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Board of Directors Meeting # 5
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Attendance – August 27, 2025

Board of Directors			
At-Large Representatives (Elected)		Present / Regrets	Arrived / Departed
Jonah Greenhut	College of Arts	Regrets	
Vacant	College of Arts		
Yael Lazebnik	College of Biological Science	Present	
Alex Song	College of Biological Science	Present	
Ethan Warren	College of Computational, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences	Present	
Vacant	College of Computational, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences		
Marcus Aldred- Ganhao	College of Engineering	Present	
Vacant	College of Engineering		
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	Regrets	
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	Present	

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Reese Fletcher	Student Federation of the Ontario Agricultural College	Present	
Vacant	Central Veterinary Student Association		
Student Organization Representatives (Appointed)		Present / Regrets	Arrived / Departed
Branden Newman	Indigenous Student Society (ISS)	Present	
Acacia Small	Guelph Black Students Association (GBSA)	Regrets	
Ainsley Tunney	Guelph Queer Equality (GQE)	Present	
Vacant	Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity (GRCGED)		
Joshua Jacinto	International Student Organization (ISO)	Present	
Keira Gayowsky	Interhall Council (IHC)	Present	
Vacant	Guelph Campus Co-op		
Ashley Ames	Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG)	Present	a: 6:07pm
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	Regrets	
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.*

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Summary of Resolutions

5.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 5 on August 27, 2025, be approved as printed and distributed.

Motion Carried

5.3.1 Ratify International Student Organization Representative

MOTION: that Joshua Jacinto be ratified as the International Student Organization representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Motion Carried

5.3.2 Ratify Guelph Black Students Association Representative

MOTION: that Acacia Small be ratified as the Guelph Black Students Association representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Motion Carried

5.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

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

5.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 3	July 2, 2025
5.5.2	CSA Board Meeting # 4	July 23, 2025

Motion Carried

5.7 Executive Updates

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

5.7.1	President	August 27, 2025
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5.7.2	VP Student Experience	August 27, 2025
5.7.3	VP Academic	August 27, 2025

Motion Carried

5.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Motion Carried

5.11.1 Fall 2025 By-Election: Nomination and Candidates' Packages

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

Motion Carried

5.11.2 Fall 2025 By-Election Promotional Strategy

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fall 2025 By-Election Promotional Strategy, as included in the Board Agenda Package, be received as information.

Motion Carried

5.11.3 Director Class Talks re Fall 2025 By-Election

WHEREAS CSA Bylaw 1: Organizational, Section 4.10.1 (d) states: "Each Director

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shall... be prepared to speak to classes during times of significant importance to the CSA, including but not limited to Annual General Meetings, General Member Meetings, Elections, hiring, large-scale programs and Awareness Weeks”;

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

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

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

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

Motion Carried

5.11.4 Amendment to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) re. PBRC

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

Notice of this motion was provided at the Board meeting on July 23, 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the attached amendment to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 4.10 (Director Duties), as recommended by the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee.

Motion Carried

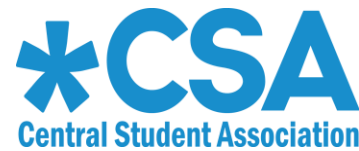
5.11.5 Amendment to Appendix G (Electoral) re. PBRC

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

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BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the attached amendment to Appendix G (Electoral) Section 9 (Referendum Question Petition Collection), as recommended by the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee.

Motion Carried

5.11.6 Appoint Director to CSA/GSA Transit Committee

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Director be appointed to the CSA/GSA Transit Committee for the 2025-2026 academic year:

Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

5.11.7 Member's Motion: Referral to Elections and Referendum Committee

WHEREAS the current first past the post system of the CSA may not be the most representative voting system available to the CSA and its membership; and

WHEREAS the University of Guelph Senate, the body in charge of academic policy, uses a preferential voting system, which is considered amongst the most representative voting systems;

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Senate approved document of the Preferential Voting Method for Senate-related Elections be received as information;

FURTHER to refer this topic to the Elections and Referendum Committee to investigate the feasibility of changing the current voting system that the CSA uses in elections to the Preferential Voting Method for Senate-related Elections and submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Board by the end of the Fall 2025 semester;

AND FURTHER that the Elections and Referendum Committee include in its' report a recommendation regarding running a referendum question about amending the voting system.

