

# Appendix A Executive Portfolios



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## **1.0 Executive Officer General Duties**

- 1.1 Each Executive member shall be responsible for an area or areas of concentration called portfolios.
- 1.2 Each Executive member shall be responsible for consultation with the general membership on all matters pertaining to each respective portfolio. This may include holding office hours, performing classroom talks, surveying, and more.
- 1.3 Each Executive member shall work collectively as the Executive Committee to complete short-term and long-term objectives, led by the President.
- 1.4 Each Executive member shall take direction from the CSA Board of Directors when given.
- 1.5 Each Executive member shall participate in CSA Board meetings and act as a resource to the Board regarding bylaws, policies, services, and initiatives.
- 1.6 Each Executive member is responsible for ensuring proper transition for the respective Executive-elect into their portfolio, which includes updating the transition manual for their role in the Winter semester.
- 1.7 Each Executive member will work on-site at the CSA office, with the majority of hours to be completed during standard office hours of 9am to 5pm.
- 1.8 Each Executive member will attend and actively engage in key CSA events, including but not limited to, AGMs / GMMs, Orientation Week, and CSA Elections.
- 1.9 Each Executive will collaborate regarding the CSAs social media presence and be responsible for contributing ideas regarding their events and initiatives.
- 1.10 Each Executive member will attend core staff meetings, all-staff meetings, and Executive Committee meetings, in addition to all other committee requirements.

## **2.0 President**

- 2.1 The primary purpose of the President is to uphold the mandate of the Central Student Association and ensure its viability as a functioning organization that meets the needs of University of Guelph undergraduate students. Core responsibilities include:

- 2.1.1** To act as CSA representative in legal matters and be knowledgeable of all legally binding contracts signed on behalf of the CSA.
- 2.1.2** To act as the “Corporate President” and to be a primary signing authority of the CSA.
- 2.1.3** To be Executive Supervisor for all CSA permanent staff.
- 2.1.4** To act as the primary contact between the CSA Executive, Board of Directors, and staff.
- 2.1.5** To provide guidance, oversight, and lead the Executive Committee.
- 2.1.6** To be knowledgeable of all CSA operations and services and ensure they are managed effectively and efficiently.
- 2.1.7** To oversee human resources, training, and the work environment for staff, Executive, Directors, and volunteers.
- 2.1.8** To oversee all finances and ensure the financial viability of the organization.
- 2.1.9** To act as the primary and public spokesperson of the CSA.
- 2.1.10** To promote and protect the image of the CSA to the general membership and public.
- 2.1.11** To be knowledgeable of the CSA Policy & Bylaw Manual and all CSA contracts.
- 2.1.12** To advocate for increasing student engagement and representation on committees with Executive, staff, and the Board of Directors.

## **2.2 Leading the Executive Committee**

- 2.2.1** To be knowledgeable of the elements of each Executive Portfolio to present a cohesive view of the CSA, both internally and externally.
- 2.2.2** To give guidance to Executives for completing their projects and have oversight that they align with their portfolio and CSA mandate.
  - Provide motivation for Executives to pursue initiatives and expand projects within their portfolio area.
  - Monitor progress through regular check-ins and provide support

as needed.

- 2.2.3** To ensure the Executive Committee collaborate in an effective and respectful manner.
  - Coordinate team bonding activities throughout the term, in particular during the initial transition period.
- 2.2.4** To set collective goals and objectives for the year for the Executive Committee.
  - Develop a realistic strategy within the Executive Committee to ensure completion of individual portfolios and collective goals for the term.
- 2.2.5** To oversee the timeline for completion of Executive transition manuals, in collaboration with the Policy & Transition Coordinator.
- 2.2.6** To act as the representative of the Executive Committee to CSA staff and the Board of Directors.
- 2.2.7** To delegate committee membership and participation in other events and initiatives to Executives as required.

## **2.3 Operations**

- 2.3.1** To ensure that the Student Organization Accreditation is completed by the set date in summer, fall, and winter semesters, in order to maintain the CSAs position as a Primary Student Organization (PSO) at the University of Guelph.
- 2.3.2** To be knowledgeable of all CSA operations and services and ensure they are managed effectively and efficiently, in collaboration with the Business Manager.
- 2.3.3** To oversee the completion of operations manuals for each CSA service, in collaboration with the Executive Committee and Supervisors.
- 2.3.4** To assess operations and services and identify gaps.
  - Review service functionality and viability on a regular basis.
  - Ensure data is collected on all operations.
  - Implement assessment of data to mandate improvement and reduction of operations where applicable.
- 2.3.5** To initiate new projects and organizational changes that address the

needs of the students and the organization.

