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Board of Directors Meeting # 13
January 29, 2025 – 6:00 pm
UC 442

Attendance – January 29, 2025

Board of Directors			
At-Large Representatives (Elected)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Vacant	College of Arts		
Vacant	College of Arts		
Haidi Wu	College of Biological Science	Present	
Yael Lazebnik	College of Biological Science	Present	
Jake Levy	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences	Present	d: 8:17pm
Ethan Warren	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences	Present	
Charleigh Rogers	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences	Regrets	
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	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	Regrets	
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: 7:00pm
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	Present	
Natalie Wilkinson	Vice President External	Present	

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

Guest	Affiliation
Kennedy McGregor	SafeWalk Coordinator
Lauren Pyne	Chief Returning Officer
Alitha Griffith	FoodBank 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

13.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 13 on January 29, 2025, be approved as printed and distributed.

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: to reorder the agenda so that **item 13.9.1 SafeWalk Service Update**, **item 13.9.2 FoodBank Service Update**, **item 13.11.1 Winter 2025 Elections Nomination and Candidates Packages**, and **item 13.11.8 Salary & Wage Recommendations 2025-2026** are moved to just after **item 13.4.1 Introductions**.

Motion Carried

AMENDED MOTION: that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 13 on January 29, 2025, be approved as amended with:

- The reordering of the agenda so that **item 13.9.1 SafeWalk Service Update**, **item 13.9.2 FoodBank Service Update**, **item 13.11.1 Winter 2025 Elections Nomination and Candidates Packages** and **item 13.11.8 Salary & Wage Recommendations 2025-2026** are moved to just after **item 13.4.1 Introductions**

  Motion Carried

13.3.1 De-Ratify and Ratify College of Arts Student Union (CASU) Representative

WHEREAS Member Jonah Greenhut tendered his resignation from the CSA Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED that Jonah Greenhut be de-ratified as the CASU Representative on the 2024-2025 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately;

AND FURTHER that Mahad Butt be ratified as the CASU Representative on the 2024-2025 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Motion Carried

13.5 Past Board Minutes

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

13.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 12	January 15, 2025

Motion Carried

13.6 Executive Committee Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
13.6.1	Meeting # 14	January 10, 2025

Motion Carried

13.7 Executive Updates

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

13.7.1	President	January 29, 2025
13.7.2	VP Student Experience	January 29, 2025
13.7.3	VP Academic	January 29, 2025
13.7.4	VP External	January 29, 2025

Motion Carried

13.9.1 SafeWalk Service Update

(a) Extend Speaking Rights to SafeWalk 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 Kennedy McGregor, SafeWalk Coordinator, to present the SafeWalk Service Update.

Motion Carried

(b) Receive the SafeWalk Service Update Presentation

MOTION: to receive the SafeWalk Service Update, as presented by Kennedy McGregor, as information.

Motion Carried

13.9.2 FoodBank Service Update

(a) Extend Speaking Rights to FoodBank 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 Alitha Griffith, FoodBank Coordinator, to present the FoodBank Service Update.

Motion Carried

(b) Receive the FoodBank Service Update Presentation

MOTION: to receive the FoodBank Service Update, as presented by Alitha Griffith, as information.

Motion Carried

13.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Motion Carried

13.10.2 Statement Making Committee Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
13.10.2	Meeting # 1	December 9, 2024

Motion Carried

13.11.1 Winter 2025 General Elections Nomination and Candidates' Packages

(a) Speaking Rights: Chief Returning Officer

WHEREAS CSA Rules of Order, Section 3.9, states that presentations will be given a maximum of ten minutes;

BE IT RESOLVED that speaking rights be extended to Lauren Pyne, Chief Returning Officer, for a presentation regarding the Winter 2025 General Elections.

Motion Carried

b) Presentation

MOTION: That the presentation by Lauren Pyne, Chief Returning Officer (CRO) regarding the Winter 2025 General Elections be received by the Board of Directors as information;

AND FURTHER that the Director Nomination Package, Director Candidates' Package, Vice President Nomination Package, President Nomination Package, and Executive Candidates' Package, as included in the Board Agenda Package, be received by the Board of Directors as information.

