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Board of Directors Meeting # 11
November 27, 2024 – 6:00 pm
UC 225

Attendance – November 27, 2024

Board of Directors			
At-Large Representatives (Elected)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Vacant	College of Arts		
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Haidi Wu	College of Biological Science	Present	
Yael Lazebnik	College of Biological Science	Present	
Jake Levy	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences	Regrets	
Ethan Warren	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences	Present	
Charleigh Rogers	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences	Present	
Vacant	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences		
Manpreet Rattan	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Present	d: 9:01pm
Daniel Neiterman	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Regrets	
Gursimran Chadha	Ontario Agricultural College	Present	d: 7:00pm
Bella Litvak	Ontario Agricultural College	Present	d: 7:58pm
Noam Einy	Ontario Veterinary College	Present	d: 7:44pm
Vacant	Ontario Veterinary College		
Member College Government Representatives (Appointed)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Jonah Greenhut	College of Arts Student Union	Present	
Lachlan Mangaroff	College of Biological Science Student Council	Present	
Noel Johnston	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council	Present	
Manveer Dhaliwal	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences - Student Alliance	Present	
Vacant	Lang Students' Association		
Mira Carter	Student Federation of the Ontario Agricultural College	Present	d: 7:32pm
Vacant	Central Veterinary Student Association		

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Student Organization Representatives (Appointed)		Present / Regrets	Arrived / Departed
Jade Dunnette	Indigenous Student Society (ISS)	Regrets	
Maya Liddell	Guelph Black Students Association (GBSA)	Regrets	
Jayden Khan	Guelph Queer Equality (GQE)	Present	d: 7:59pm
Vacant	Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity (GRCGED)		
Joshua Jacinto	International Student Organization (ISO)	Present	
Brady Amos	Interhall Council (IHC)	Present	d: 8:57pm
Vacant	Guelph Campus Co-op		
Ashley Ames	Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG)	Regrets	
Marcus Aldred-Ganhao	Student Senate Caucus	Present	
Adam Cote	Board of Governors	Present	
Executive (Ex-officio, Non-voting)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Nate Broughton	President	Present	
Naomi Amayaevbo	Vice President Student Experience	Regrets	
William Coleman	Interim Vice President Academic	Present	
Natalie Wilkinson	Vice President External	Present	d: 8:50pm

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

Guest	Affiliation
Danielle Callaghan	SHAC Coordinator
Lauren Pyne	Chief Returning Officer

Note: If a Member arrives after the Call to Order, their arrival time (a) is shown above.
If they leave before Adjournment, their departure time (d) is shown.
If no time is shown in the column, they were present for the entire meeting.

Summary of Resolutions

11.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 11 on November 27, 2024, be approved as printed and distributed.

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: To add **item 11.12.2 Social Media Post to Notify Students of Unfavorable Actions by University Administrators** as a new business item.

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: to reorder the agenda so that **item 11.11.1, item 11.9.1, and item 11.12.2** are moved to just after **11.4.1 Introductions**.

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: To add **item 11.12.1 Large-Scale Speaking Event** as a new business item.

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: to move **item 11.12.1** to just after **item 11.12.2**.

Motion Carried

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Motion Carried

11.5 Past Board Minutes

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

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11.5.2	CSA Board Meeting # 10	November 13, 2024

Motion Carried

11.6 Executive Committee Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
11.6.1	Meeting # 11	November 7, 2024
11.6.2	Meeting # 11a	November 13, 2024

Motion Carried

11.7 Executive Updates

MOTION: That the following Executive Updates be received as information:

11.7.1	President	November 27, 2024
11.7.2	VP Student Experience	November 27, 2024
11.7.3	VP Academic	November 27, 2024
11.7.4	VP External	November 27, 2024

Motion Carried

11.9.1 Student Help & Advocacy Centre (SHAC) Service Update

(a) Extend Speaking Rights to SHAC Coordinator

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BE IT RESOLVED to extend speaking rights to Danielle Callaghan, SHAC Coordinator, to present the SHAC Service Update.

Motion Carried

(b) Receive the SHAC Service Update Presentation

MOTION: to receive the SHAC Service Update as presented by Danielle Callaghan, as information.

Motion Carried

11.11.1 Fall 2024 By-Election Report

(a) Speaking Rights: Chief Returning Officer

WHEREAS CSA Rules of Order, Section 3.3 states that visitors can be extended speaking rights following a motion passed by the Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED that speaking rights be extended to Lauren Pyne, Chief Returning Officer.

