MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting # 18
April 7, 2026 – 6:00 pm
Microsoft Teams

Attendance – April 7, 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	Regrets	
Tiffany Mares	College of Computational, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences	Present	
Michael Spurek	College of Engineering	Regrets	
Vacant	College of Engineering		
André Rowe	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences	Regrets	
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	
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	Regrets	
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		

Reese Fletcher	Student Federation of the Ontario Agricultural College	Regrets	
Vacant	Central Veterinary Student Association		
Student Organization Representatives (Appointed)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Vacant	Indigenous Student Society (ISS)		
Acacia Small	Guelph Black Students Association (GBSA)	Regrets	
Ellie Mendelovitz	Guelph Queer Equality (GQE)	Regrets	
Adam Venter	Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity (GRCGED)	Present	
Joshua Jacinto	International Student Organization (ISO)	Regrets	
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	
Vacant	Vice President Student Experience		
William Coleman	Vice President Academic	Present	
Vacant	Vice President External		

Staff	**Position**
	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.

Summary of Resolutions

18.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 18 on April 7, 2026, be approved as printed and distributed.

Motion Carried

18.5.1 Approval of Past Board Minutes

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

18.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 16	March 25, 2026

Motion Carried

18.10.1 Statement Making Committee Minutes # 2

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
18.10.1	Meeting # 2	January 28, 2026

Motion Carried

18.10.2 SEIF Committee Winter 2026 Report

MOTION: That the Student Events and Initiatives Funding Committee Winter 2026 Report, as included in the board agenda package, be received as information.

Motion Carried

18.10.3 Finance Committee 2025-2026 Annual Report

MOTION: That the Finance Committee 2025-2026 Annual Report, as included in the board agenda package, be received as information.

Motion Carried

18.10.4 Finance Committee Minutes

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

Meeting #	Meeting Date
Meeting # 1	July 16, 2025
Meeting # 2	November 5, 2025
Meeting # 3	February 4, 2026
Meeting # 4	March 19, 2026
Meeting # 5	March 25, 2026
Meeting # 6	March 27, 2026

Motion Carried

18.11.1 Approval of the 2026-2027 Draft Budget

MOTION: that the 2026-2027 CSA Budget be approved as provided and as presented by the Business Manager at the March 31, 2026, board meeting.

Motion Carried

18.11.2 Amendment to Bylaw 1 (Organizational)

Note: Bylaw 1 - Organizational, Section 12, states that amendments to a CSA Bylaw require one Board meeting notice. Bylaw amendments require a two-thirds majority vote at a Board meeting and a roll call vote.

Notice of this motion was provided at the Board meeting on March 31, 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the attached amendment to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 9.1 (Annual and Other Meetings of the Members).

Motion Carried

18.11.3 2026-2027 CSA Board Meeting Schedule

MOTION: that the CSA Board of Directors approve the 2026-2027 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule as included in the Board Agenda Package.

Motion Carried

18.11.4 Receive Auditors Reports and Appoint BDO Canada LLP as Auditor for 2025-2026

Note: per amendment to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 9.1.11, should the CSA fail to reach quorum at a general meeting, the Board of Directors shall be empowered to receive the Auditors Report and appoint the Auditor for the following year on behalf of the membership.

(a) Receive the 2023-2024 Audit Report

MOTION: to receive the Audit Report for the year ended April 30, 2024, as presented in the board agenda package, as information, on behalf of the CSA membership.

Motion Carried

(b) Receive the 2024-2025 Audit Report

MOTION: to receive the Audit Report for the year ended April 30, 2025, as presented in the board agenda package, as information, on behalf of the CSA membership.

Motion Carried

(c) Appoint BDO Canada LLP as Auditor for 2025-2026

MOTION to appoint BDO Canada LLP as Auditor for the CSA for the year 2025-2026, on behalf of the CSA membership.

Motion Carried

18.11.5 Appoint University Centre Board Undergraduate Student Representatives

WHEREAS the University Centre Board requires membership of ten undergraduate students appointed by the CSA, as well as five undergraduate students as alternate members, as per the Constitution of the University Centre Board; and

WHEREAS there are five vacancies for undergraduate student members for the upcoming academic year;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following undergraduate students be appointed to the University Centre Board for a term of up to two years, as recommended forward by the University Centre Board Selection Committee:

Maaz Ali
Maya Nasar
Paraskeva Asadchaya
Tiffany Mares
Nate Broughton

Motion Carried

18.14.1 Approval of Past In-Camera Minutes

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

18.14.1	CSA Board Meeting # 16	March 25, 2026

Motion Carried

18.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 18 on April 7, 2026, be adjourned at 7:25pm.

