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Board of Directors Meeting # 15
February 26, 2025 – 6:00 pm
UC 442

Attendance – February 26, 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	Present	
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	Regrets	
Vacant	Ontario Agricultural College		
Bella Litvak	Ontario Agricultural College	Present	a: 6:28pm
Noam Einy	Ontario Veterinary College	Present	
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	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)	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)	Present	
Brady Amos	Interhall Council (IHC)	Regrets	
Vacant	Guelph Campus Co-op		
Ashley Ames	Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG)	Regrets	
Marcus Aldred-Ganhao	Student Senate Caucus	Present	
Adam Cote	Board of Governors	Present	
Executive (Ex-officio, Non-voting)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Nate Broughton	President	Present	
Naomi Amayaevbo	Vice President Student Experience	Present	
William Coleman	Vice President Academic	Present	
Natalie Wilkinson	Vice President External	Present	

Staff	Position
Christopher Yendt	Chair
Colleen Bovay	Policy & Transition Coordinator
Gabriel McMurren	Scribe

Guest	Affiliation
Samuel Skelhorn	Outgoing Chair

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

15.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 15 on February 26, 2025, be approved as printed and distributed.

Motion Carried

15.5 Past Board Minutes

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

15.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 14	February 12, 2025

Motion Carried

15.6 Executive Committee Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
15.6.1	Meeting # 15	January 24, 2025
15.6.2	Meeting # 16	February 14, 2025
15.6.3	Meeting # 16a	February 19, 2025

Motion Carried

15.7 Executive Updates

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

15.7.1	President	February 26, 2025
15.7.2	VP Student Experience	February 26, 2025
15.7.3	VP Academic	February 26, 2025

15.7.4	VP External	February 26, 2025

Motion Carried

15.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Motion Carried

15.10.2 Student Events & Initiatives Funding 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
15.10.2	Meeting # 4	February 5, 2025

Motion Carried

15.11.1 Appoint Director to Finance Committee

WHEREAS CSA Policy Appendix D, Section 6.3.1 requires the following membership for the Finance Committee:

- CSA President
- Second member of the Executive Committee
- Three Directors
- Business Manager

WHEREAS there is a director vacancy on the Finance Committee;

BE IT RESOLVED: that the following Director be appointed to the Finance Committee for the remainder of the 2024-2025 academic year:

Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

15.11.2 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 Haidi Wu has resigned from the SEIF Committee, leaving a Director vacancy;

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:

Ethan Warren

Motion Carried

15.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 15 on February 26, 2025, be adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Motion Carried

Agenda – February 26, 2025

15.0	**Call to Order**	
15.1	**Land Acknowledgement** Nate Broughton, President	
15.2	**Adoption of the Agenda** 15.2.1 Approve the Agenda 15.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts	
15.3	**Ratifications and De-Ratifications**	
15.4	**Comments from the Chair** 15.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns	
15.5	**Approval of Past Minutes** 15.5.1 Meeting # 14 – February 12, 2025	
15.6	**Executive Committee Minutes** 15.6.1 Meeting # 15 – January 24, 2025 15.6.2 Meeting # 16 – February 14, 2025 15.6.3 Meeting # 16a – February 19, 2025	
15.7	**Executive Updates** 15.7.1 President – February 26, 2025 15.7.2 VP Student Experience – February 26, 2025 15.7.3 VP Academic – February 26, 2025 15.7.4 VP External – February 26, 2025	
15.8	**Director Reports**	
15.9	**CSA Service Update and Report**	
15.10	**Committee Updates and Reports** 15.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments 15.10.2 Student Events & Initiatives Funding Committee Minutes # 4	
15.11	**Business** 15.11.1 Appoint Member to Finance Committee 15.11.2 Appoint Member to Student Events & Initiatives Funding Committee	
15.12	**New Business** 15.12.1	
15.13	**Announcements**	
15.14	**In Camera Session** 15.14.1	
15.15	**Adjournment**	

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15.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:19 pm.

15.1 Land Acknowledgement

Member Nate Broughton presented the following Land Acknowledgement:

As we convene for this meeting, I would like to take the time to not only acknowledge, but to honour the Indigenous peoples whom this nation has taken so much from, and truly understand our place on this stolen land.

We acknowledge that the land where the University of Guelph stands is part of the Dish with One Spoon covenant, a symbol of peace, shared stewardship, and a responsibility to sustain the land and environment in which we live, study, and work, so that everyone may benefit from what it provides. These are the Treaty lands and territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, as well as the traditional lands of the Attawandaron, Anishnaabe, and Haudenosaunee peoples. Today, Guelph is home to many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people from across Turtle Island.

In recognizing this, we also acknowledge the painful history of these lands, including the forced displacement and despicable treatment of Indigenous peoples that has enabled us to be here today. This acknowledgement serves not only as a reminder of our ongoing responsibilities towards reconciliation and respect for Indigenous cultures and traditions, but also as our commitment to learn, reflect, and act in ways that honour and support Indigenous communities, in addition to working towards dismantling the systems left in place that continue to oppress many.

