MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting # 3
July 2, 2025 – 6:00 pm
Microsoft Teams

Attendance – July 2, 2025

Board of Directors			
At-Large Representatives (Elected)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Jonah Greenhut	College of Arts	Present	
Vacant	College of Arts		
Yael Lazebnik	College of Biological Science	Present	
Alex Song	College of Biological Science	Present	
Ethan Warren	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences	Present	
Marcus Aldred-Ganhao	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences	Present	
Vacant	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences		
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Vacant	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics		
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Vacant	Ontario Agricultural College		
Vacant	Ontario Agricultural College		
Vacant	Ontario Veterinary College		
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Member College Government Representatives (Appointed)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Vacant	College of Arts Student Union		
Susannah Polack-Finley	College of Biological Science Student Council	Present	
Noel Johnston	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council	Present	
Vacant	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences - Student Alliance		
Kovar Yu	Lang Students' Association	Regrets	
Reese Fletcher	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
Branden Newman	Indigenous Student Society (ISS)	Present	
Vacant	Guelph Black Students Association (GBSA)		
Ainsley Tunney	Guelph Queer Equality (GQE)	Present	
	Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity (GRCGED)		
Vacant	International Student Organization (ISO)		
Keira Gayowsky	Interhall Council (IHC)	Present	
Vacant	Guelph Campus Co-op		
Ashley Ames	Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG)	Present	
Vacant	Student Senate Caucus		
Vacant	Board of Governors		
Executive (Ex-officio, Non-voting)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Nate Broughton	President	Present	
Pawandeep Singh	Vice President Student Experience	Present	
William Coleman	Vice President Academic	Present	
Vacant	Vice President External		

Staff	Position
Christopher Yendt	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

3.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 3 on July 2, 2025, be approved as printed and distributed.

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: to add item 3.11.9 to refer Appendix D Section 14 to the Policy and Bylaw Review Committee and to motion for the Chair's correspondence regarding this topic to be forwarded to the board for their consideration as part of the evaluation.

Motion Carried

AMENDED MOTION: that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 3 on July 2, 2025, be approved as amended with:

- The addition of item 3.11.9.

Motion Carried

3.5 Past Board Minutes

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

3.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 2	June 11, 2025

Motion Carried

3.6 Executive Committee Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date

3.6.1	Meeting # 2	June 6, 2025

Motion Carried

3.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Motion Carried

3.11.1 Presentation from the President re. Ontario Bill 33

WHEREAS the Ontario government introduced Bill 33, Supporting Children and Students Act, 2025, which includes provisions that would give the Ministry new authority to regulate student fees and enforce undefined "merit-based" admissions policies at postsecondary institutions; and

WHEREAS this proposed bill will have implications for the operations and funding of the CSA and all student unions in Ontario, as well as implications for university admissions;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the presentation from the President regarding Ontario Bill 33 as information.

Motion Carried

3.11.2 Press Release & Advocacy Campaign Regarding Ontario Bill 33

WHEREAS the Ontario government introduced Bill 33, Supporting Children and Students Act, 2025, which includes provisions that would give the Ministry new authority to regulate student fees and enforce undefined "merit-based" admissions policies at postsecondary institutions;

WHEREAS these provisions directly threaten the autonomy and funding of democratically governed student unions and the student services they provide, including those administered by the CSA;

WHEREAS the CSA has a mandate to advocate for the rights and interests of undergraduate students at the University of Guelph, especially when those rights are threatened by provincial legislation; and

WHEREAS timely responses and ongoing advocacy efforts related to Bill 33 may be required between regularly scheduled Board meetings, and the CSA's existing statement making process limits the organization's ability to act quickly on urgent matters;

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSA Board of Directors receives the draft press release on Bill 33 as information;

FURTHER that the CSA Board of Directors approves the draft press release for immediate public release;

FURTHER that the Executive Committee is empowered to take further public positions, issue additional statements, and take actions in response to Bill 33 (including, but not limited to, collaborating with other student unions or advocacy organizations, issuing media statements) on behalf of the CSA, provided such actions are consistent with the CSA's mandate and with the board approved press release of July 24, 2025 that will be released, until the Statement Making Committee can be constituted;

AND FURTHER that the Executive Committee shall report back to the Board of Directors at the next regular Board meeting on any actions taken under this delegated authority and will send email updates.

