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Board of Directors Meeting # 13
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Attendance – January 28, 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	d: 8:58pm
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	Regrets	
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	d: 6:55pm a: 8:40pm
Logan MacInnis	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Regrets	
Hollie Martin	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Regrets	
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	Present	
Huraimah Fatima	College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council	Present	d: 7:04pm
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	Present	a: 7:05pm
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	
Ellie Mendelovitz	Guelph Queer Equality (GQE)	Present	
Adam Venter	Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity (GRCGED)	Present	
Joshua Jacinto	International Student Organization (ISO)	Present	a: 6:36pm
Keira Gayowsky	Interhall Council (IHC)	Present	
Vacant	Guelph Campus Co-op		
Ashley Ames	Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG)	Present	
Brendon Gallacher	Student Senate Caucus	Regrets	
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	Present	
William Coleman	Vice President Academic	Present	
Vacant	Vice President External		

Staff	Position
Christopher Yendt	Chair
Colleen Bovay	Policy & Transition Coordinator
Nikki Tu	Scribe

Guest	Affiliation
Kennedy McGregor	SafeWalk Coordinator
Lauren Pyne	Chief Returning Officer

*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

13.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 13 on January 28, 2026, be approved as printed and distributed.

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: : to reorder the agenda so that item 13.9.1: SafeWalk Service Update and item 13.11.1: Winter 2026 General Elections Nomination and Candidate's Packages are moved to just after item 13.4.1.

Motion Carried

AMENDED MOTION: that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 13 on January 28, 2026, be approved as amended with:

- The reordering of the agenda so that item 13.9.1: SafeWalk Service Update and item 13.11.1: Winter 2026 General Elections Nomination and Candidate's Packages are moved to just after item 13.4.1.

Motion Carried

13.3.1 De-Ratify College of Arts Student Union Representative

MOTION: that Nicole Siglowy be de-ratified as the College of Arts Student Union representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Motion Carried

13.3.2 De-Ratify and Ratify Guelph Queer Equality Representative

MOTION: that Syren Sajadi be de-ratified as the Guelph Queer Equality representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately;

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AND FURTHER that Ellie Mendelovitz be ratified as the Guelph Queer Equality representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Motion Carried

13.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

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

13.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 10	November 12, 2025
13.5.2	CSA Board Meeting # 11	November 26, 2025

Motion Carried

13.7 Executive Updates

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

13.7.1	President	January 28, 2026
13.7.2	VP Student Experience	January 28, 2026
13.7.3	VP Academic	January 28, 2026

Motion Carried

13.9.1 SafeWalk Service Update

(a) Extend Speaking Rights to SafeWalk Coordinator

WHEREAS CSA Rules of Order, Section 3.3 states that visitors can be extended speaking rights following a motion passed by the Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED to extend speaking rights to Kennedy McGregor, SafeWalk Coordinator, to present the SafeWalk Service Update.

Motion Carried

(b) Receive the SafeWalk Service Update Presentation

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MOTION: to receive the SafeWalk Service Update, as presented by Kennedy McGregor, as information.

Motion Carried

13.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Motion Carried

13.10.2 Elections and Referendum Committee Report and Presentation re. Board Referral

WHEREAS at the Board of Directors meeting on August 27, 2025, the Board approved a motion to refer the topic of investigating the introduction of a preferential voting system to the Elections and Referendum Committee for further discussion and to return to the Board with a report;

WHEREAS the committee has formed a recommendation which includes a new ballot system and a ranked choice voting model;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the presentation by Nate Broughton and the attached report, as included in the board agenda package, as information;

AND FURTHER that the Board of Directors approve the adoption of the new ballot system and the use of the ranked choice voting model, effective immediately.

Motion Carried

13.11.1 Winter 2026 General Elections Nomination and Candidates' Packages

(a) Speaking Rights: Chief Returning Officer

WHEREAS CSA Rules of Order, Section 3.9, states that presentations will be given a maximum of ten minutes;

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BE IT RESOLVED that speaking rights be extended to Lauren Pyne, Chief Returning Officer, for a presentation regarding the Winter 2026 General Elections.

Motion Carried

b) Presentation

MOTION: That the presentation by Lauren Pyne, Chief Returning Officer (CRO) regarding the Winter 2026 General Elections be received by the Board of Directors as information;

AND FURTHER that the Director Nomination Package, Director Candidates' Package, Vice President Nomination Package, President Nomination Package, and Executive Candidates' Package, as included in the Board Agenda Package, be received by the Board of Directors as information.

