AGENDA

Board of Directors Meeting # 7 September 25, 2025 – 6:00 pm



Agenda – September 25, 2025

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Item 7.2.1 (a) Approve the Agenda

MOTION: that the agenda f	or the CSA Board of Dire	ctors Meeting # 7 on Sept	ember 25
2025, be approved as printe	ed and distributed.		

Moved: Seconded:

> Item 7.2.1 (b) Amend the Agenda

MOTION TO AMEND:

Moved: Seconded:

Item 7.2.1 (c)
Approve the Amended Agenda

AMENDED MOTION: that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 7 on September 25, 2025, be approved as amended with:

Board of Directors Meeting #7 September 25, 2025



Item 7.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

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

7.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 6	September 10, 2025

Moved: Seconded:



Item 7.7 Executive Updates

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

7.7.1	President	September 25, 2025
7.7.2	VP Student Experience	September 25, 2025
7.7.3	VP Academic	September 25, 2025

Moved: Seconded:

President September 25, 2025



It's hard to believe we're already through the month of September! Some exciting things are on the horizon, so I'm excited to get this opportunity to share them with you.

Ongoing Projects:

Homecoming:

I'm super excited to share that we managed to pull together the first-ever Homecoming Concert in collaboration with the University Centre & Guelph Gryphons – The Reklaws will be coming home the night before homecoming! For more information & tickets, visit https://go.csaonline.ca/HOCO25

Staff/HR Update:

- The hiring process for our new HR/Admin Assistant has now concluded! I'm looking forward to having them in the office and being able to reduce some of the workload on our Business Manager and myself.
- We have selected a candidate for our Board Scribe position.
- We have concluded interviews for the Assistant Returning Officer position.
- We are holding our first All-Staff Meeting & Orientation meeting for all our staff on Wednesday/Thursday this week.

Student Memorial Service:

The annual Student Memorial Service is coming up, I've finished my speech, and I'm looking forward to the opportunity to honour the students who passed away last year.

Elections:

Work is well underway on our Fall 2025 By-Election! As of Wednesday, this week, the Nomination Period has ended, and we will move into the Campaigning Period on Monday, September 29. A gentle reminder to ensure that you complete your class talks, as it's a key part of us holding a successful election.

Bill 33 Update:

The Executives tabled with the GSA on Monday, September 22, talking to students about Bill 33 and getting more signatures on our petition.

We are excited to be hosting a Town Hall with Mike Schreiner on Tuesday, October 7 at 5:30 PM in the University Centre Courtyard!

President September 25, 2025



Committee Updates:

Homecoming Planning Committee:

HPC is still meeting, working on finalizing the logistics for homecoming! We have now managed to book a performer for the half-time show, stay tuned for that announcement soon!

Elections & Referendum Committee:

ERC met on Thursday last week to review a referendum proposal from the GBSA & to discuss several motions that were referred from the Board of Directors. After some good discussion, the committee agreed that there are some changes that could be made, but the committee needs more time to make those changes. We discussed changes that we could make in the interim and landed on simplifying the process to participate in the appointment process in the event that a by-election does not meet quorum. See the ERC Report in the package for more information!

Student Life Enhancement Fund Committee:

SLEF application review begins next week! SLEF provides about \$100,000 to non-academic initiatives that will enrich the student experience.

Student Executive Committee:

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Unfortunately, I am not able to attend this week's SEC meeting due to a conflict with this Board meeting. However, we have provided updates and requested support in promoting our by-election.

Student Events & Initiatives Funding Committee:

Our first SEIF committee meeting is coming up next week! We have successfully launched our new SEIF form on GryphLife, allowing for easier admin tasks on our side, and allowing clubs to easily resubmit if their applications are denied.

As always, if you have any questions about what we're up to, feel free to reach out!

Executive Update – President – September 25, 2025

VP Student Experience September 25, 2025



General Update

September was another strong month, highlighted by a successful **Orientation Week** and **Clubs Days**. We've also begun work on several key priorities, with particular focus on **Bill 33 advocacy**, supported by the development of informational documents and initial content planning.

Ongoing Projects

- **Strategic Planning**: Officially launched planning for the coming months, prioritizing **Bill 33 awareness**.
- **Social Media & Engagement**: Held initial strategy meetings to strengthen promotion and online presence.
- Event Planning: Early preparation underway for Sexy Bingo and Stressbusters later this semester.