Motion Carried

3.11.3 CSA Fall 2025 By-Election Timeline

MOTION: that the Board of Directors approve the timeline for the CSA Fall 2025 By-Election, as presented in the Board Agenda Package.

Motion Carried

3.11.4 Appoint Directors to Elections and Referendum Committee

WHEREAS the Elections and Referendum Committee is responsible for overseeing the operations of CSA Elections and ensuring the electoral bylaw and policy of the CSA are upheld throughout the elections; and

WHEREAS CSA Policy Appendix G, Section 3.2.1 requires membership of the committee to consist of the President, Policy & Transition Coordinator, CRO, ARO, and two Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Directors be appointed to the Elections and Referendum Committee for the 2025-2026 academic year:

Yael Lazebnik
Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

3.11.5 Appoint Director to theCannon.ca Operating Committee

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Board Director is appointed to theCannon.ca Operating Committee for the 2025-2026 academic year:

[one Director]

Motion Postponed

3.11.6 Amendment to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) re. CEPS Restructuring

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 a roll call vote.

Notice of this motion was provided at the Board meeting on June 11, 2025.

WHEREAS the University Senate has approved a proposal to transition the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences into two new colleges effective July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS this transition requires amendments to the composition of the CSA Board of Directors and therefore our Bylaws;

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the attached amendments to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 2.10 (Member Colleges of the CSA) and Section 4 (Board of Directors).

Motion Carried

3.11.7 Amendment to CSA Rules of Order re. CEPS Restructuring

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 June 11, 2025.

WHEREAS the University Senate has approved a proposal to transition the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences into two new colleges effective July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS this transition requires amendments to the composition of the CSA Board of Directors and therefore our Rules of Order;

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the attached amendments to the CSA Rules of Order, Section 1 (Quorum for CSA Board of Director Meetings).

Motion Carried

3.11.8 Appoint Director 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 a CSA Director;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Director be appointed to the Sustainability Action Fund Working Group for the 2025-2026 academic year:

[one Director]

Motion Postponed

3.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 3 on July 2, 2025, be adjourned at 10:21pm

Motion Carried

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3.0	**Call to Order**	
3.1	**Land Acknowledgement** Jonah Greenhut	
3.2	**Adoption of the Agenda** 3.2.1 Approve the Agenda 3.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts	
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3.7	**Executive Updates** 3.7.1 President – July 3, 2025 3.7.2 VP Student Experience – July 3, 2025 3.7.3 VP Academic – July 3, 2025 3.7.4 VP External – Vacant	
3.8	**Director Reports**	
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3.11	**Business** 3.11.1 Presentation from the President re. Ontario Bill 33 3.11.2 Press Release & Advocacy Campaign Regarding Ontario Bill 33 3.11.3 CSA Fall 2025 By-Election Timeline 3.11.4 Appoint Elections and Referendum Committee 3.11.5 Appoint Director to theCannon.ca Operating Committee 3.11.6 Amendment to Bylaw 1 re. CEPS Restructuring 3.11.7 Amendment to CSA Rules of Order re. CEPS Restructuring 3.11.8 Appoint Director to Sustainability Action Fund (SAF) Working Group	
3.12	**New Business** 3.12.1	
3.13	**Announcements**	

3.14	**In Camera Session**	
3.15	**Adjournment**	

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3.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.

3.1 Land Acknowledgement

Member Jonah Greenhut, presented the following Land Acknowledgement:

Good evening, everyone. I would like to start by acknowledging that the CSA and the University of Guelph is located on the land covered by the 1792 Treaty 3. This land was home and is home to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, the Attawandaron, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe.

Today, Guelph is still home to many First Nations, Metis and Inuit people. In the past and continuously, our University of Guelph has acted in ways that has had harmed Indigenous communities, including educating towards eugenics. Leaders, we must acknowledge this history and work towards reconciliation.

As it was just Canada Day, I think it is also important to acknowledge the role that colonization has played to form what is today known as Canada, and I encourage everyone to use resources and learn more about the area you are currently calling in from. I am also here tonight representing the College of Arts, and as a rep for the Arts at Guelph, it's also specifically important to acknowledge the vast array of indigenous art forms, whether dance, music, storytelling, beading that has long been underappreciated and appropriated by settlers. Thank you.