As we engage in today's discussions and decisions, please keep in mind the significance of the land we occupy and our role in the larger journey towards understanding, respect, and collaboration with the Indigenous peoples who share this land with us. Let this be a step towards building stronger, more respectful relationships, and let us carry forward the spirit of the Dish with One Spoon Covenant in our work and interactions, ensuring we contribute to a future where resources are respected and shared in a sustainable manner.

15.2 Adoption of the Agenda

15.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 15 on February 26, 2025, be approved as printed and distributed.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Jake Levy

Motion Carried

15.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

No conflicts of interest were declared.

15.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

No Ratifications or De-Ratifications were considered.

15.4 Comments from the Chair

The Chair thanked the Board for attending and his predecessor as Chair for assisting with this transition into the role.

15.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

15.5 Past Board Minutes

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

15.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 14	February 12, 2025

Moved: Jayden Khan
Seconded: Noam Einy

Motion Carried

15.6 Executive Committee Minutes

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Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

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15.7.4	VP External	February 26, 2025

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

15.7.1 President

The President shared that this week has been very busy for his office. The CSA is finishing its staffing and HR updates, and many staff are returning for the 2025-2026 year. Postings for positions that will not be filled by returning staff will appear on the CSA website very soon, including for the recently vacated Events Coordinator position.

The President has been planning the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM), taking place on March 12. The President is also planning the executive transition for next year,

with guidelines being developed to ensure that the transition documents are organized in a way that makes sense.

15.7.2 VP Student Experience

The VP Student Experience is planning several upcoming events, including a stressbuster event on Monday where hot chocolate will be served on the first floor in the McLaughlin Library to students, a trivia event at the Brass Tap on Monday, March 14, and a St. Patrick's Day recharge station offering green-colored lemonade, punch, mocktails, free condoms, and DrinkSmart merchandise. Over 100 tickets have been sold for the end-of-year Last Toast event planned for graduating students.

The VP Student Experience is working with a harm reduction and substance working group trying to develop policies to support Student Wellness's ongoing initiatives in this area.

At time of this meeting, 160 clubs have been accredited by the CSA. SafeWalk is organizing another hot chocolate event later in March.

15.7.3 VP Academic

The VP Academic shared that Teaching Excellence Awards nominations close March 7 and offer students the opportunity to recognize teaching staff that have made an exceptional contribution to the University of Guelph.

The VP Academic also shared that they attended a degree and transcript review working group meeting, where the group was notified by Associate VP Academic Byron Sheldrick that the University of Guelph would introduce two-semester registration starting in the 2025-2026 academic year. In the fall semester, students would be able to register for courses in the fall and winter semesters.

The VP Academic was present for the Senate meeting on February 20.

The Calendar Review Committee met after the last meeting; no major meetings will be held again until April. Three undergraduate and graduate programs within the Bachelor of Arts and Music have made major curricular changes.

SHAC has handled 36 legal cases in the current semester and identified 58 problematic housing arrangements. The service plans to provide more information to students about housing in Guelph, and has begun the hiring

process for one staff member in the coming year.

Member Warren asked if information was available on how to attend the Teaching Excellence Awards. The VP shared that an invitation to this meeting would be sent to members shortly.

Member Warren asked how the course enrolment change would affect co-op students. VP Academic clarified that course selections for the winter semester would only be opened when fall course selections begin, and they would remain available into the winter semester; this change would not affect enrolment in other semesters.

Member Wu asked if the Strategic Transformation Plan contained any unexpected changes to the academic schedule. The VP Academic clarified that he referred to the Strategic Plan, not the Strategic Transformation Plan which is much earlier in development.

15.7.4 VP External

The VP External shared that the University of Guelph is reviewing their sexual violence policy after many students consulted on the 2023 policy felt that it fell short of student needs. An anonymous consultation platform will be developed with sexual violence support for those who wish to access it, with specific feedback forms for staff, students, faculty, and LGBTQIA2S+ members. More information is available on the CSA Instagram account.

Lloyd Longfield, the current Member of Parliament for Guelph, will be hosting a townhall at the Lookout on March 11 from 6 to 7 pm to discuss research grants, Indigenous land and rights, climate change, and the environment.

The VP External shared that the Sustainability Action Fund has been set up and will officially launch in March, and encouraged members to notify their constituents, particularly those involved in organizing environmental initiatives.

Throughout the winter reading week, the FoodBank was repainted and renovated, increasing shelving space and food capacity.

Member Warren asked if the Member of Parliament would be invited by the CSA regardless of their party affiliation, to avoid semblance of endorsing a candidate. The VP External noted that the invitation was offered as Lloyd Longfield represents students in the House of Commons, and that the CSA invited the Member of Provincial Parliament for Guelph, Mike Schreiner, to a similar meeting in the fall semester.