Motion Carried

b) Receive Fall 2024 By-Election Report

MOTION: That the Fall 2024 By-Election Report, as included in the board agenda package and as presented by Lauren Pyne, Chief Returning Officer, be received as information.

Motion Carried

11.12.1 Large Scale Speaking Event

WHEREAS the CSA Entertainment Fee Reserve account currently contains over $213,000, designated for supporting new and impactful events for the student body;

WHEREAS in March 2020, the CSA successfully hosted Bill Nye the Science Guy at the University of Guelph, achieving widespread student engagement & positive feedback;

WHEREAS in the CSA's mandate includes "[Organizing] events that make university life even more fun;"

WHEREAS the CSA aims to host a large-scale speaking event, similar in scope, style, and impact to the Bill Nye event, which aligns with the values and interests of the student body; and

WHEREAS professional speakers and celebrities typically charge speaking fees around $75,000 USD (approximately $100,000 CAD), making such an event financially significant;

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSA Board of Directors receive the attached estimated budget as information;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CSA Board of Directors approve the allocation of up to $60,000 above the Live Entertainment budget for Speakers/Large-Scale Events of $25,000, to be drawn from the Entertainment Fee Reserve, for the purpose of organizing such an event.

Motion Carried

11.12.2 Social Media Post to notify Students of Unfavorable Actions by University Administrators

WHEREAS the University Administration has failed to properly support undergraduate and Graduate students in their recent actions;

WHEREAS the University Administration has failed to properly inform students of the discontinuation of the Tri-Council top-up funds;

WHEREAS the University Administration has failed to properly rollout their new payment system and it has negatively impacted various students in TA positions;

WHEREAS the University Administration failed to inform students of the cancellation of the payroll deduction system;

WHEREAS the University Administration has given vulnerable graduate students notice to terminate tenancy due to the mass enrolment policies that have exacerbated the housing crisis in Guelph;

BE IT RESOLVED the CSA Board of Directors Receive the document titled Senate Question-Nov 25 as information.

AND FURTHER that the Board of Directors post the above mentioned document on the CSA website in order to bring this issue to the attention of the general student body, and to post a short format of the document on Instagram with a link included in the caption to the original document for students who are interested in learning more, by Friday, November 29, 2024;

AND FURTHER to empower the Executive Committee to make the final decision on what an Instagram appropriate version is for this document;

AND FURTHER that the CSA Board of Directors refer this issue to the Statement making committee in order to draft a statement of support for students facing these issues and a condemnation of the University Administration's failure to properly support students by the end of January 2025.

Motion Carried

Agenda – November 27, 2024

11.0	**Call to Order**	
11.1	**Land Acknowledgement** Jonah Greenhut	
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	11.11.5 Amendment to Appendix G (Electoral) re. PBRC 11.11.6 Additional Student Events and Initiatives Funding (SEIF) Deadlines 11.11.7 Appoint Director to theCannon.ca Operating Committee	
11.12	**New Business** 11.12.1 Large-Scale Speaking Event 11.12.2 Social Media Post to notify Students of Unfavorable Actions by University Administrators	
11.13	**Announcements**	
11.14	**In Camera Session** 11.14.1	
11.15	**Adjournment**	

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11.0 Call to Order

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

11.1 Land Acknowledgement

Member Jonah Greenhut presented the following Land Acknowledgement:

I would like to acknowledge the CSA Board of Directors is meeting tonight at the University of Guelph which is on lands covered by the 1792 Treaty 3. We are meeting on the grounds of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Attawandron, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe. Today, Guelph is home to many First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples. In the past and continuously, our University of Guelph has acted in ways that have harmed indigenous communities, including educating towards eugenics. As student leaders, we must acknowledge this history and work towards reconciliation.

I am here tonight representing the College of Arts Student Union. And as the rep for Arts at Guelph it is important to acknowledge and highlight the vast array of indigenous art forms, whether dance, music, art, storytelling, beading that has long been underappreciated and appropriated by settlers.

Finally, as this is the last meeting before the break, I urge everyone to take time over the holiday to learn not only about the land of the University of Guelph and the indigenous communities that have long history here but spend time thinking about the land and the places you call home.

Thank you.

