MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting # 12
January 15, 2025 – 6:00 pm
UC 442

Attendance – January 15, 2025

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	d: 6:52pm
Vacant	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences		
Manpreet Rattan	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Regrets	
Daniel Neiterman	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Present	
Vacant	Ontario Agricultural College		
Bella Litvak	Ontario Agricultural College	Present	
Noam Einy	Ontario Veterinary College	Present	d: 7:00pm
Vacant	Ontario Veterinary College		
Member College Government Representatives (Appointed)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Jonah Greenhut	College of Arts Student Union	Regrets	
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	
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	
Vacant	Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity (GRCGED)		
Joshua Jacinto	International Student Organization (ISO)	Present	
Brady Amos	Interhall Council (IHC)	Present	
Vacant	Guelph Campus Co-op		
Ashley Ames	Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG)	Present	
Marcus Aldred-Ganhao	Student Senate Caucus	Present	
Adam Cote	Board of Governors	Present	d: 6:52pm
Executive (Ex-officio, Non-voting)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Nate Broughton	President	Present	
Naomi Amayaevbo	Vice President Student Experience	Present	
William Coleman	Interim Vice President Academic	Present	
Natalie Wilkinson	Vice President External	Present	

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

Guest	Affiliation

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

12.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 12 on January 15, 2025, be approved as printed and distributed.

Motion Carried

12.3.1 De-Ratify Ontario Agricultural College Representative

WHEREAS Member Gursimran Chadha tendered his resignation from the CSA Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED that Gursimran Chadha be de-ratified as an Ontario Agricultural College Representative on the 2024-2025 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Motion Carried

12.5 Past Board Minutes

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

12.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 11	November 27, 2024

Motion Carried

12.6 Executive Committee Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
12.6.1	Meeting # 12	November 22, 2024
12.6.2	Meeting # 13	December 6, 2024

Motion Carried

12.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

MOTION: That the Summary of Committee Appointments, as presented in the Board Agenda Package, be received as information.

Motion Carried

12.10.2 Student Events and Initiatives Funding (SEIF) Committee Minutes

MOTION: that the minutes for the following SEIF Committee meeting be received as information by the Board of Directors:

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
12.10.2	Meeting # 1	October 4, 2024

Motion Carried

12.10.3 Student Events and Initiatives Funding (SEIF) Committee Minutes

MOTION: that the minutes for the following SEIF Committee meeting be received as information by the Board of Directors:

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
12.10.3	Meeting # 2	October 16, 2024

Motion Carried

12.10.4 Enrolment Crisis Task Force Fall 2024 Report

MOTION: That the Enrolment Crisis Task Force Fall 2024 Report, as included in the board agenda package, be received as information.

Motion Carried

12.10.5 SEIF Committee Fall 2024 Report

MOTION: That the Student Events and Initiatives Funding Committee Fall 2024 Report, as included in the board agenda package, be received as information.

Motion Carried

12.10.6 Hiring Committee Report: Bike Centre Coordinator

MOTION: That the hiring of Marko Kuzmanovic for the position of Bike Centre Coordinator be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Motion Carried

12.10.7 Hiring Committee Report: Bike Centre Assistant

MOTION: That the hiring of Kayla Bezkorow for the position of Bike Centre Assistant be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Motion Carried

12.11.1 CSA Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2025: President's Notice

President's Notice

As per CSA Bylaw 1, Section 9.1.3, I hereby give notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Central Student Association shall take place on:

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Location: Peter Clark Hall

Call for Business Items

As per Bylaw 1, Section 9.1.9., I hereby invite any business items for the CSA Annual General Meeting be provided to the CSA Policy & Transition Coordinator (csaptc@uoguelph.ca) no later than:

Friday, February 21, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Nate Broughton
CSA President
January 15, 2025

MOTION: that the President's Notice of the CSA's 2025 Annual General Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, beginning at 6:00 pm in Peter Clark Hall; and of the call to members to submit AGM business items no later than Friday, February 21, 2025 at 5:00 pm, be received as information by the CSA Board of Directors.

Motion Carried

12.11.2 Winter 2025 General Elections Promotional Strategy

WHEREAS CSA Policy Appendix G: Electoral, Section 4.3 states that the President will create an election promotional strategy to promote the CSA elections during the nomination, campaign, and voting periods; and

WHEREAS Section 4.3.1 states that the promotional strategy should be submitted to the Board of Directors for information;

MOTION: That the Winter 2025 General Elections Promotional Strategy, as included in the Board Agenda Package, be received as information.