Motion Carried

13.11.2 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 was provided at the Board meeting on January 14, 2026.

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

Motion Carried

13.11.3 Appoint Directors 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

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WHEREAS due to resignations there are three vacancies for directors;

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

Keira Gayowsky
Adam Venter
Susannah Polack-Finley

Motion Carried

13.11.4 Salary & Wage Recommendations 2025-2026

MOTION: to approve the 2026-2027 Salary & Wage Recommendations as recommended forward by the Finance Committee and presented in the board agenda package.

Motion Carried

13.11.5 Appoint Awards Committee

WHEREAS the Awards Committee is tasked with overseeing the CSA's Awards of Excellence to recognize student leaders, clubs, and academic staff for their dedication to the University of Guelph community; and

WHEREAS per the committee Terms of Reference, membership of the committee must consist of:

- The VP Academic;
- The CSA President;
- The CSA Clubs Coordinator;
- Three members of the CSA Board of Directors (including at least one college representative (elected or appointed) and one student organization representative); and
- One General Member of the CSA in good standing.

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

William Coleman, VP Academic

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Nate Broughton, President
Christine Rivera, CSA Clubs Coordinator
Tiffany Mares, College Representative (appointed or elected)
Joshua Jacinto, Student Organization Representative
Samiya Shakeel, Additional Director
Brady Amos, CSA General Member

Motion Carried

13.14.1 Legal Matter

MOTION: that the Board of Directors receive the presentation from the President and the letter from the University’s Office of Legal Council regarding the Bullring lease as information.

Motion Carried

13.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 13 on January 28, 2026, be adjourned at 9:10pm.

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13.13	Announcements	
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13.15	Adjournment	

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13.0 Call to Order

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

13.1 Land Acknowledgement

Member Jonah Greenhut presented the following Land Acknowledgement:

Good evening, everyone, I would like to acknowledge the CSA Board of Directors is meeting tonight at the University of Guelph which is on lands covered by the 1792 Treaty 3. We are meeting on the grounds of the, Mississaguas of the Credit First Nation, Attawandaron, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinabek. Today, Guelph is home to many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples.

In the past and continuously, our University of Guelph has acted in ways that have harmed Indigenous communities, including educating towards eugenics. As student leaders, we must acknowledge this history and work towards reconciliation.

I am here tonight as a member of the College of Arts. As someone connected to the arts, I acknowledge the vast array of indigenous art forms, whether dance, music, art, storytelling, or beading has long been appropriated and underappreciated by settlers

Thank you.

13.2 Adoption of the Agenda

13.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 13 on January 28, 2026, be approved as printed and distributed.

Moved: Susannah Polack-Finley

Seconded: André Rowe

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MOTION TO AMEND: : to reorder the agenda so that item 13.9.1: SafeWalk Service Update and item 13.11.1: Winter 2026 General Elections Nomination and Candidate's Packages are moved to just after item 13.4.1.

Moved: Keira Gayowsky
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

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Motion Carried

13.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

No conflicts of interest were declared.

13.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

13.3.1 De-Ratify College of Arts Student Union Representative

MOTION: that Nicole Siglowy be de-ratified as the College of Arts Student Union representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Michael Spurek

Motion Carried

13.3.2 De-Ratify and Ratify Guelph Queer Equality Representative

MOTION: that Syren Sajadi be de-ratified as the Guelph Queer Equality representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately;

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AND FURTHER that Ellie Mendelovitz be ratified as the Guelph Queer Equality representative on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Moved: Susannah Polack-Finley
Seconded: Branden Newman

Motion Carried

13.4 Comments from the Chair

No comments from the Chair were received.

13.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

13.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

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

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Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: André Rowe

Motion Carried

13.6 Executive Committee Minutes

No Executive Committee Minutes were received.

13.7 Executive Updates

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

13.7.1	President	January 28, 2026
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13.7.2	VP Student Experience	January 28, 2026
13.7.3	VP Academic	January 28, 2026

Moved: Keira Gayowsky
Seconded: Ash Ames

Motion Carried

13.7.1 President

The President stated the written update covers a variety of committees. There is a non-academic working group, working to streamline students' spaces; trying to have a policy by end of semester.