Motion Carried

13.11.2 Appoint Member to Student Events and Initiatives Funding (SEIF) Committee

WHEREAS CSA Policy Appendix D, Section 7.3 requires a maximum of six members for the SEIF Committee, consisting of the following:

- CSA President
- One additional member of the Executive Committee
- One At-Large or College representative
- One Student Organization representative
- Up to two additional Directors

WHEREAS SEIF Committee Member Gursimran Chadha has resigned from the CSA Board of Directors, leaving a Director vacancy on the SEIF Committee;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Director be appointed to the Student Events and Initiatives Funding Committee for the remainder of the 2024 - 2025 academic year:

Haidi Wu

Motion Carried

13.11.3 Appoint Member to Elections Appeals Board (EAB)

WHEREAS CSA Policy Appendix G, Section 27.3.1 states that the Elections Appeals Board (EAB) shall consist of the following:

- Three Directors and
- Two General Members of the CSA in good standing

WHEREAS Elections Appeals Board Member Gursimran Chadha has resigned from the CSA Board of Directors, leaving a Director vacancy on the EAB;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Director be appointed to the Elections Appeals Board (EAB) for the remainder of the 2024-2025 academic year:

Daniel Neiterman

Motion Carried

13.11.4 Appoint General Member to Sustainability Action Fund (SAF) Working Group

WHEREAS the purpose of the SAF Working Group is to provide funding to student-initiated projects that provide experiential learning opportunities related to campus sustainability and climate action, advance the University of Guelph's sustainability and climate action goals by improving the operations of the University of Guelph campus, and address an improvement area as identified in the 2020 Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) self-reporting framework; and

WHEREAS membership of the SAF Working Group includes undergraduate students, selected by and representative of the Central Student Association, including a CSA Director and a CSA General Member;

WHEREAS there is a vacancy for one CSA General Member;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following CSA Member be appointed to the Sustainability Action Fund Working Group for the remainder of the 2024-2025 academic year:

Dhruv Bhat

Motion Carried

13.11.5 Appoint Member to Guelph Centre for Urban Organic Farming Advisory Group

WHEREAS the Guelph Centre for Urban Organic Farming Stakeholder Advisory Group (GCUOF) provides strategic advice for major decisions and overall direction of the Guelph Centre for Urban Organic Farming ('Farm'), including farm educational & research program priorities, infrastructure improvements, and land use; and

WHEREAS membership of GCUOF includes a 'CSA Student Representative';

BE IT RESOLVED that the following CSA Director be appointed to the Guelph Centre for Urban Organic Farming Advisory Group for the remainder of the 2024-2025 academic year, effective immediately:

Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

13.11.6 Appoint Teaching Excellence Award Selection Committee

WHEREAS the Teaching Excellence Award (TEA) is coordinated by the Vice President Academic, as per CSA Policy Appendix A – Executive Portfolios, Section 4.4;

WHEREAS a Selection Committee must be formed to review nominations and choose the recipient(s) of the Winter 2025 Teaching Excellence Award; and

WHEREAS CSA Policy Appendix D – CSA Committees, Section 3.8.1 states that each CSA committee shall have formal terms of reference to determine their responsibilities and expectations;

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSA Board of Directors approve the updated Terms of Reference for the Teaching Excellence Award Selection Committee, as included in the Board Agenda Package;

FURTHER that the following Executive member be appointed to the TEA Selection Committee:

William Coleman, VP Academic

AND FURTHER that the following Board Directors be appointed to the TEA Selection Committee:

Ethan Warren
Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Joshua Jacinto

Motion Carried

13.11.7 Approval of Statement Making Committee Statement re. Board Referral

WHEREAS on November 27, 2024 the Board of Directors approved a motion to refer the issue of unfavourable actions by University Administrators to the Statement Making Committee to draft a statement of support for students facing these issues and a condemnation of the University Administration's failure to properly support students, to be submitted to the Board by the end of January 2025;

WHEREAS the Statement Making Committee has followed the procedures stated in the committee Terms of Reference and has recommended forward a proposed statement; and

WHEREAS the Statement Making Committee has attached a report detailing the process of drafting the proposed statement;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the attached statement and report, as included in the Board Agenda Package, as information;

FURTHER that the Board of Directors approve the attached statement to be posted on the CSA website by Friday, January 31, at 5pm;

AND FURTHER that the Board of Directors approve the posting of a short format of the statement on the CSA Instagram page, to be determined by the CSA Executive Committee, by Friday, January 31, at 5pm.