Motion Carried

12.11.3 Amendment to Appendix D (Committees) re. PBRC

Note: Bylaw 4 – Policy of the CSA, Section 2.2 states that amendments to a policy require one Board meeting notice, and a two-thirds majority vote at a meeting of the Board.

Notice of this motion was provided at the Board meeting on November 13, 2024.

MOTION: to adopt the following amendment to Appendix D (Committees) section 7.8.8:

7.8.8 In fairness to all organizations, no groups will be awarded more than ~~$500.00~~ $1000.00 in any fiscal year.

AND FURTHER to amend Appendix D (Committees) section 7.8 to add the following:

7.8.9 In fairness to all organizations, no single application will be awarded more than $750.00.

Motion Carried

12.11.4 Amendment to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) re. PBRC

Note: Bylaw 1 - Organizational, Section 12, states that amendments to a CSA Bylaw require one Board meeting notice. Bylaw amendments require a two-thirds majority vote at a Board meeting and must be recorded by a roll call vote.

Notice of this motion was provided at the Board meeting on November 13, 2024.

WHEREAS Bylaw 1 (Organizational) section 2 states that Members of the CSA shall be registered undergraduate students at the University of Guelph, who pay a CSA Membership fee or a Co-Op work term fee;

WHEREAS Bylaw 1 section 4.7 states that CSA Directors must at all times be a member of the CSA;

WHEREAS these provisions do not provide an exception for Directors who are not enrolled in courses or co-op terms in the summer semester, meaning they are not currently active CSA members;

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw 1 (Organizational) be amended as recommended forward by PBRC to add the following paragraph to section 4.7 Director Qualifications:

4.7.2 Directors who are not CSA Members during the summer semester due to not paying a CSA fee or Co-Op work term fee will be permitted to maintain their seat on the Board of Directors permitting that they were a registered CSA Member in the prior Winter semester and will be a registered CSA Member in the following Fall semester. This provision applies to Directors elected in the Winter General Elections and Directors appointed by a College Government or Student Organization for the current academic year.

Motion Carried

12.11.5 Amendment to Appendix G (Electoral) re. PBRC

Note: Bylaw 4 – Policy of the CSA, Section 2.2 states that amendments to a policy require one Board meeting notice, and a two-thirds majority vote at a meeting of the Board.

Notice of this motion was provided at the Board meeting on November 13, 2024.

MOTION: that the following paragraph be added to Appendix G (Electoral) Section 14.2, The Practice of Campaigning, as recommended forward by PBRC:

14.2.10 Candidates and referendum teams are prohibited from organizing, offering, or promoting any structured giveaways, contests, or raffles. Campaign funds may not be used to purchase items intended for such organized giveaways, contests, or raffles. Casual distribution of free items to individuals without requiring any participation or action on the individual's part does not constitute an organized giveaway and is permitted.

Motion Carried

12.11.6 Additional Student Events and Initiatives Funding (SEIF) Deadlines

WHEREAS the Student Events and Initiatives Funding (SEIF) Committee distributes available funds from the PDR budget line;

WHEREAS in the Fall 2024 semester the budget line received additional funds exceeding $34,000 due to a now defunct club that collected student fees;

WHEREAS per the existing schedule there are only two remaining deadlines for this academic year;

WHEREAS adding more deadlines will increase the opportunities for clubs to utilize the available funding this academic year;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following additional Winter 2025 SEIF deadlines, as recommended forward by the SEIF Committee, be approved by the Board of Directors:

February 12, 2025
March 12, 2025

Motion Carried

12.11.7 Appoint Director to theCannon.ca Operating Committee

WHEREAS membership of theCannon.ca Operating Committee includes a CSA Board of Directors representative for student representation; and

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the committee for a Board of Directors representative;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Board Director is appointed to theCannon.ca Operating Committee, effect immediately:

Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

12.11.8 Director Class Talks: re Winter 2025 General Elections

WHEREAS CSA Bylaw 1: Organizational, Section 4.10.1 (d) states: "Each Director shall… be prepared to speak to classes during times of significant importance to the CSA, including but not limited to Annual General Meetings, General Member Meetings, Elections, hiring, large-scale programs and Awareness Weeks";