3.2 Adoption of the Agenda

3.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 3 on July 2, 2025, be approved as printed and distributed.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Keira Gayowsky

Motion Carried

Before proceeding to a motion to amend the agenda, the Chair provided context regarding correspondence with a board member following the distribution of the agenda. Concerns over business item 3.11.2 Press Release & Advocacy Campaign Regarding Ontario Bill 33 were raised on whether this should go to the Statement Making Committee or not. The Chair provided members with a brief overview of the information provided to the member. The Chair researched the topic and found out that, under Appendix D, section 14.2.1, this committee is to be organized by the Vice President External and ratified by the Board no later than the second Board meeting of the fall semester. However, as of this Board meeting, the position of VP External is vacant, and the lack of urgency in the ratification of the members make it difficult to work over the duration of the summer months. The Chair explained that in Ontario, committees can operate either as decision-making bodies or as referential and review committees that make recommendations to a higher authority. The Statement Committee functions as the latter, meaning it only recommends statements, while the Board retains ultimate authority over what is approved or issued. A gap exists in the framework in Section 14 of Appendix D that doesn't clarify what happens if the Committee chooses not to recommend a statement. Despite this, the Board can still decide to act independently and issue a statement if it believes doing so aligns with its fiduciary duty. Based on this assessment, the Chair has ruled to allow adding the matter to the Board's agenda for determination. The Chair recommended that the gaps in Appendix D regarding the Statement Making Committee should be referred to the Policy and Bylaw Review Committee to be addressed.

Member Johnston inquired if the full explanation and research that the Chair provided to the member could be forwarded to the Board via email. The Chair agreed to forward the information.

MOTION TO AMEND: to add item 3.11.9 to refer Appendix D Section 14 to the Policy and Bylaw Review Committee and to motion for the Chair's correspondence regarding this topic to be forwarded to the board for their consideration as part of the evaluation.

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Ethan Warrner

Motion Carried

AMENDED MOTION: that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 3 on July 2, 2025, be approved as amended with:

- The addition of item 3.11.9.

Motion Carried

3.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

No Ratifications or De-Ratifications were considered.

3.4 Comments from the Chair

No comments from the Chair were received.

3.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

3.5 Past Board Minutes

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

3.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 2	June 11, 2025

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Keira Gaywosky

Motion Carried

3.6 Executive Committee Minutes

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

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Moved: Branden Newman
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

3.7 Executive Updates

3.7.1 President

The President attended the Gallivan's Client Advisory Conference, where he was able to meet with other student unions and others not associated with CFS to talk about Bill 33.

The President and the VP Academic also attended the CFS Ontario Skills Development Symposium, where they gained the tools and knowledge needed to plan events and campaigns.

O-Week planning is all booked and promotion for the various events is just about ready to take place.

The President also shared that he found out about Bill 33 right after the last board meeting and had since been participating in discussions about it with different student unions all over Ontario. He has a meeting scheduled with MPP Mike Schreiner to further discuss this bill.

The Executives will be attending Roads 2025, which is the Regional Opportunities for Advancement in Developing Skills Conference set in McMaster University.

Member Lazebnik wondered if there are opportunities for directors to attend these conferences. The President assured that some conferences are eligible for directors, he would be happy to send out a notice through email for these.

3.7.2 VP Student Experience

The VP Student Experience has been reviewing all the SE&RM for events being submitted by clubs and has also been reviewing policies to resolve issues with clubs.

O-week planning, budgeting, and promotion are all being planned with efficiency.

3.7.3 VP Academic

The VP Academic reflected on his time at the CFS Skills conference and appreciated the opportunity to communicate with others.

As for Bill 33, they have been discussing with the administration about the impacts of the previous Student Choice Initiative and have been planning to communicate with even more student unions.

Student Food Security is wrapping up its working groups, including the VP Academic's, which focused on bursaries and student work income on campus, with final presentations planned for later this summer.

The Co-curricular Experiential Learning Committee has been adding new co-curricular programs that are going to be recognized by a badge or a PCDR certificate.

The Student Memorial Service is on track, and meetings are in progress. Hiring for the FoodBank is also on track.

Last meeting, there was a question about the Degree Parchment Review group in which the VP Academic stated that they are waiting for an email from ORS and announced that a survey will be published during the Fall semester.

SHAC has seen a few cases this summer and is getting ready for O-week.

3.8 Director Reports

Member Gayowsky shared that Interhall Council is finalizing their O-week planning.

Member Warren has been working on seeing that the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council is up and running, even if it won't last long due to the college split that happened recently.

Member Polack-Finley mentioned that the CBSSC execs are having a meeting sometime in the next few weeks to start planning for O-week.