- 2.3.6** To have oversight of administration of the Board of Directors, in collaboration with the Policy & Transition Coordinator.
- In collaboration with the Policy & Transition Coordinator, ensure Board Members are aware of their responsibilities as outlined in the CSA Bylaw & Policy Manual and support their success in their role.
- 2.3.7** To have oversight of the electoral process of CSA general elections and by-elections.
- Work collaboratively with the Chief Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer, and the Policy & Transition Coordinator.
  - Plan the promotional strategy of all CSA elections, in collaboration with the Promotional Services Coordinator, to ensure successful elections.
- 2.3.8** To organize and coordinate the Annual General Meeting and General Members Meeting with support from the Policy & Transition Coordinator, and in collaboration with the permanent staff team.
- Schedule regular meetings with the permanent staff team to delegate responsibilities and track progress.
- 2.3.9** To ensure Bullring Operations Committee meetings are scheduled and held monthly, in collaboration with the Business Manager.
- Be knowledgeable of Bullring operations.
  - Provide input and inform the student body and Board.
  - Be the liaison from the committee to the Board.
- 2.3.10** To be knowledgeable of the planning of the year, both events and responsibilities, and give guidance as needed, in collaboration with the Executives and permanent staff.
- Ensure that all CSA staff members are made aware of the “Year at a Glance”.
- 2.3.11** To keep staff informed of Executive and Board initiatives and actions through, but not limited to, regular staff meetings and emails as relevant.
- 2.3.12** To be responsible for the oversight of CSA designated spaces, in collaboration with the Business Manager.
- Be responsible for the arrangement, upgrades, renovations, and allocation of office spaces.

- Investigate and coordinate CSA-specific space and building initiatives and work to expand space as needed and feasible.

## 2.4 Human Resources

- 2.4.1** To oversee and manage all aspects of human resources with the support of the HR Coordinator, Business Manager, Policy and Transition Coordinator, Human Resources (HR) Support Team, and the External Human Resources Consultant.
- 2.4.2** To make the final decisions regarding the CSA Complaint Resolution Procedure or complaints regarding incidents of harassment, physical violence, or threat, in collaboration with the HR Support Team member(s), as outlined in Appendix C – CSA Human Resources Policy.
- 2.4.3** To act as the Executive supervisor for all permanent staff, the Elections Office staff, and Board administration staff.
- 2.4.4** To promote positive working relationships among staff, in collaboration with the HR Coordinator.
  - Coordinate all “meet and greet” and appreciation events with the staff, Executive, Board of Directors, and volunteers.
  - Host monthly all-staff meetings to raise awareness of ongoing activities, HR policies and timelines, and to build working relationships across the CSA staff.
- 2.4.5** To foster an inclusive and safe work environment for all staff, Executives, Board of Directors, and volunteers, in collaboration with the HR Coordinator.
  - Support the Joint Health & Safety Committee to ensure all Health & Safety policies, programs, training, and protocols are followed.
  - Review and update the CSA Statement of Commitment to AODA and ensure staff are aware of CSA Accessibility policies.
  - Ensure the CSA complies with the Occupational Health & Safety Act.
- 2.4.6** To, in collaboration with the HR Coordinator and External Human Resources Consultant, establish a comprehensive Human Resources training schedule for CSA staff and volunteers.
  - Notify staff of their online training requirements, provide links, receive certificates, and follow-up to ensure all on-boarding modules have been completed.

- Ensure in-person training sessions are scheduled at the beginning of every semester; offer alternate times as required.
  - File certificates and record all online and in-person training completion dates on Employee Training Checklist cards.
  - Ensure staff hired after the primary onboarding period are fully trained.
  - Review training requirements with the HR Coordinator and external HR consultant early in the Winter semester in readiness for the job description review and hiring period in mid-February.
- 2.4.7** To maintain employee files of all permanent staff and executives, ensuring all required information is included and up to date, per Employee Files – Content and Maintenance Guidelines.
- 2.4.8** To ensure that staff evaluations occur within the first three months of employment, and as required, in collaboration with the HR Coordinator.
- 2.4.9** To complete staff evaluations for the permanent staff annually within the winter semester, and/or within the first 3 months of a new permanent staff members' employment.
- 2.4.10** To oversee the primary Hiring Period (mid-February to end of March) in collaboration with the Business Manager and HR Coordinator.
- Review job descriptions and staff contract changes for accuracy and relevance, in collaboration with the Business Manager.
  - Ensure hiring committees are struck at the last Executive Committee meeting prior to the close of the job posting period.
  - Ensure the chair of each hiring committee is fully trained and familiar with the duties and processes, in collaboration with the HR Coordinator.
- 2.4.11** To, in collaboration with the Policy & Transition Coordinator, develop a comprehensive Director Training schedule by July 1st and assist in the development and implementation of the various components of Board Training in compliance with CSA bylaws and policies.
- 2.4.12** To, in collaboration with the Policy & Transition Coordinator, review and solicit input from Executive and staff as to the effectiveness of the primary Executive Transition and Training period (late April through May).
- Together with the Policy & Transition Coordinator, and in preparation for the next primary Executive and Training period,

incorporate feedback and update the Executive Transition & Training modules by July 1st.