WHEREAS CSA Policy Appendix G: Electoral, Section 4.2 states that Directors will be required to complete a minimum of one class talk to promote the election for the nomination period and a minimum of one class talk during the voting period; and

WHEREAS it is important to maximize promotional efforts encouraging undergraduate members to run and vote in the elections so that Board and Executive vacancies are filled, the minimum quorum requirements are met, and a successful election process is achieved;

BE IT RESOLVED that each Director present at least one class talk before or during the Nomination Period and at least one class talk during the Voting Period of the Winter 2025 General Election, to be scheduled by the Elections Office;

AND FURTHER that the Chief Returning Officer provide Directors with suggested speaking points that may be used in their election class talks.

Motion Carried

12.11.9 Appoint Member to CSA/GSA Transit Committee

WHEREAS the CSA/GSA Transit Committee meets monthly to discuss student feedback on the bus service provided by Guelph Transit, as well as the improvements that can be made to benefit the student users; and

WHEREAS membership of the CSA/GSA Transit Committee includes one CSA Director;

MOTION: That the following Director be appointed to the CSA/GSA Transit Committee for the remainder of the 2024-2025 academic year:

Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

12.11.10 Elections Office Executive Supervisor

WHEREAS CSA Bylaw 2 (Electoral) section 1.1.3(a) states that in the event that the President is a candidate for election, the CSA Elections Office will report to another Executive member who is not a candidate**, as determined by the Board**; and

WHEREAS the CSA President intends to participate in the Winter 2025 General Elections as a candidate;

BE IT RESOLVED that Naomi Amayaevbo, VP Student Experience, be selected as the Executive Supervisor of the CSA Elections Office for the duration of the winter 2025 semester.

Motion Carried

12.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 12 on January 15, 2025, be adjourned at 8:02 pm

Motion Carried

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12.0	**Call to Order**	
12.1	**Land Acknowledgement** Naomi Amayaevbo	
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12.12	**New Business** 12.12.1	
12.13	**Announcements**	
12.14	**In Camera Session** 12.14.1	
12.15	**Adjournment**	

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12.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm.

12.1 Land Acknowledgement

Member Naomi Amayaevbo presented the following Land Acknowledgement:

As we gather, let us take time to reflect on our privilege to live and work in Guelph; a city built over rich Indigenous histories. We are guests here, and we should reflect upon the responsibility to care for this land, the people who live here today, and the generations to come. If our actions today can move us towards reconciliation, we should take pause and make those decisions with intention and gratitude.

This place we call Guelph has served as traditional lands and a place of refuge for many peoples over time, but more specifically the Attawandaron, and the Haudenosaunee. This land is held as the treaty lands and territory with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Guelph lies directly adjacent to the Haldimand Tract and is part of a long-established traditional hunting ground for the Six Nations of the Grand River. Many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples who have come from across Turtle Island call Guelph home today.

12.2 Adoption of the Agenda

12.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 12 on January 15, 2025, be approved as printed and distributed.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

12.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

No conflicts of interest were declared.

12.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

12.3.1 De-Ratify Ontario Agricultural College Representative

WHEREAS Member Gursimran Chadha tendered his resignation from the CSA Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED that Gursimran Chadha be de-ratified as an Ontario Agricultural College Representative on the 2024-2025 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Lachlan Mangaroff

Motion Carried

12.4 Comments from the Chair

The Chair reminded members to speak loudly and clearly. Please raise your placard to join the speakers list or raise your hand for an immediate interruption.

12.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

12.5 Past Board Minutes

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

12.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 11	November 27, 2024

Moved: Brady Amos
Seconded: Noam Einy

Motion Carried

12.6 Executive Committee Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
12.6.1	Meeting # 12	November 22, 2024
12.6.2	Meeting # 13	December 6, 2024

Moved: Ethan Warren
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

12.7 Executive Updates

12.7.1 President

The President updated that staff evaluations are almost complete, job postings for Board Chair and Scribe are closing soon, the CSA website is now live, and efforts to promote the CSA office hours are occurring on Thursdays at the UC from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. He also mentioned that planning for the Annual General Meeting for March has started, as seen in a later item in the agenda.

The SEIF committee have an upcoming meeting to consider more applications. There is an extra $34,000 in the budget line because of a dissolved club. There will also be Finance Committee meetings during January and February.