3.9 CSA Service Update and Report

No Service Updates or Reports were provided.

3.10 Committee Updates and Reports

3.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Moved: Keira Gayowsky
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

3.11 Business

3.11.1 Presentation from the President re. Ontario Bill 33

WHEREAS the Ontario government introduced Bill 33, Supporting Children and Students Act, 2025, which includes provisions that would give the Ministry new authority to regulate student fees and enforce undefined "merit-based" admissions policies at postsecondary institutions; and

WHEREAS this proposed bill will have implications for the operations and funding of the CSA and all student unions in Ontario, as well as implications for university admissions;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the presentation from the President regarding Ontario Bill 33 as information.

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

The President explained that Bill 33 is the Supporting Children and Students Act, and it was introduced by the Minister of Education, Paul Calandra. It introduces a few changes, including the addition of sweeping powers for the minister to regulate ancillary fees, requires universities to use “merit-based” admissions, and overrides any legislation that it conflicts with.

To expand on previous points, starting with the changes to ancillary fees under Bill 33, Cabinet would have the broad authority to regulate these fees by regulation of the minister. This means that the government has the power to cap, restrict or even prohibit certain fees at any time with no further debate in the legislature. It is important to note that student fees are not currently unchecked. Since 1994, the MCU has required every university to develop and follow a protocol that governs how ancillary fees are created, increased or changed. The University of Guelph has the compulsory non-tuition ancillary fees protocol, which establishes the Compulsory Fees Committee that requires that fees be democratically approved by students. The Bill paves the way for government defined essential services and the loss of funding for these democratic, equity-based, or advocacy driven programs.

Secondly, regarding the “merit-based” admissions, Bill 33 requires universities to adopt this type of admissions policy, but most universities already do. Most Ontario universities use academic averages, supplementary information forms, and portfolios or interview processes to engage in merit-based admissions. As of now, admissions are overseen by the University Senate and are regularly reviewed under the Institutional Quality Assurance Policy/ Quality Assurance Framework. The problem lies within the lack of a definition of the word “merit.” This seems to be politically motivated to restrict IEDI, and it ultimately undermines the authority and autonomy of Senate.

Bill 33 poses a serious threat to student-run services funded by ancillary fees, including essential supports like the FoodBank, Safewalk, SHAC, and many campus groups. These services exist because students democratically chose to fund them, filling vital gaps left by the university. The bill also undermines student unions and self-governance by giving Cabinet power over which fees are permitted. Additionally, it proposes admissions changes that add needless bureaucracy.

The Student Choice Initiative (SCI), introduced by the Ford government in 2019, claimed to give students more control over which fees they paid, but it was seen as a direct attack on student unions and campus life. It divided ancillary fees into "essential" (mandatory) and "non-essential" (optional), with student unions largely falling into the latter category. While the government framed it as a move toward transparency and affordability, it severely weakened student unions' ability to operate and offer services. The policy was ultimately struck down twice by the courts, more on this later, which ruled it unconstitutional and an overreach of government authority. Bill 33 appears to create a legislative framework that would let the government do what the courts previously ruled it couldn’t under the SCI.

Due to SCI, many student unions lost significant funding, forcing cuts to essential services such as food banks, mental health programs, legal clinics, and LGBTQ+ services. It also threatened student journalism as student newspapers and radio were deemed as "non-essential", it increased costs for students, and eroded campus democracy.

The Student Choice Initiative was challenged in court almost immediately after it was introduced in 2019 by the Canadian Federation of Students who, filed a lawsuit to say it interfered with the University and Student Union. The Autonomy and Divisional Court agreed and struck down the policy in November of 2019, saying that the government had overstepped its authority, violating the independence of student unions, which are private, not-for-profit organizations. The court also found that the SCI conflicted with the legislation governing colleges and universities in Ontario. The Ford government appealed the decision, but the Court of Appeal upheld the ruling in August of 2021 and emphasized that universities and student unions are autonomous entities and that the government cannot interfere in their internal governance.

Bill 33 grants sweeping powers to the Minister, including the authority to regulate student fees and determine which fees may or may not be charged. It also overrides any conflicting legislation, effectively removing legal barriers that previously limited government interference in student affairs. This marks a clear parallel to the SCI, which was struck down in part because it conflicted with existing legislation. Bill 33 appears specifically designed to eliminate that legal obstacle, paving the way for a revival of the SCI's harmful impacts without accountability or transparency.

