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Board of Directors Meeting # 12
January 14, 2026 – 6:00 pm
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Attendance – January 14, 2026

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	
Tiffany Mares	College of Computational, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences	Present	
Marcus Aldred-Ganhao	College of Engineering	Present	
Michael Spurek	College of Engineering	Present	
André Rowe	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences	Present	
Samiya Shakeel	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences	Present	
Logan MacInnis	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Regrets	
Hollie Martin	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Present	
Vacant	Ontario Agricultural College		
Vacant	Ontario Agricultural College		
Vacant	Ontario Veterinary College		
Vacant	Ontario Veterinary College		
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	
Huraimah Fatima	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council	Present	
Vacant	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences - Student Alliance		
Vacant	Lang Students' Association		

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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	
Syren Sajadi	Guelph Queer Equality (GQE)	Regrets	
Adam Venter	Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity (GRCGED)	Present	
Joshua Jacinto	International Student Organization (ISO)	Present	a: 6:05pm
Keira Gayowsky	Interhall Council (IHC)	Present	
Vacant	Guelph Campus Co-op		
Ashley Ames	Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG)	Present	a: 6:12pm
Brendon Gallacher	Student Senate Caucus	Present	
Noel Johnston	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

12.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 12 on January 14, 2026, be approved as printed and distributed.

Motion Carried

12.3.1 Ratify Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity Representative

MOTION: that Adam Venter be ratified as the Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Motion Carried

12.3.2 De-Ratify and Ratify College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council Representative

MOTION: that Noel Johnston be de-ratified as the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately;

AND FURTHER that Huraimah Fatima be ratified as the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Motion Carried

12.3.3 De-Ratify and Ratify Board of Governors Representative

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

AND FURTHER that Noel Johnston be ratified as the Board of Governors representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Motion Carried

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12.3.4 De-Ratify Lang Students' Association Representative

MOTION: that Kovar Yu be de-ratified as the Lang Students' Association representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Motion Carried

12.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Motion Carried

12.10.2 Hiring Committee Report: Assistant Returning Officer

MOTION: That the hiring of Amal Shaqo for the position of Assistant Returning Officer be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Motion Carried

12.10.3 Hiring Committee Reports: FoodBank Assistants

MOTION: That the hiring of Catherine Wang for the position of Foodbank Assistant be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee;

AND FURTHER that the hiring of Jonah Grigsby for the position of Foodbank Assistant be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Motion Carried

12.10.4 Hiring Committee Report: Bike Centre Assistants

MOTION: That the hiring of Brian Moelker for the position of Bike Centre Assistant be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee;

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AND FURTHER that the hiring of Cristian Luddington for the position of Bike Centre Assistant be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Motion Carried

12.10.5 SEIF Committee Fall 2025 Report

MOTION: That the Student Events and Initiatives Funding Committee Fall 2025 Report, as included in the board agenda package, be received as information.

Motion Carried

12.10.6 Finance Committee Extension Request re. Board Referral

WHEREAS at the May 28, 2025 Board of Directors meeting the Finance Committee was tasked with a board referral item to be returned to the board with an update by the October 29, 2025 Board of Directors meeting; and

WHEREAS the committee has not had sufficient time to investigate the feasibility of the referred items due to workload capacity of staff;

BE IT RESOLVED that the deadline of the board referral for the Finance Committee be extended until the board meeting on March 25, 2026.

Motion Carried

12.11 Business

12.11.1 Winter 2026 General Election Promotional Strategy

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

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

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Winter 2026 General Election Promotional Strategy, as included in the Board Agenda Package, be received as information.

Motion Carried

12.11.2 Amendment to Appendix D (Committees) re. PBRC

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

Notice of this motion was provided at the Board meeting on November 26, 2025.

WHEREAS Appendix D Section 4 through Section 15 contain the Terms of Reference for numerous CSA Committees;

WHEREAS CSA Committee Terms of Reference are separately approved by the Board and can remain publicly accessible on the CSA website independent of the CSA Bylaw and Policy Manual;

BE IT RESOLVED to strike Section 4 through Section 15 from Appendix D (Committees), as recommended by the Policy and Bylaw Review Committee.

Motion Carried

12.11.3 CSA Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2026: President's Notice

MOTION: that the President's Notice of the CSA's 2026 Annual General Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, beginning at 6:00 pm in Peter Clark Hall; and of the call to members to submit AGM business items no later than Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 5:00 pm, be received as information by the CSA Board of Directors.