Committees

- Gryph to Grad Committee: Initiated conversations around programming for graduating students.
- Homecoming Planning Committee: Focused on a harm-reduction-based response to Homecoming challenges, with work culminating in a formal mitigation report for University Executive.
- **Black History Month Committee**: Participated in initial discussions to shape upcoming BHM programming.

Services

Clubs

- Finalizing registration and accreditation deadlines.
- Actively addressing club complaints and conflicts in line with CSA bylaws.
- Clubs social media continues to perform well through collaboration with the Clubs Coordinator.
- Clubs Days and info session successfully connected with many representatives, offering deeper insight into CSA supports.

Student Events & Risk Management (SE&RM)

- Held the first SE&RM committee meeting to establish priorities.
- The new SE&RM Coordinator has begun reviewing submissions efficiently.
- Continued oversight of event approvals, ensuring compliance with all timelines and requirements.

VP Student Experience September 25, 2025



Miscellaneous

 Maintained close contact with the Student Experience Department and various student groups, supporting smooth operations and planning ahead of major events.

Message from the VP

We head into **October** with strong momentum. The team is well-positioned to deliver meaningful and engaging events, while also laying important groundwork for impactful **advocacy on Bill 33**. I look forward to sustaining this pace and building on the progress made so far.

VP Academic September 25, 2025



General Update:

September has been a very busy month around the office! With students back on campus, a lot of plans are being put into motion and work is picking back up! I've been working on a number of events recently, as well as attending University committee meetings (and starting classes myself!). The Execs have still been working on organizing efforts around Bill 33 (especially with everyone back on campus) – more updates to come on this!)

Ongoing Projects:

Bill 33 Town Hall: CSA will be hosting a Bill 33 Town Hall with Mike Schreiner on Tuesday, October 7 at 5:30 PM in the UC Courtyard! We also hope to partner with other campus organizations to make this happen – information went out to a number of student organizations last week. Please spread the word – this is important for our local representatives to be able to accurately represent the voices of our students!

Student Memorial Service: We have wrapped up planning for the Student Memorial Service, and we are looking forward to another successful event tomorrow. Our team looks forward to welcoming families to campus on Friday for this annual service.

Promo – Days of Significance: I've worked on a social media post recognizing National Truth & Reconciliation Day. This will highlight the history of reconciliation in Canada as well as campus events commemorating the date. Keep an eye out for this on September 30 and consider attending one of the campus events recognizing the University community's role in reconciliation.

Committees:

Student Food Security Committee: I recently presented to this committee on the topic of needs-based bursaries and how they can improve food security on our campus. This included an expanded communications strategy from SFS, new financial literacy programming, and a new Awards Management System. This was based on a working group that I have been a part of with Student Financial Services, Student Experience, and Alumni Affairs.

Degree & Transcript Working Group: This has come back to near the top of my priority list after a very eventful year. A draft survey has been circulated to the WG last week for comments and revisions – hoping to launch it early this fall and have results for discussion before the end of the semester.

VP Academic September 25, 2025



Board of Undergraduate Studies: BUGS met on Monday for our first meeting of this year to discuss a few items. Changes to the Schedule of Dates & Exam Policy for 2026-27 to formally allow for a 'contingency day', as well as routine updates to the BComm (HTM, Entrepreneurship, Project Management), and BSc (Biological Science) programs.

Teaching & Learning Network: On Wednesday, I attended the first meeting of the AI in Teaching & Learning Community of Practice with faculty and staff from across campus (organized by OTL and the Library). We discussed how students use AI to enhance their learning, and how faculty can use AI to enhance – not replace – teaching.

Accessibility Committee: Posts have gone out to get applications for general members to the Accessibility Committee, and I am currently receiving statements of interest. Board members are also being appointed to this Committee later on in the agenda. A workplan is also being developed for this committee in 2025-26.

Services:

FoodBank: We've recently welcomed Jade to the FoodBank team as our new FoodBank Assistant starting this fall! We have also said goodbye to Morla, who has been with our team for 2 years and recently defended her PhD in the summer. We have around 130 students registered at the FoodBank without a waitlist – this is also awaiting confirmation from the Registrar's Office.