Bill 33 is expected to introduce student fee regulations like those seen under the Student Choice Initiative, and there is a real possibility of an outright ban on student union fees. Many groups on campus will be affected, especially those that are almost wholly funded through student fees such as the CSA, every PSO, Campus Media, Fee-collecting student groups, and the O-Week fee.

The President and the Board's next steps regarding this bill will include having a press release which will outline concerns, draw attention to any risks and make it clear that the student body does not support the legislation. Vigilant monitoring of legislative progress will also be in progress to make sure the board is on track with all information. The President will be meeting with MPP Mike Schreiner and will be collaborating with student unions, CFS-O, student organizations and clubs. The President also encourages educating new students on Bill 33's potential impact during O week, as the bill will significantly affect this event.

Member Polack-Finley thanked the President for the presentation and inquired as to why the government decided to pass this bill now. The President is unsure of the government's reasoning.

Member Lazebnik asked if there was any other course of action that could be taken other than talking to the MPP. The President affirmed that since everything occurs at legislature, there isn't much that can be done other than talking to the MPPs. As for Guelph's MPP, Mike Schreiner has already spoken out against Bill 33 to the media, and he plans to speak out against Bill 33 in the debate at the legislature.

Member Ames wondered if the CSA would continue to speak out about the Bill if the scope was changed to safeguard Student Union fees. The President mentioned that it would depend on the Board whether the CSA continues to speak about it or not.

Member Greenhut wanted to know why there isn't any contingency planning and why an emergency meeting wasn't called in the three weeks that the board did not meet. The President said that for contingency planning, no one is sure yet what to expect from the bill. An emergency meeting was not called for since the legislature is on break until October, giving ample time to the board to discuss on this matter.

Member Warren stated that it should be a concern when the majority of constituents don't want to pay a certain fee. The VP Academic gave insight into the fact that there are processes in place to eliminate student fees from the student union. The President added that the University of Guelph's opt-in rate was 75%, with only about 25% of students opting out of paying fees under the SCI.

MOTION: to call the question.

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Ethan Warren

Motion Carried

3.11.2 Press Release & Advocacy Campaign Regarding Ontario Bill 33

Note: Consideration of this item requires suspension of section 7.1 of the CSA Rules of Order.

WHEREAS the Ontario government introduced Bill 33, Supporting Children and Students Act, 2025, which includes provisions that would give the Ministry new authority to regulate student fees and enforce undefined "merit-based" admissions policies at postsecondary institutions;

WHEREAS these provisions directly threaten the autonomy and funding of democratically governed student unions and the student services they provide, including those administered by the CSA;

WHEREAS the CSA has a mandate to advocate for the rights and interests of undergraduate students at the University of Guelph, especially when those rights are threatened by provincial legislation; and

WHEREAS timely responses and ongoing advocacy efforts related to Bill 33 may be required between regularly scheduled Board meetings, and the CSA's existing statement making process limits the organization's ability to act quickly on urgent matters;

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSA Board of Directors receives the draft press release on Bill 33 as information;

FURTHER that the CSA Board of Directors approves the draft press release for immediate public release;

FURTHER that the Executive Committee is empowered to take further public positions, issue additional statements, and take actions in response to Bill 33 (including, but not limited to, collaborating with other student unions or advocacy organizations, issuing media statements) on behalf of the CSA, provided such actions are consistent with the CSA's mandate;

AND FURTHER that the Executive Committee shall report back to the Board of Directors at the next regular Board meeting on any actions taken under this delegated authority.

> **Moved:** Nate Broughton, President
> **Seconded:** Jonah Greenhut
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> The President motivated that this has been workshopped by the executives and has been reviewed by CFS Ontario and other student unions. He was eager to hear any feedback or amendments from the board.

MOTION TO AMEND: to replace "Executive Committee" to "task force" consisting of the Executive Committee and three board directors to the second FURTHER and AND FURTHER clauses.

> **Moved:** Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
> **Seconded:** Noel Johnston
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> Member Aldred-Ganhao motivated that this amendment would increase board director participation.

Member Ames inquired as to whether the task force would bring statements to the board for review or if they would work individually. The Chair clarified that the committee would return correspondence back to the board about any actions they may take.

Member Johnston shared his agreement with this motion, as director participation would greatly benefit the press release. He also volunteered to be a part of this task force.

Member Greenhut disagreed with the motion as it may slow down the Executive Committee's ability to be as responsive and timely as possible. He believed the directors should empower the Executive Committee to continue their hard work.