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Motion Carried

5.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 5 on August 27, 2025, be adjourned at 7:38 pm

Motion Carried

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5.0	Call to Order	
5.1	Land Acknowledgement William Coleman	
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5.9	CSA Service Update and Report	
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5.11	Business 5.11.1 Fall 2025 By-Election: Nomination and Candidates' Packages 5.11.2 Fall 2025 By-Election Promotional Strategy 5.11.3 Director Class Talks re. Fall 2025 By-Election 5.11.4 Amendment to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) re. PBRC 5.11.5 Amendment to Appendix G (Electoral) re. PBRC 5.11.6 Appoint Director to CSA/GSA Transit Committee 5.11.7 Member's Motion: Referral to Elections and Referendum Committee 5.11.8 Notice: Member's Motion: Amendment to Bylaw 2	
5.12	New Business 5.12.1	

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5.13	Announcements	
5.14	In Camera Session	
5.15	Adjournment	

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5.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

5.1 Land Acknowledgement

The VP Academic, presented the following Land Acknowledgement:

Good evening board members, executives, and staff. While we are gathered virtually today, we are connected by the land that the University of Guelph is situated on and the community that this land is a part of. I would like to acknowledge that this land that connects us all is a part of the treaty land of the Mississaugas of the Credit and is the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe peoples. I would additionally like to recognize the role that Indigenous knowledge and philosophy have on this land and in our education today.

Universities have historically been a part of the systemic oppression of Indigenous peoples in Canada, and Guelph is not an exception to this. Ontario's residential schools' system operated from 1831 to 1974, and during this period most Indigenous youth had no access to post-secondary education. Even today, First Nations youth in Canada are 51% less likely to complete a post-secondary education program, and 69% less likely to complete high school, compared to their non-Indigenous peers.

Indigenous students coming to university may find services or policies that are not built to support them, programs that are not inclusive of their knowledge, or environments that are unwelcoming to them. So, as many of us participate in first-year orientation over the next few weeks, it is important that we keep in mind our responsibility: to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all students, to support and uplift Indigenous students, and to continue to advocate for changes on our campus in support of reconciliation.

5.2 Adoption of the Agenda

5.2.1 Approve the Agenda

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Moved: Branden Newman
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

5.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

5.3.1 Ratify International Student Organization Representative

MOTION: that Joshua Jacinto be ratified as the International Student Organization representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Keira Gayowsky

Motion Carried

5.3.2 Ratify Guelph Black Students Association Representative

MOTION: that Acacia Small be ratified as the Guelph Black Students Association representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Moved: Alex Song
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

5.4 Comments from the Chair

No comments from the chair were received.

5.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

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5.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

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5.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 3	July 2, 2025
5.5.2	CSA Board Meeting # 4	July 23, 2025

Moved: Keira Gayowsky

Seconded: Branden Newman

Motion Carried

5.6 Executive Committee Minutes

No Executive Committee Minutes were received.

5.7 Executive Updates

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

5.7.1	President	August 27, 2025
5.7.2	VP Student Experience	August 27, 2025
5.7.3	VP Academic	August 27, 2025

Moved: Keira Gayowsky

Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

5.7.1 President

O-week preparations are being finalized, and there is much excitement over the upcoming weeks.

The Executives met with MPP Mike Schreiner on Friday, August 22, where they shared their concerns about Bill 33 and the past press releases made by the CSA. Schreiner shared their concerns and is willing to work with the Executives on a strategy around Bill

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33. Further, the Executives are looking to host a Town Hall with Mike Schreiner in October.

