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Board of Directors Meeting # 14
February 12, 2025 – 6:00 pm
UC 442

Attendance – February 12, 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	Regrets	
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	
Daniel Neiterman	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Present	
Vacant	Ontario Agricultural College		
Bella Litvak	Ontario Agricultural College	Regrets	
Noam Einy	Ontario Veterinary College	Regrets	
Vacant	Ontario Veterinary College		
Member College Government Representatives (Appointed)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Mahad Butt	College of Arts Student Union	Regrets	
Lachlan Mangaroff	College of Biological Science Student Council	Regrets	
Noel Johnston	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council	Present	
Manveer Dhaliwal	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences - Student Alliance	Regrets	
Vacant	Lang Students' Association		
Mira Carter	Student Federation of the Ontario Agricultural College	Present	a: 6:21pm
Vacant	Central Veterinary Student Association		

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Student Organization Representatives (Appointed)		Present / Regrets	Arrived / Departed
Jade Dunnette	Indigenous Student Society (ISS)	Present	
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)	Absent	
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	Regrets	
Executive (Ex-officio, Non-voting)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Nate Broughton	President	Present	
Naomi Amayaevbo	Vice President Student Experience	Present	
William Coleman	Vice President Academic	Regrets	
Natalie Wilkinson	Vice President External	Present	

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

Guest	Affiliation
Christopher Yendt	Incoming Chair
Gabriel McMurren	Incoming Scribe
Paraj Mongia	Clubs Coordinator

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

14.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 14 on February 12, 2025, be approved as printed and distributed.

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: to reorder the agenda so that **item 14.9.1 Clubs Office Update** is moved to just after **item 14.4.1 Introductions**.

Motion Carried

AMENDED MOTION: that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 14 on February 12, 2025, be approved as amended with:

- The reordering of the agenda so that **item 14.9.1 Clubs Office Update** is moved to just after **item 14.4.1 Introductions**.

Motion Carried

14.5 Past Board Minutes

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

14.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 13	January 29, 2025

Motion Carried

14.9.1 Clubs Office Update

(a) Extend Speaking Rights to Clubs 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 Paraj Mongia, Clubs Coordinator, to present the Clubs Office Update.

Motion Carried

(b) Receive the Clubs Office Update Presentation

MOTION: to receive the Clubs Office Update, as presented by Paraj Mongia, as information.

Motion Carried

14.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Motion Carried

14.10.2 Hiring Committee Report: Board Chair

MOTION: That the hiring of Christopher Yendt for the position of Board Chair be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Motion Carried

14.10.3 Hiring Committee Report: Board Scribe

MOTION: That the hiring of Gabriel McMurren for the position of Board Scribe be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Motion Carried

14.10.4 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
14.10.4	Meeting # 3	November 20, 2024

Motion Carried

14.11.1 Appoint University Centre (UC) Board Selection Committee

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the University Centre Board ('UC Board') to establish written policies respecting the use of facilities and management of space within the University Centre (UC); to acknowledge the special requirements of user groups to management their own activities within the spaces assigned to them, and to provide services for the University Community at large;

WHEREAS Appendix J – Internal CSA Policy, Section 5.0 (University Centre Board) states that the UC is a central building used by students on campus for organizational and social space, and as a building that was built and continues to be funded by student fees, it should be controlled by students;

WHEREAS the UC Board is comprised of 10 students, four (4) university appointees, two (2) alumni, two (2) clubs' representatives; including one (1) CSA Executive, nine (9) CSA representatives, and five (5) 'Alternates' appointed by the CSA Board of Directors;

WHEREAS appointments to the University Centre Board are for a term of two (2) years, as defined by the University Centre Board of Directors Constitution; and

WHEREAS Appendix J – Internal CSA Policy, Section 5.0 (University Centre Board) provides a process to select undergraduate member appointees to the UC Board by the Vice President Student Experience and two (2) Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following CSA Directors be appointed to assist the Vice President Student Experience in selecting UC Board appointees for a two-year term beginning in the 2025-2026 academic year:

Jayden Khan
Yael Lazebnik

Motion Carried

14.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 14 on February 12, 2025, be adjourned at 7:04pm.

Motion Carried

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14.0	**Call to Order**	
14.1	**Land Acknowledgement** Yael Lazebnik	
14.2	**Adoption of the Agenda** 14.2.1 Approve the Agenda 14.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts	
14.3	**Ratifications and De-Ratifications**	
14.4	**Comments from the Chair** 14.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns	
14.5	**Approval of Past Minutes** 14.5.1 Meeting # 13 – January 29, 2025	
14.6	**Executive Committee Minutes**	
14.7	**Executive Updates** 14.7.1 President – February 12, 2025 14.7.2 VP Student Experience – February 12, 2025 14.7.3 VP Academic – February 12, 2025 14.7.4 VP External – February 12, 2025	
14.8	**Director Reports**	
14.9	**CSA Service Update and Report** 14.9.1 Clubs Office Update	
14.10	**Committee Updates and Reports** 14.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments 14.10.2 Hiring Committee Report: Board Chair 14.10.3 Hiring Committee Report: Board Scribe 14.10.4 SEIF Committee Minutes # 3 – November 20, 2024	
14.11	**Business** 14.11.1 Appoint University Centre (UC) Board Selection Committee	
14.12	**New Business** 14.12.1	
14.13	**Announcements**	
14.14	**In Camera Session** 14.14.1	
14.15	**Adjournment**	

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14.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:14pm.