There is a Student Budget Committee presentation to the Board of Governors coming up. We included a survey in our previous newsletter about performance matrix (how important something is to the university and if they could fund one initiative what they would fund). This will be presented to the Board of Governors in the middle of February.

Furthermore, SLEF received numerous of applications and gave out funding for clubs. In terms of hiring for winter semester, we have many positions opening. The SafeWalk and Bullring postings are currently live. You can find more job postings online at CSA jobs.

Member Warren asked about the difference between SLEF and SEIF. The President stated SLEF is Student Life Enhancement Fund, this fund is part of student fee that goes toward Student Experience. CSA executives sit on the review committee.

Member Mendelovitz inquired if there has been anything done regarding the rise in hate, antisemitism, homophobia, and racism on campus. The President stated that it is unacceptable and we cannot go into specifics, however, admin is working on it, and investigations are ongoing.

13.7.2 VP Student Experience

The VP Student Experience stated that it has been extremely busy, with several ongoing programs currently running. Planning is underway for Stressbusters, which will take place near the final week of February.

Sexy Bingo has been a highly successful program. The VPSE also highlighted various Black History Month events taking place this month.

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In terms of communications, the team has been updating social media calendars and planning additional initiatives. SERM reviews are ongoing, and work continues with the Student Wellness Advisory Committee.

Hospitality Services is working on increasing inclusion by adding more vendors to provide greater food options for student events.

Member Greenhut asked about the tabling the clubs' office has been doing. The VP Student Experience stated that the clubs' office hosts a monthly table for students who may have questions about clubs and the application process.

13.7.3 VP Academic

The VP Academic stated that the degree survey has received approximately 6,000 responses, representing a 17% response rate from the university. A shoutout was given to the college governments who helped share and promote the survey.

The Teaching Excellence Award process is getting started. If members would like more information on the specifics or wish to recommend a professor, there is a link included in the meeting package.

The VP Academic also provided an update on the University Academic Plan, which outlines where the university is headed in terms of programs and academic planning. More updates are expected soon, including a presentation at Senate.

Upcoming events include a legal clinic and workshop with SHAC, aimed at helping first-year students with housing and leasing.

Additionally, the FoodBank will be at the Aggies Men's Hockey Game on February 5th at 6:00 PM collecting donations.

13.8 Director Reports

Member Johnston stated that on Monday, he attended the ERC meeting and the UC Board last week.

Member Song met as a substitute for the UC Board meeting and mentioned there will be SEIF meeting coming up.

Member Warren attended the Statement Making Committee meeting.

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Member Ames attended the Statement Making Committee as a guest.

Member Rowe stated that the Athletics Advisory Council met yesterday for a budget meeting and approved a 1.9% increase to the student athletic activity fee.

Member Greenhut attended ERC meeting and encouraged everyone to complete the degree survey.

Member Lazebnik participated in the Statement Making Committee working group last week and meeting today as well to work on the recommendations which will be brought forward in the next board meeting.

13.9 CSA Service Update and Report

13.9.1 SafeWalk Service Update

(a) Extend Speaking Rights to SafeWalk Coordinator

WHEREAS CSA Rules of Order, Section 3.3 states that visitors can be extended speaking rights following a motion passed by the Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED to extend speaking rights to Kennedy McGregor, SafeWalk Coordinator, to present the SafeWalk Service Update.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut

Seconded: Keira Gayowsky

Motion Carried

SafeWalk Coordinator, Kennedy McGregor, shared about what the program has done on campus this year. Her email is safewalk@uoguelph.ca. Office hours are from Mondays 8:30-11:30am and 2:30-4:30pm.

For some background, SafeWalk is a student run volunteer organization who helps students that need an escort at night anywhere on campus. SafeWalk operates from Monday-Friday from 8pm-1am. We currently have 35 volunteers that work around 2 shifts/month. You can contact us with the UoGuelph number with extension 53200, SafeGryphon app, approach our volunteers, etc.

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This year, you can text to request a walk, by texting SAFE to our cell phone. This provides time and updates for more effective communication. We have had 10 calls to date this year, which is already approaching last year's total of 13. Most are from west residence, then north residence. This number may seem low, but students generally feel safe on our campus and do not feel a need to request our service. This a good thing, folks feel safe. A feedback survey was put out on Monday with 50 respondents. It showed that students support the 92 cents that go towards SafeWalk. We want students to know this service is here. The university has a banner with QR code to add SafeWalk as a contact, we are updating signs in residence, and we have been doing hot chocolate giveaways in Branion plaza with a table.