- Work with the Policy & Transition Coordinator and members of the permanent staff, early in the Winter semester, to review and finalize the Executive Training schedule for the upcoming year.

**2.4.13** To, at all times, take into consideration the relations between Executives, staff, and the Board of Directors, and to be impartial and fair when dealing with these interactions.

## **2.5 Finances**

**2.5.1** To act as the “Corporate President” and to be a primary signing authority of the CSA.

**2.5.2**

**2.5.3** To be knowledgeable of all aspects of the budget, day to day finances, and at all times, take into consideration the long-term financial sustainability of the CSA as a not-for-profit organization, in collaboration with the Business Manager.

**2.5.4** To meet with the Business Manager on a regular basis to review the statements of Revenues and Expenditures for each portfolio.

- Oversee new revenue generating opportunities consistent with the association’s mandate, in collaboration with the Business Manager.
- Meet with the Business Manager on an as-needed basis to discuss critical financial matters as they arise.

**2.5.5** To be the Chair of the Finance Committee and ensure the committee fulfills all responsibilities, objectives, and reporting requirements, in an effort to maintain financial transparency.

**2.5.6** To oversee expenses and manage the finances of the Administration, Council, and Live Entertainment budget portfolios.

**2.5.7** To ensure the annual operating budget and the most recent approved audited statements are posted to the CSA website.

**2.5.8** To act as the Executive contact for all matters related to CSA ancillary student fees, in collaboration with the Business Manager.

- This includes but is not limited to, changes to fees, fee suspensions, letters of direction, and dissolution of fees.



- 2.5.9** To oversee and coordinate the annual budget development process, in collaboration with the Business Manager.
- Ensure that the budgeting process is equitable, manageable, and adheres to the goals and directives set out in the Bylaws and Policies.
  - Ensure the annual budget is presented to the Board of Directors for approval by the Business Manager.
- 2.5.10** To overrule a particular expenditure, only if that particular portfolio or the President believes that the expenditure is not in the best financial interest of the association.
- To document the reason for overruling an expense request and present it to the Executive Committee for discussion within 24 hours of an overruling.
- 2.5.11** To administer the Student Events and Initiatives Funding (SEIF) process by setting application deadlines for the Fall and Winter semesters and chairing the committee that awards grants for relevant applications.
- 2.5.12** To engage in the planning of the annual University budget.
- Create and present a well-researched lobby document to University of Guelph administration to address the importance of having an accessible post-secondary education system, and other academic-related initiatives that have been identified as a priority for the current term as part of the Student Budget Committee.
  - Communicate information to students on tuition fees and Board of Governors budget / decisions regarding tuition, in collaboration with the Vice President Academic.

## **2.6 CSA Spokesperson**

- 2.6.1** To act as the primary and public spokesperson of the CSA.
- 2.6.2** To ensure transparency to the membership regarding CSA activities and decision-making to allow for accountability and awareness of the organization.
- 2.6.3** To visit and speak at CSA-run events, student events, and external events as appropriate as the primary CSA representative.
- 2.6.4** To act as the primary CSA representative with the CSA membership, University Senior Administration, the City of Guelph, and Primary

Student Organizations (PSOs), Accredited Student Organizations (ASOs) and Special Status Groups (SSGs). .

- 2.6.5** To speak on behalf of the staff, Executive Committee, and the Board of Directors through announcements, statements, and other forms of communication.
- 2.6.6** To act as the primary advocate for increasing student engagement and representation on committees.
- 2.6.7** To work towards university-wide student space initiatives in collaboration with the Executive Committee.
- 2.6.8** To attend and speak at the annual Student Memorial Tree Dedication on behalf of the CSA and undergraduate students.
- 2.6.9** To be responsible for robust and successful Orientation Week programming, in collaboration with the CSA Events Coordinator.
  - To support the CSA Events Coordinator with organizing and running Orientation Week events.
  - To ensure that the Executive Committee is fully informed about their participation and understands their responsibilities as pertaining to Orientation week events.