SHAC: We have had our first few team meetings of the Fall semester, and our new Assistant, Hope, has taken over managing SHAC's social media presence. We will also be hosting a Halloween event on October 23, more details to come! The team has managed 15 cases this month so far, with 53% being tenancy related.

That's all for now folks- please feel free to reach out if you have any questions!
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Committee Report

Board of Directors Meeting # 7 September 25, 2025



7.10.1 Elections and Referendum Committee Report re. Board Referral

WHEREAS at the Board of Directors meeting on September 10, 2025 the Board approved a motion to refer business item 6.11.1: Member's Motion: Amendment to Bylaw 2 (Electoral) to the Elections and Referendum Committee for further discussion;

WHEREAS the Board requested that a report with recommendations be provided at the September 25, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the attached report as information.

Moved:
Seconded:

Committee Report

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Topic Overview

This topic was referred to the Elections and Referendum Committee at the September 10, 2025 Board of Directors meeting in response to a members' motion regarding lowering quorum for by-elections. The proposed bylaw amendment was to lower by-election quorum to 5%, which was later amended by the board to consider a reduction to 7.5%.

Committee Discussion

The Elections and Referendum Committee met on September 18, 2025 and discussed the referred item. Research conducted prior to the meeting showed that many student unions in Ontario do not have their elections quorum, aside from referendum quorum, clearly noted in their publicly shared policies and bylaws. Further time would be needed to contact other organizations to learn more about their rules regarding quorum, and any differences for by-election quorum.

Members noted wanting to maintain a high enough barrier while not preventing sufficient representation on the board for colleges with vacancies, given the added challenges of reaching quorum for by-elections, due to fewer candidates. Concerns were noted that lowering by-election quorum could further lower voter turnout and decrease campaigning efforts from candidates.

The Committee discussed a variety of alternative approaches, such as having different quorum thresholds for the colleges and for executives, acknowledging the importance of maintaining a high enough standard for the paid positions. The Committee also considered implementing a "grace area" for quorum if the results fall within a certain number of votes or a certain percentage; similarly to the quorum policy for the online elections contingency plan (Appendix G, Section 26.8). The Committee reached consensus that more time is needed to discuss the available options. Members were also in agreement that it would not be appropriate to propose an amendment to quorum that would apply to the by-election that is currently underway.

The Committee discussed the appointment process that occurs following the fall by-election for any remaining director vacancies and noted that it's not ideal for candidates who do not reach quorum in the by-election, as they must re-collect signatures to run in the appointment process. The Committee agreed that it could be appropriate to amend the bylaw to exclude by-election candidates from the requirement to collect nomination signatures for the appointment process, as they've already collected the requisite signatures in the same semester.

Outcome

The Elections and Referendum Committee has recommended that they continue discussing options regarding a change to by-election quorum and return to the Board with a proposal by the end of the Fall 2025 semester, to ensure any proposed amendments can be in place prior to the next elections cycles. The Committee has also recommended forward an amendment to Bylaw 2 (Electoral) section 2.4 (At-Large Director Appointments), which can be found in item 7.11.6 as notice.

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Item 7.11.1 Amendment to Appendix D (Committees) re. Accessibility Committee

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 September 10, 2025.

MOTION: to adopt the attached amendments to Appendix D (Committees) Section 9, as recommended by the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee.

Moved: William Coleman, VP Academic

Seconded:



CURRENT Terms of Reference

9.0 Accessibility Committee (formerly the Accessibility Working Group - AWG)

9.1 Preamble

Those with disabilities face additional barriers to participation in the CSA and this is not always recognized or understood by those who do not identify as having a disability. Barriers to accessibility can be visible and invisible, tangible and intangible, and perceived or real. They occur in all aspects of the CSA including Board meetings, services, bylaws and policies, events, and space.

9.2 Mandate

The Accessibility Committee will act as a forum for discussing and promoting accessibility for persons with disabilities within the CSA.

- **9.2.1** To act as a resource for accessibility within the organization.
- **9.2.2** To promote the development of critical disabilities assessment within the CSA.
- **9.2.3** To examine all aspects of the CSA, including but not limited to, bylaws and policies, operations, space, meetings and events for accessibility barriers.
- **9.2.4** To explore and deconstruct all real and potential barriers within the CSA.
- **9.2.5** To promote the reduction of the stigma surrounding disabilities.
- **9.2.6** To promote broader understanding of the experiences of students with disabilities.
- **9.2.7** To promote an accessible environment for all members of the CSA.
- **9.2.8** To discuss the experiences of members with disabilities.
- **9.2.9** To ensure that all CSA bylaws and polices become, and continue to be, accessible for all members.
- **9.2.10** To make recommendations to the appropriate CSA Executive, staff, committees to reduce barriers within their areas of responsibility.
- **9.2.11** To uphold and promote the Declaration of the Rights of Students with Disabilities.