11.2 Adoption of the Agenda

11.2.1 Approve the Agenda

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Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: To add **item 11.12.2 Social Media Post to Notify Students of Unfavorable Actions by University Administrators** as a new business item.

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Manpreet Rattan

Member Aldred-Ganhao explained that there have been unfavorable activities towards students from the university by being irresponsible with TA payrolls and displacing vulnerable students from West residence.

The Chair agreed with member Aldred-Ganhao that this is a time sensitive matter as this is the last board meeting of the semester and leases will be ending soon. The Chair emphasized that it is the board's decision whether the CSA should be involved.

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: to reorder the agenda so that **item 11.11.1, item 11.9.1,** and **item 11.12.2** are moved to just after **11.4.1 Introductions**.

Moved: Natalie Wilkinson, VP External
Seconded: Noel Johnston

VP External motivated that guest speakers should present first and to address the new business items efficiently.

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: To add **item 11.12.1 Large-Scale Speaking Event** as a new business item.

Moved: Nate Broughton President
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

The President motivated that this item is time sensitive as this is the last board meeting of the semester and, without approval, the event would not occur due to the speaker likely being booked out by the following semester. The Chair agreed that the item is time sensitive.

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: to move **item 11.12.1** to just after **item 11.12.2**.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

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Motion Carried

11.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

No conflicts of interest were declared.

11.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

No Ratifications or De-Ratifications were considered.

11.4 Comments from the Chair

The Chair pointed out the busy agenda for the meeting and asked the board members to be concise, clear, and to avoid repetition.

11.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

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Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Brady Amos

The PTC explained that a couple of grammatical errors were discovered in the minutes after they were sent to the board for review. She noted what the specific errors were and that they have now been corrected. The board agreed with the edits.

Motion Carried

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Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

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Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

11.7.1 President

The President had been working on preparing newsletters and a website relaunch, as well as scheduling office hours for Thursdays from 1 pm to 3 pm for the upcoming Winter semester.

The President has also been collecting information regarding the West Residences so that an educated response can be made to the situation.

11.7.2 VP Student Experience

Member Greenhut commented on VP Student Experience's update that the Gryph to Grad Kick-Off event is on a Friday evening and that timing is not inclusive to Jewish Students who participate in Shabbat. He suggested to consider moving it to another day.

11.7.3 VP Academic

VP Academic started his updates by thanking everyone, from staff, artists, and students, who participated in Art In The Bullring. He is working on a survey that targets the design of degrees and transcripts.

11.7.4 VP External

No executive update was given by the VP External as she was no longer present in the meeting.

11.8 Director Reports

Member Greenhut sat with the VPA during degree meetings and had a lot of fun during Art In The Bullring.

Member Lazebnik requested via email to join the Student Affordable Housing Taskforce and the Over Enrolment Crisis Taskforce and will be attending future meetings.

Quorum was lost here at 9:01pm.

11.9 CSA Service Update and Report

11.9.1 Student Help & Advocacy Centre (SHAC) Service Update

(a) Extend Speaking Rights to SHAC Coordinator

WHEREAS CSA Rules of Order, Section 3.3 states that visitors can be extended speaking rights following a motion passed by the Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED to extend speaking rights to Danielle Callaghan, SHAC Coordinator, to present the SHAC Service Update.

Moved: Brady Amos
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Danielle Callaghan, SHAC Coordinator, explained that SHAC is a student run advocacy and referral centre in Room 235 in the UC. Students are encouraged to come to the office for any questions related to academic, human rights, financial, legal, housing and tenancy topics and participate in similarly themed events.

The SHAC Coordinator provided an outline for what characterizes a “case” for SHAC which include, situations where students stay in the office for more than 20 minutes, situations where multiple options exist for how a student could proceed, and situations that require referrals, but the issue cannot be resolved upon that referral.

A summary of the cases during the previous Summer and Fall semesters was shared. During the Summer semester, there were twenty (20) cases and only seven (7) required FILAC (Facts, Information, Legislation, Analysis, and Conclusion) documents. The Fall semester had forty-eight (48) cases and seventeen (17) required a FILAC. In general, tenancy cases were the most common.

Future events that have been thought of for the next semester included a self-defence class, employment-related events and a housing “red flags” event.

Member Lazebnik asked if the Guelph Legal Clinic that SHAC is in collaboration with holds free legal services. The SHAC Coordinator confirmed that the service is free legal advice.

Member Rogers asked if the legal clinic was only available through the student hub. The SHAC Coordinator explained that the clinic is open to the Guelph community as a whole and their services are free for everyone.