The Enrolment Crisis Task Force met on Monday and concluded that they would write an open letter to the Ontario government to call for an increase in funding for post secondary education. The President encouraged students to participate in the writing of the letter during the next ECTF happening on Monday, January 20, at 5:00 pm by contacting him or VP Academic.

The Large-Scale Speaking Event will no longer be happening due to the rejection of the offer given.

Member Einy asked if the funding that existed for the Large-Scale Speaking Event would be used for another event. The President assured that they are figuring out what to do with it.

Member Neiterman inquired regarding whether groups need to be accredited student organizations under the CSA to be funded by SEIF. The President explained that to qualify for SEIF, groups must be an accredited CSA club, a Special Status Group, or another Accredited Student Organization at the university.

12.7.2 VP Student Experience

The VP Student Experience mentioned multiple events that will be happening over the semester that she's involved in.

Clubs Days was very successful with many clubs participating. There will be a Clubs General Meeting on January 29 for new clubs to attend.

The CSA is participating in the Student Experience Fair on January 17.

The Imaginus poster sale at the UC is scheduled for January 20 to 22.

The Gryph to Grad Info Session is being planned for January 28.

Sexy Bingo is upcoming on January 30.

There will be a Menstrual Hygiene Initiative giveaway happening from February 3 to 6.

The CSA is planning a Movie Night for Black History Month. The CSA is also collaborating on a karaoke event with Curtain Call in mid-February, and a Valentine's Trivia Night with START on February 13 at Brass Taps.

12.7.3 VP Academic

The VP Academic has been attending committees including the Calendar Review Committee and Academic Integrity Taskforce. VP Academic is writing a literature review for the Teaching and Learning Network. They also recently participated in the Student Career Advisory Committee to talk about career education and advising.

Internally, he is working with the President on the Enrolment Crisis Taskforce open letter.

The Teaching Excellence Award is upcoming, and the selection committee will be appointed at the next board meeting.

Next week, the VP Academic and President will be meeting with Library Administration regarding their budget and hours.

12.7.4 VP External

The VP External has been selling bus passes after-hours for Co-op students who are unable to come to the office from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm.

The VP External has been waiting for confirmation over a potential political event opportunity for students. Lloyd Longfield, member of Parliament for Guelph's riding, will be coming to the university for a talk.

The new Bike Centre Assistant has been working hard to get bikes pedaling for the bike auction in March with the other staff.

The VP External has been working on getting the Sustainability Action Fund up and ready and reminded the board to encourage people who are passionate about sustainability to become a general member of the committee.

The Statement Making committee has a statement ready that will be presented during the next meeting about the Board's solidarity with graduate students.

Member Wu inquired about the suspended student fee for Affordable Housing. The VP External explained that the referendum question was very specific and therefore is limited in projects it can be used towards.

12.8 Director Reports

Member Johnston attended the Athletics Advisory Committee with the recommendation being passed up to the Compulsory Fee Committee for a 5.6% increase to the athletics fee. That is 3% above the inflation index.

Member Neiterman mentioned that LANG, through BOUNCE, wanted to collaborate with the CSA to run ticketing for events and will be contacting VP Student Experience and the CSA Events Coordinator.

Member Lazebnik participated in a meeting titled Think Big with VP Academic discussing potential projects.

Member Wu attended the meeting with Member Lazebnik as well as a meeting with the President and Business Manager.

12.9 CSA Service Update and Report

No CSA Service Updates or Reports were provided.

12.10 Committee Updates and Reports

12.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

MOTION: That the Summary of Committee Appointments, as presented in the Board Agenda Package, be received as information.

Moved: Brady Amos
Seconded: Lachlan Mangaroff

Motion Carried

12.10.2 Student Events and Initiatives Funding (SEIF) Committee Minutes

MOTION: that the minutes for the following SEIF Committee meeting be received as information by the Board of Directors:

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
12.10.2	Meeting # 1	October 4, 2024

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

12.10.3 Student Events and Initiatives Funding (SEIF) Committee Minutes

MOTION: that the minutes for the following SEIF Committee meeting be received as information by the Board of Directors:

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date

12.10.3	Meeting # 2	October 16, 2024

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

12.10.4 Enrolment Crisis Task Force Fall 2024 Report

MOTION: That the Enrolment Crisis Task Force Fall 2024 Report, as included in the board agenda package, be received as information.