Motion Carried

Agenda – April 7, 2026

18.0	**Call to Order**	
18.1	**Land Acknowledgement**	
18.2	**Adoption of the Agenda** 18.2.1 Approve the Agenda 18.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts	
18.3	**Ratifications and De-Ratifications**	
18.4	**Comments from the Chair** 18.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns	
18.5	**Approval of Past Minutes** 18.5.1 Meeting # 16 – March 25, 2026	
18.6	**Executive Committee Minutes**	
18.7	**Executive Updates** 18.7.1 President – April 7, 2026 18.7.2 VP Student Experience – Vacant 18.7.3 VP Academic – April 7, 2026 18.7.4 VP External – Vacant	
18.8	**Director Reports**	
18.9	**CSA Service Update and Report**	
18.10	**Committee Updates and Reports** 18.10.1 Statement Making Committee Minutes # 2 – January 28, 2026 18.10.2 SEIF Committee Winter 2026 Report 18.10.3 Finance Committee 2025-2026 Annual Report 18.10.4 Finance Committee Minutes	
18.11	**Business** 18.11.1 Approval of the 2026-2027 Draft CSA Budget 18.11.2 Amendment to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) 18.11.3 2026-2027 CSA Board Meeting Schedule 18.11.4 Receive Auditors Reports and Appoint BDO Canada LLP as Auditor for 2025-2026 18.11.5 Appoint University Centre Board Undergraduate Student Representatives	
18.12	**New Business** 18.12.1	
18.13	**Announcements**	
18.14	**In Camera Session** 18.14.1 Approve In-Camera Minutes – March 25, 2026	

18.15	**Adjournment**

Minutes – April 7, 2026

18.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:12pm.

18.1 Land Acknowledgement

The VP Academic, William Coleman, presented the following Land Acknowledgement:

Good afternoon board members, executives, and staff. While we are gathered here, I would like to acknowledge the land on which the University of Guelph is situated, where the CSA does its' work, and where we learn and work (although we may not be there today). Universities have historically been a part of the systemic oppression of Indigenous peoples in Canada and Guelph is not an exception to this. It is important that we continue to be a force for anti-oppression and for advancing Indigenization, equity, diversity, and inclusion on campus.

As a student union, we have the privilege of working with the University and with students to continually improve services and supports across campus. We also have a responsibility to our community: to continue to support and uplift diverse voices, and to push for further changes that contribute to reconciliation.

The University is a part of the treaty land of the Mississaugas of the Credit and is the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe peoples. We would like to recognize the role that indigenous knowledge and philosophy have on this land today.

18.2 Adoption of the Agenda

18.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 18 on April 7, 2026, be approved as printed and distributed.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Adam Venter

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: to move item 18.11.1 to just after 18.4.1 on the agenda.

Moved: William Coleman, VP Academic
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

AMENDED MOTION: that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 18 on April 7, 2026, be approved as amended with:

- To move item 18.11.1 to just after 18.4.1 on the agenda.

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: to move 18.11.2 through 18.11.5 right after 18.11.1.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Yael Lazebnik

Motion Carried

AMENDED MOTION: that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 18 on April 7, 2026, be approved as amended with:

- To move 18.11.1 through 18.11.5 right after 18.4.1.

Motion Carried

18.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

No declarations of conflicts were considered.

18.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

No Ratifications or De-Ratifications were considered.

18.4 Comments from the Chair

The President, Nate Broughton, stated that it has been a while since we have had an online meeting. Board members can raise their hand to join the speakers list, and voting will be done same way. If you have a point of information or point of order, please just type that in the chat so that we can address that quickly.

18.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

18.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

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

18.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 16	March 25, 2026

Moved: Keira Gayowsky
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

18.6 Executive Committee Minutes

No Executive Committee Minutes were received.

18.7 Executive Updates

18.7.1 President

No updates from the President.

18.7.3 VP Academic

The VP Academic, William Coleman, stated this was the last board meeting of the year and the final meeting for members completing their term. Best wishes were extended to everyone for their upcoming exams.

Members were encouraged to reach out via email if they had heard any updates regarding the first-year chemistry situation, in order to facilitate further discussion.

The Student Food Security Committee will be meeting tomorrow to discuss upcoming initiatives.

New members of the UC Board will be participating in an orientation session in the near future.

The FoodBank is operating well. Summer staffing and registration have been finalized, a new fridge has been acquired, and there are plans to increase overall capacity.

SHAC is wrapping up its term. New staff onboarding has been completed. SHAC handled 164 student cases, of which 92 (56%) were related to tenancy issues. Academic concerns accounted for 17% of cases, while 7% were general legal matters. Additionally, 44 cases were referred to external partners.

Member Greenhut inquired about the chemistry issue. The VP Academic explained that in CHEM 1050 (General Chemistry II), approximately 50% of the class, out of roughly 2,300 students, was involved in cheating on the second midterm. In response, the course grading scheme was modified in accordance with the course outline. Students were given the option to rewrite the midterm on a Sunday during the exam period, defer it to a later date, or have its' weight transferred to the final exam.

18.8 Director Reports

Member Johnston attended Finance Committee meetings.

18.9 CSA Service Update and Report

No CSA Service Updates or Reports were received.

18.10 Committee Updates and Reports

18.10.1 Statement Making Committee Minutes # 2

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Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Member Greenhut stated he saw that there was a part of the meeting that talked about the VP Academic and the President reaching out to the affected groups. He inquired if there was an update regarding how that is going and how that will be dealt with in the transition of new executives.

VP Academic, William Coleman, stated that Palestinian Student Association, Muslim Student Association, and Middle Eastern Student Association were involved. This may be mentioned to the new executives in transition. The VP Academic stated this has been a mutually understanding way to move forward on this.

Motion Carried

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Moved: Keira Gayowsky
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

18.10.3 Finance Committee 2025-2026 Annual Report

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Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Adam Venter

Member Greenhut inquired about the status of the previously referred motion regarding an increase to director and executive campaign budgets. He noted that there had been prior discussion about implementing these changes before the election, but that there was insufficient time to do so. He asked whether the matter would still require a motion from the board in the new term and requested clarification on next steps. The President, Nate Broughton, responded that a board motion would still be required, as the campaign budget amounts are set out in policy. The President explained that the change would take the form of a policy amendment, involving updating the existing figures with those recommended by the Finance Committee and indicated that this motion would likely be brought forward as notice at the first board meeting of the next term.

Motion Carried

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Moved: Keira Gayowsky
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

18.11 Business

18.11.1 Approval of the 2026-2027 Draft Budget

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Moved: Jonah Greenhut

Seconded: Keira Gayowsky

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Moved: Nate Broughton, President
Seconded: Keira Gayowsky

A roll call vote was performed for this motion. Members in favour: Johnston, Greenhut, Ames, Mares, Venter, Song, Gayowsky, Martin, Lazebnik, and Shakeel. No members opposed.

Motion Carried

18.11.3 2026-2027 CSA Board Meeting Schedule

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Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Adam Venter

Member Lazebnik inquired if having a meeting on Remembrance Day is appropriate and confirmed whether it was a national holiday. VP Academic, William Coleman, confirmed it is a national holiday but not a statutory holiday. Member Lazebnik believed having a board meeting on sensitive days may affect board attendance as some may want to attend memorials. The PTC mentioned that this is not a religious day and believes this is not going to cause a quorum issue. Folks who attend memorials will not be penalized if they wish to miss the board meeting. Member Johnston mentioned most memorials occur at 11AM and our board meetings start at 6PM, likely not affecting attendance.

Motion Carried

18.11.4 Receive Auditors Reports and Appoint BDO Canada LLP as Auditor for 2025-2026

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Moved: Keira Gayowsky
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

(b) Receive the 2024-2025 Audit Report

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Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Alex Song

Motion Carried

(c) Appoint BDO Canada LLP as Auditor for 2025-2026

MOTION to appoint BDO Canada LLP as Auditor for the CSA for the year 2025-2026, on behalf of the CSA membership.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Keira Gayowsky

Motion Carried

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Paraskeva Asadchaya
Tiffany Mares
Nate Broughton

Moved: Keira Gayowsky
Seconded: Samiya Shakeel

VP Academic, William Coleman, stated there are still some vacancies for alternate members, which will be filled at the first board meeting of the new term.

Motion Carried

18.12 New Business

No New Business was considered.

18.13 Announcements

Member Greenhut thanked everyone, out of the 3-years as a board member; this was the best year. He wished everyone well on exams and to get some sleep!

Member Lazebnik enjoyed serving on the board for the last two years, and this is her last year; she wished everyone best of luck on exams.

Member Ames was glad to have this time as the OPIRG representative and thanked everyone. They hope to see everyone as they transition to VP External. They noted that the *Good Canadian* film was a great documentary to watch at an OPIRG event.

Member Gayowsky hoped everyone will attend O-Week as there will be awesome events and wished everyone a good summer.

The VP Academic, William Coleman, thanked everyone for the past two years. They are leaving the board for now but will still be in Guelph. If you are involved in O-Week, you will see more of them. Congratulations to everyone graduating and best of luck with exams!

The President, Nate Broughton, appreciates everyone on the board and has enjoyed getting to know everyone!

18.14 In Camera

MOTION: to move in-camera.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Keira Gayowsky

Motion Carried

18.14.1 Approval of Past In-Camera Minutes

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

18.14.1	CSA Board Meeting # 16	March 25, 2026

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Keira Gayowsky

Motion Carried

MOTION: to close the in-camera session.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut

Seconded: Keira Gayowsky

Motion Carried

18.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 18 on April 7, 2026 be adjourned at 7:25pm.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Keira Gayowsky

Motion Carried

Approved by the Board of Directors	**Date: June 3, 2026**
Signed: _____	Date: _____
Christopher Yendt Board Chair	
Signed: _____	Date: _____
Colleen Bovay Policy & Transition Coordinator	