14.1 Land Acknowledgement

Member Yael Lazebnik presented the following Land Acknowledgement:

I would like to take this time to acknowledge that the University of Guelph resides on the ancestral lands of the Attawandron people and the traditional territories of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation of the Anishinabek Peoples. We show our respect to the Dish with One Spoon territory and our Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Metis neighbors. This land we live on holds rich indigenous history and is home to many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people today.

As a result of historical violence towards Indigenous peoples in Canada, my family was able to immigrate from a country in war to a country that was welcoming and peaceful for us and own land in this country. I hope that through our work on the CSA we are able to support Indigenous students and the Indigenous communities that this land historically belonged to. By doing these personal land acknowledgements, we have the opportunity to show our gratitude for privileges that often go unthought-of in our day-to-day lives, show respect for the stewards of this land, and more consciously consider our role in making a positive contribution towards reconciliation.

As an Israeli Canadian, the country I come from is the ancestral homeland of several different groups of people with diverse histories and deep roots to the land. The concept of coexistence and reconciliation with the past is something that they're still learning to navigate today. Having these types of conversations is the first step towards acknowledging our history and how we can learn to peacefully coexist in the long-term.

14.2 Adoption of the Agenda

14.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 14 on February 12, 2025, be approved as printed and distributed.

Moved: Noel Johnston

Seconded: Brady Amos

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: to reorder the agenda so that **item 14.9.1 Clubs Office Update** is moved to just after **item 14.4.1 Introductions**.

Moved: Naomi Amayaevbo, VP Student Experience
Seconded: Brady Amos

Motion Carried

AMENDED MOTION: that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 14 on February 12, 2025, be approved as amended with:

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Motion Carried

14.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

No conflicts of interest were declared.

14.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

No Ratifications or De-Ratifications were considered.

14.4 Comments from the Chair

The President filled in for the spot of Chair and introduced the new Board Scribe and Chair.

14.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

14.5 Past Board Minutes

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

14.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 13	January 29, 2025

Moved: Yael Lazebnik
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

14.7 Executive Updates

14.7.1 President

No executive update was given by the President.

14.7.2 VP Student Experience

The VP Student Experience shared that February has had and will continue to have multiple fun events for students. Since the last board meeting, highly successful events have occurred including the Nixit CSA Giveaway, the Black History Month movie night, Karaoke Night with Curtain Call Productions, and Sexy Bingo. Upcoming events include a Stressbuster where there will be hot chocolate provided for students on McLaughlin Library's first floor.

The VP Student Experience shared her support to the CSA Clubs by visiting and participating in different events with the CSA Clubs Office.

The VP Student Experience has been assisting the Elections Office with promotions through Class Talks.

14.7.3 VP Academic

No executive update was given by the VP Academic as they were not present.

14.7.4 VP External

The VP External has been planning for the provincial elections happening on February 27. Alongside the Promotional Service Coordinator, she has been evaluating promotion strategies to encourage students to vote at the polls. These strategies focus on the importance of voting, highlighting provincial issues, and instructing students on how to vote. The University will be holding advanced polling from February 20 until the 22 and on-day polling on the 27 so students can vote in Guelph. The Canadian Federation of Students visited the University to promote the elections through Class Talks and promotional media.

The FoodBank is undergoing renovations to increase storage capacity which will occur over reading week.

The Bike Auction promotions have been in the works and 20 to 25 bikes will be auctioned.

The President and VP External went to McMaster Student Union Friday to build coalitions.

The CSA/GSA Transit Committee meeting occurred with student feedback presented, and Late-Night promotions were discussed for the 2025-2026 school year.

14.8 Director Reports

Member Khan participated in the SEIF committee meeting last week that discussed funding for clubs and has been participating in class talks.

Member Johnston was present for the elections general info session and did class talks. He attended the Transit Committee meeting this week.

Member Aldred-Ganhao attended the Senate meeting and shared that the University Presidential Seach Committee was approved. He also participated in a recent Finance Committee meeting.

Member Amos attended the Finance Committee and the SEIF Committee meeting.

Member Lazebnik did a class talk for the election and mentioned that Think Big meetings will recommence to discuss surplus money usage.

Member Ames was at the UC Board Meeting that covered various financial topics and did a class talk for the election.

Member Wu did class talks and was at the Election General Info Session. Think Big's next meeting is happening at 4:00 pm on Thursday. She also announced that she had to step back from the SEIF Committee due to unforeseen conflicts.

Member Lazebnik asked the President for an update on the letter from the Enrolment Crisis Task Force. The President shared that we are still awaiting responses from other student unions.

14.9 CSA Service Update and Report

14.9.1 Clubs Office Update

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BE IT RESOLVED to extend speaking rights to Paraj Mongia, Clubs Coordinator, to present the Clubs Office Update.

Moved: Jayden Khan
Seconded: Noel Johnston

The University of Guelph had over 160 accredited clubs this year, allowing for more than 4,000 students to have varied opportunities to get involved on campus and meet new people.

The Clubs Office is responsible for Clubs Days, conflict management, promotions through Instagram, accreditation, and re-accreditation. Accreditation is necessary to be approved as a CSA Club and its process includes anti-oppression training, submitting a budget and an executive-member list, having at least 25 members, and creating a constitution.

During the Fall 2024 Semester, 25 new clubs were accredited and, with 50 submitted applications, 20 clubs have been accredited this Winter 2025 semester. The Clubs General Meeting had a great turnout of over 500 students for both semesters.

As for finance, there has been an increase in the SEIF funding from $500 to $1000 for each club and clubs are being encouraged to open external bank accounts.

Clubs Day this academic year had a turnout of 150 clubs during the Fall semester and 130 for the Winter semester, an increase from the past two years. To increase participation and engagement with the tabling clubs, a raffle was incorporated. The Fall semester had over 500 raffle submissions made, like in the Winter semester.

The Clubs Office provides room bookings for clubs to use and a locker in the locker room. New storage spaces have been allocated to accommodate the growing number of clubs.

Most conflicts have been internal with the incoming of new executive members due to resistance to new leadership. New clubs were also having trouble getting accredited on time and having their documents ready for the process. Inactive clubs were monitored and given a reminder that they should be holding 2-3 events on campus. The Clubs Handbook and its policies are being updated.

Clubs Hub is an upcoming event where club executives can socialize and meet the Clubs Office. Fun activities, prices, and free food are to be expected.

Member Wu thanked the speaker and inquired how often clubs find it difficult to book spaces. The Clubs Coordinator has not had accredited clubs have problems with booking space but has seen unaccredited clubs struggle as they must pay a fee to book a space.

The VP Student Experience recognized that student space availability is a growing issue and assured the board that efforts are being made to accommodate all clubs.

Member Neiterman asked if there are guidelines for clubs to be disbanded and if clubs can be disbanded due to specific behaviour. The VP Student Experience shared that club activity levels during a semester are measured as inactivity can lead to being unaccredited.

Member Lazebnik inquired how internal conflicts from clubs were discovered. The Clubs Coordinator explained that general members have reached out to her through email or through her office hours. Open discussion to reach common ground has been her main method of dealing with these issues.

Member Amos answered member Neiterman's earlier question by mentioning that a way clubs can get unaccredited can be by running events without submitting SE&RM.

Member Neiterman asked for further clarity over the existence of a document that highlights behaviours that are deemed unacceptable. The PTC clarified that all processes for clubs and their conduct is in the Club's Handbook which is currently under review.

Member Wu asked whether leadership training was an option to help solve the internal conflicts clubs are facing. The VP Student Experience answered that the General Info Session, one of the steps to be accredited, has training related to leadership skills.

Motion Carried

(b) Receive the Clubs Office Update Presentation

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Moved: Brady Amos
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

14.10 Committee Updates and Reports

14.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Brady Amos

Motion Carried

14.10.2 Hiring Committee Report: Board Chair

MOTION: That the hiring of Christopher Yendt for the position of Board Chair be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

14.10.3 Hiring Committee Report: Board Scribe

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Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Brady Amos

Motion Carried

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Seconded: Jayden Khan

Motion Carried

14.11 Business

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Yael Lazebnik

Moved: Naomi Amayaevbo, VP Student Experience
Seconded: Jayden Khan

Motion Carried

14.12 New Business

No New Business was presented.

14.13 Announcements

The PTC appreciated the Board members being diligent with their Elections class talks and announced that the nomination period has now closed.

The VP Student External commented on how TheCannon.ca is working on their new merch for their website with a giveaway on its way. There has also been an effort to improve content on social media and encouraged Board Members to participate. She wished everyone a restful reading week and hoped to see everyone at the Hot Chocolate Stress Buster.

Member Khan hoped everyone has a good reading week and that they are not too stressed over midterms.

Member Lazebnik announced that on February 14, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, in Thornborough and SSC there will be a Stem Cell Swab event where they look for matches for their database.

Member Ames shared that OPIRG's Symposium went well and was met with enthusiasm. On February 24 OPIRG will have an event called Radical Reels that includes a documentary about a radical topic 4:30-6:30 pm. On February 27 they will also be having an event called Radical Reading at the OPIRG office.

Board Scribe Saucedo enthusiastically reminded Board Members of their participation in the upcoming Akedo festival and hoped to see everyone there.

Incoming Scribe McMurren mentioned that Curtain Call Productions will be selling tickets for the Spring Awakening show at the UC.

Incoming Chair Yendt encouraged everyone to take advantage of the reading week and shared their enthusiasm over participating in the meeting.

14.14 In Camera

No in-camera session was held.

14.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 14 on February 12, 2025 be adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Jayden Khan

Motion Carried

Approved by the Board of Directors	**Date: February 26, 2025**
Signed: _____	Date: _____
Christopher Yendt Board Chair	
Signed: _____	Date: _____
Colleen Bovay Policy & Transition Coordinator	