Motion Carried

12.11.4 Appoint Director to Elections Appeals Board (EAB)

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

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- Three Directors and
 - Two General Members of the CSA in good standing; and

WHEREAS due to a resignation there is one vacancy for a director;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Director be appointed to the Elections Appeals Board (EAB) for the remainder of the 2025-2026 academic year:

[one Director]

Motion Postponed Definitely

12.11.5 Appoint Director to Accessibility Committee

WHEREAS the Terms of Reference for the Accessibility Committee states that membership includes 2-3 Directors appointed by the Board; and

WHEREAS due to a resignation there is one vacancy for a director;

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

Adam Venter

Motion Carried

12.11.6 Appoint Director to Athletics Advisory Council

WHEREAS the Athletics Advisory Council advises the President of the University of Guelph and the Director of Athletics on policy matters regarding the athletics programs and use of athletics facilities at the University of Guelph including student fees, athletics budget, new athletic centre, intramurals, and more; and

WHEREAS due to a resignation there is a vacancy for a CSA Director;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Director be appointed to the Athletics Advisory Council for the remainder of the 2025-2026 year:

André Rowe

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Motion Carried

12.11.7 Notice: Amendment to Appendix A (Executive Portfolios) re. PBRC

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

Notice of this motion is hereby provided at the Board meeting on January 14, 2026.

This motion will be considered at the Board meeting on January 28, 2026.

MOTION: to adopt the attached amendments to Appendix A (Executive Portfolios), as recommended by the Policy and Bylaw Review Committee.

12.11.8 Appoint Director to Elections and Referendum Committee

WHEREAS the Elections and Referendum Committee is responsible for overseeing the operations of CSA Elections and ensuring the electoral bylaw and policy of the CSA are upheld throughout the elections; and

WHEREAS due to a resignation there is a vacancy for a Director;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Director be appointed to the Elections and Referendum Committee for the remainder of the 2025-2026 academic year:

Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

12.11.9 Director Class Talks re Winter 2026 General Election

WHEREAS CSA Bylaw 1: Organizational, Section 4.10.1 (d) states: “Each Director shall... be prepared to speak to classes during times of significant importance to the CSA, including but not limited to Annual General Meetings, General Member Meetings, Elections, hiring, large-scale programs and Awareness Weeks”;

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that each Director present at least one class talk before or during the Nomination Period and at least one class talk during the Voting Period of the Winter 2026 General Election, to be scheduled by the Elections Office;

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

Motion Carried

12.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 12 on January 14, 2026, be adjourned at 7:52pm.

Motion Carried

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12.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

12.1 Land Acknowledgement

Member Hollie Martin presented the following Land Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge that the University of Guelph is located on the ancestral lands of the Attawandaron people and the treaty lands and territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. We also recognize our Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Métis neighbours, and the teachings of the Dish with One Spoon Treaty, which remind us of our shared responsibility to care for the land.

As we gather today from diverse places and experiences, we acknowledge that the lands we occupy have long been cared for by Indigenous Peoples. This recognition is not the end of the conversation, but rather it is a starting point. Together, we commit to ongoing learning, meaningful reflection, and concrete actions that advance reconciliation and strengthen our relationships with Indigenous communities.

12.2 Adoption of the Agenda

12.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 12 on January 14, 2026, be approved as printed and distributed.

Moved: Noel Johnston

Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

12.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

No conflicts of interest were declared.

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12.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

12.3.1 Ratify Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity Representative

MOTION: that Adam Venter be ratified as the Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Moved: Alex Song

Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

MOTION: to discuss item 12.13.1 through item 12.3.4 omnibus.

Moved: Alex Song

Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

Omnibus Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that Adam Venter be ratified as the Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately;

FURTHER that Noel Johnston be de-ratified as the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately;

FURTHER that Huraimah Fatima be ratified as the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately;

FURTHER that Ava Augustine be de-ratified as the Board of Governors representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately;

FURTHER that Noel Johnston be ratified as the Board of Governors representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately;

FURTHER that Kovar Yu be de-ratified as the Lang Students' Association representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

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Moved: Alex Song

Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

12.4 Comments from the Chair

No comments from the Chair were received.

12.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

12.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

No Board Meeting Minutes were received.

