MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting # 8
October 16, 2025 – 6:00 pm
UC 442

Attendance – October 16, 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		
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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	Present	

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)	Regrets	
Acacia Small	Guelph Black Students Association (GBSA)	Regrets	
Rebecca Hallett	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	a: 6:36pm
Vacant	Guelph Campus Co-op		
Ashley Ames	Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG)	Regrets	
Brendon Gallacher	Student Senate Caucus	Present	
Vacant	Board of Governors		
Executive (Ex-officio, Non-voting)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Nate Broughton	President	Regrets	
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
Nikki Tu	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

8.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 8 on October 16, 2025, be approved as printed and distributed.

Motion Carried

8.3.1 Ratify Student Senate Caucus Representative

MOTION: that Brendon Gallacher be ratified as the Student Senate Caucus representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Motion Carried

8.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

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

8.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 7	September 25, 2025

Motion Carried

8.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Motion Carried

8.10.2 Hiring Committee Report: Board Scribe

MOTION: That the hiring of Nikki Tu for the position of Board Scribe be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Motion Carried

8.10.3 Hiring Report: Human Resources Coordinator

MOTION: That the hiring of Laura Maraj for the position of Human Resources Coordinator be approved, as recommended.

Motion Carried

8.10.4 Student Events and Initiatives Funding (SEIF) Committee Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
8.10.4	Meeting # 6	March 19, 2025

Motion Carried

8.11 Business

8.11.1 Approve CSA Winter 2026 General Elections Timeline

MOTION: that the Board of Directors approve the timeline for the CSA Winter 2026 General Elections, as presented in the Board Agenda Package.

Motion Carried

8.11.2 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 was provided at the Board meeting on September 25, 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.

Motion Carried

8.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 8 on October 16, 2025, be adjourned at 6:45pm.

Motion Carried

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8.0	**Call to Order**	
8.1	**Land Acknowledgement** Pawandeep Singh, VP Student Experience	
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8.8	**Director Reports**	
8.9	**CSA Service Update and Report**	
8.10	**Committee Updates and Reports** 8.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments 8.10.2 Hiring Committee Report: Board Scribe 8.10.3 Hiring Report: Human Resources Coordinator 8.10.4 Student Events and Initiatives Funding (SEIF) Committee Minutes # 6	
8.11	**Business** 8.11.1 Approve CSA Winter 2026 General Elections Timeline 8.11.2 Amendment to Bylaw 2 (Electoral) re. Elections and Referendum Committee	
8.12	**New Business** 8.12.1	
8.13	**Announcements**	
8.14	**In Camera Session** 8.14.1	
8.15	**Adjournment**	

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8.0 Call to Order

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

8.1 Land Acknowledgement

Member Pawandeep Singh, VP Student Experience, presented the following Land Acknowledgement:

Before we begin our meeting, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge that the University of Guelph resides on the ancestral lands of the Attawandaron people and the treaty lands and territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. We also recognize and honour our Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Métis neighbours who continue to share their history, culture, and traditions with our community. The Dish with One Spoon Covenant reminds us of our shared responsibility to care for the land and live in harmony with one another. As we gather here today, we are grateful for the opportunity to live, learn, and work on these lands. We acknowledge that this statement is only one step toward reconciliation, and we remain committed to learning from Indigenous communities and strengthening our relationships built on respect and understanding.

8.2 Adoption of the Agenda

8.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 8 on October 16, 2025, be approved as printed and distributed.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Rebecca Hallett

Motion Carried

8.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

No conflicts of interest were declared.

8.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

8.3.1 Ratify Student Senate Caucus Representative

MOTION: that Brendon Gallacher be ratified as the Student Senate Caucus representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Moved: Susannah Polack-Finley
Seconded: Alex Song

Motion Carried

8.4 Comments from the Chair

No comments from the Chair were received.

8.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

8.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

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

8.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 7	September 25, 2025

Moved: Rebecca Hallett
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

8.6 Executive Committee Minutes

No Executive Committee Minutes were received.

8.7 Executive Updates

8.7.1 President

The President sends his regrets for the meeting.

8.7.2 VP Student Experience

The VP Student Experience stated that we have successfully held the Student Memorial Service. He has attended several committee meetings, including SEIF committee where we reviewed and funded applications for clubs. He attended the Black History Month committee meeting for potential events and programming for February. The town hall meeting with Mike Schreiner was held with great success. The next Sexy Bingo is in two weeks time. We are preparing for upcoming stressbusters in the following weeks for students.