The President attended both ROADS (Regional Opportunities for Advancement and Developing Skills) and CFS Ontario General Meeting, where Bill 33 was further discussed, as well as important campaigns.

Changes to the Health and Dental Plan will be effective on September 1, where students will now be able to make claims through Gallivan, allowing for more efficiency and student support.

5.7.2 VP Student Experience

No updates were received.

5.7.3 VP Academic

The VP Academic will be working further on planning the Town Hall regarding Bill 33.

The Calendar Review Committee had a meeting discussing changes to the 2026-2027 Calendar by the Computer Science and Chemistry departments. He also has been reviewing accessibility and access restrictions in light of recent Course Selection issues.

The VP Academic has been helping transition new student members of the university Senate.

There is an ongoing hiring for a new FoodBank Assistant this week. As for SHAC, they worked on about 50 summer cases, most of which were regarding housing and tenancy.

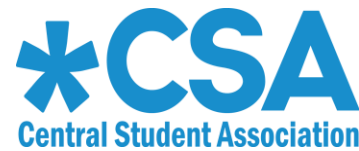
Member Warren inquired as to when the board would hear back from PBRC about the updates to the Accessibility Committee. The PTC affirmed that PBRC will meet after O-week to discuss the updates to the Accessibility Committee.

5.8 Director Reports

Member Lazebnik attended an Elections and Referendum Committee meeting to finalize a plan to engage students with the Fall By-election. She also participated in an introductory meeting for the SAF Working Group.

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Member Tunney announced that due to scheduling problems, they will no longer be able to represent Guelph Queer Equality. However, they were able to find someone to represent GQE starting in the fall semester.

5.9 CSA Service Update and Report

No CSA Service Updates or Reports were received.

5.10 Committee Updates and Reports

5.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Seconded: Branden Newman

Motion Carried

5.11 Business

5.11.1 Fall 2025 By-Election: Nomination and Candidates' Packages

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

Moved: Nate Broughton, President

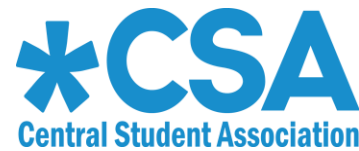
Seconded: Noel Johnston

The President noted that the packages have undergone few changes aside from updated dates and times. There are small updates in the social media campaigning section, including updating "Twitter" to "X" and specifying TikTok as an option to engage with students. As for the endorsement section, a clarification was made to notify that friends reposting a candidates' post is not considered an endorsement.

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5.11.2 Fall 2025 By-Election Promotional Strategy

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fall 2025 By-Election Promotional Strategy, as included in the Board Agenda Package, be received as information.

Moved: Nate Broughton, President

Seconded: Ainsley Tunney

The President explained that key changes to the promotional strategy compared to past versions include a transition to a fully virtual all-candidates forum as an attempt to increase student reach and engagement. Another change is the updated O-week outreach by the Elections Office. It will now be tabling, giving out election postcards, and partnering with clubs to make students aware of elections early. QR code tracking and data collection will increase to guide future outreach strategies.

Motion Carried

5.11.3 Director Class Talks re Fall 2025 By-Election

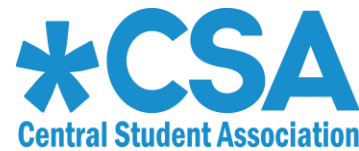
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BE IT RESOLVED that each Director present at least one class talk before or during the Nomination Period and at least one class talk during the Voting Period of the Fall 2025 By-Election, to be scheduled by the Elections Office;

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

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Seconded: Ethan Warren

Member Johnston asked if the CRO will be arranging class talks this academic year, as it successfully allowed directors to complete their requirements in the past year. The President affirmed that the CRO will be scheduling the class talks again this year.