## **2.7 Media and Promotions**

- 2.7.1** To maximize awareness of the CSA as an organization within the University of Guelph and the City of Guelph.
- 2.7.2** To educate and enforce policies regarding media management to staff and the Executive Committee.
- 2.7.3** To advise the Executive Committee on all promotional and media items to protect the image of the CSA.
- 2.7.4** To act as the executive supervisor of the Promotional Services Coordinator and give guidance for maximizing the CSAs promotional outreach and prioritizing projects as needed.
- 2.7.5** To oversee the direction and implementation of the CSA brand in collaboration with the Promotional Services Coordinator.
  - Ensure all promotional assets and services follow the CSA brand as developed for the current term.

- Contribute to increasing the recognizability of the CSA.
- 2.7.6** To coordinate the social media presence of the CSA in collaboration with the Promotional Services Coordinator and the VP Internal.
- Ensure consistent communication to the CSA membership through social media regarding current operations.
  - Provide guidance to the Executive Committee for developing social media content in alignment with their portfolio.
  - Implement social media series' that provide insight into the activities of the Executives and contribute to their recognizability.
- 2.7.7** To inform and educate the student body on all CSA initiatives, campaigns, programs, and events.
- In collaboration with the Promotional Services Coordinator, prepare the monthly CSA newsletter regarding current activities and events of the organization.
  - Ensure that all aspects of the CSA are promoted to students, specifically focusing on job opportunities, services, and activities.
  - Promote the CSA through advertising efforts by use of campus media.
- 2.7.8** To approve and provide guidance for all media requests for the CSA.
- Act as the primary contact of the CSA for the Ontario and all other on and off-campus publications.
  - Pursue opportunities for publicizing activities of the CSA.
- 2.8 Contracts, Agreements, and Policy**
- 2.8.1** Deeds, transfers, licenses, contracts, and engagements on behalf of the University of Guelph Central Student Association Incorporated shall be signed by the President and Vice President Internal.
- 2.8.2** To review and be knowledgeable of all existing contracts, in collaboration with the Business Manager, including but not limited to, the Student Health and Dental Plan, U-Pass transit contract, University Centre Agreement, lease agreements, and all other contracts, agreements, and memorandums of understanding.
- 2.8.3** To act as the leaseholder for all CSA designated spaces and oversee compliance with the terms of the agreements.
- 2.8.4** To ensure all CSA staff members and Executives are aware of the CSA

Policy & Bylaw Manual and provide guidance as needed for understanding relevant policies.

- 2.8.5** To support the Policy and Transition Coordinator with maintaining the policy review cycle.
- Sit on the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee.
  - Contribute to the policy review process and identify policy gaps in collaboration with the Policy & Transition Coordinator.

## **2.9 Committees**

### **2.9.1 Internal CSA Committees**

- Executive Committee (Chair)
- Finance Committee (Chair)
- Student Events and Initiatives Funding Committee (Chair)
- Policy and Bylaw Review Committee (member)
- Elections and Referendum Committee (member)
- Bullring Operating Committee (member)
- CSA/GSA Transit Committee (member)
- thecannon.ca Operating Committee (member)

### **2.9.2 External Committees**

- Student Executive Council (member)
- Student Leaders and Administration Meeting (member)
- Student Budget Committee (member)
- Student Life Enhancement Fund Committee (member)
- Compulsory Fees Committee (member)
- Orientation Week Advisory Committee (member)
- Homecoming and St. Patrick's Day Internal Planning Committee (member)

## **3.0 Vice President Internal**

- 3.1** The primary purpose of the Vice President Internal (VPI) is to amplify non-academic student interests on campus and enhance student life. Core responsibilities include:

**3.1.1** To follow the leadership and direction of the CSA President.

**3.1.2** To be a primary signing authority of the CSA.

- 3.1.3** To be knowledgeable of CSA finances and be prepared to assume the duties of the President in the event of the absence or incapacity of the President.
- 3.1.4** To oversee the expenses of the Vice President Internal budget portfolio in collaboration with the Business Manager.
- 3.1.5** To ensure the effective operation of CSA Clubs, SafeWalk, and Bike Centre services.
- 3.1.6** To be a key presence representing the CSA on campus in support of increasing outreach, community, and inclusivity.
- 3.1.7** To support the health and wellbeing of all undergraduate students through advocacy, initiatives, and related events.
- 3.1.8** To be an advocate for maintaining and enhancing student space on campus.
- 3.1.9** To be a member and actively participate with internal and external committees in relation to the Vice President Internal portfolio.

