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Board of Directors Meeting # 9
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Attendance – October 29, 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 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	Regrets	
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	
Rebecca Hallett	Guelph Queer Equality (GQE)	Regrets	
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: 6:23pm
Brendon Gallacher	Student Senate Caucus	Present	
Ava Augustine	Board of Governors	Present	
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
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.*

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Summary of Resolutions

9.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 9 on October 29, 2025, be approved as printed and distributed.

Motion Carried

9.3.1 Ratify Board of Governors Representative

MOTION: that Ava Augustine be ratified as the Board of Governors representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Motion Carried

9.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

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

9.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 8	October 16, 2025
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Motion Carried

9.7 Executive Updates

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

9.7.1	President	October 29, 2025
9.7.3	VP Academic	October 29, 2025

Motion Carried

9.11.1 Fall 2025 By-Election: Ratification of Results

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fall 2025 By-Election Unofficial Results, as included in the board agenda package, be received as information;

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AND FURTHER that the results of the Fall 2025 By-Election, as included in the board agenda package, be declared official.

Motion Carried

9.11.2 Initiate Director Appointment Process

WHEREAS CSA Bylaw 2 (Electoral) section 2.4 states that should an "at-large" (elected) Board of Directors seat remain vacant following the CSA General Election in the winter semester and a By-Election in the fall semester, the CSA Board shall initiate an appointment process to fill the At-Large Representative vacancies;

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached overview regarding the Director Appointment Process to follow the Fall 2025 By-Election be received as information by the Board of Directors;

AND FURTHER that the Board of Directors approve the initiation of the Director Appointment Process as proposed.

Motion Carried

9.11.3 Appoint Statement Making Committee

WHEREAS CSA Policy Appendix D (Committees) section 14.2.2 states that the membership of the Statement Making Committee will consist of:

- The Vice President External;
- Three Directors; and
- Two General Members of the CSA in good standing

WHEREAS the position of VP External is currently vacant, and William Coleman, VP Academic, has been selected by vote of the Executive Committee to fulfill the committee obligations;

BE IT RESOLVED that William Coleman, VP Academic, be appointed to the Statement Making Committee for the 2025-2026 academic year;

FURTHER that the following Directors be appointed to the Statement Making Committee for the 2025-2026 academic year:

Ethan Warren
Yael Lazebnik
Keira Gayowsky

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AND FURTHER that the following General Member of the CSA be appointed to the Statement Making Committee for the 2025-2026 academic year:

Manal Hamid

Motion Carried

9.11.4 Appoint Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee

WHEREAS the Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee is tasked with selecting the winner of the Art in the Bullring event; and

WHEREAS the CSA VP Academic and Fine Arts Network Event Coordinator mutually agreed on having three undergraduate student representatives appointed by the CSA and three undergraduate student representatives appointed by FAN for the Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Board Directors be appointed to the Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee:

Jonah Greenhut
Ash Ames
Alex Song

Motion Carried

9.11.5 Appoint Members to University Centre Board

WHEREAS the University Centre is a central building used by students on campus for organizational and social space, and as a building that was built and continues to be funded by student fees;

WHEREAS the CSA believes that the University Centre should be controlled by students;

WHEREAS the University Centre Board requires membership of ten undergraduate students appointed by the CSA, as well as five undergraduate students as alternate members, as per the Constitution of the University Centre Board; and

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WHEREAS the University Centre Board currently has two vacancies for undergraduate student members and two vacancies for alternates;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following CSA Members be appointed as members of the University Centre Board for a term of up to two years:

Ash Ames
Joshua Jacinto

AND FURTHER that the following CSA Members be appointed as alternate members of the University Centre Board for a term of up to two years:

Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Alex Song

Motion Carried

9.11.6 Awards Committee Presentation and Terms of Reference

(a) Receive Presentation

MOTION: to receive the presentation by William Coleman, VP Academic, regarding a CSA Awards Committee as information.

Motion Carried

(b) Approve Terms of Reference

MOTION: to approve the creation of the Awards Committee as an internal committee of the CSA;

AND FURTHER to approve the Terms of Reference for the Awards Committee, as provided in the board agenda package.

Motion Carried

9.15 Adjournment

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MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 9 on October 29, 2025, be adjourned at 8:39pm.

Motion Carried

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9.0	Call to Order	
9.1	Land Acknowledgement Rebecca Hallett	
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9.15	Adjournment	

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9.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm.