When volunteers are on shift, they walk around the libraries and bus loop. We have introduced a SafeWalk promo squad where volunteers make content to promote on Instagram. As for volunteer retention, every shift, they get a free drink coupon, gift card draw each month, SafeWalk Snowcial (games and movies), SafeWalk volleyball team, and end-of-year gathering to show appreciation to our volunteers.

McGregor stated she has had the privilege of providing references for volunteers. 33 out of 35 volunteers returned from last semester. Volunteers have stated: "It creates a sense of community and respect" and "Sense of pride to help students feel safe on campus."

Member Greenhut inquired about SafeWalk's future goals. McGregor stated that after COVID, we only had 3-5 calls a year. We hope to promote SafeWalk even more and find innovative ways to reach out. Many people do not know we walk to Gordon Hall. We may try to expand off campus, as buses may not reach fully to their house and they may want company.

Member Ames asked about the shift. McGregor explained 2 volunteers will do 8-10:30pm, and 2 do 10:30pm-1am.

Member Gayowsky asked if they walk to west residence and Kennedy McGregor replied yes.

Member Spurek asked about if any of the 10 calls were accidental. Kennedy McGregor stated no.

Member Ames asked about promotion. Kennedy McGregor stated they put SafeWalk merch in the orientations bags for first-years living residence.

Member Song added that he did SafeWalk for 2 semesters previously, he inquired if there is sufficient training for during the walk. McGregor affirmed that it is not an emergency service and if the volunteers see any student hurt, they are instructed to call 911 and FRT. In the future, providing first-aid might be beneficial for the volunteers.

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(b) Receive the SafeWalk Service Update Presentation

MOTION: to receive the SafeWalk Service Update, as presented by Kennedy McGregor, as information.

Moved: Ethan Warren

Seconded: Samiya Shakeel

Motion Carried

13.10 Committee Updates and Reports

13.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Moved: Keira Gayowsky

Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

13.10.2 Elections and Referendum Committee Report and Presentation re. Board Referral

WHEREAS at the Board of Directors meeting on August 27, 2025, the Board approved a motion to refer the topic of investigating the introduction of a preferential voting system to the Elections and Referendum Committee for further discussion and to return to the Board with a report;

WHEREAS the committee has formed a recommendation which includes a new ballot system and a ranked choice voting model;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the presentation by Nate Broughton and the attached report, as included in the board agenda package, as information;

AND FURTHER that the Board of Directors approve the adoption of the new ballot system and the use of the ranked choice voting model, effective immediately.

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Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Ethan Warren

The President explained that previously our voting system was run through Microsoft forms. We are seeking to change to a preferential voting system and address issues that we experienced on Microsoft forms. Students had to manually select their colleges last election, and we saw just under 100 students invalidate their ballots because they incorrectly selected their college.

We were looking to make the option of selecting colleges automatic. As for potential conflicts of interests, the CRO could previously view the results before the polls close. With Microsoft forms, there is a lack of verifiability and robust protections on data protection. There is not a way to tell if a voter's vote has been counted. Microsoft forms does not support advanced voting choice. Subsequently, we have developed a new secure and transparent voting platform looking at true voter choice, implementing the request for ranked choice ballots, security & integrity, and using industry standard cryptography to protect every voter, and making voting accessible as much as possible.

To explain ranked choice voting, it allows voters to rank in preference instead of selecting one. If there is an executive or director with one seat available, we use true choice voting. It works on a true majority winner: in round 1, if they have majority, they win. If not, the candidate with the fewest number of votes is eliminated and their votes are reallocated to their second choice. If there are multiple candidates, candidates get points based on ranks in each ballot

We ensure that voting cannot be altered, identities are private, and final tally is mathematically provable. Every vote represents a unique number, we have a fingerprint for that vote; if someone changed that data, the fingerprint would completely change. We make sure the integrity of the votes is intact. When a student casts a vote, we say that they have voted and separately store the vote details. You can mathematically prove your vote has been counted through Merkle Trees. The CSA will be hosting the voting on our website. As of final note, the university will host the database, they will hold the raw encrypted data. Meaning, no single party has full control over the election. The university cannot interfere with the voting as CSA holds the secret key for fingerprinting and encryption.

