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Board of Directors Meeting # 15
 February 25, 2026 – 6:00 pm
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Attendance – February 25, 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	a: 6:12pm
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	
Vacant	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics		
Hollie Martin	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Regrets	
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	Regrets	
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)	Regrets	
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: 6:06pm
Keira Gayowsky	Interhall Council (IHC)	Present	
Vacant	Guelph Campus Co-op		
Ashley Ames	Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG)	Regrets	
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

*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

15.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 15 on February 25, 2026, be approved as printed and distributed.

Motion Carried

15.7 Executive Updates

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

15.7.1	President	February 25, 2026
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Motion Carried

15.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Motion Carried

15.10.2 Accessibility Committee Minutes # 2

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
15.10.2	Meeting # 2	November 10, 2025

Motion Carried

15.11.1 Approve Updated Joint Health & Safety Committee Terms of Reference

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MOTION: to approve the updated Terms of Reference for the Joint Health & Safety Committee, as included in the board agenda package.

Motion Carried

15.11.2 Receive 2025-2026 Annual General Meeting Agenda

MOTION: that the Board of Directors receive the 2025-2026 Annual General Meeting Agenda as information.

Motion Carried

15.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 15 on February 25, 2026, be adjourned at 6:38pm.

Motion Carried

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15.0	Call to Order	
15.1	Land Acknowledgement Adam Venter	
15.2	Adoption of the Agenda 15.2.1 Approve the Agenda 15.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts	
15.3	Ratifications and De-Ratifications 15.3.1	
15.4	Comments from the Chair 15.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns	
15.5	Approval of Past Minutes	
15.6	Executive Committee Minutes	
15.7	Executive Updates 15.7.1 President – February 25, 2026 15.7.2 VP Student Experience – February 25, 2026 15.7.3 VP Academic – February 25, 2026 15.7.4 VP External – Vacant	
15.8	Director Reports	
15.9	CSA Service Update and Report 15.9.1 Bike Centre Service Update 15.9.2 Student Help and Advocacy Centre (SHAC) Service Update	
15.10	Committee Updates and Reports 15.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments 15.10.2 Accessibility Committee Minutes # 2 – November 10, 2025	
15.11	Business 15.11.1 Approve Updated Joint Health & Safety Committee Terms of Reference 15.11.2 Receive 2025-2026 Annual General Meeting Agenda	
15.12	New Business 15.12.1	
15.13	Announcements	
15.14	In Camera Session 15.14.1	
15.15	Adjournment	

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15.0 Call to Order

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

15.1 Land Acknowledgement

Member Adam Venter presented the following Land Acknowledgement:

The University of Guelph is located on the ancestral lands of the Attawandaron, the Anishinaabe, and Haudenosaunee peoples, as well as the treaty lands and territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. The Indigenous peoples of the so-called “Ontario” and “Quebec” region created the Dish With One Spoon covenant to facilitate equity and sustainability across Turtle Island. We recognize the significance of the covenant to this land and offer our respect and gratitude to all of the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island who have stewarded, loved & defended this land for centuries.

In stating this, we acknowledge that we, the CSA and the University of Guelph, are here as a result of blood that has been shed through colonization, and that this is an ongoing process which Indigenous communities across Turtle Island and communities around the world continue to experience. As settlers, we need to understand that we are participants in that process. I encourage everyone to take a moment to reflect on how our families and communities have benefitted from residing on Indigenous land and the abundance it has given us.

Furthermore, the current Ontario government under Doug Ford is accelerating the colonization process through the destruction of lands that have been stewarded for time immemorial. The construction of oil pipelines and the underfunding of community resources, namely education, healthcare and housing accessibility, is critical to the destruction of native land and the communities that have been built throughout history. Doug Ford’s policies continue to exploit the land we gather and reside on and create barriers to equity and sustainability for Indigenous peoples, people of colour, the working class, and other marginalized groups. This is part of the continental and global colonization efforts that have resulted in the genocides of Indigenous peoples.

