MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting # 4
August 26, 2026 – 6:00 pm
Microsoft Teams

Attendance – August 26, 2026

Board of Directors			
At-Large Representatives (Elected)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Vacant	College of Arts		
Vacant	College of Arts		
Ahmed Khamis	College of Biological Science	Absent	
Zohair Pervez	College of Biological Science	Present	a: 6:27pm d: 8:07pm
Vacant	College of Computational, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences		
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Michael Spurek	College of Engineering	Present	a: 6:37pm
Areeb Zahir	College of Engineering	Absent	
Muhammed Asif	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences	Regrets	
Laiba Baig	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences	Absent	
Ayesha Tanzeel	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics	Absent	
Vacant	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics		
Hannah Gregory	Ontario Agricultural College	Regrets	
Bronwyn Barber	Ontario Agricultural College	Present	
Vacant	Ontario Veterinary College		
Vacant	Ontario Veterinary College		
Member College Government Representatives (Appointed)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Jonah Greenhut	College of Arts Student Union	Present	
Ryan Toft	College of Biological Science Student Council	Present	
Noel Johnston	College of Computational, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences Student Council	Present	
Vacant	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences - Student Alliance		
Vacant	Lang Students' Association		

Mikayla Eisses	Student Federation of the Ontario Agricultural College	Present	d: 8:18pm
Vacant	Central Veterinary Student Association		
Student Organization Representatives (Appointed)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Vacant	Indigenous Student Society (ISS)		
Vacant	Guelph Black Students Association (GBSA)		
Ellie Mendelovitz	Guelph Queer Equality (GQE)	Present	d: 8:19pm
Adam Venter	Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity (GRCGED)	Present	
Amanda Rinoa Parco	International Student Organization (ISO)	Absent	
Oliver Hughes	Interhall Council (IHC)	Regrets	
Vacant	Guelph Campus Co-op		
Val Hodgkinson	Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG)	Regrets	
William Coleman	Student Senate Caucus	Present	
Vacant	Board of Governors		
Executive (Ex-officio, Non-voting)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Emilie Dudgeon	President	Present	
Sydney Hooper	Vice President Internal	Present	
Kennedy McGregor	Vice President Academic	Present	
Ash Ames	Vice President External	Present	

Staff	**Position**
	Chair
Colleen Bovay	Policy & Transition Coordinator
	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

4.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 4 on August 26, 2026, be approved as printed and distributed.

Motion Carried

4.3.1 Ratify Student Federation of the Ontario Agricultural College Representative

MOTION: that Mikayla Eisses be ratified to the 2026-2027 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Motion Carried

4.6.1 Executive Committee Minutes

MOTION: That the Minutes be received as information for the following Executive Committee Meetings:

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4.6.6	Meeting # 6	June 22, 2026
4.6.7	Meeting # 6a	June 22, 2026

Motion Carried

4.7 Executive Updates

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

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4.7.6	VP Academic	August 26, 2026
4.7.7	VP External	July 15, 2026
4.7.8	VP External	August 26, 2026

Motion Carried

4.9.1 FoodBank Year-End Report 2025-2026

MOTION: That the FoodBank Year-End Report 2025-2026, as provided in the Board Agenda Package, be received as information.

Motion Carried

4.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Motion Carried

4.11.1 Approve Fall 2026 By-Election Timeline

MOTION: that the Board of Directors approve the timeline for the CSA Fall 2026 By-Election, as presented in the Board Agenda Package.

Motion Carried

4.11.2 Approve Amendment to Board Meeting Schedule 2026-2027

WHEREAS the scheduled CSA Board of Directors meeting on September 9, 2026, presents a schedule conflict for the Executive Committee due to the university Pep Rally;

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSA Board of Directors approve an amendment to the 2026-2027 board meeting schedule to cancel meeting # 5 on Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

Motion Carried

4.11.3 Appoint Director to Student Health and Dental Plan Committee

WHEREAS the Student Health and Dental Plan Committee is responsible for, but not limited to, appointment of broker for the health and/or dental plan, signing of contracts, changes to benefit coverage, setting annual premium rates, determining appropriate financial management of reserve accounts, and communicating pertinent information to the student body; and

WHEREAS the membership of the Student Health and Dental Plan includes one CSA Director as a voting member;

MOTION: That the following Director be appointed to the Student Health and Dental Plan Committee for the 2026-2027 academic year:

Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

4.11.4 Appoint Director to CSA/GSA Transit Committee

WHEREAS the CSA/GSA Transit Committee meets monthly to discuss student feedback on the bus service provided by Guelph Transit, as well as the improvements that can be made to benefit the student users; and

WHEREAS membership of the CSA/GSA Transit Committee includes one CSA Director;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Director be appointed to the CSA/GSA Transit Committee for the 2026-2027 academic year:

Ellie Mendelovitz

Motion Carried

4.11.5 Student Events & Initiatives Funding (SEIF) Deadlines and Meetings

MOTION: That the proposed dates for Student Events & Initiatives Funding deadlines and meetings for the 2026-27 academic year be approved as presented in the Board Agenda Package.