Moved: Nate Broughton, President
Seconded: Ethan Warren

The President motivated that this motion is the result of the Enrolment Task Force restarting their meetings this semester.

Motion Carried

12.10.5 SEIF Committee Fall 2024 Report

MOTION: That the Student Events and Initiatives Funding Committee Fall 2024 Report, as included in the board agenda package, be received as information.

Moved: Nate Broughton, President
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

The President motivated that the SEIF fall report has information on applications, funding requests, allocated funding, and denied requests with reasoning.

Motion Carried

12.10.6 Hiring Committee Report: Bike Centre Coordinator

MOTION: That the hiring of Marko Kuzmanovic for the position of Bike Centre Coordinator be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Moved: Ethan Warren
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

12.10.7 Hiring Committee Report: Bike Centre Assistant

MOTION: That the hiring of Kayla Bezkorow for the position of Bike Centre Assistant be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Moved: Brady Amos
Seconded: Noam Einy

Motion Carried

12.11 Business

12.11.1 CSA Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2025: President's Notice

President's Notice

As per CSA Bylaw 1, Section 9.1.3, I hereby give notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Central Student Association shall take place on:

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Location: Peter Clark Hall

Call for Business Items

As per Bylaw 1, Section 9.1.9., I hereby invite any business items for the CSA Annual General Meeting be provided to the CSA Policy & Transition Coordinator (csaptc@uoguelph.ca) no later than:

Friday, February 21, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Nate Broughton

CSA President
January 15, 2025

MOTION: that the President's Notice of the CSA's 2025 Annual General Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, beginning at 6:00 pm in Peter Clark Hall; and of the call to members to submit AGM business items no later than Friday, February 21, 2025 at 5:00 pm, be received as information by the CSA Board of Directors.

Moved: Nate Broughton, President
Seconded: Noel Johnston

The President motivated that this is the first official step to call the AGM and for members to be allowed to submit motions to the AGM.

Motion Carried

12.11.2 Winter 2025 General Elections Promotional Strategy

WHEREAS CSA Policy Appendix G: Electoral, Section 4.3 states that the President will create an election promotional strategy to promote the CSA elections during the nomination, campaign, and voting periods; and

WHEREAS Section 4.3.1 states that the promotional strategy should be submitted to the Board of Directors for information;

MOTION: That the Winter 2025 General Elections Promotional Strategy, as included in the Board Agenda Package, be received as information.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

12.11.3 Amendment to Appendix D (Committees) re. PBRC

Note: Bylaw 4 – Policy of the CSA, Section 2.2 states that amendments to a policy require one Board meeting notice, and a two-thirds majority vote at a meeting of the Board.

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MOTION: to adopt the following amendment to Appendix D (Committees) section 7.8.8:

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AND FURTHER to amend Appendix D (Committees) section 7.8 to add the following:

7.8.9 In fairness to all organizations, no single application will be awarded more than $750.00.

Moved: Nate Broughton, President
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

The President explained that this policy amendment has been brought forward due to the additional funds in the SEIF budget line this year and has the intention to increase the amount of money clubs can receive. The President emphasized that at the end of the year we will re-evaluate the change and see how the usage has changed, as there are often unused funds, and make further recommendations that would be helpful.

Member Wu inquired to the reasoning of increasing the cap. The President explained that usually the SEIF budget line is $10,000, but due to a now defunct club that had funds, the budget line has an additional $34,000 this year. Under CSA policy, assets from defunct clubs are returned to the CSA's clubs via SEIF. Through SEIF, clubs can apply to get the funds, and this raise in the funding cap will help get more money to clubs.

Member Neiterman inquired how frequently funds do not usually get used up and asked why there would be a need to cap single applications instead of allowing the full $1000. The President stated that the single application cap is a buffer if more clubs apply for the funds than expected.

Member Khan asked if SEIF's new budget line going forward is $44,000. The President explained that next year it would be reset at $10,000, but there are hopes to have remaining funds carry over in that budget line year-over-year, if possible, from an auditing and recordkeeping perspective.

Member Warren asked if $1000 is affordable for the budget moving forward. The President stated that that is why there will be a re-evaluation in a couple of months. If it is not sustainable, there will be a change to the policy again.