## **3.2 Services**

- 3.2.1** To act as the Executive supervisor of the Clubs, SafeWalk, and Bike Centre service staff.
- 3.2.2** To be knowledgeable of all aspects of the CSA Clubs Office and oversee all operations, in collaboration with the Clubs Coordinator.
  - Be well versed in the contents of the CSA Clubs Handbook to effectively provide support to the Clubs Coordinator as needed.
  - Be aware of club accreditation and training deadlines each semester.
  - Attend and provide support for key events including but not limited to the Clubs General Meetings, Clubs Days, and annual locker and poster room clean up.
- 3.2.3** To be knowledgeable of all aspects of the SafeWalk service and oversee all operations.
  - Schedule monthly operations meetings with the SafeWalk Coordinator and Business Manager for operational and financial updates and recordkeeping.
  - Review the SafeWalk referendum details annually to ensure

operations are consistent with the terms of the question.

- 3.2.4** To be knowledgeable of all aspects of the Bike Centre service and oversee all operations.
- Schedule monthly operations meetings with the Bike Centre Coordinator and the Business Manager for operational and financial updates and recordkeeping.
  - Coordinate the annual Bike Auction held in March, in collaboration with the Bike Centre Coordinator, Business Manager, Promotional Services Coordinator, and online auction staff.
- 3.2.5** To be the CSA Executive representative on the Student Events and Risk Management Committee. When needed, support the CSA Events Coordinator with checking CSAASO GryphLife submissions and commenting or approving events.

### **3.3 Outreach and Engagement**

- 3.3.1** To participate in regular social media meetings with the Executive Committee and Promotional Services Coordinator to plan outreach strategies for increasing engagement and awareness.
- Reply to direct messages, comments, and inquiries on CSA social media posts, with guidance from the CSA President.
- 3.3.2** To advocate for increasing student engagement and representation on non-academic committees and ensure that students have meaningful participation and decision-making power in these areas.
- 3.3.3** In collaboration with the President, act as a liaison with other Primary Student Organizations (PSO), Accredited Student Organizations (ASO), and Special Status Groups (SSG) to support engagement in their activities.
- 3.3.4** To advocate for and coordinate meaningful programming for graduating students in the Winter semester, including but not limited to the Last Toast, with support from the Events Coordinator.
- 3.3.5** To acquire and document feedback from students regarding CSA services, events, and initiatives.
- 3.3.6** To work with other student groups and university departments to build long-term relationships with campus partners in relation to the Vice President Internal portfolio.

- 3.3.7** In collaboration with the President, make every effort to inform and educate the student membership on all CSA initiatives, campaigns, programs, and events by means of such methods as classroom speaking, attending appropriate student events, liaison with as many student organizations as possible, including but not limited to college governments, appropriate clubs, OPIRG, Guelph Campus Co-op, Interhall Council, and College Royal.

## **3.4 Student Health and Wellness**

- 3.4.1** To engage in and promote awareness regarding campaigns, initiatives, and committees that support undergraduate student mental health and well-being.
- 3.4.2** To Co-Chair the Student Health and Dental Plan Committee and adhere to the Terms of Reference in collaboration with the Business Manager.
- Ensure semesterly newsletters detailing opt-in, opt-out, and family-add deadlines are circulated in a timely manner.
  - Ensure provided benefits are well-promoted to CSA members throughout the academic year, particularly those related to mental wellness.
  - Ensure the CSA website is kept up-to-date with current benefit information.
  - Attend the Client Advisory Council conference held annually in June as coordinated by our Health and Dental broker.
- 3.4.3** To be the lead facilitator of the CSA Menstrual Hygiene Initiative and referendum fee, in collaboration with the CSA Business Manager regarding budget, staffing, inventory, events, and program expansion.
- Be knowledgeable of day-to-day operations.
  - Run events and campaigns to promote awareness of the initiative, including but not limited to, a minimum of one Free Flow Market event per semester with the goal of distributing 200 free reusable menstrual products to students.
  - Act as the primary point person for communications with students and campus partners.
  - Maintain a comprehensive operating manual and prepare an annual report regarding all aspects of the service, to be completed in the Winter Semester.
- 3.4.4** To organize stressbusters during midterms and final exams periods, in



collaboration with the Vice President Academic.

**3.4.5** To promote sexual health and consent education on campus, which includes but is not limited to running Sexy Bingo events.

**3.4.6** To advocate for and participate in initiatives regarding inclusivity and student support.

- To act as a support person for special status groups, under-represented groups, and the Office of Diversity and Human Rights.
- To advocate for under-represented and marginalized undergraduate students at the University of Guelph, in collaboration with the VP External.
- To be knowledgeable of the various avenues and University resources that are available to students in need of advice, assistance, or support in non-academic areas.