12.6 Executive Committee Minutes

No Executive Committee Minutes were received.

12.7 Executive Updates

12.7.1 President

We have been planning for our Winter General Election and working with our Elections and Promotional Services staff. We have met with PBRC to discuss recommendations in the package today along with some Executive portfolio changes. We are also planning some priorities in winter semester with business staff. Stay tuned for our next meeting!

12.7.2 VP Student Experience

The VP Student Experience sent his regrets to the meeting.

12.7.3 VP Academic

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The VP Academic outlined potential changes to design of degrees with a working group. If you have any thoughts and opinions on degree parchments, please fill out the survey for a 500-dollar tuition credit. The survey is on Web Advisor. They have also been doing partnerships and workshops with Interhall council, SHAC, etc. They have been helping this week with Clubs' Day.

Member Polack-Finley asked more details about the degree change.

The VP Academic stated they are looking at the design changes of the degree parchments and official transcripts. The degree designs currently only state your bachelor and college, not your exact speciality, majors, and minors. Member Greenhut has been involved in this initiative as well and encouraged everyone to complete the survey.

12.8 Director Reports

Members Johnston, Aldred-Ganhao, Warren, and Ames attended a PBRC meeting.

Member Greenhut stated that the survey launch about the degrees is very exciting, especially for folks in Bachelor of Arts and Sciences. He also attended a PRBC meeting.

Member Lazebnik attended a Sustainability Action Fund Committee meeting at the end of November. There are 2 projects underway.

12.9 CSA Service Update and Report

No CSA Service Updates or Reports were received.

12.10 Committee Updates and Reports

12.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Moved: Jonah Greenhut

Seconded: Keira Gayowsky

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Motion Carried

12.10.2 Hiring Committee Report: Assistant Returning Officer

MOTION: That the hiring of Amal Shaqo for the position of Assistant Returning Officer be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Moved: Noel Johnston

Seconded: Alex Song

MOTION: to discuss item 12.10.2 to item 12.10.4 omnibus.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut

Seconded: Branden Newman

Motion Carried

Omnibus Motion:

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FURTHER that the hiring of Catherine Wang for the position of Foodbank Assistant be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee;

FURTHER that the hiring of Jonah Grigsby for the position of Foodbank Assistant be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee;

FURTHER that the hiring of Brian Moelker for the position of Bike Centre Assistant be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee;

AND FURTHER that the hiring of Cristian Luddington for the position of Bike Centre Assistant be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Moved: Ethan Warren

Seconded: Susannah Polack-Finley

Motion Carried

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12.10.5 SEIF Committee Fall 2025 Report

MOTION: That the Student Events and Initiatives Funding Committee Fall 2025 Report, as included in the board agenda package, be received as information.

Moved: Nate Broughton, President

Seconded: Branden Newman

The President stated it has been a good semester for SEIF, there has been a large increase of applications. Any change greater than 10% is included in the report. We have received a total of 68 applications with \$14,000 funding allocated. The average fund per application is similar, this means, we're funding more variety of activities clubs are doing.

Member Warren asked if the President was the one to draft the report to which the President affirmed.

Member Greenhut asked about the new process. The President stated the last line is not correct, it was in the last report and should have been removed. The different procedures relate the way we were doing payouts. Previously, someone manually goes through all applications, now it's more streamlined into one sheet that can be processed. In terms of what is increasing use of SEIF, it is more clubs this year than we have ever had. Newer clubs are running more events than average.

Member Gallacher asked what constitutes a unique application. The President stated that is the number of distinct clubs that applied, which means it is 44 different clubs.

Motion Carried

12.10.6 Finance Committee Extension Request re. Board Referral

WHEREAS at the May 28, 2025 Board of Directors meeting the Finance Committee was tasked with a board referral item to be returned to the board with an update by the October 29, 2025 Board of Directors meeting; and

WHEREAS the committee has not had sufficient time to investigate the feasibility of the referred items due to workload capacity of staff;

BE IT RESOLVED that the deadline of the board referral for the Finance Committee be extended until the board meeting on March 25, 2026.

Moved: Nate Broughton, President

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Seconded: Noel Johnston

The President stated there are planned dates this semester for the Finance Committee to discuss key items such as wage recommendations and the budget development process. The committee will also discuss the referral item this semester. The Business Manager has a lot on their plate, so the committee was unable to discuss the referral sooner.