9.1 Land Acknowledgement

The President, Nate Broughton, presented the following Land Acknowledgement:

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

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

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

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

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9.2 Adoption of the Agenda

9.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 9 on October 29, 2025, be approved as printed and distributed.

Moved: Ethan Warren

Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

9.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

No conflicts of interest were declared.

9.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

9.3.1 Ratify Board of Governors Representative

MOTION: that Ava Augustine be ratified as the Board of Governors representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut

Seconded: Yael Lazebnik

Motion Carried

9.4 Comments from the Chair

No comments from the Chair were received.

9.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

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9.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

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Moved: Branden Newman
Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

9.6 Executive Committee Minutes

No Executive Committee Minutes were received.

9.7 Executive Updates

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

9.7.1	President	October 29, 2025
9.7.3	VP Academic	October 29, 2025

Moved: Ethan Warren
Seconded: Alex Song

Motion Carried

9.7.1 President

The President highlighted that the Homecoming Concert earlier October went well with over 85% attendees being students. With regards to Bill 33, the legislature is back in session, we are checking the transcripts everyday about the debate. Nothing is new, but we will keep an eye on discussions and see what regulations are coming. The by-election did not meet quorum and the staff team as well as the Elections and Referendum Committee has had debriefs. For the winter general election, we will work on further engagement and are considering ways to involve the board. For example, filming content before or after board meetings to post on social media. If you would like to participate, feel free to send an email! In other news, there is another Ontario bill about housing which we're watching for updates.

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9.7.2 VP Student Experience

The VP Student Experience sends his regrets for the meeting.

9.7.3 VP Academic

The VP Academic has been focusing on improving student workspaces, making open areas better, making it easier to use classroom spaces, and see which classrooms are not being used in class time. The Art in the Bullring event is on November 20 at 6PM at the Bullring and art submissions are open from November 10-11. As for the awards program, we are analyzing policy and structure. Bill 60, as mentioned by the President, is about housing, specifically about the tenancy acts. It reduces protections on tenants and gets rid of rent control protections. The Accessibility Committee met on Monday, we looked at priorities for this semester, including a central system to collect student feedback. They attended the Board of Undergraduate Studies and had some policy changes, re-looking the definition of full-time student status and a new work experience program. For the FoodBank, we had a successful fundraiser with the women's hockey game and most likely doing it again in February for a men's hockey game. We are hiring a new staff member there for winter. SHAC had a successful Halloween event with a trivia and pumpkin painting event. On November 5, we are hosting a workshop about tenancy law with the legal clinic. We noticed a trend of students whose cases are not covered in the residential tenancies act, which is a bit of a legal loophole.

9.8 Director Reports

Member Warren attended the Accessibility Committee meeting and discussed about upcoming ideas for the semester.

Member Johnston attended the Accessibility Committee meeting and UC Board meeting.

Member Aldred-Ganhao attended the first BounceLife Committee meeting and have established how to approach the issue the committee was created to address. There will be more updates at the end of the semester when we table our report.

Member Gallacher's first University Senate meeting took place on October 6. As proposed by Kimberly Francis and Ryan Prosser, senate passed a motion to add contingency dates to reschedule an exam. There was a selection of new Masters

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programs established. There was an issue troubling 200 graduate students regarding funding and re-funding, with students being charged over 1000s of dollars of their tuition and the university failing to respond after weeks of requests. In contrast, when students were undercharged, the university would give them 72 hours or be placed on sanctionable penalty. The issue as of October 6 was addressed and its supposedly being coordinated for resolution with student financial services.

Member Yu attended his second Athletics Advisory Council meeting last week. It was more of a general overview of the engagement with athletics department.

Member Lazebnik participated in the Elections and Referendum Committee meeting, with a recap of the fall by-election, percentages of quorum, and discussed why quorum was not met. They discussed including more in the candidates' package about accountability. There is no final recommendation for the board so far.

Member Greenhut attended the BounceLife committee and hope to get some answers from representatives on BounceLife. He also had a good meeting with ERC and they are thinking about the uniqueness of a fall by-election versus a general winter election and the differences that need to be addressed for quorum. He also had a meeting with the PTC about potential policy changes and encouraged everyone to approach the executives or PTC before submitting them for a board motion.

9.9 CSA Service Update and Report

No CSA Service Updates or Reports were received.