9.3 Membership

- **9.3.1** Membership is comprised of the Vice President Academic (Chair), Students, CSA Staff, and CSA Board Members.
- **9.3.2** Membership lists will not be made public outside of the Accessibility Committee.
- **9.3.3** Membership is intended for, but not restricted to, individuals who self-identify as having a disability or who have encountered barriers to participation in the CSA.

9.4 Responsibilities of Members

9.4.1 General Members

- a) To uphold the mandate of the Accessibility Committee.
- b) To maintain the confidentiality of the membership.
- c) To appoint a Vice-Chair from the membership.

9.4.2 Chair

- a) Vice President Academic will be the Chair.
- b) Responsible for meeting facilitation.
- c) Responsible for acting as a primary contact for the group.
- d) To act as a liaison to the greater CSA and university community.
- e) Responsible for executing the decisions made by the Accessibility Committee.
- f) To act in the best interests of the group.
- g) To act as a moderator and uphold a safe space for meetings.
- h) Responsible for ensuring that the appropriate avenues of recruiting volunteers are explored.
- To be aware of diverse abilities of students on campus/ educate yourself.

9.4.3 Vice-Chair

- a) Act as an assistant to the Chair.
- b) In the absence of the Chair take up the responsibilities of the group.
- c) Be comfortable disclosing publicly that they are a member of the Accessibility Committee.

9.5 Removal of Members



Recognizing that the Accessibility Committee needs to be a safe space for all participants, the group may come to the decision that a member is compromising this and the mandate of the committee.

- **9.5.1** If a member feels that another member is creating an unsafe space, they should speak to the Chair or Vice Chair
 - a) The Chair and the Vice Chair will meet with the member in question.
 - b) If the member fails to demonstrate a renewed commitment to the committee and its safe space, the Chair and or Vice Chair will request that they withdraw their participation from the committee.
 - c) Members can be removed immediately by the Chair and Vice-Chair for violation of Section 9.4.

9.6 Meetings

Potential members who are a threat to the confidential nature or safe space of the Accessibility Committee will not be allowed to participate. This decision is made in confidence by the membership.

- **9.6.1** Meetings are to be scheduled regularly or with 48 hours advance notice of emergency meetings.
- **9.6.2** No specific quorum for meetings is set, however proper notice of scheduled meetings must be adhered to.
- **9.6.3** The Chair will be responsible for compiling a summary of business transacted at meetings:
 - a) Minutes of the Accessibility Committee will be kept on file in the Vice President Academic's Office and available by request.
 - b) Names of members or attendance lists will not be kept in the minutes. Nothing that could personally identify members shall be included in the record.
- 9.6.4 The Accessibility Committee will work on a consensus-based model where possible. When the group cannot reach consensus, an anonymous ballot vote will be held. The Chair may vote.
- **9.6.5** The Accessibility Committee will strive to create and uphold a safe space for all participants:
 - a) A safe space consists of an environment that allows students of all abilities to be able to express themselves in a way that allows them



- not to feel oppressed by their abilities.
- b) A safe space is a place to allow students to feel more comfortable participating fully in the committee.
- c) Every effort must be made to ensure that meetings are held in a room that is conducive to maintaining the safety of members.
- **9.6.6** Agenda items will be emailed to the Chair. Agendas will be sent to all members 24 hours prior to the meeting.

9.7 Reports

- **9.7.1** The Chair will submit a report to the CSA Board of Directors at the end of each semester.
- **9.7.2** The report must include:
 - a) Overview of membership, without listing names of participants.
 - b) Timeline of activities.
 - c) Selected highlights of agenda items and group initiatives.
 - d) Future work for the next semester.
- **9.7.3** Reports must not include specific membership lists and will adhere to the confidentiality policies of the Accessibility Committee.
- **9.7.4** All reports must be approved by the membership before submission to the Board.