Member Greenhut asked if this is a timeline sensitive motion because it is around an election. The President stated the timeline will take us after the election has concluded.

Member Johnston asked if the campaign funding has already been approved. The President stated that we discussed it but did not formally motion to recommend it.

Member Greenhut asked if an election budget can be approved before nominations. The PTC replied that it is complicated, and the Chair stated that it is a time pressure parameter when it does not need to be.

Motion Carried

12.11 Business

12.11.1 Winter 2026 General Election Promotional Strategy

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Winter 2026 General Election Promotional Strategy, as included in the Board Agenda Package, be received as information.

Moved: Nate Broughton, President

Seconded: Keira Gayowsky

The President outlined that the key highlights are at the top of the report. Candidates' forum will remain virtual. The elections office was tabling on clubs' day. Elections info sessions will include tabling in Branion Plaza with hot chocolates. We will continue to use QR tracking as opposed to hybrid voting tables. We found that having folks walk and

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approach people with the code is more effective. We have an ARO going into the winter election, which will help with more engagement on social media.

Member Song asked if someone is running for re-election, would it count as a conflict of interest to participate in class talks. The PTC explained that anyone who runs would not be participating in class talks on behalf of CSA but rather just for their own campaigning.

The President clarified that the pre-election promotion period is from January 26-30, the nomination period is from February 2-11, the promotion preparation and signature verification is February 12-20, the campaign period is February 23 through 27, and voting is March 2 through March 6. Voting Extension runs from March 7 through March 13.

Motion Carried

12.11.2 Amendment to Appendix D (Committees) re. PBRC

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

Notice of this motion was provided at the Board meeting on November 26, 2025.

WHEREAS Appendix D Section 4 through Section 15 contain the Terms of Reference for numerous CSA Committees;

WHEREAS CSA Committee Terms of Reference are separately approved by the Board and can remain publicly accessible on the CSA website independent of the CSA Bylaw and Policy Manual;

BE IT RESOLVED to strike Section 4 through Section 15 from Appendix D (Committees), as recommended by the Policy and Bylaw Review Committee.

Moved: Nate Broughton, President

Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

The President explained this simplifies the process of making updates to committee terms of reference as they will no longer be in the policy but housed separately on the CSA website. Once approved by board motion, any updates would be in effect.

Member Aldred-Ganhao asked when this will be posted on the CSA website. The President stated the updated committee appendix and separate terms of reference documents will be posted soon.

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Motion Carried

12.11.3 CSA Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2026: President's Notice

MOTION: that the President's Notice of the CSA's 2026 Annual General Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, beginning at 6:00 pm in Peter Clark Hall; and of the call to members to submit AGM business items no later than Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 5:00 pm, be received as information by the CSA Board of Directors.

Moved: Hollie Martin
Seconded: André Rowe

Motion Carried

MOTION: to have 5-minute recess

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

12.11.4 Appoint Director to Elections Appeals Board (EAB)

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

- Three Directors and
- Two General Members of the CSA in good standing; and

WHEREAS due to a resignation there is one vacancy for a director;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Director be appointed to the Elections Appeals Board (EAB) for the remainder of the 2025-2026 academic year:

[one Director]

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Branden Newman

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Members inquired for the current listing of directors on the committee. The PTC confirmed the current membership.

Member Warren stated that he would need to resign from this committee due to a conflict of interest. He inquired for the proper procedure of resigning and asked if the motion could be amended to fill the additional vacancy.

It was proposed that as this item isn't time sensitive, it would be suitable to postpone the appointment to the next board meeting.

MOTION: to postpone this motion until January 28, 2026.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut

Seconded: Alex Song

Motion Carried

12.11.5 Appoint Director to Accessibility Committee

WHEREAS the Terms of Reference for the Accessibility Committee states that membership includes 2-3 Directors appointed by the Board; and

WHEREAS due to a resignation there is one vacancy for a director;

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

Adam Venter

Moved: William Coleman, VP Academic

Seconded: Noel Johnston

The VP Academic stated this committee focuses on looking at our services and operations in the CSA for accessibility in areas such as physically, technologically, and our policies. The committee analyzes campus as a whole if they are accessible as well. Having a passion for advocacy and accessibility is useful. The committee meets monthly.

Due to multiple volunteers, a secret ballot vote was held.