9.10 Committee Updates and Reports

No Committee Updates or Reports were received.

9.11 Business

9.11.1 Fall 2025 By-Election: Ratification of Results

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Moved: Brendon Gallacher
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

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Moved: Nate Broughton, President
Seconded: Noel Johnston

The President stated this is our attempt to fill the empty positions following the fall by-election. All the colleges have one or two vacancies except the College of Biological Sciences. There is one College of Arts, one College of Computational, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences, one College of Engineering, two College of Social and Applied Human Sciences, two Lang School of Business, two Ontario Agricultural College, and two Ontario Veterinary College. If you know anybody interested, have them reach out to the CRO to receive a package.

Member Warren inquired if the previous candidates who ran for those aforementioned seats need to apply for the appointment process or are they automatically considered. The President replied stating they have to submit a package for the appointment process but do not have to collect the 25 signatures again.

Member Song inquired about how this information will be further publicized so that we get more people to know about the appointment process.

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The President stated that following the conclusion of this board meeting, this information will be posted on the website and social media. There may be posters and emails distributed. We hope directors will also share this with their networks to folks interested.

Member Lazebnik shared that we do not have a good representation of who was making an effort throughout the election to campaign and who did not do anything for campaigning. These statistics may sway the board's decision to appoint directors. We are planning to invite candidates to the meeting and can ask them questions about their campaigning process if they ran in the election.

Member Yu inquired if there are any restrictions before reaching out to his network. The President stated that bylaw 1 presents all the information, as you must be a Member in-good-standing of the CSA, must be 18 years old, and must not be bankrupt. The Chair further stated you cannot have an undischarged criminal record, and you cannot be found incapable of managing property under the 1992 Mental Health and Substitutions Act. They are the standards as a non-profit or from the Corporations Act.

Member Johnston inquired how mandatory it is for the people being appointed to show up. The President stated it is voluntary and we will encourage candidates to show up for their benefit.

The Chair emphasized that your requirement to discharge your duties in a fiduciary way as a director of a corporation would mean that you are viewing those candidates through the lens that any other reasonably competent director would under those circumstances, and that may or may not align with what the membership would have or would not have proposed through an election.

Member Greenhut mentioned for members to ensure your network is aware that board meetings occur on Wednesday nights; we have had situations in the past where directors could not attend meetings.

Member Warren asked if it is plausible that the fact that our constituents prefer one person is relevant. The Chair replied that the Supreme Court of Canada adjudicated this decision in 2007 and found in favour of Bell Canada 1976 stakeholders in this circumstance. That sets a precedent about you being a fiduciary acting in the best interest of the corporation. Your considerations for others under the equity clause probably would not apply in this instance, were it to be legally scrutinized by others.

Member Gallacher inquired what is a secret ballot is. The Chair explained that it refers to a closed ballot, everyone is provided a means only the director has access to, the results are counted in ballots and then results are presented with the ballots destroyed.

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Member Song inquired how we quantify individual candidates and their participation in campaigning while considering their academics.

Member Greenhut responded that class talks needed to be scheduled with the CRO informed, but it's challenging to know which class talks are completed or not. We can track posters and social media due to the required approval process, but class talks are harder to track.

Motion Carried

9.11.3 Appoint Statement Making Committee

WHEREAS CSA Policy Appendix D (Committees) section 14.2.2 states that the membership of the Statement Making Committee will consist of:

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WHEREAS the position of VP External is currently vacant, and William Coleman, VP Academic, has been selected by vote of the Executive Committee to fulfill the committee obligations;

BE IT RESOLVED that William Coleman, VP Academic, be appointed to the Statement Making Committee for the 2025-2026 academic year;

FURTHER that the following Directors be appointed to the Statement Making Committee for the 2025-2026 academic year:

Ethan Warren
Yael Lazebnik
Keira Gayowsky

AND FURTHER that the following General Member of the CSA be appointed to the Statement Making Committee for the 2025-2026 academic year:

Manal Hamid

Moved: Noel Johnston

Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

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The VP Academic stated that statements drafted by the committee are coming by referral from the board, usually political or outside the scope of campus. We may have a meeting soon about Bill 60, and this committee meets sporadically.

Nominations include members Warren, Aldred-Ganhao, Gayowsky, Ames, and Lazebnik.

Member Warren had been involved in previous CSA meetings and enjoy writing, language, diplomacy, and would like to be part of the committee to provide one view of many to represent the organization.

