbreak was caused by students who disregarded health and safety protocols on campus, provided by the Province of Ontario, and those of Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health;

WHEREAS the CSA understands that such outbreaks may affect a potential return to campus for undergraduate students at the University of Guelph;

WHEREAS the CSA simultaneously recognizes the importance of the health & safety of our community as well as a return to campus for undergraduate students;

WHEREAS the CSA President has been contacted by the University of Guelph to speak on behalf of students concerned about the outbreak during the week of January 25th, 2021;

WHEREAS the outbreak puts both undergraduate students and staff (including but not limited to Residence Assistants who are also CSA members) of the University of Guelph at risk both physically and mentally; and

WHEREAS the CSA Executive seeks increased proactive measures to be taken by the University of Guelph to prevent additional COVID-19 infections.

RESOLVED that the CSA Executive Committee release a statement on the University of Guelph COVID-19 outbreak that speaks to the impact that the actions of those involved have on our community and undergraduate students, guiding the Executive's discussions with media and the University of Guelph.

Moved: Tyler Poirier, CSA President
Seconded: Katy Oada

Tyler Poirier, President: I have and other executives have been contacted by the media and the university to discuss this topic. This is something that is very important for students. This outbreak [on campus] has received a lot of attention, not just the media, but social media accounts and whatnot from students. We feel it is important to provide students with support, and to represent them accurately when we do discuss with the media and the university. I encourage you to reach out to me if you do have any questions regarding this.

Motion carried.

10.13 Announcements

Bailey Hussey: I volunteer with Canadian Blood Services at the university, and it has been a bit difficult for people to donate blood everything being online now. I will share the chat our Instagram and the app to give blood and you can reach out to me for more information.

Bella Harris: Busy helping out with Guelph Pride; it is going great. It will happen at the beginning of February, so please look out for that. I am hosting a few events, so please check them out; it is going to be great.

Pete Wobschall, Policy & Transition Manager: I know there was some concern after last meeting in terms of committee membership requirements in order to obtain an official transcript of your CSA activities; and how this relates to the signed Director agreement. There will be future committee memberships available, however this is not a normal year

for us and usually there are more hiring committee opportunities. I do not believe that the CSA would decline providing a transcript if committee membership opportunities were not there. Just do the best you can to sit on a committee. If you have already sat on a committee, then maybe wait to see if others volunteer first before volunteering yourself. Please note that Director Training is mandatory, and I'll send reminders to those who still need to complete it, so we can work together to check that off.

Tyler Poirier, President: I am very happy able to pass the position on the health plan referendum, because now we can provide some extra promotional material and ensure students get the best plan. I am also looking forward to establishing another PDR deadline, as we are receiving more and more PDRs with each deadline, and we still have funds to disperse. Funds going out have been lower because the online format results in less expenses for their events. Keep eye out for social media and newsletters for information of when initial PDR deadline will be.

Sean Mitchell, VP Academic : Thanks to our Board Members Bilokraly and Harris volunteering for Teaching Excellence Award Committee.

Sara Kuwatly VP Student Experience: I am rerunning in elections for the same position. I have a trivia event this Friday, if you want to come that would be great, we have a DJ, it should be great. I have been looking at these events to help students socialize in a year where you can't always socialize. Come to my event on Friday!

Haley Bilokraly: I am a member of an organization that raises money for an oncology camp, for children or family members who are affected by cancer. This Monday we are holding a meeting available to anyone to make stickers and art that will be sold on Redbubble to raise money. If anyone is interested in that, please feel free to reach out to me.

Anum Anjum: I do have an update about Eboard elections for IHC, they are on February 21st, and more information will be going out at the end of this week. Another point, during constitutional review last week, we passed a motion about Eboard members not having to live on residence because that was mandatory before, so because of COVID we don't want to disadvantage anyone, so if you run to be an Eboard member this year, you do not have to live on residence. For anymore information, please contact me.

Maya Persram: I am running for position again in upcoming election.

Debbie Aturamu: With February approaching, Black History Month is approaching. There will be more updates coming soon, and there will be lots of events, so we encourage you to come out and celebrate with us.

Katy Oada: I am thinking of running for position I am in now but haven't decided yet.

Sooraj Modi: Senate and Board of Governors positions are now available. It is a great opportunity that shows you the innerworkings of university, and it is a great way to meet administration and faculty. I highly encourage you to apply. If you have any questions, then email elections or send me a message.

10.14 *In Camera* Session

No in camera session.

10.15 Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn the CSA Board of Directors Meeting of **January 27, 2021** at 7:50 pm.

Moved: Sara Kuwatly, VP Student Experience
Seconded: Sooraj Modi

Motion carried.

Approved by the Board of Directors	February 24, 2021
Cameron Olesen, Board Chair	
Signature	Date March 2, 2021
Pete Wobschall, Policy and Transition Manager	

Signature	Date
	February 25, 2021