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9.0 Accessibility Committee

9.1 Preamble

Those with disabilities face additional barriers to participation in the University and this is not always recognized or understood by those who do not identify as having a disability. Barriers to accessibility can be visible and invisible, tangible and intangible, and perceived or real. They occur in all aspects of student life including services, clubs, bylaws and policies, events, and student space.

9.2 Purpose

The Accessibility Committee will act as both a forum for discussing and promoting accessibility for persons with disabilities within the CSA, and as an advocacy group on concerns related to accessibility across the University.

9.2.1 Internal Responsibilities

- a) To act as a resource for accessibility within the organization.
- b) To make recommendations to the appropriate CSA Executive, staff, committees and/or the Board of Directors to reduce barriers within their areas of responsibility.
- c) To ensure that all changes to CSA bylaws and policies take into account accessibility of services and experiences of students with disabilities.
- d) To examine all aspects of the CSA, including (but not limited to) bylaws and policies, service delivery, student space, meetings and events for opportunities to improve accessibility.

9.2.2 External Advocacy

- a) To discuss and advocate for action based on the experiences of members with disabilities.
- b) To promote and take action to advance the reduction of the stigma surrounding disabilities.
- c) To ensure adequate representation of student with disabilities on University committees (e.g., Inclusive Space Sub-Committee).



 d) To conduct and advise research related to campus accessibility and the experiences of students with disabilities.

9.2.3 Education

- a) To promote and take action to create an accessible environment for all members of the CSA.
- b) To promote broader understanding of the experiences of students with disabilities.
- c) To promote the Declaration of the Rights of Students with Disabilities in discussions across campus.

9.3 Membership

9.3.1 Membership

Membership will consist of:

- the Vice-President (Academic);
- 2-3 Directors appointed by and from the Board;
- 2-3 General Members of the CSA in good standing as per the requirements in Bylaw 1, Section 2.1;
- 1 CSA Staff member or additional Executive.

9.3.2 Confidentiality of Membership

Membership lists will not be made public outside of the Accessibility Committee.

9.3.3 Students with Disabilities

Membership should prioritize (but is not restricted to), individuals who selfidentify as having a disability or who have encountered barriers to participation in the CSA.

9.3.4 Application Process

Interested Staff or General members must apply in writing to the Chair, including a 150-word statement outlining their interest in being a part of the Committee.



- A call for staff and general members will be circulated before the end of September.
- Applications by staff and general members submitted will be reviewed by the Chair and any Directors appointed to the Committee to ensure members' commitment to the purpose and responsibilities of the Committee.

9.4 Responsibilities of Members

9.4.1 General Members

- a) To uphold the mandate of the Accessibility Committee.
- b) To maintain the confidentiality of the membership.
- c) To uphold the Declaration of the Rights of Students with Disabilities in all decisions.

9.4.2 Chair (VP Academic)

- a) Responsible for meeting facilitation.
- b) Responsible for acting as a primary contact for the group.
- c) To act as a liaison to the greater CSA and university community.
- d) Responsible for executing the decisions made by the Accessibility Committee.
- e) To act in the best interests of the group.
- f) To act as a moderator and uphold a safe space for meetings.
- g) Responsible for recruitment of general members to the Committee.
- h) To educate themselves about and be aware of the diverse abilities of students on campus.

9.5 Removal of Members

Recognizing that the Accessibility Committee needs to be a safe space for all participants, the group may come to the decision that a member is compromising this and the mandate of the committee.

9.5.1 Grounds

Grounds for removal of a member from the Committee may include:

- a) Breach of the confidentiality rules established for the Committee.
- b) Violations of members' responsibilities under section 9.4.
- c) Conduct that is contrary to the Committee's established Code of Conduct.

9.5.2 Procedure



If a member feels that another member is creating an unsafe space, they should speak to the Chair.

- a) The Chair will meet with the member in question.
 - If the Chair is the member in question, concerns should be directed to the President.
- b) For Staff or General members, the Chair and any Directors appointed to the Committee may make a recommendation to the remaining members that a member be removed from the Committee.
- c) For Directors, the Chair may make a request to the Board, on behalf of the Committee, that a member be removed from the Committee.

9.6 **Meetings**

9.6.1 Scheduling

Meetings are to be scheduled regularly or with 48 hours advance notice of emergency meetings.

9.6.2 Quorum

Quorum for meetings shall be 4 members, including the Chair.