Member Aldred-Ganhao has background in creating this committee, sees the value of this committee, and believes he can bring insights for different political perspectives and look forward to ensuring constituents are heard.

Member Gayowsky stated she is in CJPP and has experience in statements. She has experience in making statements as a Student Trustee. She is currently the VP External for Interhall Council and knows how to interact with external stakeholders, students, and politicians.

Member Ames stated that they have extensive experience statement making in the past in this committee last year. Member Ames worked with members of the board to create a statement we all agree with. They have additional experience in OPIRG making statements using the same consensus decision-making system as CSA. They enjoy the process of compromising and coming to a collective decision.

Member Lazebnik stated that this is their second term in the board and have heard testimonies about members who previously served. Moments when constituents are looking to the student union for their stance, we should be firm and diplomatic. She has previous experience from the board, debates, and is open-minded, and would love to hear other members on their perspectives.

Member Johnston stated this is a very important committee as it shapes our image to the students. We should have diverse views in this committee; it is important we have a wide range of viewpoints that statements reflect as much of the student body.

A secret ballot was conducted due to having more volunteers than available seats. Members Greenhut and Johnston scrutineered.

Member Aldred-Ganhao inquired how the general CSA member was selected for this committee.

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The VP Academic replied that this is covered in 14 in Appendix D, section 14.2.4 and it's an application process.

Member Johnston inquired if a board member can apply to the general member process for joining the committee. The PTC responded that it is discouraged.

Motion Carried

9.11.4 Appoint Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee

WHEREAS the Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee is tasked with selecting the winner of the Art in the Bullring event; and

WHEREAS the CSA VP Academic and Fine Arts Network Event Coordinator mutually agreed on having three undergraduate student representatives appointed by the CSA and three undergraduate student representatives appointed by FAN for the Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Board Directors be appointed to the Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee:

Jonah Greenhut
Ash Ames
Alex Song

Moved: William Coleman, VP Academic

Seconded: Noel Johnston

The VP Academic that you do not need to be an artist to be part of the panel. It is a fun committee consisting of 6 people plus 2 co-chairs. It will be one to two meetings. One meeting will be in a few weeks and another between November 10-20 to look at the art pieces. They hope everyone is available to attend the event on November 20.

Member Song inquired the different types of art allowed in submissions.

The VP Academic stated there is a top 5 announced in the event. Mediums can be any form of visual arts: photography, digital, paintings.

Member Song inquired about the use of AI in this. The VP Academic stated there are no current policies about this, but it is up to the discretion of the judges.

Motion Carried

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WHEREAS the CSA believes that the University Centre should be controlled by students;

WHEREAS the University Centre Board requires membership of ten undergraduate students appointed by the CSA, as well as five undergraduate students as alternate members, as per the Constitution of the University Centre Board; and

WHEREAS the University Centre Board currently has one vacancy for an undergraduate student member and two vacancies for alternates;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following CSA Member be appointed as a member of the University Centre Board for a term of up to two years:

Joshua Jacinto
Ash Ames

AND FURTHER that the following CSA Members be appointed as alternate members of the University Centre Board for a term of up to two years:

Marcus Aldred-Ganhao
Alex Song

Moved: Noel Johnston

Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

The VP Academic stated that you are expected to attend regularly scheduled meetings. You may be part of the policy decision-making, services, Brasstaps, anything involved with the UC. This was established as part of the 1976 settlement with the university as a breach of contract suit with the University Centre's uses.

Member Lazebnik asked how it works if a member is in the committee but not re-elected in the board. The VP Academic replied this is not contingent on the member being a CSA director. You would remain in the committee regardless. The PTC explained this is offered up to board members to fill any new vacancies that arise after the general appointment process has happened.

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Member Ames asked if they were appointed as an alternate member last year, would they be eligible to join as a member instead. The Chair explained If they were to be appointed as a regular member, the alternate position would be vacated and need to be filled.

MOTION TO AMEND: to strike one vacancy in the fourth whereas clause and replace with two vacancies.

Moved: VP Academic, William Coleman

Seconded: Noel Johnston

The VP Academic shared that we were alerted today by UC Board admin that there is an additional vacancy for a regular member that we were previously not aware of.