Motion Carried

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12.11.6 Appoint Director to Athletics Advisory Council

WHEREAS the Athletics Advisory Council advises the President of the University of Guelph and the Director of Athletics on policy matters regarding the athletics programs and use of athletics facilities at the University of Guelph including student fees, athletics budget, new athletic centre, intramurals, and more; and

WHEREAS due to a resignation there is a vacancy for a CSA Director;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Director be appointed to the Athletics Advisory Council for the remainder of the 2025-2026 year:

André Rowe

Moved: Noel Johnston

Seconded: Susannah Finlack-Poley

Member Johnston mentioned there is a free pizza lunch at the meetings. There is an important meeting on January 27, which approves a student fee increase to the athletic fee.

Motion Carried

12.11.7 Notice: Amendment to Appendix A (Executive Portfolios) re. PBRC

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

Notice of this motion is hereby provided at the Board meeting on January 14, 2026.

This motion will be considered at the Board meeting on January 28, 2026.

MOTION: to adopt the attached amendments to Appendix A (Executive Portfolios), as recommended by the Policy and Bylaw Review Committee.

12.11.8 Appoint Director to Elections and Referendum Committee

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WHEREAS the Elections and Referendum Committee is responsible for overseeing the operations of CSA Elections and ensuring the electoral bylaw and policy of the CSA are upheld throughout the elections; and

WHEREAS due to a resignation there is a vacancy for a Director;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Director be appointed to the Elections and Referendum Committee for the remainder of the 2025-2026 academic year:

Noel Johnston

Moved: Nate Broughton, President

Seconded: Noel Johnston

The President stated this committee oversees elections and ensures all rules are adhered to. As we are approaching an election, this may have a higher time commitment; we are meeting 3 times throughout the next little bit. You cannot sit on this committee if you're a candidate in the election or if you sit on the Elections Appeals Board.

Member Lazebnik stated she enjoyed being on the ERC.

Member Greenhut stated you can give your ideas on how to do outreach.

Member Warren asked if there can be some confirmation that directors know which committees they may need to join. The PTC replied she can send a reminder to those who have not yet joined a committee. The President further mentioned that committee membership lists are in the package.

Motion Carried

12.11.9 Director Class Talks re Winter 2026 General Election

WHEREAS CSA Bylaw 1: Organizational, Section 4.10.1 (d) states: "Each Director shall... be prepared to speak to classes during times of significant importance to the CSA, including but not limited to Annual General Meetings, General Member Meetings, Elections, hiring, large-scale programs and Awareness Weeks";

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that each Director present at least one class talk before or during the Nomination Period and at least one class talk during the Voting Period of the Winter 2026 General Election, to be scheduled by the Elections Office;

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

Moved: Keira Gayowsky

Seconded: Adam Venter

The President stated that the CRO will reach out to everyone on the board, directors will provide their availability, and she will talk with professors to schedule you in.

Motion Carried

12.12 New Business

No New Business was considered.

12.13 Announcements

The PTC thanked everyone for attending and informed directors to expect an email regarding class talks.

The VP Academic stated that if you are interested in the University Senate Board of Governors Election; it is open now until February 9.

Member Song stated if you want to play e-sports, Gryphon Games is looking for a player. We welcome all players of different levels.

Member Johnston stated there is an upcoming Board of Governors meeting.

Member Gallacher stated that there is an upcoming Senate meeting.

Member Newman stated the Indigenous society getting ready new year with lots of events planned this semester. In February, they will be selling sweetgrass in the UC.

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They will be having performers for Indigenous Recognition Week, with fiddlers, foods, and jigging.

Member Ames stated that OPIRG will be having a stamp party on January 20. OPIRG is looking for volunteers for a symposium fighting fascism.

Member Gayowsky stated that IHC is working with SHAC to help students with rental agreements.

Member Greenhut encouraged everyone to fill out the degree survey and invited everyone to come to Hillel Multi Faith dinner happening on Friday in east. This is for anyone to come together and learn about shabbat and eat good food.

12.14 In Camera

No in-camera session was held.

12.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 12 on January 14, 2026 be adjourned at 7:52pm.

Moved: Joshua Jacinto

Seconded: Hollie Martin

Motion Carried

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Approved by the Board of Directors

Date: February 11, 2026

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Christopher Yendt
Board Chair

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Colleen Bovay
Policy & Transition Coordinator