Member Song inquired as to whether running candidates must do class talks as well and wondered if the candidates have supports to avoid issues with arranging class talks, as many professors are unwilling to agree to them. The PTC affirmed that candidates are required to do a minimum of two class talks in support of their campaign. The President added that there is no direct protocol for candidates, and the PTC noted that the CRO can encourage candidates to reach out for support if issues continue arising.

Member Aldred-Ganhao wondered if it would be possible for the Executives to petition the University administration to put a policy in place that requires professors to give candidates opportunities to have class talks in their lectures. The VP Academic stated that it would be highly unlikely, as it is up to the discretion of professors, and that would fall under faculty as opposed to administration.

Member Warren asked for clarification that director's re-election isn't until Winter. The President confirmed that re-election is for Winter.

Motion Carried

5.11.4 Amendment to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) re. PBRC

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Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Seconded: Ethan Warren

Member Warren motivated that this allows for flexibility to be granted to the PTC, Executives, and the Chair in terms of which training sessions directors are and aren't required to attend.

Motion Carried

5.11.5 Amendment to Appendix G (Electoral) re. PBRC

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

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BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the attached amendment to Appendix G (Electoral) Section 9 (Referendum Question Petition Collection), as recommended by the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee.

Moved: Ethan Warren

Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Member Warren stated that this would lower the threshold of required signatures so smaller groups' voices could be heard. Specifically, it lowers the threshold from 10% to 5% or 1,000 signatures, whichever is fewer.

The President provided the additional context that research with other institutions was initiated to compare their Referendum Petition Signature Requirement to Guelph's. According to these comparisons, Guelph's signature requirement was above other comparable institutions, such as Western, Carleton, and McMaster.

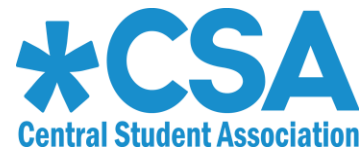
Motion Carried

5.11.6 Appoint Director to CSA/GSA Transit Committee

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Director be appointed to the CSA/GSA Transit Committee for the 2025-2026 academic year:

Noel Johnston

Moved: Nate Broughton, President

Seconded: Keira Gayowsky

A secret ballot vote was held as multiple directors volunteered for the position.

Motion Carried

5.11.7 Member's Motion: Referral to Elections and Referendum Committee

WHEREAS the current first past the post system of the CSA may not be the most representative voting system available to the CSA and its membership; and

WHEREAS the University of Guelph Senate, the body in charge of academic policy, uses a preferential voting system, which is considered amongst the most representative voting systems;

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Senate approved document of the Preferential Voting Method for Senate-related Elections be received as information;

FURTHER to refer this topic to the Elections and Referendum Committee to investigate the feasibility of changing the current voting system that the CSA uses in elections to the Preferential Voting Method for Senate-related Elections and submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Board by the end of the Fall 2025 semester;

AND FURTHER that the Elections and Referendum Committee include in its' report a recommendation regarding running a referendum question about amending the voting system.

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Seconded: Noel Johnston

Member Aldred-Ganhao explained that a preferential ballot is more representative and complex, resulting in the consensus candidate, making sure everyone's vote counts.

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Member Warren elaborated that this is the system used by most democracies, also known as ranked-choice voting. This would be beneficial to the institution as students are electing more than one position per college, as well as selecting two candidates. This type of voting adds a ranking to the options to more accurately represent student choice.

The VP Academic wondered if this would have to go through a Referendum to change the voting system or if it would go through a by-law change procedure. The PTC confirmed that this would potentially go through a referendum, but it must be researched further.

Member Johnston shared that he was in favour of this, but there is more information required before it is put to a vote.

Member Lazebnik asked if during the “And Further” section, the recommendations must be in favour or against running a referendum question about amending the voting system. The Chair explained that recommendations is neutral in nature, so the type of recommendations is up to the committee.

Motion Carried

5.11.8 Notice: Member’s Motion: Amendment to Bylaw 2 (Electoral)

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 is hereby provided at the Board meeting on August 27, 2025.