Motion Carried

12.11.4 Amendment to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) re. PBRC

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WHEREAS Bylaw 1 section 4.7 states that CSA Directors must at all times be a member of the CSA;

WHEREAS these provisions do not provide an exception for Directors who are not enrolled in courses or co-op terms in the summer semester, meaning they are not currently active CSA members;

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw 1 (Organizational) be amended as recommended forward by PBRC to add the following paragraph to section 4.7 Director Qualifications:

4.7.2 Directors who are not CSA Members during the summer semester due to not paying a CSA fee or Co-Op work term fee will be permitted to maintain their seat on the Board of Directors permitting that they were a registered CSA Member in the prior Winter semester and will be a registered CSA Member in the following Fall semester. This provision applies to Directors elected in the Winter General Elections and Directors appointed by a College Government or Student Organization for the current academic year.

Moved: Nate Broughton, President
Seconded: Brady Amos

The President motivated that based on current wording, many directors have not been eligible to be directors during past summer semesters as they were not enrolled in classes or doing Co-op. This bylaw change is a way to resolve this.

ROLL CALL VOTE

IN FAVOR: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao, Noel Johnston, Ethan Warren, Daniel Neiterman, Bella Litvak, Mira Carter, Brady Amos, Yael Lazebnik, Noam Einy, Joshua Jacinto, Haidi Wu, Ashley Ames, Manveer Dhaliwal, Jayden Khan, Lachlan Mangaroff

OPPOSED: none

Motion Carried

12.11.5 Amendment to Appendix G (Electoral) re. PBRC

Note: Bylaw 4 – Policy of the CSA, Section 2.2 states that amendments to a policy require one Board meeting notice, and a two-thirds majority vote at a meeting of the Board.

Notice of this motion was provided at the Board meeting on November 13, 2024.

MOTION: that the following paragraph be added to Appendix G (Electoral) Section 14.2, The Practice of Campaigning, as recommended forward by PBRC:

14.2.10 Candidates and referendum teams are prohibited from organizing, offering, or promoting any structured giveaways, contests, or raffles. Campaign funds may not be used to purchase items intended for such organized giveaways, contests, or raffles. Casual distribution of free items to individuals without requiring any participation or action on the individual's part does not constitute an organized giveaway and is permitted.

Moved: Nate Broughton, President
Seconded: Noel Johnston

The President motivated that this motion formalizes the previous change in elections rules that states that candidates cannot use campaign funds for the purposes stated to encourage efficient use of those funds provided by student fees.

Member Neiterman asked the board if removing an opportunity for student participation is a good idea since there have been struggles to hit quorum during past elections.

Member Einy inquired if this also prevents CSA promotional giveaways during elections. The President confirmed that the CSA can still run raffles and giveaways during elections.

Member Aldred-Ganhao explained that this was a problem in last year's general elections. He stated that the previous president did a giveaway and required voters to take photos of their ballot which may have swayed the elections. He agreed with the amendment as it would prevent the possibility of bribery.

Member Warren agreed with the need to prevent vote buying but would like the language to be more explicit. He also mentioned that it should be the candidate's responsibility to spend the funds correctly, not the CSA's job.

The President mentioned to the board that this amendment is due to feedback from the Elections and Referendum Committee. Its purpose is to ensure that campaign funds are spent efficiently and encourage creative thinking. He also mentioned that there were concerns that some giveaways violated Canadian lottery laws and that prohibiting the actions was the best way to stop those concerns.

Member Litvak asked if it were possible to continue the giveaways without using the provided funds. Member Wu responded that it may give unfair advantages to candidates who are in better financial shape.

VP Academic clarified that candidates are not allowed to use other funds aside from the designated CSA campaign funds. There are also several restrictions on how candidates may direct their funds. VP Academic also reminded members that the package is approved by the board and is the regulation for the election that is enforced to the same extent as the policy.

The President reminded the board that this amendment was approved by the board and PBRC previously for the candidate's package.

Member Ames suggested to have neutral giveaways where voters are made to not feel that they must vote for a specific candidate. He also stated that putting restrictions on how candidates use their money does not interfere with democracy.

MOTION: to refer **12.11.5 Amendment to Appendix G (Electoral) re. PBRC** back to PBRC for further consideration.

Motivated: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Member Lazebnik voiced that quorum should be less strict and agreed that giveaways are a good incentive for student participation.