MOTION: to extend the President's speaking time by 5 minutes.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Noel Johnston

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The President showed images of the platform and the designs of questions. Overall, these advantages help the voters and CSA.

Member Johnston asked if a confirmation email is sent to voters. The President stated you can download your vote at the end, the confirmation email is traceable, as such we intentionally do not include this.

Member Greenhut asked if you can re-enter the ballot if you are disconnected. The President stated it saves your progress and you can re-access the ballot as long as you do not submit it.

Member Spurek asked if ranking is mandatory. The President stated it is not required to rank every voter.

Member Johnston highly favoured this platform as it has enhanced the security of voting.

Member Greenhut favoured this platform as it is more accessible and user-friendly.

Member Ames asked if there will be posts made explaining all this information. The President replied that we will promote the voting changes.

Motion Carried

13.11 Business

13.11.1 Winter 2026 General Elections Nomination and Candidates' Packages

(a) Speaking Rights: Chief Returning Officer

WHEREAS CSA Rules of Order, Section 3.9, states that presentations will be given a maximum of ten minutes;

BE IT RESOLVED that speaking rights be extended to Lauren Pyne, Chief Returning Officer, for a presentation regarding the Winter 2026 General Elections.

Moved: Keira Gayowksy
Seconded: Adam Venter

Motion Carried

b) Presentation

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MOTION: That the presentation by Lauren Pyne, Chief Returning Officer (CRO) regarding the Winter 2026 General Elections be received by the Board of Directors as information;

AND FURTHER that the Director Nomination Package, Director Candidates' Package, Vice President Nomination Package, President Nomination Package, and Executive Candidates' Package, as included in the Board Agenda Package, be received by the Board of Directors as information.

Moved: Noel Johnston

Seconded: Alex Song

The CRO, Lauren Pyne, gave the following presentation. There are 5 total packages included in the agenda, we have 2 candidates' packages (one for directors and one for executives), and 3 nominations packages (one for directors, vice-presidents, and president). Most of the changes were bringing dates up to current timeline.

Last fall election, we noticed some confusion on the campaigning period and a lack of campaigning from candidates. In the updated nomination packages, the director packages indicate that candidates must select and fulfill one campaigning method. Should they not do this, they may be subjected to infractions. Directors select from three different methods with the following minimum requirements: two class talks, create a poster, or create a social media account and make one post for campaigning and one for voting. Candidates are encouraged to use more than one method. For executives, they need to select two methods out of four options. They must conduct a minimum of two class talks, create or commission a poster, conduct a minimum of two tabling sessions, or create a social media account, making two posts for campaigning and two for voting.

The budget forms must be returned by Monday, March 16 by 5pm to the CSA front office. The all-candidates meeting is on February 11 at 6pm, it is a virtual meeting and there will be a recording.

Candidates are permitted to campaign until the final voting day. All the packages were approved by ERC on Monday. Pending approval of the new VP Internal roles and responsibilities, these packages will be updated a final time to include the new language with the other executives.

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13.11.2 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 was provided at the Board meeting on January 14, 2026.

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

Moved: Nate Broughton, President

Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

The President stated this is the first time we have had a VP Student Experience for the entire term since the first year it was introduced, which speaks to needing to make adjustments for the position to function better. We are calling the updated role VP Internal as this comes with updated responsibilities.

Motion Carried

13.11.3 Appoint Directors 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 resignations there are three vacancies for directors;

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

Susannah Polack-Finley
Keira Gayowsky
Adam Venter

Moved: Adam Venter

Seconded: Alex Song

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The PTC explained that this committee meets if there are any appeals submitted. If the elections committee has to issue any infractions and the candidate wants to appeal, then it goes to the EAB. If you sit on the elections committee, then you cannot join EAB. If you are planning to run in winter election, you would also not be qualified to sit on the EAB.

Motion Carried

13.11.4 Salary & Wage Recommendations 2025-2026

MOTION: to approve the 2026-2027 Salary & Wage Recommendations as recommended forward by the Finance Committee and presented in the board agenda package.

Moved: Nate Broughton, President

Seconded: Noel Johnston

The President stated this is taking the average CPI and applying to all our wages. As for the provincial minimum wage, we are guessing, as it comes out in October which is unhelpful for budget purposes. We will follow it once it is applied. The Bullring minimum wage will go up accordingly. Other three are 2.75% average of the past three years. Our part-time service staff base rate, including vacation, is at 19.55 an hour for 2026-2027, our Food Bank and Clubs' Coordinator which is full-time/fixed contract will be 41,750. The executives' salary will be 43,220.