Motion Carried

13.11.8 Salary & Wage Recommendations 2025-2026

MOTION: to approve the 2025-2026 Salary & Wage Recommendations as recommended and forwarded by the Finance Committee and presented in the board agenda package.

Motion Carried

13.14.1 Approval of Past In-Camera Minutes

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

13.14.1	CSA Board Meeting # 11	November 27, 2024

Motion Carried

13.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 13 on January 29, 2025, be adjourned at 8:32 pm

Motion Carried

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13.0	**Call to Order**	
13.1	**Land Acknowledgement** Haidi Wu	
13.2	**Adoption of the Agenda** 13.2.1 Approve the Agenda 13.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts	
13.3	**Ratifications and De-Ratifications** 13.1 De-Ratify and Ratify College of Arts Student Union (CASU) Representative	
13.4	**Comments from the Chair** 13.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns	
13.5	**Approval of Past Minutes** 13.5.1 Meeting # 12 – January 15, 2025	
13.6	**Executive Committee Minutes** 13.6.1 Meeting # 14 – January 10, 2025	
13.7	**Executive Updates** 13.7.1 President – January 29, 2025 13.7.2 VP Student Experience – January 29, 2025 13.7.3 VP Academic – January 29, 2025 13.7.4 VP External – January 29, 2025	
13.8	**Director Reports**	
13.9	**CSA Service Update and Report** 13.9.1 SafeWalk Service Update 13.9.2 FoodBank Service Update	
13.10	**Committee Updates and Reports** 13.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments 13.10.2 Statement Making Committee Meeting #1 Minutes	
13.11	**Business** 13.11.1 Winter 2025 General Elections Nomination and Candidate's Packages 13.11.2 Appoint Member to SEIF Committee 13.11.3 Appoint Member to Elections Appeals Board 13.11.4 Appoint General Member to Sustainability Action Fund (SAF) Working Group 13.11.5 Appoint Director to Guelph Centre for Urban Organic Farming Advisory Group 13.11.6 Appoint Teaching Excellence Award Selection Committee 13.11.7 Approval of Statement Making Committee Statement re. Board Referral 13.11.8 Salary & Wage Recommendations 2025-2026	

13.12	**New Business** 13.12.1	
13.13	**Announcements**	
13.14	**In Camera Session** 13.14.1 Approve In-Camera Minutes – November 27, 2024	
13.15	**Adjournment**	

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13.0 Call to Order

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

13.1 Land Acknowledgement

Member Haidi Wu presented the following Land Acknowledgement:

Guelph is located on the ancestral lands of the Attawandaron, the Anishinabek, and Haudenosaunee peoples and the treaty lands and territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. We recognize the significance of the Dish with One Spoon Covenant to this land and offer our respect and gratitude to all of the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island who have stewarded, loved & defended this land for centuries.

In stating this, we acknowledge that we are here as a result of blood that has been shed through colonization, and that colonization is an ongoing process which Indigenous communities across Turtle Island continue to experience. As settlers, we need to understand that we are participants in that process. Personally, I am a second-generation Chinese immigrant living on stolen land, completing secondary education on stolen land, and seeking opportunities within an economy that is fueled by resources stolen from Indigenous land.

Reading out a land acknowledgment is not an act of decolonization in itself. It is an acknowledgment of historical fact. Decolonization is not an abstract idea. In the absence of meaningful action to work towards dismantling the states and institutions that perpetuate colonization, the use of a land acknowledgment represents cognitive dissonance at best – but in most cases – it is intentional cooptation, mystification, and pacification. In stating this land acknowledgment, I remind myself of my responsibility to use my voice, my actions and the resources at my disposal- monetary or otherwise, to support the ongoing struggles for decolonization of Indigenous peoples both here on Turtle Island and around the world in places such as Palestine who is still facing genocide.

13.2 Adoption of the Agenda

13.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 13 on January 29, 2025, be approved as printed and distributed.

Moved: Brady Amos
Seconded: Jake Levy

MOTION TO AMEND: to reorder the agenda so that **item 13.9.1 SafeWalk Service Update**, **item 13.9.2 FoodBank Service Update**, **item 13.11.1 Winter 2025 Elections Nomination and Candidates Packages**, and **item 13.11.8 Salary & Wage Recommendations 2025-2026** are moved to just after **item 13.4.1 Introductions**.