Motion Carried

4.11.6 Appoint Student Events and Initiatives Funding (SEIF) Committee

WHEREAS the Terms of Reference requires a maximum of six members for the SEIF Committee, consisting of the following:

- CSA President
- One additional member of the Executive Committee
- One At-Large or College representative
- One Student Organization representative
- Up to two additional Directors

MOTION:

a) That the following Directors be appointed to the SEIF Committee for the 2026-2027 academic year:

Mikayla Eisses
Adam Venter
Jonah Greenhut

b) That the following members of the Executive Committee be appointed to the SEIF Committee for the 2026-2027 academic year:

Emilie Dudgeon, President
Sydney Hooper, VP Internal

Motion Carried

4.11.7 Amendment to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) re. CEPS Restructuring

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 July 29, 2026

WHEREAS the University Senate approved a proposal to transition the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences into two new colleges as of July 1, 2025;

WHEREAS the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council continued to serve as the college government for both colleges for the 2025-2026 academic year;

WHEREAS the Engineering Society is now accredited as the college government for the College of Engineering; and

WHEREAS this transition requires amendments to the composition of the CSA Board of Directors and therefore our Bylaws;

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the attached amendments to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 2.10 (Member Colleges of the CSA), Section 4.1 (Board of Directors), and Section 4.2.3 (Member College Government Representatives (Appointed)).

Motion Carried as Amended

3.11.8 Amendment to CSA Rules of Order re. CEPS Restructuring

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 July 29, 2026

WHEREAS the University Senate approved a proposal to transition the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences into two new colleges as of July 1, 2025;

WHEREAS the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council continued to serve as the college government for both colleges for the 2025-2026 academic year;

WHEREAS the Engineering Society is now accredited as the college government for the College of Engineering; and

WHEREAS this transition requires amendments to the composition of the CSA Board of Directors and therefore our Rules of Order;

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the attached amendments to the CSA Rules of Order, Section 1 (Quorum for CSA Board of Director Meetings).

Motion Tabled Definitely

4.14.1 Approval of Past In-Camera Minutes

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

3.14.1	CSA Board Meeting # 1	June 3, 2026

Motion Carried

4.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 4 on August 26, 2026, be adjourned at 8:44pm.

Motion Carried

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4.0	**Call to Order**	
4.1	**Land Acknowledgement** Ash Ames, VP External	
4.2	**Adoption of the Agenda** 4.2.1 Approve the Agenda 4.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts	
4.3	**Ratifications and De-Ratifications** 4.3.1 Ratify Student Federation of the Ontario Agricultural College Representative	
4.4	**Comments from the Chair** 4.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns	
4.5	**Approval of Past Minutes**	
4.6	**Executive Committee Minutes** 4.6.1 Meeting # 1 – May 14, 2026 4.6.2 Meeting # 2 – May 25, 2026 4.6.3 Meeting # 3 – June 3, 2026 4.6.4 Meeting # 4 – June 8, 2026 4.6.5 Meeting # 5 – June 15, 2026 4.6.6 Meeting # 6 – June 22, 2026 4.6.7 Meeting # 6a – June 22, 2026	
4.7	**Executive Updates** 4.7.1 President – July 15, 2026 4.7.2 President – August 26, 2026 4.7.3 VP Internal – July 15, 2026 4.7.4 VP Internal – August 26, 2026 4.7.5 VP Academic – July 15, 2026 4.7.6 VP Academic – August 26, 2026 4.7.7 VP External – July 15, 2026 4.7.8 VP External – August 26, 2026	
4.8	**Director Reports**	
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4.12	**New Business** 4.12.1	
4.13	**Announcements**	
4.14	**In Camera Session** 4.14.1 Approval of In-Camera Minutes – June 3, 2026	
4.15	**Adjournment**	

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4.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm.