9.6.3 Minutes

The Chair will be responsible for ensuring that minutes are taken for each meeting by a member of the Committee.

- a) Minutes of the Accessibility Committee will be regularly submitted to the Board, and a copy will be kept on file by the Office of the Vice-President, Academic.
- b) Names of members or other personally identifiable information will not be kept in the minutes.
- For the purpose of member accountability, a separate and confidential attendance record will be retained by the Office of the Vice-President, Academic.

9.6.4 **Voting**



The Accessibility Committee will work on a consensus-based model where possible. When the group cannot reach consensus, a secret ballot vote will be held. The Chair may vote.

9.6.5 Safe Space

The Accessibility Committee will strive to create and uphold a safe space for all participants:

- a) A safe space consists of an environment that allows students of all abilities to be able to express themselves in a way that allows them not to feel oppressed by their abilities.
- b) A safe space is a place to allow students to feel more comfortable participating fully in the committee.
- c) Every effort must be made to ensure that meetings are held in a room that is conducive to maintaining the safety of members.

9.6.6 Agenda Distribution

Agenda items will be emailed to the Chair. Agendas will be sent to all members at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

9.7 Reports

9.7.1 Annual Report

The Chair will submit an annual report to the CSA Board of Directors at the end of the Winter semester.

9.7.2 Report Contents

The report must include:

- a) Timeline of activities.
- b) Selected highlights of agenda items and group initiatives.
- c) Future work for the next semester.

9.7.3 Confidentiality

Reports must also adhere to the confidentiality policies of the Accessibility Committee.

9.7.4 Final Approval



All reports must be approved by the membership before submission to the Board.

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Item 7.11.2 Amendments to Appendix D (Committees) 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.

Notice of this motion was provided at the Board meeting on September 10, 2025.

MOTION: to adopt the attached addition to Appendix D Section 3.5 and amendment to Appendix D Section 14.2.1, as recommended by the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee.

Moved: William Coleman, VP Academic

Seconded:

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3.5 Composition

In cases of Executive vacancies, alternate Executive Members will be assigned to fulfill the committee responsibilities of the vacant position, by vote of the Executive Committee. The selected Executive will assume responsibility for all listed duties of the vacant Executive position within the Terms of Reference for the committee.

14.0 Statement Making Committee

14.2 Membership and Formation

14.2.1 Membership of the Statement Making Committee will be organized by the Vice President External and ratified by the Board of Directors no later than the second Board meeting of the fall Semester. at the first meeting of the summer semester. The Vice-President External will be responsible for prompting the call-out for general members for the upcoming academic year in the winter semester.

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Item 7.11.3 Appoint Members to Accessibility Committee

WHEREAS the Terms of Reference for the Accessibility Committee states that membership shall consist of the following:

- The Vice President Academic:
- 2-3 Directors appointed by and from the Board;
- 2-3 General Members of the CSA in good standing;
- 1 CSA Staff member or additional Executive

WHEREAS the Terms of Reference states that the Vice President Academic and appointed directors will review applications from general members and staff to select the remaining committee members, who will remain confidential;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Executive be appointed to the Accessibility Committee for the 2025-2026 academic year:

William Coleman	VP Academic
AND FURTHER that the following Directors be ap 2025-2026 academic year:	opointed to the Accessibility Committee for the
[2-3 Directors]	

Moved: William Coleman, VP Academic

Seconded:

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Item 7.11.4 Appoint Elections Appeals Board (EAB)

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

• Three Directors and

[three Directors]

Seconded:

• Two General Members of the CSA in good standing

MOTION: that the following Directors be appointed to the Elections Appeals Board (EAB) for the 2025-2026 academic year:

AND FURTHER that the following General Members of the CSA be appointed to the Elections Appeals Board (EAB) for the 2025-2026 academic year:
Manal Hamid
Emily Ganss
Moved:

See following pages for General Member Applicant Statements of Interest and EAB information.

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Statements of Interest

Manal Hamid

I am interested in joining the Elections Appeal Board (EAB) because I value fairness, transparency, and accountability in student governance. Elections are central to ensuring that all student voices are represented, and I believe the integrity of this process is vital to building trust within our community. My background has given me skills that are relevant to this role. I have experience working collaboratively on group projects, where I practiced active listening, impartial decision-making, and conflict resolution. I am detail-oriented, organized, and comfortable reviewing policies and procedures to ensure that decisions are consistent with established rules. I also bring strong communication skills, which allow me to consider different perspectives respectfully while upholding fairness. Serving on the EAB would give me the opportunity to contribute to a democratic, transparent, and equitable student election process.