This motion will be considered at the Board meeting on September 10, 2025.

WHEREAS the CSA Fall 2024 By-Election fell short of the required 10% quorum by a large margin of 6.17% for the College of Biological Sciences Director seats, which was the only position with candidates;

WHEREAS the CSA Winter 2024 General Election failed to meet quorum for all executive positions and put the CSA in a political crisis due to having failed to elect a new executive team and an emergency by-election was held with the same high quorum to fill the vacant executive positions, and quorum was barely reached in this subsequent election at 10.21%; and

WHEREAS this scenario can easily happen again and poses a very real risk to the corporation, its members, and risks disrupting the services it provides to its constituents including CSA Clubs, Bus Pass, the Bike Centre, The Cannon, Student FoodBank, Health & Dental Plan, Menstrual

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Hygiene Initiative, Printing & Promotion, The Bullring, SafeWalk, and the Student Help & Advocacy Centre;

BE IT RESOLVED that CSA Bylaw 2 (Electoral) Section 2.2 By-Elections be amended to the following:

2.2 By-Elections

2.2.1 By-Elections shall occur during the Fall semester to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors.

2.2.2 Quorum shall be ~~10%~~ 5% of the general membership of the applicable constituency.

5.12 New Business

No New Business was presented.

5.13 Announcements

The PTC thanked everyone for attending the last summer meeting and reminded the board that they will receive calendar invites for the fall semester. The next meeting on September 10 will be in a virtual format instead of the previously scheduled in-person.

The VP Academic announced that nominations for members of the University Senate are currently open. If anyone is interested in becoming involved, feel free to reach out to him through email.

Member Ames shared that OPIRG will be having an open house on September 3 from 11:00 – 4:00 at the OPIRG office. Disorientation Week, happening from the 15 to 19 of September, is an opportunity for different campus and community groups that are not part of the CSA to have their own O-week.

Member Aldred-Ganhao mentioned that the College of Engineering and Physical Science will have a club social with ice cream and board games in Thornborough. They will also have a Spin-the-Wheel in Branion Plaza at 1:00 pm on Sunday. Trivia Night will be happening on September 2 at 7:00 pm at the Bullring. College Movie Night at 7:30 pm on Johnston Green. He has also called an AGM for his student council for September 29 at 6:00 pm in Peter Clark Hall to pass a new constitution due to the college split.

Member Gayowsky reminded everyone to be welcoming to the first years and wished everyone a happy and safe O-week.

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Board Scribe Saucedo announced that this was her last meeting with the board, as she will be going on an exchange semester. She thanked everyone for the experience and wished the board well.

The President explained that the CSA will be holding a Block Party on Saturday night, starting at 7:00 pm. Gryphfest will be occurring most of the day on Sunday, starting at 4:00 pm. Subs and Clubs and Sexy Bingo will be happening on Monday. On Thursday, the President will be at the Resource Fair at Branion Plaza at 11:00 am. Lastly, on Friday, there will be a Hypnotist show at 7:00 and 9:00 pm at War Memorial.

Member Johnston encouraged everyone to go to the Trivia Night on Tuesday at the Bullring, as he is hosting and has prepared the question deck.

Member Newman shared that Start Indigenous is welcoming over 100 incoming indigenous students, and they are looking forward to connecting with these students. On Wednesday, September 3, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm, the Indigenous Student Society will be holding This is How We Weave: Dreamcatchers at the Tipi. On Thursday, September 4, they will be doing tote bag painting. A new logo will be launched very soon.

Member Song will be participating in the clubs' day with the Gaming Club.

5.14 In Camera

No in-camera session was held.

5.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 5 on August 27, 2025 be adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Moved: Ainsley Tunney

Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

MINUTES

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Approved by the Board of Directors

Date: September 10, 2025

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Christopher Yendt
Board Chair

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Colleen Bovay
Policy & Transition Coordinator