MOTION: for the VP Academic, Kennedy McGregor, to serve as Chair for the Board of Directors meeting on August 26, 2026.

Moved: Kennedy McGregor, VP Academic
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

4.1 Land Acknowledgement

Member Ash Ames, VP External presented the following Land Acknowledgement:

I would like to take this time to acknowledge that the Central Student Association exists on the traditional lands of the Attawandaron and the Haudenosaunee people and the treaty lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit. Here in our last summer meeting of the year, I invite you to acknowledge the indigenous people who lived on, depended on, and cared for the land that you yourselves currently sit on, wherever that may be, and recognize the harm done to indigenous communities both now and historically.

I acknowledge my ancestors' history as settlers on this land. For that, I also acknowledge the Beothuk, Mi'kmaq, and Inuit people whose lands in what is now known as Newfoundland and Labrador, my ancestors settled on. I think it is important to acknowledge the land here at our board meetings because the treatment of Indigenous people pervades all aspects of our lives on this land, and thus all aspects of our lives must be examined to understand how to rectify it.

There was a way in which it becomes difficult to acknowledge this fact, in which people see the magnitude of all that's been done to Indigenous people and all that was taken from these communities, all the people that were killed to fuel this settler colonist system, and they cannot process it, so they turn away from it. But understanding does not come from denial. Sometimes you must face something head on to find a way through. Creating a bright future for all Indigenous people must come with real effort to show we see what has been done to them and their communities, and that we are open and willing to foster positive relationships while challenging destructive ones.

Let this new school year be a positive one for our new and returning indigenous students and let us do our best to help make it that way. Thank you.

4.2 Adoption of the Agenda

4.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 4 on August 26, 2026, be approved as printed and distributed.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: William Coleman

Motion Carried

4.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

4.3.1 Ratify Student Federation of the Ontario Agricultural College Representative

MOTION: that Mikayla Eisses be ratified to the 2026-2027 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Moved: Adam Venter
Seconded: Ellie Mendelovitz

Motion Carried

4.4 Comments from the Chair

Good evening everyone and thank you for taking the time to attend the Board of Directors Meeting. As we continue this evening, I once again remind Directors of the important role they play in the Central Student Association, acting as a voice for students. This Board serves the student body, and I remind Directors that they are responsible to the larger population of students. As we continue this board meeting this evening, I remind you that you are expected to act in compliance with the CSA Rules of Order, and all other relevant bylaws, policies and procedures. The Board must get to the business on the agenda in order to serve our students, and when we do not do so, it prevents operational efforts that will affect our general membership. Please defer to my ruling as the Chair on the business we will discuss, and please maintain your conduct throughout the duration of this meeting.

Once again, microphones will be muted this evening to avoid interruptions and will only be unmuted by the President once I call upon a member to speak. If you are moving or seconding an item, I ask that you raise you hand when I call for such, and I will call on you in which you can give a thumbs up to confirm that is what you are doing. If you would like to join the speakers list, please type speakers list in the chat. This allows me to ensure that first time speakers are prioritized over second time speakers as in accordance with our bylaws. If you have a point of order, information, or privilege please raise your hand and I will call on you accordingly. When I call the vote, I ask that you raise your hand and keep it raised so I can recognize your vote. I will be calling out the vote counts, and if you wish to have the Director names recorded in the Minutes, you must call for a rollcall vote prior to my calling of the vote itself.

I ask that the Board avoids cyclical discussion regarding items and information that has already been brought forward. The three minute timer for speaking time will be utilized strictly this evening, and as such, please ensure your speaking is concise to allow for all your comments to be heard.

I ask that points of order and more be used appropriately this evening, and I will once again take the time to remind you of the following definitions: Point of Order: Draws attention to a breach of rules, improper procedure, breaching of established practices, etc. Point of Information: A member may request additional information in order to make their decision. A member is not providing information but requesting it. Point of Parliamentary Procedure: A member may use a point of Parliamentary procedure for any questions regarding rules/processes. For example, “What is the required voting threshold for this vote?” Point of Personal Privilege: A member may use a point of personal privilege to address the physical comfort of the setting such as temperature or noise. Furthermore, this point is used when something is happening that prevents a member from participating properly. For example, if someone was not speaking loudly enough or, for accessibility purposes, a specific bylaw being referred to needs to be posted in the chat. Discussion will be paused until we comply with these requests.