Member Ames wondered what would be accomplished by sending back the amendment if it was already approved. The PTC answered that it would allow for more perspectives to

be brought into the discussion after hearing the Board's opinions, but clarified that there may not be any change to the amendment.

MOTION: to call the question.

Moved: Brady Amos
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

MOTION: to refer **12.11.5 Amendment to Appendix G (Electoral) re. PBRC** back to PBRC for further consideration.

Motion Defeated

Member Khan believed members were missing the point of the motion and explained that the motion entailed that candidates are not allowed to host their own giveaways even if they don't require people to vote for them. Although members of the board were worried that it may decrease voting participation, member Khan ensured that the CSA could hold its own initiatives to improve participation.

Member Warren restated that it is not the job of CSA to ensure that candidates are efficient or have equally good strategies. He stated that it is the CSA's job to make sure everyone has the same opportunity and that the playing field is fair.

Member Johnston believed that this motion was an effective strategy as it would permit candidates to promote the election without a giveaway's implication that people had to vote for the candidate.

Member Mangaroff stated that the promotion of the elections is the CSA's job not candidates. The money the CSA is giving candidates is for the election and campaigning, therefore it is acceptable to have rules and regulations for the election as a whole.

Member Dhaliwal asked how much funds each candidates get. The PTC answered that candidates to be directors get $75, executives get $200, and referendum campaigns get $300 if it is a student group that is running the initiative.

After listening to the conversation, Member Neiterman summarized his perspective. He would be more inclined to support the motion if it indicated that candidates would not be allowed to have people prove that they were voted for to enter giveaway draws. He agreed that restrictions on how candidates use their funds are needed but argued that the

CSA would be closing another door that students can use to vote and hit quorum by banning giveaways.

MOTION: to call to question.

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Lachlan Mangaroff

Motion Carried

12.11.6 Additional Student Events and Initiatives Funding (SEIF) Deadlines

WHEREAS the Student Events and Initiatives Funding (SEIF) Committee distributes available funds from the PDR budget line;

WHEREAS in the Fall 2024 semester the budget line received additional funds exceeding $34,000 due to a now defunct club that collected student fees;

WHEREAS per the existing schedule there are only two remaining deadlines for this academic year;

WHEREAS adding more deadlines will increase the opportunities for clubs to utilize the available funding this academic year;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following additional Winter 2025 SEIF deadlines, as recommended forward by the SEIF Committee, be approved by the Board of Directors:

February 12, 2025
March 12, 2025

Moved: Nate Broughton, President
Seconded: Brady Amos

The President motivated it as it is common to add extra deadlines to SEIF to make sure that, because of the extra money, there will be more opportunities to spend it.

Motion Carried

12.11.7 Appoint Director to theCannon.ca Operating Committee

WHEREAS membership of theCannon.ca Operating Committee includes a CSA Board of Directors representative for student representation; and

WHEREAS there is a vacancy on the committee for a Board of Directors representative;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Board Director is appointed to theCannon.ca Operating Committee, effect immediately:

Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Moved: Nate Broughton, President
Seconded: Noel Johnston

The President explained that TheCannon.ca is a website run by the CSA in partnership with the Guelph Campus Co-op with a board director to be involved in the collaboration.

Member Lazebnik inquired into the role of the committee. The President explained that the committee's responsibilities include managing the website, working on promotional ideas, making feature changes if needed, content overview, fixing disputes, and more.

Motion Carried

12.11.8 Director Class Talks: re Winter 2025 General Elections

WHEREAS CSA Bylaw 1: Organizational, Section 4.10.1 (d) states: "Each Director shall… be prepared to speak to classes during times of significant importance to the CSA, including but not limited to Annual General Meetings, General Member Meetings, Elections, hiring, large-scale programs and Awareness Weeks";

WHEREAS CSA Policy Appendix G: Electoral, Section 4.2 states that Directors will be required to complete a minimum of one class talk to promote the election for the nomination period and a minimum of one class talk during the voting period; and

WHEREAS it is important to maximize promotional efforts encouraging undergraduate members to run and vote in the elections so that Board and Executive vacancies are filled, the minimum quorum requirements are met, and a successful election process is achieved;

BE IT RESOLVED that each Director present at least one class talk before or during the Nomination Period and at least one class talk during the Voting Period of the Winter 2025 General Election, to be scheduled by the Elections Office;

AND FURTHER that the Chief Returning Officer provide Directors with suggested speaking points that may be used in their election class talks.