Motion Carried

(b) Receive the SHAC Service Update Presentation

MOTION: to receive the SHAC Service Update as presented by Danielle Callaghan, as information.

Moved: Manpreet Rattan
Seconded: Jayden Khan

Motion Carried

11.11 Business

11.11.1 Fall 2024 By-Election Report

(a) Speaking Rights: Chief Returning Officer

WHEREAS CSA Rules of Order, Section 3.3 states that visitors can be extended speaking rights following a motion passed by the Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED that speaking rights be extended to Lauren Pyne, Chief Returning Officer.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

Lauren Pyne, Chief Returning Officer, went over the key points of the report. Quorum was not met for the election and only reached 3.83% of CBS students. The CRO also reviewed the vacant positions that were open for the election.

As for promotion plans, the Instagram dedicated to the elections was used more often, informational sessions were held, and a debate between candidates was scheduled but was cancelled due to only having two candidates.

The goal is to increase the student body's knowledge of the functions of the board and the decisions that are being made because of an active disconnect between undergraduate students and the CSA. To minimize this, the following recommendations were given:

1.Tabling should start earlier in January to allow students to show interest and ask any questions about being a board member.

2. The Election Office should continue to film 3-minute-long reels to be used in addition to the candidate's forum to expand student audience. Livestreaming the candidate's debate on the CSA's Instagram was also mentioned as an option for the Winter General Election.

3. CSA staff and board members should be assigned tables to supervise polling station staff and assist in encouraging students to vote.

4. The Election's Office should require an end of shift report from polling staff through Microsoft Forms where the number of student interactions and QR codes scanned will be analyzed to determine the effectiveness of tables.

5. Students should continue to be provided a link to the University's website where students confirm their colleges to minimize students choosing the wrong ballot.

6. The Election Office and Executives should begin tabling during pre-elections, promotions, and nomination periods so students can be aware of elections and what positions are available.

7.The Election's Office, in collaboration with the PTC, should organize class talks with professors and assign directors based on their availability to complete said class talks.

Member Greenhut asked for clarification on how votes from ineligible students were achieved. The CRO explained that tables were initially set around campus, marketed for everyone, which allowed students outside of CBS to vote and ultimately caused confusion. Table locations were adjusted to target CBS students specifically, as CBS was the only college with candidates when the voting period commenced.

Member Amos suggested to add on the ballot feedback questions on how students accessed the ballot.

Member Wu shared that, as one of the running candidates last election, timing was difficult for class talks due to the overlap with midterm season. The CRO noted that timing is a detail they need to consider when making scheduling decisions.

Member Lazebnik, who also ran as a candidate last election, mentioned that many professors were not willing to accommodate time for class talk speakers. The CRO reminded the board that the final decision is up to the professors at their own discretion and not much can be done in those situations.

Member Warren inquired why no system allowed candidates to see how many signatures they had collected. The CRO explained that only the CRO can see the signature count since candidates would need editing privileges to have viewing power of the signatures which could compromise the honest count.

Member Greenhut asked how Co-op students could request and participate in class talks. The PTC stated that the students will have to reach out to professors and organize a post on Courselink, as has been done in the past as accommodation.

Member Warren requested a point of information regarding the class talks given by directors. It was clarified that directors participate in class talks to encourage students to nominate themselves as board members and to promote the election.

The President assured directors that, although the pool of classes to have class talks during the Fall semester was small, the opposite can be said for the Winter semester which has more options, as all colleges will be involved. As for the viewing signature limitation with Microsoft, he specified that the solution may be long-term as viewing privileges cannot be given without editing permission and that may change the method of ballot collection.

b) Receive Fall 2024 By-Election Report

MOTION: That the Fall 2024 By-Election Report, as included in the board agenda package and as presented by Lauren Pyne, Chief Returning Officer, be received as information.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Manveer Dhaliwal

Motion Carried

11.12 New Business

11.12.1 Large Scale Speaking Event

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BE IT RESOLVED that the CSA Board of Directors receive the attached estimated budget as information;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CSA Board of Directors approve the allocation of up to $60,000 above the Live Entertainment budget for Speakers/Large-Scale Events of $25,000, to be drawn from the Entertainment Fee Reserve, for the purpose of organizing such an event.