Motion Carried

Member Gallacher asked what the difference is between a regular member and alternate member. The VP Academic replied that a regular member is expected to attend all board meetings and scheduled committee meetings. Alternate members are to be called in if a regular member cannot attend, this is to ensure there is adequate undergraduate representation at all meetings.

Member Lazebnik asked if the board meets virtually or in-person. The VP Academic stated the board currently meets in-person.

Member Ames stated as an alternate, you get the opportunity to attend many meetings because members at times do not confirm their attendance, which prompts alternates being invited.

Members Aldred-Ganhao, Jacinto, and Ames were nominated.

Member Lazebnik inquired if someone has a year left with their degree, can they still be nominated. The PTC stated if someone has 1 year left, they can still join but just communicate their resignation so the vacancy can be filled once needed.

Member Aldred-Ganhao stated he is qualified as he serves as the President of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council and previously as President of Tabletop Games which shared a space in the UC and is aware of the constraints of space. He has also served on the CSA's Finance committee and is well-suited with those aspects of this board.

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Member Jacinto stated he has used the UC in large quantities. He has experience as Co-President of the International Students Organization, chess club, and collaborations with lots of clubs.

Member Ames stated they show up to all these meetings as an alternate and would like to show up as a regular member.

Member Aldred-Ganhao asked if the nominees can speak to their attendance records. The Chair stated we cannot confirm this.

Member Song asked since 2 CSA members are selected, would the remaining candidate be automatically considered for alternate. The Chair replied they would need to be nominated again.

Member Greenhut inquired what each nominee envisions the UC's purpose as.

Member Jacinto wanted to expand knowledge on what they can use. He has an upcoming event on Saturday which will use many of the UC's spaces. There will be a cafe in this room currently. Only certain rooms can move tables or not, he wants to explore what we can do for student clubs.

Member Ames would be interested in the allocation of different spaces. There have been some space reassignments and they are interested in exploring who is going to replace the people in that space in the UC. They also want to analyze which student groups need more priority for space.

Member Aldred-Ganhao stated that they notice it is difficult to secure space on campus, especially with the UC in different times of year. He wants to prioritize student organizations and streamline. He wants to make it easier for students to access the space and reduce it from the UC administration.

Members Johnston and Greenhut scrutinized. Member Jacinto was selected for one seat. The other two members were tied.

Member Aldred-Ganhao reiterated that he is well-equipped with drafting policies, overseeing finances, student events, and allocating spaces.

Member Ames stated they have experience in going over finances, looking at changes, factors that change the UC. For example, they were aware about concerns of tariffs and costs of acquiring certain food items.

Another secret ballot was conducted. Members Johnston and Greenhut scrutinized. Member Ames was selected.

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Member Aldred-Ganhao and Song were nominated as alternate members.

Motion Carried

9.11.6 Awards Committee Presentation and Terms of Reference

(a) Receive Presentation

MOTION: to receive the presentation by William Coleman, VP Academic, regarding a CSA Awards Committee as information.

Moved: Noel Johnston

Seconded: Kovar Yu

MOTION: to have a 5-minute recess

Moved: Jonah Greenhut

Seconded: Ethan Warren

Motion Carried

The VP Academic stated this is an overview of the program. For some background, we currently offer a Teaching Excellence Award and have previously done a Board Member of the Year Award. We need to look at the program as whole; we talked to other student unions about what they do. We talked with clubs and clubs' leaders, noting this is a way to improve relationships with clubs, board, and executives. This aims to recognize the achievements of clubs, students, faculty, and TAs. This is to further contribute to a positive atmosphere on campus. The process is to be overseen by the VP Academic; it will be accepted through a single form available online through Instagram, the website, etc. Throughout the year, this will have a cut off cycle. It does not require multiple nominators; all are reviewed by a committee to create a fair and open process. Categories include leadership excellence, emerging leader, board impact, club of the year, new club of the year, club spirit, faculty teaching champion, TA teaching champion. The Awards Committee will be responsible for awards criteria, nomination process, and selection of award winners. A key issue to address is the perceived conflicts of interest for members of the committee. One of the goals is to bring this under a single CSA awards brand. Our Promotional Services Coordinator, Emma, was instrumental in creating new branding elements for the awards program. Promotion would be continuous throughout the year. We are looking to make this a more formal event, such as a gala and individuals will receive plaques. The archives of past winners will be on our website.