To reiterate for this evening, hand raises should only be utilized when a POO, POI and similar points are being raised, when you are moving or seconding an item, and when you are voting. Thank you and I look forward to a successful meeting.

4.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

4.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

No past Board Minutes were considered.

4.6 Executive Committee Minutes

MOTION: That the Minutes be received as information for the following Executive Committee Meetings:

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3.6.7	Meeting # 6a	June 22, 2026

Moved: Adam Venter
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Member Greenhut inquired from the June 3 minutes about the new booking form from the non-academic student space committee and asked for more information. The VP Internal answered that they were told in the committee meeting that the form would be ready in September, but the timeline has been pushed back. They want to introduce a booking form for all non-academic space bookings outside the UC and have a set of questions separate from SE&RM to determine controversial events. Flagged events will be evaluated by a committee to see if they need to go through the controversial events process.

Member Greenhut followed up to ask if this will be an existing or new committee. The VP Internal will make note to ask at a future meeting.

Member Coleman asked why this process isn't part of SE&RM instead. The VP Internal noted that this form would also be used for external groups that SE&RM doesn't apply to.

Member Greenhut inquired about the protocol for Executive Committee in-camera sessions and whether any motions determined in-camera would need to be published in the minutes. The PTC noted that the Executive Committee terms of reference doesn't have specifications for this like our Rules of Order do. The President also clarified that for the in-camera session that occurred for a discussion, there were no motions that came from it.

Motion Carried

4.7 Executive Updates

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

4.7.1	President	July 15, 2026
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4.7.7	VP External	July 15, 2026
4.7.8	VP External	August 26, 2026

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Ryan Toft

Motion Carried

4.7.1 President

The President shared that her focus in July and August has primarily been on preparing for the academic year, particularly for the organizational restructure, recruitment, and Orientation Week.

For HR and operations, we started with reviewing the organizational structure and existing job descriptions. We held many meetings with other student unions to gain insight on their staffing models. Many positions have now been posted for and applications and interviews are underway. This includes Executive Director, Events Coordinator, Business Office Assistant, Social Media Assistant, Chief Returning Officer, and Assistant Returning Officer. Finance Coordinator and HR Coordinator are set to be posted on August 31.

O-week planning is in the final stages of logistics and promotion. Virginia to Vegas has been confirmed as the headliner for block party. We have some new programming planned which includes the CSA Carnival and a comedy show.

Committee meetings are beginning to pick up now. TheCannon.ca Operating Committee has been continuing discussions on how to increase their growth and engagement. The Elections and Referendum Committee has started planning for the fall by-election.

Member Greenhut requested more context for what growth the Cannon is working on. The President noted the focus now is more promotion and outreach, including more events to increase their exposure.

Member Coleman inquired about the status of the board chair position. The President shared that it has been a high priority and we just went through another posting and interview cycle. Unfortunately, we have not been successful in finding a candidate and will be posting again.

Member Pervez noted that there have been multiple hiring cycles for Board Chair and inquired if there's something specific that we're looking for in a candidate that hasn't been found. The President noted that we're looking for a candidate with strong board experience and knowledge of ONCA. We've been unable to hire as we aren't willing to fill the position with someone not well equipped for the role.

Member Pervez followed up to note that many student unions don't have hiring carried out by student executives who are new to their roles. He inquired why we haven't gone the route of using an employment firm to gather and shortlist candidates instead as it may garner more qualified candidates. The President explained that while we have used an employment firm in the past for some positions, we don't think it's necessary for Board Chair. It's an expensive process, and at the CSA we primarily use executive and employees to sit on hiring committees and interview applicants.

4.7.2 VP Internal

The VP Internal shared that the executive team has been preparing for the fall semester and is looking forward for face-to-face engagement with students to help students feel connected and heard by the CSA.

The summer has included a lot of administrative work for the events process that we're prepared for fall and winter events. The VP Internal has been meeting with the service coordinators from the services under their portfolio over the summer to brainstorm and plan for outreach events. This includes Clubs, SafeWalk, the Bike Centre, and the Menstrual Hygiene Initiative.

The Clubs Handbook has been another ongoing project to make sure it's properly updated to be up-to-date, accurate, and not overly complicated, as this has been a source of issues in the past.

In July, the VP Internal and President attended the Alumo conference, which gave us the chance to network with other student union leaders and learn more about how we can make our health and dental plan work well for our members.

4.7.3 VP Academic

The VP Acadmeic referred members to her written updates. Members can email questions to her or request a meeting.