Moved: Nate Broughton, President
Seconded: Brady Amos

The President motivated that there is a significant reserve fund from the entertainment fee and is planning events to be able to use that money to make university life more fun for students. He also noted to the board the high demand this event may have by using historical data, analyzing that the Bill Nye event sold 2,200 tickets in just thirty (30) minutes. The speaker cannot be revealed out-of-camera, however, discussion of the merits of this event should be done publicly. He also shared his wish to curate a big headline event to show students what the CSA is and what it can do.

Member Greenhut asked for clarification on the meaning of "... of up to $60,000 above the Live Entertainment budget..." The President stated that the $60,000 would be used from

the surplus reserve account. This amount is overbudget but would be dropped from the surplus at the end of the year, nulling any damages.

Member Amos asked if there was any way to make a contract to lock in a price early on before the exchange rate changes to minimize costs. The President stated that it would be disadvantageous to be locked in with the current exchange rate and thought it best to wait until a more profitable time.

MOTION: to move in-camera.

Moved: Marcus Aldred- Ganhao
Seconded: Noel Johnston

The Chair believed that the discussion at hand did not fall into the requirements to proceed into an in-camera session, per the CSA Rules of Order. However, a protected minority vote could occur, meaning that with three (3) or more people object to the vote, the in-camera session will not occur.

Motion Defeated

Member Warren believed that the event was a good idea but was doubtful to agree without knowing who the speaker was.

Member Greenhut asked about the difference between the CSA Promo budget and the general promotional and advertising budget. The President mentioned that this budget is being calculated based on the Bill Nye the Science Guy event. The advertising and promo are specifically for promotional items such as t-shirts. While the CSA promo is for things such as poster runs, kiosks, and banners.

Member Lazebnik took the time to appreciate the effort and time put into the organization of this event but also mentioned some contradictions. Member Lazebnik starts by noting that this event respects the CSA's mandate to make the student experience on campus fun but also mentions that the CSA has a mandate to provide practical services and help students save money. She questioned if this event is the best way to use the financial resources as this event would not reach all students and may come off as insensitive or a distraction from other current issues. She explained that the money would be better used

in other areas such as the foodbank or having smaller events where more students can have the opportunity to participate.

Member Rogers asked if the amount is in Canadian or in US dollars as there are discrepancies in documents between the dollar types. The President affirms that all the amounts seen in the budget are in Canadian dollars aside for the speaker fee.

Member Rattan shared that he did not believe waiting for the exchange rate to change would be the most advantageous choice due to the tariffs that may make the event more costly. As a participant in Senate meetings, he shared that executives have not been satisfied with how funding is being used and thought that not knowing who the speaker was would be unbeneficial.

VP Academic stated that the mandate of the Entertainment fee is to provide for this type of initiative, and it is not currently being collected. They also state that increasing attendance would also increase the costs

Member Managroff reinstated that the reserve is for events like this and, because of that, supports this event happening. As for attendance and limited capacity, he agrees that costs would increase if attendance was expanded.

Member Johnston asked how much ticket prices would cost in comparison to the Bill Nye event. Member Greenhut answered that ticket prices were $15 for students and $50 for community members. For this event, it is predicted that 2,500 tickets will be sold at about $20, and no community tickets will be sold.

Member Greenhut corrected that the Entertainment fee is still being collected by $7.7 which means the fund is growing. He supports the executives and does not feel that keeping the speaker a secret is of malicious intent toward the board. Member Greenhut suggested finding a virtual option so that more students can attend.

Member Wu showed support for member Lazebnik and her points on how the board could find a better way for funds to be used. She stated that she understood that the fee's purpose is to achieve student entertainment, however, she wondered if such fee could be transferred to other needed areas. She shared that she believed students would have a better perspective and engagement with the CSA if they saw what the CSA does for students other than curate fun events.

The President reaffirmed that the fees are in a restrictive account, meaning that they must be spent for its intended purposes.

Member Lazebnik asked if it would be possible to make a referendum of the student body asking them if they would agree to reallocate the fees. PTC and the President would both need to check if that is possible.

VP External reminded the board that reallocating fees to other reserves is not always the best option as there are limitations such as space and staffing capacity. However, she recognized that certain priorities may not be being met but confirmed that efforts are being made currently to fix that.

Member Warren pointed out that although smaller events are an option to consider as they are cheaper, they may or may not be interesting for the wide variety of students who may want to participate. He suggested having both big and small events.

Motion Carried

MOTION: to move in-camera.