The President agreed with Member Greenhut and believed that smaller teams work more efficiently, especially the team that is already available and in the office from 9:00 to 5:00 every day. He also reminded the board that the actions that the Executive Committee takes would be accountable to the Board and to the student body. Scheduling issues may arise, and, although directors could be more involved, he does not see a task force as necessary.

Member Aldred-Ganhao added that the motion, as it stood before, gave the impression that the executives alone delegated the power to release any public statements without any direction from the board. Further, he believed that adding three directors would bring more diverse perspectives to contribute to a solution. A well-thought-out, carefully crafted press release must be made in the face of the government's strong mandate.

The Chair pointed out that, as per the wording of the original motion, the Executive Committee will only release statements regarding Bill 33. All their work will be in accordance with CSA's mandate.

Member Warren proposed forming a temporary committee to draft any public statements. It is important that directors be involved in shaping the interpretation of the CSA's mandate and in making statements. He believed that the executives alone should not have sole authority to speak publicly on such critical matters

The VP Academic explained that the main difference between the Executive Committee and the Statement Making Committee is that the former is making a statement about Bill 33, while the latter makes statements about topics that are not explicitly within CSA's mandate.

The President, Members Greenhut and Warren express their disagreement with the amendment as it stands.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT: that the three directors will include a student organization representative, an at-large college representative and a college government representative.

Moved: Ashley Ames
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Member Greenhut asked if there was a way to measure interest in these roles to guarantee the success of the motion. The Chair offered a solution that included backfilling one of the spots with another director should there be difficulty finding a suitable director to meet the initial qualifications.

Member Johnston pointed out that if a spot is to be filled by a director of the board, if it is required, then it needs to be written on the amendment of the amendment clearly.

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT: in the instance that a director that fills any one of those three specificities is uninterested in the role, then the board may appoint any other eligible director to sit in that place.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

Member Greenhut wondered if the task force needed a set quorum, to which the PTC affirmed that every committee has its own standards but usually, if a committee has directors, then at least one director should be present to meet quorum.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT: to make quorum 50% plus one of the task force complement, but that it must include one director and one executive.

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: to replace "Executive Committee" to "task force" consisting of the Executive Committee and three board directors to the second FURTHER and AND FURTHER clauses;

FURTHER that the three directors will include a student organization representative, an at-large college representative and a college government representative;

FURTHER that in the instance that a director that fills any one of those three specificities is uninterested in the role, then the board may appoint any other eligible director to sit in that place;

AND FURTHER to make quorum 50% plus one of the task force complement but that it must include one director and one executive.

Motion Defeated

MOTION TO AMEND: to add to the second FURTHER "for the duration of the summer semester" and add to the AND FURTHER "and will send e-mail updates."

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Kiera Gayowsky

Member Aldred-Ganhao would like more involvement from the board in this motion and will be voting against it.

Member Johnston agreed with member Aldred-Ganhao that providing e-mail updates is great for transparency but does not allow directors to participate.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT: to change "summer semester" to "until the Statement Making Committee can be constituted."

Moved: Ethan Warren
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: to add to the second FURTHER "until the Statement Making Committee can be constituted" and add to the AND FURTHER "and will send e-mail updates."

Motion Carried

MOTION: to amend the original motion to add after "the CSA mandate" but before "until the statement making committee can be constituted" the following language: "and with the board approved press release of July 24, 2025 that will be released."

Moved: Ethan Warren
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

Member Aldred-Ganhao spoke about his concerns over the press release that is to be released. His main concern is that including DEI or equity-related language might give the Ontario government an excuse to dismiss or attack the organization as radical far left. He would rather highlight the core issues, like the student fees, the vague "merit-based" criteria in the bill, and the broadness of power.

Member Warren was concerned that a paragraph about merit-based admissions implied that the CSA supported combining merit with equity in admissions. While he believed some equity considerations are part of merit, he felt the language was too political and distracts from the bill's vague definition of "merit," which is the real problem.

Member Ames agreed with the language in the press release as it stands.

Member Polack-Finley also agreed with the language in the press release, as the CSA is clear with its disagreement with the bill.

The VP Academic explained that there is a concern that the university is losing its autonomy to determine how it does admissions because of this bill. The vagueness in "merit-based admissions" gives way for the government to make rules that would get in the way of the university's actual admissions policies. The government attacks anything that provides support to marginalized groups, so anything that could possibly be DEI would be a priority to get rid of.