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Brady Amos

The PTC discussed that this year class talks will have a different set up. Instead of having directors reach out to professors, a form will be sent out to directors so they can provide their availability to the CRO. The CRO and the ARO will schedule class talks that will fit the directors' availability.

Member Lazebnik asked if directors could talk as board members and as candidates if needed. PTC answered that all board members will be able to do class talks to promote the nomination period, as they are not yet candidates. During the voting period, the directors must inform the CRO if they are a candidate, as they cannot do general promotions at that point.

Motion Carried

12.11.9 Appoint Member to CSA/GSA Transit Committee

WHEREAS the CSA/GSA Transit Committee meets monthly to discuss student feedback on the bus service provided by Guelph Transit, as well as the improvements that can be made to benefit the student users; and

WHEREAS membership of the CSA/GSA Transit Committee includes one CSA Director;

MOTION: That the following Director be appointed to the CSA/GSA Transit Committee for the remainder of the 2024-2025 academic year:

Noel Johnston

Moved: Nate Broughton, President
Seconded: Noel Johnston

The President explained that CSA/GSA Transit Committee is a joint committee that the CSA has with the GSA that includes representatives from both organizations that meet with staff from Guelph Transit to talk about the program.

Motion Carried

12.11.10 Elections Office Executive Supervisor

WHEREAS CSA Bylaw 2 (Electoral) section 1.1.3(a) states that in the event that the President is a candidate for election, the CSA Elections Office will report to another Executive member who is not a candidate**, as determined by the Board**; and

WHEREAS the CSA President intends to participate in the Winter 2025 General Elections as a candidate;

BE IT RESOLVED that Naomi Amayaevbo, VP Student Experience, be selected as the Executive Supervisor of the CSA Elections Office for the duration of the winter 2025 semester.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Brady Amos

Member Warren asked how the executive was selected. The PTC replied that it is based on hierarchy of the executive team and the VP Student Experience has decided that she is not running for the election.

Motion Carried

12.12 New Business

No New Business was presented.

12.13 Announcements

The Chair announced that he will be leaving his position after February and will be assisting with transitioning the new Chair to their role.

The PTC shared that an email will be sent out to all directors to fill out their availability for the CRO for the class talks.

The President stated that the Student Budget Committee is looking for feedback on what student priorities are and recommendations for next year's budget.

The VP Student Experience hoped everyone had a great New Year and wanted to remind College Reps to tell their students that the Gryph to Grad Info Session is on January 28 where important information will be shared.

The VP Academic is an executive for the musical theater company of the University and wanted to encourage interested students to participate during their annual design crew recruitment event.

Member Johnston shared that nominations for College government positions are due the 26th of January.

Member Neiterman announced that the LANG Business School has an annual event called The LANG Sustainability Conference coming up. Sustainability is one of the core pillars of the school. There will be a case competition, but students do not have to participate in it, the conferences will be full of interesting information. Anyone who is interested in attending may participate.

Member Amos mentioned the Interhall Council executive election nominations are due by January 27.

Member Lazebnik shared that CBS is having a photo contest due January 20th for undergraduate CBS students.

Member Ames mentioned that OPIRG Guelph will be having their annual symposium on January 31 and February 2 with the topic of student power and how to use it. There will be multiple activities, workshops, and panels. There will also be a workshop reading group on a book based on how to be anti-racist that will be biweekly.

Member Dhaliwal is part of the Photography Club, and they're holding an event tomorrow in Peter Clark Hall on the basics of photography and an interactive session about life photography.

Member Khan hoped everyone's semester is going great and that they are staying safe regarding the Norovirus.

The Scribe is part of the K-pop Club and announced that their dance competition team will be competing on February 8 and hopes that anyone interested can go support the team. They also shared that they will be participating in an event called AKEDO happening on February 15 where they will present a choreography they made.

12.14 In Camera

No In-Camera Session was held.

12.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 12 on January 15, 2025 be adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

Approved by the Board of Directors	**Date: January 29, 2025**
Signed: _____	Date: _____
Samuel Skelhorn Board Chair	
Signed: _____	Date: _____
Colleen Bovay Policy & Transition Coordinator	