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Manpreet Rattan

Motion Carried

MOTION: to close the in-camera session

Moved: Brady Amos
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

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WHEREAS the University Administration has failed to properly rollout their new payment system and it has negatively impacted various students in TA positions;

WHEREAS the University Administration failed to inform students of the cancellation of the payroll deduction system;

WHEREAS the University Administration has given vulnerable graduate students notice to terminate tenancy due to the mass enrolment policies that have exacerbated the housing crisis in Guelph;

BE IT RESOLVED the CSA Board of Directors Receive the document titled Senate Question-Nov 25 as information.

AND FURTHER that the Board of Directors post the above mentioned document on the CSA Instagram account, and the CSA website in order to bring this issue to the attention of the general student body by Friday, November 29, 2024.

AND FURTHER that the CSA Board of Directors refer this issue to the Statement making committee in order to draft a statement of support for students facing these issues and a condemnation of the University Administration's failure to properly support students by the end of January 2025.

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Member Aldred-Ganhao motivated that this item's purpose is to bring the attention of and to hold the university accountable by bringing the issue to light.

Member Greenhut was in favour of the motion but suggested that the format may be too text-heavy and should be shared in a different form in addition to the original document.

Member Warren asked if the motion would have to be amended to provide a short form of the document to social media. The Chair confirmed that it would have to be.

Member Johnston attested to TAs not being paid properly and has seen how TAs have struggled.

Member Wu noted that perhaps the full document should be posted on both the website and social media given the urgency, rather than waiting for the Statement Making Committee to meet to form a separate statement for social media.

An information, the VP External shared that the Statement-Making Committee meets on an as-needed basis and would consult with relevant groups to this issue such as the GSA before forming a statement. Any recommended statements from the committee would need to be approved by the board.

MOTION TO AMEND: to post a short format of the document on Instagram with a link included in the caption to the original document for students who are interested in learning more.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Noel Johnston

MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT: to make the post more direct and confrontational and include text "TAs not being paid on time, vulnerable graduate students being removed from their homes, administrative mismanagement continues, read more here."

Moved: Ethan Warren
Seconded: Noel Johnston

MOTION: to hold a five-minute recess.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Bella Litvak

Motion Carried

Member Warren withdrew his proposed amendment to the amendment.

Member Greenhut requested to rephrase his proposed amendment to be the following:

MOTION TO AMEND: to post a short format of the document on Instagram with a link included in the caption to the original document for students who are interested in learning more;

AND FURTHER to empower the Executive Committee to make the final decision on what an Instagram appropriate version is for this document.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Adam Cote

Member Amos inquired when the social media post will be posted. The VP External let member Amos know that the post will be uploaded by Friday.

Motion Carried

MOTION AS AMENDED:

WHEREAS the University Administration has failed to properly support undergraduate and Graduate students in their recent actions;

WHEREAS the University Administration has failed to properly inform students of the discontinuation of the Tri-Council top-up funds;

WHEREAS the University Administration has failed to properly rollout their new payment system and it has negatively impacted various students in TA positions;

WHEREAS the University Administration failed to inform students of the cancellation of the payroll deduction system;

WHEREAS the University Administration has given vulnerable graduate students notice to terminate tenancy due to the mass enrolment policies that have exacerbated the housing crisis in Guelph;

BE IT RESOLVED the CSA Board of Directors Receive the document titled Senate Question-Nov 25 as information.

AND FURTHER that the Board of Directors post the above mentioned document on the CSA website in order to bring this issue to the attention of the general student body, and to post a short format of the document on Instagram with a link included in the caption to the original document for students who are interested in learning more, by Friday, November 29, 2024;

AND FURTHER to empower the Executive Committee to make the final decision on what an Instagram appropriate version is for this document;

AND FURTHER that the CSA Board of Directors refer this issue to the Statement making committee in order to draft a statement of support for students facing these issues and a condemnation of the University Administration's failure to properly support students by the end of January 2025.

Motion Carried

11.13 Announcements

No announcements were made.

11.14 In Camera

MOTION: to enter an in-camera session

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Manpreet Rattan

Motion Carried

MOTION: to close the in-camera session

Moved: Brady Amos
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

11.15 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01pm due to loss of quorum.

Approved by the Board of Directors **Date: January 15, 2025**

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Samuel Skelhorn
Board Chair

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Colleen Bovay
Policy & Transition Coordinator