Emily Ganss

My name is Emily Ganss, and I know I can contribute to the CSA. While I keep a busy schedule, I know how to prioritize and make time for meaningful commitments, as I have done consistently in the past. For example, I volunteer with United for Literacy, where I serve as an Organizational Trainer. This role has taught me the importance of leadership, responsibility, and making an impact through my decisions. I also bring experience as the former president of my high school Rocketry Club, where I managed members, materials, and meetings. Beyond leadership, I value collaboration, which I strengthened while competing as a team member in the Ontario Ethics Bowl. I am very organized, which helps me stay on top of multiple commitments, and I am confident with public speaking, having presented my summer research at the University of Toronto. I believe these skills will allow me to benefit the CSA.

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CSA Policy Appendix G: Electoral

27.0 Elections Appeals Board (EAB)

27.1 Mandate of the Board

- 27.1.1 The Elections Appeals Board (EAB) will meet on an as-needed basis to preside over any appeal of a decision made by the CRO; including infractions.
- 27.1.2 Any appeals to be discussed following elections period and scheduled meetings of the EAB will be sent directly to the Board of Directors.
 - a) The President will warn the Board of Directors of the possibility of the need for emergency Board meetings to discuss appeals and infractions deemed major during elections week.
- 27.1.3 The EAB will not hear any appeals submitted more than 24 hours after the Chief Returning Officer's decision.
- 27.1.4 The decisions of the Elections Appeals Board shall be considered final and will not be subject to further review.

27.2 Formation of the Board

Membership of the Elections Appeals Board will be organized by the President and ratified by the Board of Directors no later than the first Board meeting of the Fall semester.

27.3 Membership of the Board

- 27.3.1 The Elections Appeals Board (EAB) shall consist of:
 - a) Three Directors; and
 - b) Two General Members of the CSA in good standing as per the requirements in Bylaw 1, Section 2.1.
- 27.3.2 The Board will nominate and select the Directors who will sit on EAB as per Robert's Rules and the Chair's discretion.
- 27.3.3 General Members of the CSA to sit on the Elections Appeals Board will be selected as follows:
 - General Members of the CSA will be informed of the volunteer opportunity through advertising via mass-mail and posters to form a volunteer pool.



- b) All interested CSA members shall submit a 150-word statement of interest and CV to be reviewed by the Board.
- c) The Board will select and ratify CSA General Members to be on the EAB as per Robert's Rules and the Chair's discretion
- 27.3.4 Advertising to, and the selection process of General Members of the CSA to sit on the EAB shall take into consideration candidate equity.

A candidate who falls within a marginalized group will be selected when that candidate is of comparable qualifications to the other most qualified candidates. Marginalized shall be defined as a person from groups that face systemic barriers to such volunteer opportunities, including but not limited to women, racialized people, indigenous people, queer people, persons with disabilities, and international students.

27.3.5 Membership of the EAB will be reviewed by the Chief Returning Officer and the President at the close of the nomination period for the General Elections, or as required, to ensure no conflict of interest exists among members and candidates. If the President has a conflict of interest, their duties with the EAB will be assigned to another Executive who is not a candidate in the elections.

27.4 Meetings of the Board

- 27.4.1 Quorum for EAB meetings shall be set at three (3) members.
- 27.4.2 The President shall not be a voting member of the EAB, however, the President shall break a tie among the voting members if required.
- 27.4.3 The EAB will establish regular meeting times prior to campaign and voting periods. The EAB will schedule a minimum of three (3) meetings during campaign and voting periods. Meetings will only be held if an appeal has been received.
- 27.4.4 The President shall be responsible for setting meeting times and ensuring that all parties related to the appeal are made aware of meeting times, dates, and locations. The EAB shall meet proactively to be prepared to reply quickly and efficiently to appeals should they arise.
- 27.4.5 It is the responsibility of the President to inform the Board of Directors of EAB decisions.
- 27.4.6 The candidate or referendum team in question must make themselves available and be prepared should the EAB deem it necessary to ask the

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candidate or referendum team questions.

a) If extenuating circumstances apply, and a candidate or referendum team cannot attend a meeting of the EAB, notification must be given to the President at least 24 hours before the time of the meeting. Otherwise, failure to appear may cause the complaint or appeal to be rendered null and void.