Member Greenhut asked if someone running for an executive position voting on the salary wages is considered a conflict of interest, the Chair replied it is not.

Motion Carried

13.11.5 Appoint Awards Committee

WHEREAS the Awards Committee is tasked with overseeing the CSA's Awards of Excellence to recognize student leaders, clubs, and academic staff for their dedication to the University of Guelph community; and

WHEREAS per the committee Terms of Reference, membership of the committee must consist of:

- The VP Academic;
- The CSA President;

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- The CSA Clubs Coordinator;
 - Three members of the CSA Board of Directors (including at least one college representative (elected or appointed) and one student organization representative); and
 - One General Member of the CSA in good standing.

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

William Coleman, VP Academic
Nate Broughton, President
Christine Rivera, CSA Clubs Coordinator
Tiffany Mares, representative (appointed or elected)
Joshua Jacinto, Student Organization Representative
Samiya Shakeel, Additional Director
Brady Amos, CSA General Member

Moved: William Coleman, VP Academic
Seconded: Ethan Warren

The VP Academic stated this is a fun committee. This year, the committee will manage the Teaching Excellence Award and setting up the CSA's new Awards Program to be fully launched next year.

Motion Carried

13.12 New Business

No New Business was considered.

13.13 Announcements

The PTC stated elections nominations open on Monday, February 2, be sure to share with your networks.

VP Student Experience stated Black History Month is soon, stay tuned for events.

Member Mares stated there is a GWICS (Guelph Women in Computer Science) event next Tuesday, we are in the process of looking for people who have computer science co-op jobs to speak.

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Member Johnston stated the Board of Governors met up and there is a \$35 million projects approved for the campus, for example, War Memorial's basement will be renovated into a classrooms.

Member Spurek attended UoG Rocketry club, they are planning to launch satellites for UoGuelph. They host meetings Thursdays bi-weekly.

Member Mendelovitz stated GQE is planning a Queer Prom with Outline, there is a sale Thursday for formal gender-affirming clothing. It is pay what you can or clothing swap. More info coming in the next couple of weeks.

Member Ames stated OPIRG will be collaborating an event on January 30 to kick off Black History Month in Peter Clark Hall at 6:30PM. There is a symposium on Feb 6-8, free food with free childcare, fighting fascism then and now. This may be relevant given the increased hate on campus, and this event will provide a space to support one another. We will be having an upcoming election for new board members, be sure to reach out.

Member Newman stated that on February 10, we have tables booked to sell sweetgrass sodas in UC to fundraise the Indigenous Engagement Scholarship. As for Indigenous Recognition Week, we are partnering to put on a conference to get different professionals in STEM to increase Indigenous representation.

Member Polack-Finley stated for CBSSC, nominations close on Friday for our elections. There are more nominations than previously which is good news.

Member Gayowsky stated we are midst of election season and looking for new executives, we are collaborating with SHAC for the tenancy workshop. There will be free food. IHC is sponsoring flood the rink on February 6, first 100 people get free hot dogs and drink, come support women's hockey.

Member Greenhut mentioned that on February 6, Hillel is hosting a drag brunch in partnership with other universities, stayed tuned on Instagram. A drag queen is coming from Toronto. Tomorrow night at 7pm in the UC, we will cap off Holocaust week with our annual Holocaust Education Ceremony. There will be exhibits throughout the day in the SSC as well as before the ceremony.

MOTION: to have a 5-minutes recess

Moved: Adam Venter

Seconded: Ash Ames

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Motion Carried

13.14 In Camera

MOTION: To move *In Camera*.

Moved: Keira Gayowsky
Seconded: Ethan Warren

Motion Carried

13.14.1 Legal Matter

MOTION: that the Board of Directors receive the presentation from the President and the letter from the University's Office of Legal Council regarding the Bullring lease as information.

Moved: Ellie Mendelovitz
Seconded: Michael Spurek

Motion Carried

MOTION: To close the *In Camera* session.

Moved: Ethan Warren
Seconded: André Rowe

Motion Carried

13.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 13 on January 28, 2026 be adjourned at 9:10pm.

Moved: Adam Venter
Seconded: Tiffany Mares

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