Member Aldred-Ganhao asked if the CSA would be open to inviting candidates from other political parties to discuss student concerns if and when a federal election is called. The VP External shared that the CSA tried to invite provincial candidates to debate but was unable to do so given the short timeline, and that she hopes to offer debate invitations to federal candidates ahead of the 2025 federal election to provide students with a well-rounded view of local politics.

15.8 Director Reports

Member Johnston attended the Elections and Referendum Committee meeting that discussed the ongoing CSA election and potential changes to the number of signatures required for a referendum to be included on the ballot.

Member Levy and Member Rattan conducted class talks for the election.

Member Wu attended Sustainability Action Fund meetings, with the actual project to be launched soon. Member Wu also began developing a motion for the Annual General Meeting which will be discussed later.

15.9 CSA Service Update and Report

No Service Updates or Reports were provided.

15.10 Committee Updates and Reports

15.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Noam Einy

Motion Carried

15.10.2 Student Events & Initiatives Funding Committee Minutes

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Moved: Jake Levy
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

15.11 Business

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Noel Johnston

Moved: Nate Broughton, President
Seconded: Noel Johnston

The President noted that the next meetings for this committee will be on March 13 at 5:30pm and March 18 at 5:30pm to prevent conflicts.

Motion Carried

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Ethan Warren

Moved: Nate Broughton, President
Seconded: Noam Einy

Member Einy inquired if the member being appointed needed to be from a specific role. The PTC clarified that the vacancy must be filled by an at-large college representative or college government representative.

The President shared that the upcoming committee meetings are on March 5 and March 19, both at 6 pm.

Motion Carried

15.12 New Business

No New Business was presented.

15.13 Announcements

The PTC reminded members that voting in the CSA election begins March 3. The CRO will reach out about conducting class talks. She reminded board members that they are expected to not endorse candidates in their professional capacity as a member.

The President encouraged students to vote in the provincial election tomorrow. Students living on campus can vote in Peter Clark Hall; all other students must find their local voting location.

The VP External also encouraged everyone to vote in the provincial election and noted that transportation, social services, and affordable housing are important issues in this election.

The VP Academic reminded members to vote in both the provincial election to avoid the very low projected province-wide turnout and the Board of Governors election that opened today. He encouraged members to raise awareness and turnout among their constituents.

Member Johnston announced that he is running for Board of Governors and asked members to consider voting for him as VP of Student Council. He expressed dissatisfaction with university administration and plans to advocate for students in this role.

Member Aldred-Ganhao shared that he was elected president for CEPS Student Council, and that Member Warren was elected VP of Finance. He also announced that he is running to be director-at-large for CEPS and expressed interest in the upcoming announcement of the country's next Prime Minister on March 9.

Member Warren encouraged students to vote, and to inform themselves of the issues facing them this election. He also announced that he is running to be director-at-large for CEPS, that he values his current experience on the Board of Directors, and that he would appreciate support from members. Additionally, he shared that he is running for a position in the Student Senate.

Member Levy shared that it had been a tragic day for the Jewish community, as Oded Lifshitz and three members of Bibas family were found to have been kidnapped and killed by members of Hamas. He encouraged members to reach out to Jewish friends and colleagues in wake of these revelations.

Member Lazebnik shared that the CBSSC Gala would be held next month in the Delta Hotel, and that tickets were $40 for CBS members and $60 for non-

members. She also shared that she is running for re-election as Director for CBS.

Member Einy mentioned that the College Royal is coming soon, and that several agricultural and animal-themed presentations are taking place.

Member Wu informed members that operating grants for the University of Guelph had been frozen since 2006 and decreased by 31% since then. Additionally, they noted that tuition for out-of-province, international, and in-province students had increased by 5-7.5%. They announced that their motion at the AGM would propose a CSA-related walkout to protest policies. They encouraged members, especially those connected to student groups, to conduct classroom talks regarding changes to fees in ways that benefit constituencies.

Member Dunnette reminded members that Indigenous Awareness Week would take place next week, with updates to be shared on social media. On March 4, Anishinaabe regalia and dance will be showcased for all students. Additionally, she encouraged students to vote in the provincial election tomorrow.

Member Khan also hoped that students vote in the upcoming student election.

Outgoing Chair Sam Skelhorn informed Board Members that this would be his last meeting and recognized his great honour and privilege to stay involved with the Board seven years after his graduation.

Incoming Chair Christopher Yendt called for mobilization among Board Members to combat the undermining of confidence in universities. They identified a systemic effort by political interests and parties to damage the reputation of universities. They highlighted the role universities play in improving the lives of individuals and in promoting equity, diversity, inclusion, accessibility, and belonging among students.

15.14 In Camera

No in-camera session was held.

15.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 15 on February 26, 2025 be adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Moved: Jake Levy
Seconded: Ethan Warren

Motion Carried

Approved by the Board of Directors	**Date: April 2, 2025**
Signed: _____	Date: _____
Christopher Yendt Board Chair	
Signed: _____	Date: _____
Colleen Bovay Policy & Transition Coordinator	