Member Johnston spoke about how it's dangerous for the government to dictate university recruitment policies as it undermines academic independence, which is essential for strong research institutions and national competitiveness. He also highlighted that the bill appeared to be a poorly disguised attempt to cut off funding to student unions.

The President agreed with a past board member that the government would ride off any concerns as radical and left-wing to serve its agenda. Therefore, he believed that softening the language in the press release would only dilute the message.

Member Tunney believed that it would be a mistake to remove or soften language that reflects the experiences or perspectives of marginalized groups just to make the organization look better to the government. They don't think that strategy will be effective and worry it could create more division

Member Warren wanted to remove two parts of the statement as they were too political, divisive, and moralizing. The first being the section defending equity-based admissions, since it may push a strong argument that not everyone on the board may agree with. Secondly, he objected to a quote that stated that equity is essential to academic excellence, as it sounded moralistic and distracted from more pressing concerns.

Member Newman supported keeping the current language of the press release, in particular the parts about equity and DEI, to best represent and support marginalized groups. Removing DEI language would reinforce harmful status quo systems and ignore the real issues marginalized students face. He believed clarity and solidarity are more important than trying to avoid government pushback, which is likely to happen anyway.

The VP Academic explained how this bill would bring radical changes to how school admissions are managed and therefore deserves a radical response.

The President requested a straw poll to determine how much of the board agrees with the press release as it stands.

Member Warren abstained from the motion as a symbol that indicated his believe that some language must be changed but that it is minor, and he agreed with the main points of the motion.

AMENDED MOTION:

WHEREAS the Ontario government introduced Bill 33, Supporting Children and Students Act, 2025, which includes provisions that would give the Ministry new authority to regulate student fees and enforce undefined "merit-based" admissions policies at postsecondary institutions;

WHEREAS these provisions directly threaten the autonomy and funding of democratically governed student unions and the student services they provide, including those administered by the CSA;

WHEREAS the CSA has a mandate to advocate for the rights and interests of undergraduate students at the University of Guelph, especially when those rights are threatened by provincial legislation; and

WHEREAS timely responses and ongoing advocacy efforts related to Bill 33 may be required between regularly scheduled Board meetings, and the CSA's existing statement making process limits the organization's ability to act quickly on urgent matters;

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSA Board of Directors receives the draft press release on Bill 33 as information;

FURTHER that the CSA Board of Directors approves the draft press release for immediate public release;

FURTHER that the Executive Committee is empowered to take further public positions, issue additional statements, and take actions in response to Bill 33 (including, but not limited to, collaborating with other student unions or advocacy organizations, issuing media statements) on behalf of the CSA, provided such actions are consistent with the CSA's mandate and with the board approved press release of July 24, 2025 that will be released, until the Statement Making Committee can be constituted;

AND FURTHER that the Executive Committee shall report back to the Board of Directors at the next regular Board meeting on any actions taken under this delegated authority and will send email updates.

Motion Carried

MOTION: to postpone items **3.11.5, 3.11.8, and 3.11.9** until the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting on July 23, 2025.

Moved: Yael Lazebnik
Seconded: Ethan Warren

Motion Carried

3.11.3 CSA Fall 2025 By-Election Timeline

MOTION: that the Board of Directors approve the timeline for the CSA Fall 2025 By-Election, as presented in the Board Agenda Package.

Moved: Nate Broughton, President
Seconded: Kiera Gayowsky

Member Greenhut worried that the dates would inhibit participation from Jewish students as they overlapped with a holiday. He wondered if the voting period could be changed to

run from October 6 to the 15. The PTC answered that the only policy requirement is that the voting period must last a minimum of five days.

MOTION TO AMEND: that the voting period be amended to run from Monday, October 6 to Wednesday, October 15 with the voting extension from October 16 to 17.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

3.11.4 Appoint Directors to Elections and Referendum Committee

WHEREAS the Elections and Referendum Committee is responsible for overseeing the operations of CSA Elections and ensuring the electoral bylaw and policy of the CSA are upheld throughout the elections; and

WHEREAS CSA Policy Appendix G, Section 3.2.1 requires membership of the committee to consist of the President, Policy & Transition Coordinator, CRO, ARO, and two Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Directors be appointed to the Elections and Referendum Committee for the 2025-2026 academic year:

Yael Lazebnik
Jonah Greenhut

Moved: Nate Broughton, President
Seconded: Kiera Gayowsky

The President provided the context that the committee will meet on an as-needed basis. This committee is responsible for all elections, and that includes reviewing any referendum question submissions. Summer meetings will occur to discuss past election engagement and how to improve it for the next terms.