**3.4.7** To be informed of the various avenues that are available to students in need of advice, assistance, or support in non-academic University related areas and ensure that students' needs are being met through appropriate channels. Provide referrals and act as an advocate as needed.

## **3.5 Student Space**

**3.5.1** To work towards University-wide student space initiatives by advocating for expansion and enhancements to non-academic student space on campus, in collaboration with the Executive Committee.

**3.5.2** To advocate for expansion of student study and lounge space on campus, in collaboration with the Vice President Academic.

**3.5.3** To recruit students to fill the CSA (primary and alternate) positions on the UC Board through a general call-out for members, as required.

**3.5.4** To facilitate student caucus meetings of the CSA representatives on the UC Board before the start of UC Board meetings to review the agenda together.

## **3.6 Committees**

### **3.6.1 Internal CSA Committees:**

- Executive Committee (Secretary)



- Student Health & Dental Plan Committee (co-chair)
- CSA Finance Committee (member)
- Student Events and Risk Management Committee (member)
- thecannon.ca Operating Committee (member)

### **3.6.2 External Committees**

Student Experience and Events Committees:

- Student Leaders and Administration Meeting (member)
- Student Experience Advisory Committee (member)
- Gryph to Grad Committee (member)
- Innovation Fund Committee (member)

Student Space Committees:

- University Centre Board (lead member)
- University Centre Board Selection Committee (chair)
- Sustainability Action Fund Working Group (member)

Student Wellness Committees:

- Student Wellness Advisory Group (member)
- OUTline Advisory Committee (member)
- Athletics Advisory Council (member)
- Student Food Security Committee (member)

- 3.6.3** In addition to further committees as delegated by the CSA President, based on Executive Portfolios.

## **4.0 Vice President Academic**

- 4.1** The primary purpose of the Vice President Academic (VPA) is to defend the academic rights and interests of University of Guelph undergraduate students. Core responsibilities include:

- 4.1.1** To follow the leadership and direction of the CSA President.
- 4.1.2** To oversee the expenses of the Vice President Academic budget portfolio in collaboration with the Business Manager.
- 4.1.3** To ensure the effective operation of the Student Help and Advocacy Centre.

- 4.1.4** To represent undergraduate students with all matters pertaining to accessibility and academics, and to be knowledgeable of the various avenues and University resources that are available to students in need of advice, assistance, or support in academic areas.
- 4.1.5** Act as a liaison between University staff and faculty and the CSA Executive Committee on academic matters.
- 4.1.6** To provide campaigns and events that support undergraduate students' academic journeys, including but not limited to, the Student Memorial Service and CSA Awards.
- 4.1.7** To be a member and actively participate with internal and external committees in relation to the Vice President Academic portfolio.

## **4.2 Student Help and Advocacy Centre (SHAC)**

- 4.2.1** To act as the Executive supervisor of the Student Help and Advocacy Centre staff.
- 4.2.2** To be knowledgeable of all aspects of the Student Help and Advocacy Centre and oversee all operations.
  - Support the SHAC Coordinator in contracting and citing the work terms for a legal professional.
  - Act as a resource for SHAC on issues related to the Residential Tenancies Act.
  - Act as a resource for SHAC on issues related to academic advocacy.
- 4.2.3** To be knowledgeable in specifics of the Residential Tenancies Act and related City of Guelph bylaws in order to provide tenancy advocacy to students.
- 4.2.4** To refer students to the appropriate community organization when advocacy requires a legal opinion.
- 4.2.5** To be knowledgeable of and to work with Interhall Council to address University residence issues and concerns.

## **4.3 Academic and Financial Advocacy**

- 4.3.1** To be knowledgeable of various areas of financial support including

bursaries, grants, loans, scholarships, work study, Undergraduate Research Assistantships (URA) and Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA).

- 4.3.2** To actively engage with students on academic issues and initiatives that are currently relevant to the undergraduate student body.
- 4.3.3** To promote the financial aid available to students.
- 4.3.4** To be knowledgeable of the Undergraduate Degree Regulations and Procedures.
- 4.3.5** To represent undergraduate students on all academic and accessibility related committees.
- 4.3.6** To advocate for accessibility in academic settings on behalf of undergraduate students who self-identify as having a disability.
- 4.3.7** To work with student leaders and organizations to increase access to support services for academic and accessibility needs.
- 4.3.8** To advocate for increasing student engagement and representation on academic-related committees and ensure that students have meaningful participation and decision-making power in these areas.
- 4.3.9** To act as an ex-officio member of Senate.
  - Represent undergraduate students on Student Senate Caucus, Board of Undergraduate Studies and other Senate committees, as per the Bylaws of Senate.