Moved: Natalie Wilkinson, VP External
Seconded: Brady Amos

VP External emphasized that the Salary & Wage Recommendations item is key to allow the Finance Committee to continue with the budget development process. The additional items should be moved up to respect the time of the guest speakers.

Motion Carried

AMENDED MOTION: that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 13 on January 29, 2025, be approved as amended with:

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  Motion Carried

13.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

No conflicts of interest were declared.

13.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

13.3.1 De-Ratify and Ratify College of Arts Student Union (CASU) Representative

WHEREAS Member Jonah Greenhut tendered his resignation from the CSA Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED that Jonah Greenhut be de-ratified as the CASU Representative on the 2024-2025 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately;

AND FURTHER that Mahad Butt be ratified as the CASU Representative on the 2024-2025 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Brady Amos

Motion Carried

13.4 Comments from the Chair

The Chair was absent today therefore, as per the bylaws, the President stepped into the role for this meeting. The President explained that he would be participating in the meeting solely as the Chair, not as an executive.

13.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

13.5 Past Board Minutes

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

13.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 12	January 15, 2025

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Jayden Khan

Motion Carried

13.6 Executive Committee Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
13.6.1	Meeting # 14	January 10, 2025

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

13.7 Executive Updates

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

13.7.1	President	January 29, 2025
13.7.2	VP Student Experience	January 29, 2025
13.7.3	VP Academic	January 29, 2025
13.7.4	VP External	January 29, 2025

Moved: Jake Levy
Seconded: Jayden Khan

Motion Carried

13.7.1 President

Members were directed to the President's written update.

13.7.2 VP Student Experience

The VP Student Experience went through the upcoming events which include Sexy Bingo, the Menstrual Hygiene Giveaway, START Student Experience's trivia night, and movie night for Black History Month at the Art Gallery. Executive office hours through tabling have been consistent and efficient. The CSA has reached 150 clubs with 15-25 recently accredited clubs. A working group has been made for external catering and the first meeting will be next week.

Member Wu was happy to hear about the external catering and wanted clarification on whether external catering was confirmed to be possible or if the group will be checking if it is possible. The VP Student Experience explained that is possible, but the working group is collaborating with Hospitality to see how it can best work.

Member Amos inquired if the Raptors giveaway was only advertised in the newsletter. It was confirmed that it was also advertised through Instagram.

13.7.3 VP Academic

The VP Academic, along with the President, attended a meeting with the library about their hours, space reservations, and cuts to the budget which has decreased their services, but they seem willing to accommodate and fill in some gaps in hours on Friday nights and Sunday mornings.

They encourage students to keep an eye on outstanding professors they would like to see recognized for their efforts through the Teaching Excellence Award.

The Enrolment Crisis Task Force has been meeting and is working on a letter to the government regarding post-secondary funding.

For university committees, the VP Academic has been participating in the Student Career Advisory Committee and the Board of Undergraduate Studies. The Student Life Enhancement Fund has over 100 applications for funding for student spaces, initiatives, events, conferences, and more. The UC Board hasn't met yet this semester, but meetings will be starting up soon.

SHAC has had more than 17 cases in the last three weeks and is working on increasing its social media presence and events to increase participation.

13.7.4 VP External

The VP External shared that a voting campaign to promote and encourage students to participate in the provincial election has been in the works.

Bike Auction preparations are underway for the auction at the end of March, which is to sell donated bikes to put the funds back into the Bike Centre.

The FoodBank refresh renovations are getting underway.

Guelph Transit has been looking for ways to get feedback. Reddit has been efficient for feedback. If anyone has feedback, they can check the CSA Linktree on Instagram.

Member Levy asked if there would be a way to vote on campus. The VP External noted that polling stations on campus were ceased after the federal election in 2021, so it may

not be probable. She shared that individuals can get an absentee ballot until February 17, which allows you to vote from a different area. Information can be found on the Elections Ontario website.

13.8 Director Reports

Member Aldred-Ganhao attended a Finance Committee meeting.

Member Johnston attended meetings with the Enrolment Crisis Task Force, the Elections and Referendum Committee, and with the VP External about Guelph Transit.

Member Rattan has been doing class talks to promote the elections.

Member Ames attended the Statement-Making Committee.

Member Wu attended the Think Big meeting on Thursday.

Member Lazebnik attended the Enrolment Crisis Task Force meeting and planned to go to future Think Big meetings.