A secret ballot vote commenced as there were more than two volunteers for the position.

Motion Carried

3.11.5 Appoint Director to theCannon.ca Operating Committee

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Board Director is appointed to theCannon.ca Operating Committee for the 2025-2026 academic year:

[one Director]

Motion Postponed

3.11.6 Amendment to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) re. CEPS Restructuring

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 a roll call vote.

Notice of this motion was provided at the Board meeting on June 11, 2025.

WHEREAS the University Senate has approved a proposal to transition the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences into two new colleges effective July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS this transition requires amendments to the composition of the CSA Board of Directors and therefore our Bylaws;

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the attached amendments to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 2.10 (Member Colleges of the CSA) and Section 4 (Board of Directors).

Moved: Nate Broughton, President
Seconded: Kiera Gayowsky

Member Greenhut wondered how this would affect members of the board who represent those colleges. The President assured that the members would not have to be re-elected, they would maintain their status as directors but would represent their new college. Any seats unfilled will be filled in the fall by-election.

Member Johnston wondered what the interim would look like for the College government seats, as the way it is currently written makes that unclear. Currently the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council is representing both of the new colleges until the Engineering Society becomes a Primary Student Organization (PSO).

The President noted that as it is currently written, it's possible that the Engineering Society could be given a seat at this point in time, which would be up to the Board to determine.

Member Aldred-Ganhao mentioned that the Engineering Society is not currently a primary student organization. If a seat is to be granted to them, it should either be non-voting or should stay as the seat for the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council until May 1, 2026 when the transition is completed and they officially become the new college government.

MOTION TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION: to divide the question between objects that we will postpone, 2.10.1 and 4.2.3, and 4.1 and 4.2.2 to be voted on today.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Ashley Ames

Motion Carried

MOTION: to postpone the amendments to section 2.10.1 and 4.2.3 until the August 27, 2025 meeting, with notice provided at the July 23, 2025 meeting.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Ashley Ames

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: to amend section 4.1 to change 38 to 37.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

WHEREAS the University Senate has approved a proposal to transition the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences into two new colleges effective July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS this transition requires amendments to the composition of the CSA Board of Directors and therefore our Bylaws;

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the attached amendments to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) section 4.1 and 4.2.2.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

In Favour: Ashley Ames, Noel Johnston, Marcus Aldred-Ganhao, Ethan Warren, Jonah Greenhut, Ainsley Tunney, Yael Lazebnik, Alex Song, Keira Gayowsky, Branden Newman, Susannah Polack-Finley.

Opposed: None.

Abstained: None.

Motion Carried

3.11.7 Amendment to CSA Rules of Order re. CEPS Restructuring

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 June 11, 2025.

WHEREAS the University Senate has approved a proposal to transition the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences into two new colleges effective July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS this transition requires amendments to the composition of the CSA Board of Directors and therefore our Rules of Order;

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the attached amendments to the CSA Rules of Order, Section 1 (Quorum for CSA Board of Director Meetings).

Moved: Nate Broughton, President
Seconded: Kiera Gayowsky

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: strike all instances of 34 to 33, 38 to 37, and 12 to be 11.

Moved: Nate Broughton, President
Seconded: Ethan Warren

Motion Carried

3.11.8 Appoint Director 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 a CSA Director;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Director be appointed to the Sustainability Action Fund Working Group for the 2025-2026 academic year:

[one Director]

Motion Postponed

3.12 New Business

No New Business was presented.

3.13 Announcements

Member Ames updated that OPIRG had their annual board training and will be collaborating with Art Not Shame. They will be holding an Art for Social Change Workshop series on reimagining public spaces on July 8.

Member Gayowsky announced that IHC is really excited to continue planning for O week.

Member Johnston has been busy with the college restructuring.

3.14 In Camera

No in-camera session was held.

3.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 3 on July 2, 2025 be adjourned at 10:21 pm

Moved: Ainsley Tunney
Seconded: Branden Newman

Motion Carried

Approved by the Board of Directors	**Date: August 27, 2025**
Signed: _____	Date: _____
Christopher Yendt Board Chair	
Signed: _____	Date: _____
Colleen Bovay Policy & Transition Coordinator	