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Member Greenhut noticed on one of the slides, it states that it does not have to be a CSA accredited club. He asked if the VP Academic could speak to the rationale of not having individual award plaques in addition to historical archival plaques that would continue to be updated.

The VP Academic stated that not all things are set in stone, but we thought of including as many clubs as possible on campus. The VP Academic stated plaques are expensive to maintain and would result in a large work order.

The President added that this can work like the SEIF process; others can apply but non-CSA clubs may be held to a higher standard.

Member Johnston inquired about whether there is a differentiation for TAs. For the board member award, given that we know all board members, would there not be a conflict of interest for selecting the award winner.

The VP Academic stated that any levels of TAs can be considered. To answer the second question, each award will have a set of criteria. The committee chair can confirm what is considered a conflict of interest.

Member Song asked how selections will be made for clubs, and if there are going to be interviews with executives of the clubs.

The VP Academic stated we will look for nomination statements from anybody who would like to send something. We will look at them equally when evaluating specific criteria. We will have to make final recommendations of what these criteria consists of to the board.

Motion Carried

(b) Approve Terms of Reference

MOTION: to approve the creation of the Awards Committee as an internal committee of the CSA;

AND FURTHER to approve the Terms of Reference for the Awards Committee, as provided in the board agenda package.

Moved: William Coleman, VP Academic

Seconded: Brendon Gallacher

The VP Academic stated this committee would oversee everything in this program.

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Member Warren inquired about the composition of the committee. The VP Academic responded it includes the VP Academic as the Chair, the President, the Clubs Coordinator, 3 board members where one is a college representative, elected or appointed, and one is a student organization representative, and one general member.

Member Greenhut inquired why the PTC is not included in the committee given the board member award, since the Clubs Coordinator is included based on the Clubs-related awards.

The VP Academic stated that language about the PTC can be added if the board was interested. Member Johnston stated that members could meet with the PTC if they have questions regarding board member deliberations. Member Warren considered the workload of the PTC.

MOTION: to call the question

Moved: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Seconded: Branden Newman

Motion Defeated

The VP Academic added that deliberations and selections for winners would be in-camera, so individuals who aren't part of the committee would not be able to be included in discussions.

Member Greenhut inquired to the PTC if they think it is important to have their voice involved. The PTC said their voice is not needed as they can provide the relevant data regarding board members to the committee prior to deliberations, including board attendance records, committee appointments, and other involvement.

Motion Carried

9.12 New Business

No New Business was presented.

9.13 Announcements

The PTC asked everyone to share the appointment process with their networks.

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Member Warren asked any clubs involved with CCMPS to please submit PDRs as we have money to spend.

Member Jacinto said there is an event on November 1, an anime convention. Up to 60 volunteer staff, tickets cost 10 bucks, we are hoping to have 100 attendees. We have a badge for this event. This has an artist ally, performances, workshops, and cafe. Feel free to drop in and come!

Member Gayowsky stated IHC has affiliated with the Great Lakes Affiliation of College and University Residence Halls and will be attending a conference on November 7. IHC will also be participating in the fall open house for new students to view campus.

Member Ames stated on November 4, there are OPIRG provincial collaboration lunches to meet and discuss. There is a registration on OPIRG Guelph Instagram. With this one, it revolved around design and disability justice. On November 4, OPIRG office will host an event about digital security (e.g. VPN and data connection). Submission deadline for a funding request is on November 14; this can be anything in the Guelph community for social environmental justice.

Member Newman stated an event is open to all students, Sweet Grass Braiding event, which will involve an Ojibwe speaker. Sweet grass is one of our traditional medicines. We will also go through the 7 generations and teachings. There is also Powwow coming up in November. We are working with the Indigenous student centre, as Indigenous Recognition Week last year had dancers and food tasting. This year, we are trying to represent Metis people and inviting jugglers and fiddlers. This should be first week of March.

Member Lazebnik stated there is another Sustainability Action Fund Committee meeting in 2 days, if you have any ideas, please send them to the main uoguelph Instagram in the linktree.

9.14 In Camera

No in-camera session was held.

9.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 9 on October 29, 2025 be adjourned at 8:39 pm.

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Moved: Keira Gayowsky
Seconded: Kovar Yu

Motion Carried

Approved by the Board of Directors	Date: November 12, 2025
Signed: _____ Christopher Yendt Board Chair	Date: _____
Signed: _____ Colleen Bovay Policy & Transition Coordinator	Date: _____