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Item 7.11.5 CSA Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2025: President's Notice

President's Notice

As per CSA Bylaw 1, Section 9.1.3, I hereby give notice that the Annual General Meeting of the Central Student Association shall take place on:

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm Location: Peter Clark Hall

Call for Business Items

As per Bylaw 1, Section 9.1.9., I hereby invite any business items for the CSA Annual General Meeting be provided to the CSA Policy & Transition Coordinator (csaptc@uoguelph.ca) no later than:

Friday, October 31, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Nate Broughton CSA President September 25, 2025

MOTION: that the President's Notice of the CSA's 2025 Annual General Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, beginning at 6:00 pm in Peter Clark Hall; and of the call to members to submit AGM business items no later than Friday, October 31, 2025 at 5:00 pm, be received as information by the CSA Board of Directors.

Moved: Seconded:

Notice of Motion

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Item 7.11.6 Notice: Amendment to Bylaw 2 (Electoral) re. ERC

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 September 25, 2025.

This motion will be considered at the Board meeting on October 16, 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the attached amendment to Bylaw 2 (Electoral) Section 2.4 (At-Large Director Appointments), as recommended by the Elections and Referendum Committee.

Notice of Motion

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2.4 At-Large (Elected) Director Appointments

2.4.2 The CRO will provide all interested members with updated nomination forms to seek no less than 25 valid nomination signatures from members of their constituencies. Candidates who ran for the same director position in the Fall By-Election and did not reach quorum will not be required to collect nomination signatures;

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Item 7.11.7 Member's Motion: Presentation re. BounceLife

(a) Extend Speaking Time

WHEREAS the Board of Directors has recently become aware of a potential collaboration project involving the tool BounceLife;

WHEREAS this tool has not been previously presented to, discussed by, or approved by the Board of Directors, nor recorded in past meeting minutes; and

WHEREAS concerns have been raised regarding transparency, oversight, and the implications of moving forward with such a collaboration without prior Board approval;

BE IT RESOLVED to extend Joshua Jacinto's speaking time to 30 minutes for a presentation regarding BounceLife.

Moved: Joshua Jacinto

Seconded:

(b) Receive Presentation

MOTION: that the Board of Directors receive the presentation from Joshua Jacinto regarding BounceLife as information.

Moved: Joshua Jacinto

Seconded:

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Item 7.11.8 Member's Motion: BounceLife Collaboration

WHEREAS the Board of Directors has not approved any formal involvement with BounceLife; and

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Board to ensure transparency, fiscal accountability, and oversight of all collaborations and tools engaged by the CSA;

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSA cease any current or proposed involvement with BounceLife, including but not limited to financial, contractual, operational, or collaborative activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no future engagement with BounceLife occur unless explicitly approved by the Board of Directors at a duly constituted meeting.

Moved: Joshua Jacinto

Seconded:

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Item 7.11.9 Member's Motion: Assassination of Charlie Kirk

WHEREAS Charlie Kirk was assassinated in an act of political violence on a University Campus;

WHEREAS we are feeling the effects of this tragedy even in Canada; and

WHEREAS this act is intolerable and risks more polarization, discrimination, and violence if not condemned;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statement be received as information;

AND FURTHER that this statement be posted on the CSA website and the main CSA Instagram account by Friday, September 26, 2025.

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Seconded:

Statement from the Central Student Association on the assassination of Charlie Kirk

On Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 12:23 p.m., when Charlie Kirk—an outspoken advocate for free speech and open debate—was senselessly shot and killed while hosting one of his many events to promote political discourse at Utah Valley University.

This heinous act of political violence is not only a tragedy but a direct attack on the principles of free speech and open dialogue—foundations of democracy, understanding, and Academic Excellence.

As such, we, the Central Student Association of the University of Guelph, unequivocally condemn this act of violence. We stand firmly in defense of free expression and civil discourse, regardless of political affiliation.

Our deepest sympathies go out to the grieving family and loved ones of Charlie Kirk. May he rest in peace.

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Item 7.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 7 on September 25, 2025 be adjourned at pm.

Moved: Seconded: