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Board of Directors Meeting # 14  
 February 11, 2026 – 6:00 pm  
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## Attendance – February 11, 2026

<b>Board of Directors</b>			
<b>At-Large Representatives (Elected)</b>		<b>Present / Regrets</b>	<b>Arrived / Departed</b>
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	d: 7:08pm
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	
Vacant	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics		
Hollie Martin	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Present	d: 7:33pm
Vacant	Ontario Agricultural College		
Vacant	Ontario Agricultural College		
Vacant	Ontario Veterinary College		
Vacant	Ontario Veterinary College		
<b>Member College Government Representatives (Appointed)</b>		<b>Present / Regrets</b>	<b>Arrived / Departed</b>
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	a: 6:22pm
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	
Vacant	Central Veterinary Student Association		
<b>Student Organization Representatives (Appointed)</b>		<b>Present / Regrets</b>	<b>Arrived / Departed</b>
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	
Keira Gayowsky	Interhall Council (IHC)	Regrets	
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	
<b>Executive (Ex-officio, Non-voting)</b>		<b>Present / Regrets</b>	<b>Arrived / Departed</b>
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
Christine Rivera	Clubs Coordinator

*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

### 14.2.1 Approve the Agenda

**MOTION:** That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 14 on February 11, 2026, be approved as printed and distributed.

**Motion Carried**

**MOTION TO AMEND:** to reorder the agenda so that item 14.9.1: Clubs Service Update is moved to just after item 14.4.1.

**Motion Carried**

**AMENDED MOTION:** that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 14 on February 11, 2026, be approved as amended with:

- The reordering of the agenda so that item 14.9.1: Clubs Service Update is moved to just after item 14.4.1.

**Motion Carried**

### 14.3.1 De-Ratify Lang School of Business and Economics Representative

**WHEREAS** CSA Director Logan MacInnis has tendered his resignation effective immediately;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Logan MacInnis be de-ratified as an at-large representative of the Lang School of Business and Economics on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

**Motion Carried**

### 14.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

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

14.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 12	January 14, 2026
14.5.2	CSA Board Meeting # 13	January 28, 2026

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## Motion Carried

### 14.9.1 Clubs Service Update

#### (a) Extend Speaking Rights to Clubs 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 Christine Rivera, Clubs Coordinator, to present the Clubs Service Update.

## Motion Carried

#### (b) Receive the Clubs Service Update Presentation

**MOTION:** to receive the Clubs Service Update, as presented by Christine Rivera, as information.

## Motion Carried

### 14.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

## Motion Carried

### 14.10.2 Statement Making Committee Minutes # 1

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
14.10.2	Meeting # 1	November 20, 2025

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### 14.10.3 Statement Making Committee Report re. Board Referral

**WHEREAS** at the Board of Directors meeting on November 12, 2026, the Board approved a motion to refer the topic of the SSI Event to the Statement Making Committee for student consultation and statement drafting; and

**WHEREAS** the Statement Making Committee has prepared a report with their recommendation;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors receive the attached report, as included in the board agenda package, as information.

**Motion Carried**

### 14.11.1 Ratify Referendum Question: GBSA Collective

**WHEREAS** CSA Policy Appendix G (Electoral), Section 7.3 states that referendum questions shall be included in the Elections period as approved by the Board of Directors;

**WHEREAS** The Guelph Black Students Association referendum team was successful in collecting the appropriate number of verified petition signatures required for a referendum question to be ratified by the Board of Directors;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the CSA Board of Directors ratify the referendum question from the Guelph Black Students Association, as presented in the Board Agenda Package, to be included on the ballot of the CSA Winter 2026 General Election.

**Motion Carried**

### 14.11.2 Approve Updated Bullring Operations Committee Terms of Reference

**MOTION:** to approve the updated Terms of Reference for the Bullring Operations Committee, as included in the board agenda package.

**Motion Carried**

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## 14.11.3 Appoint University Centre (UC) Board Selection Committee

**WHEREAS** it is the responsibility of the [University Centre Board](#) ('UC Board') to establish written policies respecting the use of facilities and management of space within the University Centre (UC); to acknowledge the special requirements of user groups to management their own activities within the spaces assigned to them, and to provide services for the University Community at large;

**WHEREAS** undergraduate student representation on the UC Board includes one (1) CSA Executive, nine (9) CSA representatives, and five (5) 'Alternates' appointed by the CSA Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS** Appendix J – Internal CSA Policy, Section 5.0 (University Centre Board) provides a process to select undergraduate member appointees to the UC Board by the Vice President Student Experience and two (2) Directors;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following CSA Directors be appointed to assist the Vice President Student Experience in selecting UC Board appointees for a two-year term beginning in the 2026-2027 academic year:

Alex Song
Hollie Martin

**Motion Carried**

## 14.11.4 Terminate Affordable Housing Initiative Fee

**MOTION:** that the collection of the Affordable Housing Initiative student fee be terminated, effective April 30, 2026.

**Motion Carried**

## 13.14.1 Approval of Past In-Camera Minutes

**MOTION:** That the In-Camera Minutes be approved for the following CSA Board of Directors Meeting:

14.14.1	CSA Board Meeting # 13	January 28, 2026
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**Motion Carried**

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### **14.15 Adjournment**

**MOTION:** That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 14 on February 11, 2026, be adjourned at 7:54pm.

**Motion Carried**

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## Agenda – February 11, 2026

<b>14.0</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>	
<b>14.1</b>	<b>Land Acknowledgement</b> Nate Broughton	
<b>14.2</b>	<b>Adoption of the Agenda</b> 14.2.1 Approve the Agenda 14.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts	
<b>14.3</b>	<b>Ratifications and De-Ratifications</b> 14.3.1 De-Ratify Lang School of Business and Economics Representative	
<b>14.4</b>	<b>Comments from the Chair</b> 14.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns	
<b>14.5</b>	<b>Approval of Past Minutes</b> 14.5.1 Meeting # 12 – January 14, 2026 14.5.2 Meeting # 13 – January 28, 2026	
<b>14.6</b>	<b>Executive Committee Minutes</b>	
<b>14.7</b>	<b>Executive Updates</b> 14.7.1 President – February 11, 2026 14.7.2 VP Student Experience – February 11, 2026 14.7.3 VP Academic – February 11, 2026 14.7.4 VP External – Vacant	
<b>14.8</b>	<b>Director Reports</b>	
<b>14.9</b>	<b>CSA Service Update and Report</b> 14.9.1 Clubs Service Update	
<b>14.10</b>	<b>Committee Updates and Reports</b> 14.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments 14.10.2 Statement Making Committee Minutes # 1 – November 20, 2025 14.10.3 Statement Making Committee Report re. Board Referral	
<b>14.11</b>	<b>Business</b> 14.11.1 Ratify Referendum Question: GBSA Collective 14.11.2 Approve Updated Bullring Operations Committee Terms of Reference 14.11.3 Appoint UC Board Selection Committee 14.11.4 Terminate Affordable Housing Initiative Fee	
<b>14.12</b>	<b>New Business</b> 14.12.1	
<b>14.13</b>	<b>Announcements</b>	
<b>14.14</b>	<b>In Camera Session</b>	

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	14.14.1 Approve In-Camera Minutes	
<b>14.15</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	

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## Minutes – February 11, 2026

### 14.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

### 14.1 Land Acknowledgement

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

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

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

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

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

### 14.2 Adoption of the Agenda

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### 14.2.1 Approve the Agenda

**MOTION:** That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 14 on February 11, 2026, be approved as printed and distributed.

**Moved:** Noel Johnston

**Seconded:** Branden Newman

**Motion Carried**

**MOTION TO AMEND:** to reorder the agenda so that item 14.9.1: Clubs Service Update is moved to just after item 14.4.1.

**Moved:** Noel Johnston

**Seconded:** Alex Song

**Motion Carried**

**AMENDED MOTION:** that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 14 on February 11, 2026, be approved as amended with:

- The reordering of the agenda so that item 14.9.1: Clubs Service Update is moved to just after item 14.4.1.

**Motion Carried**

### 14.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

No conflicts of interest were declared.

## 14.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

### 14.3.1 De-Ratify Lang School of Business and Economics Representative

**WHEREAS** CSA Director Logan MacInnis has tendered his resignation effective immediately;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Logan MacInnis be de-ratified as an at-large representative of the Lang School of Business and Economics on the 2025-2026 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

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**Moved:** Jonah Greenhut  
**Seconded:** Hollie Martin

**Motion Carried**

## 14.4 Comments from the Chair

No comments from the Chair were received.

### 14.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

## 14.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

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

14.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 12	January 14, 2026
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**Moved:** Noel Johnston  
**Seconded:** Hollie Martin

**Motion Carried**

Member Greenhut noted that he reached out to the PTC regarding an amendment on his announcements for CSA Board Meeting January 14 due to an error.

**MOTION:** to amend the minutes.

**Moved:** Tiffany Mares  
**Seconded:** Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

**Motion Carried**

## 14.6 Executive Committee Minutes

No Executive Committee Minutes were received.

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## 14.7 Executive Updates

### 14.7.1 President

The President, Nate Broughton, will be presenting to the University's Board of Governors Finance Committee tomorrow on behalf of the Student Budget Committee, and sharing student priorities related to the university's upcoming budget.

SEIF Committee will be meeting soon. The committee is currently waiting for confirmation from the Finance Committee regarding the remaining budget for the rest of the year, as a significant portion of the funds were allocated during the fall semester. The meeting is expected to take place online next Wednesday.

PBRC will be meeting next Thursday to discuss policy items that need to be addressed before the end of the year.

The Finance Committee continues its work on budget-related updates and planning. Regarding hiring, preparations are underway for the end of the year and the upcoming academic year. Positions include Bullring staff, SHAC positions, Bike Centre Assistant, and Poster Runner.

The President also noted that today is the final day of the election nominations period, with 18 nomination requests submitted for executive positions and 47 requests for director positions.

Additional planning is currently underway for AGM as well as for the executive transition process.

### 14.7.2 VP Student Experience

The VP Student Experience sent his regrets.

### 14.7.3 VP Academic

The VP Academic, William Coleman, shared that a Compulsory Fee Committee meeting was recently held, which included a long discussion on proposed increases to student fees.

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The Accessibility Committee met on Tuesday, where discussions included projects connected to items currently on the agenda, such as the Affordable Housing Fee.

The Senate met on Monday. The VP Academic also shared that the University's new Work Experience Program has been approved. The program is designed to be more flexible than co-op.

In terms of projects, the Teaching Excellence Award is currently underway, with 18 submissions received so far.

As for service updates, the FoodBank successfully coordinated with the Aggies Men's Hockey Team last week; they got donations as well.

As for SHAC, an event is taking place tonight in collaboration with Interhall Council to educate first-year students about leasing and housing agreements. Hiring for a SHAC Assistant position is currently ongoing.

### 14.8 Director Reports

Member Song participated in the UC Board Committee meeting this morning as an alternate member.

Member Johnston attended the Finance Committee meeting last week and the Accessibility Committee meeting yesterday.

Member Mares attended the Awards Committee meeting.

Member Aldred-Ganhao attended a Finance Committee meeting.

Member Warren attended both the Finance Committee and Accessibility Committee meetings.

Member Venter attended the Accessibility Committee meeting.

Member Greenhut shared that they are currently filming a day in the life as a board member, as part of their work with ERC.

Member Lazebnik participated in a Sustainability Action Fund meeting last week. During the meeting, several project proposals were reviewed and declined because they did not align with the purpose of the Sustainability Action Fund. The committee also received a new proposal, which is currently still being developed.

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### 14.9 CSA Service Update and Report

#### 14.9.1 Clubs Service Update

##### (a) Extend Speaking Rights to Clubs 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 Christine Rivera, Clubs Coordinator, to present the Clubs Service Update.

**Moved:** Ellie Mendelovitz

**Seconded:** Ethan Warren

#### **Motion Carried**

The Clubs Service Update was presented by Christine Rivera, Coordinator of the CSA Clubs Office, supervised by the CSA VP Student Experience. The CSA Clubs Office currently supports 170+ student clubs and plays a key role in student engagement and campus life. The office assists with club accreditation, conflict resolution, financial processes, and administrative support. Major activities of the Clubs Office include club accreditation to operate on campus, anti-oppression training, and reviewing club budget forms. This year, the number of clubs increased from 155 to 190, representing 22% growth. Of the 190 total clubs, 42 are newly established. Winter accreditation is currently ongoing, with a few applications still pending. To maintain accreditation, each club must have one representative attend a general meeting, which saw a strong turnout. A recording of the meeting will be posted for accessibility.

SE&RM is an important safety requirement for events. Previously submitted in person, it is now self-registered online, and usage has increased from 1,045 submissions to 1,326 submissions. Demand for club space has also increased significantly. Club meeting rooms, storage rooms, and lockers reached 100% capacity for the first time this year. Additionally, room bookings increased by 30%, demonstrating the growing demand for club space. Major engagement events included Subs & Clubs, where 27 clubs participated, and Clubs Days.

- Fall Semester Clubs Days: 142 clubs participated
- Winter Semester Clubs Days: 116 clubs participated

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To encourage interaction, the CSA introduced raffle incentives and an Instagram giveaway. For the winter event, improvements included working with Fire Safety to work on the floor plan and introduce a digital interactive map to help students navigate. The Clubs Office only obtains a complete overview of active clubs once per year through the accreditation process and currently tracks activities primarily through event submissions. Another challenge involves executive transitions, as new club executives often do not receive documentation from previous years, including accreditation records and administrative materials. The office also receives emails from non-CSA clubs seeking support, although CSA club accreditation provides specific benefits and resources. With over 40 new clubs potentially joining, there are concerns about locker availability and space limitations.

Several initiatives are planned such as launch of the CSA Clubs directory on the website, a SE&RM guide, an updated executive transition guide for smoother leadership handovers, preparation for Summer 2026 accreditation and promotion, and a club highlight series on Instagram to build engagement.

Member Song raised concerns about individuals being unable to submit SE&RM forms and asked how the issue should be addressed. Christine Rivera explained that, as the Coordinator, she does not have the authority to approve or deny events directly; those decisions must be made by her supervisor.

Member Spurek asked how many club applications were declined. Christine Rivera reported that in fall, 62 applications were received and 27 were approved, while in the winter, 33 applications were received and 15 were approved.

Member Warren asked how many clubs were fully rejected rather than asked to revise their accreditation applications. Christine Rivera noted that many rejected applications are academic clubs, which are often encouraged to connect with their colleges instead. Fewer than 10 clubs were asked to revise and resubmit parts of their applications. Member Greenhut asked how the Clubs Office plans to address space challenges. Christine Rivera explained that at the end of each year, clubs must complete a form to confirm whether they wish to keep their locker, and they must be accredited for the summer term to retain it. Lockers are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Member Greenhut also asked whether unused club rooms could be used as study spaces. Christine Rivera explained that the rooms are designated specifically for club operations but noted that there is significant availability after 5:00PM on weekdays, with bookings allowed until 10:00PM, as well as weekend availability.

Member Song also asked how many clubs are removed each year and why. Christine Rivera explained that clubs are typically removed if they fail to submit their annual accreditation, as some clubs mistakenly believe that accreditation only needs to be completed once rather than renewed each year.

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### (b) Receive the Clubs Service Update Presentation

**MOTION:** to receive the Clubs Service Update, as presented by Christine Rivera, as information.

**Moved:** Susannah Polack-Finley

**Seconded:** Ellie Mendelovitz

**Motion Carried**

### 14.10 Committee Updates and Reports

#### 14.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

**Moved:** Adam Venter

**Seconded:** Reese Fletcher

**MOTION:** to discuss item 14.10.1 through 14.10.3 as omnibus.

**Moved:** Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

**Seconded:** Joshua Jacinto

Member Warren noted that he preferred not to omnibus the Statement Making Committee report.

**MOTION TO AMEND:** to discuss item 14.10.1 and 14.10.2 as omnibus.

**Moved:** Ethan Warren

**Seconded:** Adam Venter

**Motion carried**

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## Omnibus Motion:

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

**FURTHER** that the minutes for the following Statement Making Committee meeting be received as information by the Board of Directors:

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
14.10.2	Meeting # 1	November 20, 2025

**Moved:** Adam Venter

**Seconded:** Reese Fletcher

## Motion Carried

### 14.10.3 Statement Making Committee Report re. Board Referral

**WHEREAS** at the Board of Directors meeting on November 12, 2026, the Board approved a motion to refer the topic of the SSI Event to the Statement Making Committee for student consultation and statement drafting; and

**WHEREAS** the Statement Making Committee has prepared a report with their recommendation;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors receive the attached report, as included in the board agenda package, as information.

**Moved:** Ethan Warren

**Seconded:** Noel Johnston

The VP Academic, William Coleman, presented a report outlining the recommendations of the Statement Making Committee. The committee discussed potential consultations, working groups, and next steps regarding whether the CSA should release a statement in response to recent incidents. Several consultations identified by the Board and the committee were reviewed, with further details provided in the written report. Overall, the consultations indicated limited agreement among groups on the issue. The committee concluded that issuing a statement specifically condemning a student group would not be viable. Various options were discussed, including strong condemnation, discouraging

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events of a similar nature, or addressing broader systemic issues. Ultimately, the committee determined that the reputational risks of releasing such a targeted statement outweighed the potential benefits. The committee plans to create a separate statement addressing broader concerns, such as the increase in antisemitism and racism on campus.

Member Warren stated that releasing a statement at this time would violate the fiduciary duty of directors, as they must act in the best interests and reputation of the organization. Member Johnston asked whether the new statement currently being developed could be shared with the Board for review. The President, Nate Broughton, responded that the statement would likely be issued by the Executive Committee, as it relates to three specific incidents (at Aggie Pub, on social media, and in residence) and is intended to remind students that this behaviour is not appropriate. The President, Nate Broughton, noted that while it could be shared with the Board for comment, it is not considered political in nature and may be published by the Executives.

Member Mendelovitz requested clarification regarding Member Warren's reference to fiduciary duty. The Chair explained that fiduciary duty refers to the obligation of directors to act in the best interests of the organization, which generally includes duties of care, loyalty, and obedience.

Member Ames asked how the Statement Making Committee determines when an issue carries too much political or reputational risk to release a statement, noting that statements have been made in other situations. The Chair reminded members that discussion should proceed through the speaker's list rather than open debate.

Member Warren added that he would likely have opposed most statements of this nature and questioned the purpose of the Statement Making Committee if the Executive can ultimately issue statements independently.

The VP Academic, William Coleman, asked Member Ames which previous statement they were referring to. Member Ames clarified that they meant the statement related to graduate student payroll issues, and asked what criteria is used to determine when issuing a statement becomes too risky.

Member Lazebnik, who sits on the Statement Making Committee, explained that the committee determined the earlier situation could place the organization at risk because no statement would likely satisfy all affected parties. She added that the statement the President referenced regarding the recent incidents would likely be simpler and more straightforward and not directed at a specific group in a way that could escalate tensions.

The VP Academic, William Coleman, explained that the graduate student payroll statement was intended to support graduate students and those planning to become

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graduate students, and therefore could improve the CSA's relationship with that student group. They exemplified if the CSA were to issue a statement promoting the interests of graduate students at the expense of undergraduate students, that could create reputational risks, since the CSA represents undergraduate students.

Member Johnston added that the graduate payroll issue also affected undergraduate teaching assistants, which made it broader in scope and easier for the CSA to advocate on, particularly when calling on the university to address the issue.

The VP Academic, William Coleman, concluded that the discussion largely centers on two considerations: reputational risk and the broader impact of a statement on the student body.

### **Motion Carried**

## **14.11 Business**

### **14.11.1 Ratify Referendum Question: GBSA Collective**

**WHEREAS** CSA Policy Appendix G (Electoral), Section 7.3 states that referendum questions shall be included in the Elections period as approved by the Board of Directors;

**WHEREAS** The Guelph Black Students Association referendum team was successful in collecting the appropriate number of verified petition signatures required for a referendum question to be ratified by the Board of Directors;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the CSA Board of Directors ratify the referendum question from the Guelph Black Students Association, as presented in the Board Agenda Package, to be included on the ballot of the CSA Winter 2026 General Election.

**Moved:** Nate Broughton, President

**Seconded:** Hollie Martin

The President, Nate Broughton, explained that this is a fee increase of 25 cents to 50 cents.

Member Venter inquired if the 50 cents is included with the CPI rate or if the CPI is an additional to the 50 cents. The President, Nate Broughton, explained that the first year of approval it would be 50 cents and each year after that, it would increase whatever percentage CPI is that year.

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Member Greenhut encouraged everyone to vote in favour as this is an important topic and referendums encourage voter turnouts.

The PTC reminded everyone that it is not the Board's authority to decline this as they have met all the requirements for the referendum to be added to the ballot.

## Motion Carried

### 14.11.2 Approve Updated Bullring Operations Committee Terms of Reference

**MOTION:** to approve the updated Terms of Reference for the Bullring Operations Committee, as included in the board agenda package.

**Moved:** Noel Johnston  
**Seconded:** André Rowe

## Motion Carried

### 14.11.3 Appoint University Centre (UC) Board Selection Committee

**WHEREAS** it is the responsibility of the [University Centre Board](#) ('UC Board') to establish written policies respecting the use of facilities and management of space within the University Centre (UC); to acknowledge the special requirements of user groups to management their own activities within the spaces assigned to them, and to provide services for the University Community at large;

**WHEREAS** undergraduate student representation on the UC Board includes one (1) CSA Executive, nine (9) CSA representatives, and five (5) 'Alternates' appointed by the CSA Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS** Appendix J – Internal CSA Policy, Section 5.0 (University Centre Board) provides a process to select undergraduate member appointees to the UC Board by the Vice President Student Experience and two (2) Directors;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following CSA Directors be appointed to assist the Vice President Student Experience in selecting UC Board appointees for a two-year term beginning in the 2026-2027 academic year:

Alex Song
Hollie Martin

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**Moved:** Noel Johnston

**Seconded:** Jonah Greenhut

Member Greenhut inquired about the time commitment. The President, Nate Broughton, stated there are usually 2 meetings in Winter Semester to go through applications and discuss.

Members Johnston, Ames, Song, and Martin were nominated.

Member Johnston stated that he currently sits on both the UC Board and the UC Finance Committee and expressed his intention to continue serving in these roles. He emphasized the importance of ensuring that individuals appointed to the committees can effectively fulfill the responsibilities of the position.

Member Ames shared that they also serve on the UC Board and are familiar with the responsibilities associated with the role. They noted their experience dealing with issues related to student spaces within the UC.

Member Song stated that he has attended several UC Board meetings and UC Finance Committee meetings and highlighted the importance of ensuring that students and faculty use the UC space responsibly.

Member Martin shared that she is not currently serving on a committee but would like the opportunity to contribute as a director. She expressed interest in developing her knowledge and gaining experience through participation on the committee.

A secret ballot vote was conducted. Members Mendelovitz and Venter served as scrutineers. The first round resulted in a three-way tie between Members Song, Ames, and Martin.

A second round of voting was conducted. Members Greenhut and Fletcher served as scrutineers for this round.

Members Song and Martin were selected.

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#### **14.11.4 Terminate Affordable Housing Initiative Fee**

**MOTION:** that the collection of the Affordable Housing Initiative student fee be terminated, effective April 30, 2026.

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**Moved:** Nate Broughton, President

**Seconded:** Reese Fletcher

The President, Nate Broughton, explained that the Affordable Housing student fee has existed for over 20 years, but has been suspended since 2023, after previously being suspended intermittently one semester at a time.

The President, Nate Broughton, noted that the wording of the original referendum was very specific, which has made it difficult to implement the initiative as intended. The referendum requires that the funds be used to create student-controlled affordable housing, with consideration for accessibility needs. At present, the Guelph Campus Co-op is the only organization that meets the criteria, but they do not have any current projects for the funds to be contributed to. As a result, the proposal is to permanently suspend the fee, rather than continue to suspend it each year. This would prevent students from being unnecessarily charged for a fee that is currently unable to be used as originally intended.

Member Greenhut asked what would happen to the funds that have already been collected. The President, Nate Broughton, noted that this question would be referred to the Finance Committee for further consideration. It was mentioned that approximately \$250,000 has been collected, and one potential option being discussed is the creation of a bursary aligned with the intent of the referendum question.

Member Song asked how much the fee had been per semester. The President, Nate Broughton, replied that they did not have the most recent amount available, but noted that when the fee was originally approved in 2003, it was \$0.87 per semester.

### **Motion Carried**

#### **14.12 New Business**

No New Business was considered.

#### **14.13 Announcements**

The President, Nate Broughton, reminded members that the CSA elections are approaching and encouraged everyone to stay tuned to their email for upcoming election communications and updates.

VP Academic, William Coleman, gave a shoutout to Ash Ames and the OPIRG team for organizing a successful symposium, noting that it featured excellent speakers and a well-

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run event. He also announced that the musical Anastasia will be performed on March 22 at War Memorial Hall, with student tickets priced at \$15 until opening day.

Member Mares shared that GWICS is hosting a Girls' Game Night from 5:00–9:00PM in the University Centre, as part of a Valentine's-themed event.

Member Mendelovitz announced that GQE, Outline, and the Sexualities, Genders, and Social Change Student Society will be hosting a Queer Prom tomorrow at Peter Clark Hall.

Member Jacinto shared that ISO is organizing an event in collaboration with several cultural clubs.

Member Warren noted that he is running in the upcoming election and would appreciate support from anyone in CCMPS who may be willing to sign his nomination form.

Member Fletcher announced that there is a new President and Vice-President for the Student Federation of the Ontario Agricultural College.

Member Ames shared that they were pleased with how the symposium turned out, noting that they helped with event registration. They also mentioned that Mike Schreiner and a representative from the Canadian Federation of Students at the national level attended the event. OPIRG will also host an orientation series to introduce students to the organization and encourage involvement in campaigns and working groups.

Member Greenhut asked members to wave for a video he is creating as part of a day in the life of a board member. He also wished everyone well with their midterms and added on a more serious note that he has been thinking about the school shooting that occurred yesterday in British Columbia, encouraging members to remain aware of the situation.

Member Lazebnik wished everyone well during midterm season and shared that she is running in the CBS election, inviting anyone interested to message her on Teams. She also noted that they are currently attending the meeting online while completing a semester abroad in Belgium

### 14.14 In Camera

**MOTION:** To move *In Camera*.

**Moved:** Jonah Greenhut

**Seconded:** Ethan Warren

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### 13.14.1 Approval of Past In-Camera Minutes

**MOTION:** That the In-Camera Minutes be approved for the following CSA Board of Directors Meeting:

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**Moved:** Susannah Polack-Finley

**Seconded:** Alex Song

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**MOTION:** To close the *In Camera* session.

**Moved:** André Rowe

**Seconded:** Reese Fletcher

## Motion Carried

### 14.15 Adjournment

**MOTION:** That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 14 on February 11, 2026 be adjourned at 7:54pm.

**Moved:** Susannah Polack-Finley

**Seconded:** Ash Ames

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**Approved by the Board of Directors**

**Date: March 25, 2026**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Christopher Yendt  
Board Chair

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Colleen Bovay  
Policy & Transition Coordinator