We, as settlers with a position of relative power in our community, must acknowledge our own and our communities’ complicity in continental and global colonization. Further, we must make continual efforts to listen to Indigenous and

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marginalized voices and realize that the same powers that have colonized Turtle Island are the same ones taking rights away from marginalized and under-privileged groups today.

15.2 Adoption of the Agenda

15.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 15 on February 25, 2026, be approved as printed and distributed.

Moved: Noel Johnston

Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

15.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

No conflicts of interest were declared.

15.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

No Ratifications or De-Ratifications were considered.

15.4 Comments from the Chair

No comments from the Chair were received.

15.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

15.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

No Past Board Minutes were considered.

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15.6 Executive Committee Minutes

No Executive Committee Minutes were received.

15.7 Executive Updates

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

15.7.1	President	February 25, 2026
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Moved: Jonah Greenhut

Seconded: Keira Gayowsky

Motion Carried

15.7.1 President

The President, Nate Broughton, shared that work is currently underway on advocacy campaigns, including a press conference at Queen’s Park. The President, Nate Broughton, also noted that he recently met with MPP Mike Schreiner to discuss the issue. To raise awareness among students, the CSA has been tabling in the UC to speak with students directly about the OSAP changes.

A student rally is organized for March 4, with two school buses arranged to transport students to participate. More advocacy actions are also being considered, including the possibility of hosting another town hall to engage students in discussion. The President, Nate Broughton, noted that more details will be shared soon, and that the CSA is working with other student leaders and organizations to coordinate.

Member Greenhut mentioned that another rally is planned for March 23. The President, Nate Broughton, added that many organizations are planning actions during the week of March 23, and that the CSA may focus on bringing a larger group of students to that rally instead of prioritizing the March 4 one.

15.7.2 VP Student Experience

The VP Student Experience, Pawandeep Singh, reported that he has been participating in various committee meetings.

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He also shared updates about the Student Wellness Advisory Group, noting that the budget has been approved.

Several Stressbuster activities are scheduled to take place next week, aimed at supporting students during the midterm season.

Plans are underway for the Last Toast event, which celebrates graduating students later in the semester.

15.7.3 VP Academic

The VP Academic, William Coleman, reiterated ongoing efforts to raise awareness about protests and advocacy actions related to the OSAP changes.

They also shared updates regarding SHAC, noting that hiring is currently underway.

The Awards Committee met during Reading Week, and another meeting is scheduled for next week.

The VP Academic also attended a Compulsory Fees meeting before Reading Week.

15.8 Director Reports

Member Johnston attended an ERC meeting and noted that election promotion items were discussed.

Member Song attended a UC Board meeting, where several proposals were reviewed.

Member Rowe reported that the Athletics Advisory Council met. Discussions related to the Athletic Centre and its small capacity considering the number of students we currently have.

Member Polack-Finley shared that they are preparing for an upcoming SEIF meeting.

Member Venter has been in communication with the President and VP Academic regarding the OSAP changes.

Member Greenhut attended an ERC meeting.

15.9 CSA Service Update and Report

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MOTION: to table 15.9.1 and 15.9.2 indefinitely.

Moved: Noel Johnston

Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

The presenters were unavailable at this time but may be able to arrive later in the meeting.

Motion Carried

15.9.1 Bike Centre Service Update

(a) Extend Speaking Rights to Bike Centre 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 Marko Kuzmanovic, Bike Centre Coordinator, to present the Bike Centre Service Update.

Motion Tabled

(b) Receive the Bike Centre Service Update Presentation

MOTION: to receive the Bike Centre Service Update, as presented by Marko Kuzmanovic, as information.

Motion Tabled

15.9.2 Student Help and Advocacy Centre (SHAC) Service Update

(a) Extend Speaking Rights to SHAC 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 Isabela Ramirez, SHAC Coordinator, to present the SHAC Service Update.

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Motion Tabled

(b) Receive the SHAC Service Update Presentation

MOTION: to receive the SHAC Service Update, as presented by Isabela Ramirez, as information.

Motion Tabled

15.10 Committee Updates and Reports

15.10.1 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: André Rowe

Motion Carried

15.10.2 Accessibility Committee Minutes # 2

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15.10.2	Meeting # 2	November 10, 2025

Moved: Ellie Mendelovitz

Seconded: Susannah Polack-Finley

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15.11 Business

15.11.1 Approve Updated Joint Health & Safety Committee Terms of Reference

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MOTION: to approve the updated Terms of Reference for the Joint Health & Safety Committee, as included in the board agenda package.

Moved: Adam Venter

Seconded: Samiya Shakeel

Member Aldred-Ganhao inquired about the changes to the terms of reference we will be approving. The PTC stated that there are a few changes, mainly a review of what we have currently and is it aligned with legislation. As well, now we have an HR Coordinator, so we made some changes with the chairing function. Previously, there would be appointed employer designate and employee designate chairs, but now the employer designate is specifically the HR Coordinator as running the committee is part of that job description.

Motion Carried

15.11.2 Receive 2025-2026 Annual General Meeting Agenda

MOTION: that the Board of Directors receive the 2025-2026 Annual General Meeting Agenda as information.

Moved: Michael Spurek

Seconded: Noel Johnston

The PTC mentioned that according to our bylaws, if we host an AGM and it does not reach quorum, then we host another one with the same level of quorum, which is what this meeting will be. If that one does not reach quorum, there is a special meeting strictly for appointing the auditor for the new year and requires 50 students to attend.

Motion Carried

MOTION: to table items 15.9.1 and 15.9.2 definitely to March 25, 2026.

Moved: Noel Johnston

Seconded: Marcus Aldred-Ganhao

Motion Carried

15.12 New Business

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No New Business was considered.

15.13 Announcements

The PTC shared that campaign week is currently underway for the election, with voting beginning on Monday.

The President, Nate Broughton, reminded members to stay tuned for updates regarding the recent OSAP changes.

The VP Student Experience, Pawandeep Singh, encouraged members to remind their friends to vote in the upcoming elections.

Member Johnston announced that he is running for a position on the University Board of Governors.

Member Aldred-Ganhao shared that he is running for both the University Board of Governors and Senate, noting that nominations remain open until next Tuesday at 1:00 PM.

Member Warren stated that he had initially planned to run again but ultimately withdrew from the race. He expressed appreciation for his one and a half terms with the CSA and noted he may consider running again in the future.

Member Jacinto announced that the ISO is organizing an upcoming event with cultural clubs.

Member Polack-Finley noted that on March 21, CBSSC will have a gala, tickets are for sale now.

Member Mendelovitz shared that they, along with several groups, are organizing a stained-glass workshop, which will be open to transgender folks and queer people of colour. But everyone is welcome to join.

Member Venter announced an event for International Transgender Day of Visibility on March 31 from 12:00–2:00 PM, which will include tea and community gathering, along with workshops focused on anti-racism and intersectionality.

Member Gayowsky reported that IHC organized a trip to a Toronto Raptors game on March 3, where participants will have the opportunity to take photos on the court afterward; the event is already sold out. Additionally, IHC will be hosting a Drag Brunch at Brass Taps on Saturday, which will include a free breakfast. Member Gayowsky also

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shared that the IHC Board elections have concluded, and they have been elected as IHC President for the upcoming year.

Member Greenhut encouraged members to conduct class talks and promote the election in order to increase voter turnout.

Finally, the Chair noted that this would be their last meeting in the role and expressed hope that future opportunities for training and collaboration will continue.

15.14 In Camera

No In-Camera Session was held.

15.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 15 on February 25, 2026 be adjourned at 6:38pm.

Moved: Joshua Jacinto

Seconded: Michael Spurek

Motion Carried

Approved by the Board of Directors	Date: March 25, 2026
Signed: _____ Christopher Yendt Board Chair	Date: _____
Signed: _____ Colleen Bovay Policy & Transition Coordinator	Date: _____