8.7.3 VP Academic

The VP Academic reiterated that the Student Memorial Service was very successful. On October 6, we passed amendments to the exam policy, which improves transparency on what happens when exams are rescheduled. They attended the Student Senate Caucus meeting on October 2, which consisted of orientation and agenda items for the upcoming meeting. The Accessibility Committee has begun meeting. The VP Academic helped organize the town hall meeting and it went very well with many attendees. The FoodBank was at the aggie hockey game last week and raised 462 items donated by students. The FoodBank's registration list is filled, and we currently have the waitlist open, but we are still looking to expand our capacity. SHAC has dealt with 35 cases so far this fall, which is the total number of cases from the summer semester. Upcoming SHAC events include the literacy fair on November 6 that allows people to attend a legal workshop and a Halloween trick or trivia on October 31. The survey for degree and transcript designs is currently under review for institutional research planning. We had a meeting to plan the AGM, which is on November 19. On November 20, we are hosting Art of the Bullring and are in the process of appointing judges. The VP Academic is working on a new awards program for CSA to recognize student leaders and clubs. There is a panel that will discuss about AI and its use for student feedback and grading, if you have any thoughts about this, feel free to send an email.

8.8 Director Reports

Member Song attended his first SEIF meeting and noted that it was interesting to see how clubs are funded on campus.

Member Johnston had a meeting with the Accessibility Committee.

Member Aldred-Ganhao sits on the Guelph Centre for Urban Organic Farming Advisory Group and the coordinator, Mike Smith, invited him for a tour of the farm and updated on what is to come. The farm is getting a lot of support; they receive $1 from each student, and the referendum is set with a 10-year time limit which ends in 2029. This is a good initiative as it provides a lot of value for students, there are students who volunteer there and take a break from their studies. They also give a lot of produce to hospitality and the FoodBank.

Member Warren attended the SEIF meeting. Member Warren never got an email for elections class talks but the PTC reassured that it was most likely due to availability conflicts.

Member Lazebnik attended the Sustainability Action Fund committee meeting. There were no new applications, but they discussed different strategies for visibility of the fund and hopefully that will generate more interest. They brainstormed possible projects from themselves and discussed contacting professors and students in landscape architecture and engineering to make their courses tie into the committee.

Member Hallett attended their first Accessibility Committee meeting.

Member Polack-Finley attended her first SEIF meeting and completed class talks.

Member Yu did class talks and will be attending the Athletics Advisory Council meeting next Tuesday.

8.9 CSA Service Update and Report

No CSA Service Updates or Reports were received.

8.10 Committee Updates and Reports

8.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Moved: Joshua Jacinto
Seconded: Susannah Polack-Finley

MOTION: to discuss item 8.10.1 through item 8.10.4 omnibus.

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Ethan Warren

Motion Carried

Omnibus Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Summary of Committee Appointments, as presented in the Board Agenda Package, be received as information;

FURTHER that the hiring of Nikki Tu for the position of Board Scribe be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee;

FURTHER that the hiring of Laura Maraj for the position of Human Resources Coordinator be approved, as recommended;

FURTHER that the minutes for the following SEIF Committee meeting be received as information by the Board of Directors.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Kovar Yu

Motion Carried

8.11 Business

8.11.1 Approve CSA Winter 2026 General Elections Timeline

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Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Seconded: Alex Song

Motion Carried

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Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Ethan Warren

Member Johnston stated that this reduces tedious steps, saves time, and is less work for the CRO.

A roll call vote was held.

In Favour: Alex Song, Noel Johnston, Marcus Aldred-Ganhao, Ethan Warren, Joshua Jacinto, Brendon Gallacher, Keira Gayowsky, Yael Lazebnik, Rebecca Hallett, Susannah Polack-Finley, Kovar Yu, Reese Fletcher.

Opposed: none.

Motion Carried

8.12 New Business

No New Business was presented.

8.13 Announcements

Member Johnston stated that the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council had their AGM and approved the new constitution. The College of Computational, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences had their big launch event.

Member Lazebnik encouraged everyone to vote in the By-Election if they are eligible. We have a gift card giveaway open to everyone who votes.

Member Aldred-Ganhao inquired if there are any updates about the quorum for the College of Computational, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences. Member Lazebnik read what was listed on the CSA Website, noting that the Elections and Referendum committee is working on it. The VP Academic stated that this is an administration issue as one of the changes that has not been made yet is the college student information system. Everyone is still labeled as CEPs, and they are working with Student Experience to mediate this situation. Member Aldred-Ganhao asked about an updated quorum number; and the PTC stated that there are no updates at this time.

Member Hallett stated GQE is gearing up for their large fall semester event for the Trans Day Remembrance Vigil. We are reaching out to guests, professors, historians, and drag queens; stayed posted!

Member Fletcher stated we had a successful aggie hockey night, and this week we are running a food drive for the FoodBank.

Member Polack-Finley asked everyone to vote in the College of Biological Sciences Student Council election if eligible.

8.14 In Camera

No in-camera session was held.

8.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 8 on October 16, 2025 be adjourned at 6:45pm.

Moved: Reese Fletcher
Seconded: Yael Lazebnik

Motion Carried

Approved by the Board of Directors **Date: October 29, 2025**

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Christopher Yendt
Board Chair

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Colleen Bovay
Policy & Transition Coordinator