13.9 CSA Service Update and Report

13.9.1 SafeWalk Service Update

(a) Extend Speaking Rights to SafeWalk 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 Kennedy McGregor, SafeWalk Coordinator, to present the SafeWalk Service Update.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Brady Amos

Motion Carried

SafeWalk was established in 1997 by the CSA to provide escorts across campus and currently has 40 volunteers. Its current operation hours are Monday to Friday from 8:00 pm to 1:00 am with accommodations during exam season.

Students can request a walk from a volunteer via phone call through the University of Guelph's number with the extension 53200, the SafeGryphon App, emergency poles, or by approaching volunteers.

Volunteers' shifts are two and a half hours long and have two main routes that follow North, South, and East residences and the first-floor library. Volunteers can also make stops at the bus loop.

To show SafeWalks' appreciation for their volunteers, volunteers receive drink coupons, occasional giveaways, snacks and supplies while on shift, meals during training events, and an end-of-semester party.

SafeWalk was impacted by COVID-19 via a decrease in student request calls, however, last semester there was an increase of 11 calls. The majority of these calls happen before 11:00 pm and require pick up from the library or the Crop Science building and a drop off at residences or parking lots.

SafeWalks' future includes increasing the number of calls and use of the service. This will be implemented by advertisement through the TVs around campus and public transit, use of poster boards, talks in first-year classes, and events such as Hot Chocolate giveaways.

This Winter, service expansions have been in plans and include employing a special team in high-traffic areas such as the library and the bus loop and creating a perimeter off-campus with special parameters for the safety of the volunteers.

Member Rattan inquired as to what a typical call looks like. The SafeWalk Coordinator described that students would contact SafeWalk, share their location, and give their preference as to whether they would feel more comfortable with the volunteer wearing a yellow jacket or not. After the call, the volunteer will meet with the student and show them an identification badge before walking them to their destination.

Member Levy wondered how much participation from students came from reaching out to volunteers during their shifts and if those were registered. The SafeWalk Coordinator confirmed that volunteers must record those walks as they do with all other calls.

Member Neiterman asked for examples of initiatives SafeWalk has implemented to increase participation. The SafeWalk Coordinator shared that first-year class talks have been a priority as well as events such as the Hot Chocolate Giveaways and TV advertisement.

Member Amos suggested that SafeWalk should collaborate with Interhall Council through Advertisement PRs so that posters can be displayed in residences.

Member Rattan proposed doing talks with first-year economic classes as they are heavily populated, asking professors to upload information about SafeWalk on Courselink, and reaching out to RAs so posters can be displayed.

Member Neiterman was curious if there had been any student interest surveys and asked if it would be more beneficial for the organization and students to prioritize off-campus walks. The SafeWalk Coordinator confirmed that there is a feedback survey that launched in the CSA newsletter that went out today. As for the expansion off-campus, she acknowledged that it is a good idea and will be working on it throughout the summer but reminded the board that her priority is the safety of the volunteers.

Member Warren was skeptical if the interest of this service was as high as it is perceived.

(b) Receive the SafeWalk Service Update Presentation

MOTION: to receive the SafeWalk Service Update, as presented by Kennedy McGregor, as information.

Moved: Jake Levy
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

13.9.2 FoodBank Service Update

(a) Extend Speaking Rights to FoodBank 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 Alitha Griffith, FoodBank Coordinator, to present the FoodBank Service Update.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Lachlan Mangaroff

Motion Carried

The FoodBank is a student-run organization that was established in 2004 to provide students with confidential emergency food access and anti-poverty resources linked to food access.

Weekly, the FoodBank provides students with appointments twice a month to provide 30 basic products such as toiletries and cooking ingredients.

On campus, about 39.5% or 11,850 students are food insecure. Of those, 252 students are registered with the FoodBank and 60 are on the waiting list. 90% of students registered with this organization are graduate students and 80% are international students.

Unfortunately, the FoodBank does have its limitations. As the demand increases, resources to meet student needs also increase. Food prices are also on the rise due to inflation, forcing the FoodBank to keep up with its finances to be able to give quality products. Furthermore, the organization has a limited infrastructure and a small team but they work to their maximum capacity so they can provide for students.

Food insecurity is when someone's ability to consistently access safe and nutritious food is limited by financial and social circumstances due to cultural divides, nutritional education, limited access to resources, high cost of living, and low student income.

Through the past year, the FoodBank has been working on addressing each point of food insecurity. The main service changes have been the strengthening of relationships with on-campus farms and markets, the diversification of the available items, an increase in inventory, the provision of nutritional education, and the expansion of the capacity of students actively using the services.

Students can help by spreading awareness of food insecurity, holding fundraisers, donating food, and holding a food drive.

Member Amos inquired as to if donations should be in terms of funds or nonperishable foods. Speaker Griffith confirmed that nonperishables are favourable.

Member Warren asked how the percentage of food insecure students was collected. The FoodBank Coordinator explained that it came from the National College Health Assessment who collect information around Ontario and asks students to report their status in terms of food security.

Member Rattan was curious to hear how registration can be secured to the students who require this service. The FoodBank Coordinator explained that registration includes an honor-based Google Forms link where students can report their social status. All students are entitled to utilize the service.

Member Warren worried that the FoodBank did not have enough capacity to handle all the students who struggle with food insecurity and thought that it would be effective to have an objective stance to determine if someone needs the service or not.

Member Rattan suggested getting students' T4 forms to determine eligibility for the service.

Member Neiterman reminded the board that over 80% of the FoodBank users are international students who might not be familiar with Canadian tax systems and tax forms. An objective standard should be set but more research should be conducted to determine what that standard should be.

The FoodBank Coordinator motivated that the best course of action is to increase capacity to ensure that every student has access to this service, aside from limiting numbers.

Member Aldred-Ganhao thought it best to encourage more undergraduate students to use the service as the CSA pays a large share for the FoodBank. The VP External explained that it is up to the CSA to help those who are in need due to food insecurity and clarified to the board that Graduate students also pay the fee and are eligible to access the service.

(b) Receive the FoodBank Service Update Presentation

MOTION: to receive the FoodBank Service Update, as presented by Alitha Griffith, as information.

Moved: Brady Amos
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

13.10 Committee Updates and Reports

13.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Brady Amos

Motion Carried

13.10.2 Statement Making Committee Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
13.10.2	Meeting # 1	December 9, 2024

Moved: Brady Amos
Seconded: Jake Levy

Motion Carried

13.11 Business

13.11.1 Winter 2025 General Elections Nomination and Candidates' Packages

(a) Speaking Rights: Chief Returning Officer

WHEREAS CSA Rules of Order, Section 3.9, states that presentations will be given a maximum of ten minutes;

BE IT RESOLVED that speaking rights be extended to Lauren Pyne, Chief Returning Officer, for a presentation regarding the Winter 2025 General Elections.

Moved: Jake Levy
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

The Chief Returning Officer introduced the nomination and candidates' packages. There are 5 packages in total: two candidate packages, one package for directors and executives, and 3 nomination packages, one each for directors, vice presidents, and presidents.

In the packages, there are minor updates such as date deadline changes and various simplified language changes to ensure the packages match policy and that they are consistent with the packages from the fall by-election. The packages were approved by the Elections and Referendum Committee on January 22.

Motion Carried

b) Presentation

MOTION: That the presentation by Lauren Pyne, Chief Returning Officer (CRO) regarding the Winter 2025 General Elections be received by the Board of Directors as information;

AND FURTHER that the Director Nomination Package, Director Candidates' Package, Vice President Nomination Package, President Nomination Package, and Executive Candidates' Package, as included in the Board Agenda Package, be received by the Board of Directors as information.

Moved: Ethan Warren
Seconded: Adam Cote

Motion Carried

13.11.2 Appoint Member to Student Events and Initiatives Funding (SEIF) Committee

WHEREAS CSA Policy Appendix D, Section 7.3 requires a maximum of six members for the SEIF Committee, consisting of the following:

- CSA President
- One additional member of the Executive Committee
- One At-Large or College representative
- One Student Organization representative
- Up to two additional Directors

WHEREAS SEIF Committee Member Gursimran Chadha has resigned from the CSA Board of Directors, leaving a Director vacancy on the SEIF Committee;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Director be appointed to the Student Events and Initiatives Funding Committee for the remainder of the 2024 - 2025 academic year:

Haidi Wu

Moved: Brady Amos
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

13.11.3 Appoint Member to Elections Appeals Board (EAB)

WHEREAS CSA Policy Appendix G, Section 27.3.1 states that the Elections Appeals Board (EAB) shall consist of the following:

- Three Directors and
- Two General Members of the CSA in good standing

WHEREAS Elections Appeals Board Member Gursimran Chadha has resigned from the CSA Board of Directors, leaving a Director vacancy on the EAB;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Director be appointed to the Elections Appeals Board (EAB) for the remainder of the 2024-2025 academic year:

Daniel Neiterman

Moved: Naomi Amayaevbo, VP Student Experience
Seconded: Noel Johnston

The VP Academic explained that the appeals board only meets on an as needed basis if an appeal is received. Members cannot also be a member of the Elections and Referendum Committee or be running in the upcoming election.

Motion Carried

13.11.4 Appoint General Member to Sustainability Action Fund (SAF) Working Group

WHEREAS the purpose of the SAF Working Group is to provide funding to student-initiated projects that provide experiential learning opportunities related to campus sustainability and climate action, advance the University of Guelph's sustainability and climate action goals by improving the operations of the University of Guelph campus, and address an improvement area as identified in the 2020 Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) self-reporting framework; and

WHEREAS membership of the SAF Working Group includes undergraduate students, selected by and representative of the Central Student Association, including a CSA Director and a CSA General Member;

WHEREAS there is a vacancy for one CSA General Member;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following CSA Member be appointed to the Sustainability Action Fund Working Group for the remainder of the 2024-2025 academic year:

Dhruv Bhat

Moved: Natalie Wilkinson, VP External
Seconded: Brady Amos

MOTION: 5-minute recess to review candidate statements of interest.

Moved: William Coleman, VP Academic
Seconded: Noel Johnson

Motion Carried

Member Wu spoke as a ratified member of committee and highlighted Jennika and Lauren's perspectives and priorities that align well with the CSA.

Member Warren supported Dhruv and Chavishna for their statements over sustainability.

Member Neiterman put his confidence in Dhruv Bhat who encases the values of the LANG School of Business.

Member Ames appreciated candidates having a schooling background in sustainability but shared that it was not needed and emphasized the need for practical experience.

MOTION: to call the question.

Moved: Jake Levy
Seconded: Brady Amos

Motion Carried

A secret ballot vote commenced to appoint the member.

Motion Carried

13.11.5 Appoint Member to Guelph Centre for Urban Organic Farming Advisory Group

WHEREAS the Guelph Centre for Urban Organic Farming Stakeholder Advisory Group (GCUOF) provides strategic advice for major decisions and overall direction of the Guelph Centre for Urban Organic Farming ('Farm'), including farm educational & research program priorities, infrastructure improvements, and land use; and

WHEREAS membership of GCUOF includes a 'CSA Student Representative';

BE IT RESOLVED that the following CSA Director be appointed to the Guelph Centre for Urban Organic Farming Advisory Group for the remainder of the 2024-2025 academic year, effective immediately:

Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Aldred Ganhao

The PTC shared that this committee meets once per semester. The meeting for the winter semester is currently scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

A secret ballot vote commenced as there was more than one volunteer for this position.

Motion Carried

13.11.6 Appoint Teaching Excellence Award Selection Committee

WHEREAS the Teaching Excellence Award (TEA) is coordinated by the Vice President Academic, as per CSA Policy Appendix A – Executive Portfolios, Section 4.4;

WHEREAS a Selection Committee must be formed to review nominations and choose the recipient(s) of the Winter 2025 Teaching Excellence Award; and

WHEREAS CSA Policy Appendix D – CSA Committees, Section 3.8.1 states that each CSA committee shall have formal terms of reference to determine their responsibilities and expectations;

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSA Board of Directors approve the updated Terms of Reference for the Teaching Excellence Award Selection Committee, as included in the Board Agenda Package;

FURTHER that the following Executive member be appointed to the TEA Selection Committee:

William Coleman, VP Academic

AND FURTHER that the following Board Directors be appointed to the TEA Selection Committee:

Ethan Warren
Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Joshua Jacinto

Moved: Will Coleman, VP Academic

Seconded: Brady Amos

The VP Academic noted that there will be one or two meetings between now and March to go over student recommendations of professors.