## **4.4 Liaison**

- 4.4.1** To advocate on behalf of undergraduate students for an accessible, high quality post-secondary education, in collaboration with the Vice President External
- 4.4.2** To act as a support resource for CSA executives regarding internal university information as sourced from external committees, to support their lobbying efforts.
- 4.4.3** To provide financial and accessibility recommendations regarding the University budget development process, by communicating them to the President of the CSA.

- 4.4.4** To communicate information to students on tuition fees and Board of Governors budget / decisions regarding tuition, in collaboration with the President.

## **4.5 Events**

- 4.5.1** To coordinate the CSA Awards program and Chair the Awards Committee.
- 4.5.2** To coordinate the annual Student Memorial Tree Dedication with support from the Business Manager.
- Collaborate with the Graduate Student Association to divide responsibilities and coordinate the event.
  - Provide a final report including a statement of expenses to the Student Health and Dental Plan Committee by the end of the fall semester.
- 4.5.3** To coordinate Art in the Bullring in collaboration with the Fine Arts Network and Bullring Manager.
- 4.5.4** To organize stressbusters during midterms and final exams periods, in collaboration with the Vice President Internal.
- 4.5.5** To seek out additional programming opportunities to support students' academic studies and career needs.

## **4.6 Committees**

### **4.6.1 Internal CSA Committees**

- Executive Committee (member)
- Accessibility Committee (chair)
- Awards Committee (chair)
- Art in the Bullring Judging Committee (co-chair)

### **4.6.2 External Committees**

#### **Academic:**

- Student Senate Caucus (member)
- Board of Undergraduate Studies (member)
- Senate (member)
- Student Leaders and Administration Meeting (member)
- Calendar Review Committee (member)

- Student Rights and Responsibilities (member)
- Library Student Fee Sub-Committee (member)
- Academic Integrity Task Force (member)
- Teaching and Learning Network (member)
- Experiential Learning Advisory Committee (member)
- Co-Curricular Experiential Learning Integrity Committee (member)
- Accessibility Steering Committee (member)

Financial:

- Compulsory Fees Committee (member)

Other:

- Student Life Enhancement Fund Sub-Committee (member)
- IT Student Advisory Committee (member)
- Student Career Advisory Committee (member)

**4.6.3** In addition to further committees as delegated by the CSA President, based on Executive Portfolios.

## 5.0 Vice President External

**5.1** The primary purpose of the Vice President External (VPE) is to represent and defend the rights and interests of the University of Guelph undergraduate students within municipal, provincial, and federal levels of government. Core responsibilities include:

- 5.1.1** To follow the leadership and direction of the CSA President.
- 5.1.2** To oversee the expenses of the Vice President External budget portfolio in collaboration with the Business Manager.
- 5.1.3** To ensure the effective operation of the Guelph Student FoodBank.
- 5.1.4** To represent undergraduate student voices and concerns regarding all aspects of the Student U-Pass and Late-Night Service.
- 5.1.5** To coordinate advocacy campaigns regarding social, environmental, and governmental issues that impact the CSA membership.
- 5.1.6** To be a resource to the membership regarding government activities and build relationships with all levels of government.

- 5.1.7** To be a member and actively participate with internal and external committees in relation to the Vice President External portfolio.

## **5.2 Guelph Student FoodBank**

- 5.2.1** To act as the Executive supervisor of the FoodBank service staff.
- 5.2.2** To be knowledgeable of all aspects of the FoodBank and oversee all operations.
- Complete training regarding food safety, foodbank appointments, and portioning. Be available to provide coverage as needed due to staffing shortages.
  - Participate in advocacy regarding food insecurity.
- 5.2.3** To schedule monthly operations meetings with the FoodBank Coordinator and Business Manager for operational and financial updates and recordkeeping.

## **5.3 The Student U-Pass and Late-Night Service**

- 5.3.1** To represent undergraduate student voices and concerns regarding all aspects of the Student U-Pass and Late-Night Service.
- Outreach to undergraduate students to regularly investigate student satisfaction of the bus service and improvements needed via Feedback form and tabling.
  - Serve as Co-Chair on the GSA/CSA Transit Committee.
  - Be knowledgeable of the U-Pass and Late-Night Service, including the terms of both contracts.
  - Provide updates to the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC) on university transit needs and / or concerns.
- 5.3.2** To coordinate the outreach of the CSA Bus Pass, in collaboration with CSA permanent staff.
- Have awareness of daily operations and deadlines. Be prepared to assist the front office with after hours bus pass opt-in appointments.
  - Work with the Promotional Services Coordinator to ensure creation of a robust promotional strategy. This includes for bus pass opt-in periods and the Late-Night Service.
  - Organize the promotional launch and outreach of special holiday bus service, late night bus service, early bird bus pass opt-in, and

Winter and Fall bus pass opt-ins in all the relative timeframes throughout the year.

## **5.4 Advocacy, Lobbying, and Campaigns**

- 5.4.1** To coordinate campaigns and events centered around municipal, provincial, federal, and human rights issues affecting students and our community.
- Inform, educate, mobilize, and involve as many students as possible in these campaigns.
  - Initiate awareness, lobbying, and action campaigns around student issues, especially legislation and policy affecting students and the post-secondary education sector.
  - Work against discrimination of students on campus in the form of student advocacy initiatives, campaigns, and education methods.
  - Research and coordinate campaigns which may include anti-poverty, anti-corporate, anti-privatization, anti-war, pro-labour, pro-democracy, post-secondary funding and support, international students, mature students and students with dependents, poverty, health care, employment, labour, human rights, immigration, criminal law, and economic policy, public funding, or social programs.
- 5.4.2** To advocate on behalf of undergraduate students for an accessible, high quality post-secondary education in collaboration with the Vice President Academic.
- 5.4.3** To advocate for increasing student engagement and representation on committees.
- 5.4.4** To coordinate with the CSA President alongside other campus student advocacy/support groups for responses to hate activity on campus.
- 5.4.5** To be the liaison between CSA and the Canadian Federation of Students - Ontario (CFS-O), and the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).
- Coordinate attendance at CFS-O and CFS conferences, ensuring that CSA members are represented.
  - Collaborate with CFS-O and CFS on campaigns when the CSA memberships' interests align with the subject of the campaign materials being offered.

**5.4.6** To collaborate and build campaign coalitions surrounding social and environmental justice with:

Campus groups, clubs, and organizations committed to social / environmental justice, which may include, but are not limited to:

- Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity (GRCGED)
- Ontario Public Interest Research Group Guelph (OPIRG)
- Indigenous Student Association (ISS)
- Guelph Black Students Association (GBSA)
- Guelph Queer Equality (GQE)
- International Student Organization (ISO)
- CFRU FM

Other civic engagement groups wherever possible, which may include Guelph Wellington Coalition for Social Justice, Wellington Water Watchers, and Council of Canadians, among others.

Labour unions, on and off campus, that are committed to worker rights, which may include but are not limited to:

- Ontario Federation of Labour
- Canadian Union of Public Employees (Locals 1334 and 3913)
- Ontario Public Service Employees Union
- United Steel Workers
- Guelph District Labour Council
- Future labour unions on campus.

## **5.5 Federal, Provincial, and Municipal Governance**

**5.5.1** To act as a liaison to the City of Guelph, the Ontario government, and the Canadian government:

- Monitor initiatives, programs, policies, and legislation that impact students and inform undergraduate students about the effect upon students.
- Be knowledgeable of City bylaws, programs, and initiatives that impact students:
- Represent the CSA at municipal events, meetings, and initiatives when it aligns with the memberships' interests.
- Communicate student issues with community members.

**5.5.2** To establish and maintain working relationships with the MPP and MP for the Guelph riding.



- 5.5.3** To disseminate municipal, provincial, or federal election information to students.
- Educate and promote voting dates and locations on campus and within the community.
  - Encourage public all-candidate forums to be accessible to undergraduate students and to collaborate with civic engagement groups.
  - Record information about student issues mentioned in party platforms and to follow-up with elected candidates.
  - Remain non-partisan during the campaigning period and voting days, both in person and online.

## **5.6 Committees**

### **5.6.1 Internal CSA Committees**

- Executive Committee (member)
- Statement Making Committee (chair)
- CSA/GSA Transit Committee (co-chair)
- Student Affordable Housing Taskforce (chair)

### **5.6.2 External Committees**

#### Municipal Committees:

- Town & Gown Committee (member)
- Guelph Transit Advisory Committee (member)
- Guelph District Labour Council (member).

#### Advocacy and Ethics Committees:

- Code of Suppliers Conduct Advisory Committee (Co-Chair)
- Human Rights Advisory Group (member)
- Student Food Security Committee (member)

#### Student Experience Committees:

- Student Leaders and Administration Meeting (member)

- 5.6.3** In addition to further committees as delegated by the CSA President, based on Executive Portfolios.