Motion Carried

13.11.7 Approval of Statement Making Committee Statement re. Board Referral

WHEREAS on November 27, 2024 the Board of Directors approved a motion to refer the issue of unfavourable actions by University Administrators to the Statement Making Committee to draft a statement of support for students facing these issues and a condemnation of the University Administration's failure to properly support students, to be submitted to the Board by the end of January 2025;

WHEREAS the Statement Making Committee has followed the procedures stated in the committee Terms of Reference and has recommended forward a proposed statement; and

WHEREAS the Statement Making Committee has attached a report detailing the process of drafting the proposed statement;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the attached statement and report, as included in the Board Agenda Package, as information;

FURTHER that the Board of Directors approve the attached statement to be posted on the CSA website by Friday, January 31, at 5pm;

AND FURTHER that the Board of Directors approve the posting of a short format of the statement on the CSA Instagram page, to be determined by the CSA Executive Committee, by Friday, January 31, at 5pm.

Moved: Natalie Wilkinson, VP External
Seconded: Noel Johnston

The VP External mentioned that this is the first time the Statement Making Committee has met since being added to policy last year. She explained that she reached out to the Student Senate Caucus, CUPE 3913, and the Graduate Students Association, as well as Ben Bradshaw, the Associate Vice Provost of Graduate Affairs. She received replies from the GSA and Ben Bradshaw, but did not receive replies from the other groups despite

multiple attempts. She added that the statement will have the CSA standard format when it's posted and noted that political statements are typically brief in order to be fact-driven and to the point, which is why the statement may seem short.

Motion Carried

13.11.8 Salary & Wage Recommendations 2025-2026

MOTION: to approve the 2025-2026 Salary & Wage Recommendations as recommended and forwarded by the Finance Committee and presented in the board agenda package.

Moved: Natalie Wilkinson, VP External
Seconded: Brady Amos

The VP External motivated that the proposed increase is 4.3% which is based on the average of three years of the Consumer Price Index.

Member Amos added that vacation pay is included which is why it is a little higher than minimum wage.

Motion Carried

13.12 New Business

No New Business was presented.

13.13 Announcements

The PTC thanked the board for sharing their availability for class talks and reminded the board to make sure to contact CRO for any additional talks they complete.

The VP Student Experience encouraged everyone to sign up for the next Sexy Bingo and for the trivia event happening on February 13 in Brass Tap.

VP External noted that we are student leaders and we're members of the CSA. We should reflect on our privilege and the power we hold within this space to best represent students. Students deserve to access services in a way that is dignified and equitable. She noted that anti-oppression trainings are available on courselink and encouraged all members to complete them.

The VP Academic shared that Curtain Call is having a karaoke night at the Bullring starting at 6:00 pm on February 11. They are selling tickets for an upcoming show at the UC, on February 3.

Member Aldred-Ganhao is running for the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council Presidency and encouraged students to vote.

Member Johnston is running for re-election for the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council.

Member Warren is running for VP Finance for the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council.

Member Jacinto announced the Akedo Festival, which is happening on February 15 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Member Amos shared that Interhall Council is running the Raptors tickets giveaway for the game on February 4.

Member Rattan mentioned that there will be a fundraiser for a charity that supports people with breast cancer at the UC, on February 7 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Member Levy noted that it was Holocaust Education week and encouraged students to listen to a Holocaust Survivor's talk tomorrow at 5:00 pm. He shared that it is important to listen to their stories as we are the last generation that will get to hear from Holocaust survivors.

Member Ames mentioned that OPIRG will have its annual Symposium with the topic of Student Power and How to Use it. There will be multiple workshops and panels and a film showing of *Peace, Love, Unicorns, and Communism.*

Member Mangaroff is running for VP Internal for the CBSSC Elections and encourages everyone to vote. He is also running a referendum to increase the student fee by $1.50 to get more funding as prices are increasing.

Scribe Saucedo encouraged the board and students to participate in the Akedo festival happening on February 15 and announced that they will be performing three choreographies.

MOTION: 5-minute recess.

Moved: Jake Levy
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

13.14 In Camera

MOTION: to move in-camera.

Moved: Brady Amos
Seconded: Jayden Khan

Motion Carried

13.14.1 Approval of Past In-Camera Minutes

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

13.14.1	CSA Board Meeting # 11	November 27, 2024

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Lachlan Mangaroff

Motion Carried

MOTION: to close the in-camera session.

Moved: Brady Amos
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

13.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 13 on January 29, 2025 be adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Moved: Brady Amos

Seconded: Jayden Khan

Motion Carried

Approved by the Board of Directors	**Date: February 12, 2025**
Signed: _____	Date: _____
Samuel Skelhorn Board Chair	
Signed: _____	Date: _____
Colleen Bovay Policy & Transition Coordinator	