4.7.4 VP External

The VP External attended the CFS Executive Committee Meeting and the CFS Ontario Annual General Meeting in July and August respectively. The executive committee primarily focused on approving items for the AGM. The AGM included topics such as the budget, updating their Issues Policy, and setting a date for a walkout or limited strike action. This has been set for November 5. The CSA is not required to participate, but many CFS locals will be.

Last week the VP External completed Safe talk training for suicide prevention which they recommend taking.

For awareness efforts, they worked with groups including the GBSA for feedback on our post for Emancipation Day, which was posted on August 1.

Continuing to plan the campaign against the OSAP cuts as well as an informational campaign for the municipal election in October, focusing on how municipal governments can impact the lives of students and how to vote.

Meetings have been held for the Sustainability Action Fund steering committee and the Town and Gown committee. The SAF steering committee reviewed an expression of interest regarding improvements to the Bovey Greenhouses which has moved to a formal proposal. We've also been advertising for general member applicants for the Statement Making Committee.

Member Greenhut inquired if the SAF steering committee has discussed the historical issues with the process being underutilized and ways to increase promotion of it. The VP External noted that the committee has not discussed this formally, but they would like to prompt those discussions to attract more expressions of interest.

Member Johnston inquired regarding general responsibility during o-week and referenced the memo sent out by Student Affairs regarding alcohol and related rules. He asked if we'll be circulating that memo to the CSA clubs to ensure awareness. The VP External noted that this wasn't discussed at Town and Gown and passed to the VP Internal. The VP Internal explained that we communicate consistently with clubs regarding alcohol related rules and they also must complete the SE&RM process which would identify any events that aren't compliant. We provide information to clubs for safety surrounding alcohol at events and ensure they're aware that campus is dry during o-week. We could circulate the memo as an additional reminder.

Member Greenhut inquired about plans for OSAP cut actions for the fall, other than the optional strike action that we could participate in. The VP External is in the planning phase and wanting to identify what students are looking for. Tabling for awareness and sharing updates from CFS will be occurring.

Member Coleman inquired about any specific plans for promotion of the municipal election. The VP External is planning for tabling regarding the election. They have been working on adapting materials that we've previously developed for promoting the federal and provincial elections in recent years. Ensuring that students know they're eligible to vote and how to vote, while remaining non-partisan and not promoting any candidates. A ward 5 counselor has reached out to discuss student issues with us.

Member Greenhut asked if we have considered hosting an election forum for the mayoral candidates, given that the incumbent isn't running for re-election for the first time in many years. The VP External noted that it has been considered but we aren't sure there is adequate demand for it at the student level, as other groups will be hosting these type of events.

4.8 Director Reports

Member Greenhut attended the first Elections and Referendum committee meeting. The committee approved the election schedule and discussed recommendations from last semester. Will also be attending the Finance committee orientation next week.

Member Johnston has the same committees as Member Greenhut. He noted that at the Elections and Referendum committee they specifically discussed the issues that occurred in the winter with elections violations and how to combat that.

Member Coleman will be attending the Finance Committee orientation next week.

4.9 CSA Service Update and Report

4.9.1 FoodBank Year-End Report 2025-2026

MOTION: That the FoodBank Year-End Report 2025-2026, as provided in the Board Agenda Package, be received as information.

Moved: Adam Venter
Seconded: William Coleman

Member Greenhut asked about how the different partners and network work together with the FoodBank, such as Food 4 U, as we've also been contributing funding to that initiative. The VP External explained that the groups can work together to fill gaps where possible based on capacity and the scope of the groups. This can include referring students to other groups if they have a waitlist. Some groups are also on a committee together that is working to address food insecurity on campus.

Motion Carried

MOTION: for a five-minute recess.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

4.10 Committee Updates and Reports

4.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Moved: Ellie Mendelovitz
Seconded: Noel Johnston

The Board Chair noted that this is an informational item to remind members of who sits on each committee.

Motion Carried

4.11 Business

4.11.1 Approve Fall 2026 By-Election Timeline

MOTION: that the Board of Directors approve the timeline for the CSA Fall 2026 By-Election, as presented in the Board Agenda Package.

Moved: Emilie Dudgeon, President
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

The President motivated that this timeline has been reviewed and approved by the Elections and Referendum Committee. It falls slightly later this year due to Labour Day being later and pushing back the start of the fall semester.

The VP External noted that the municipal election overlaps with the by-election voting period which we should make sure students are aware of to clear up any confusion.

Motion Carried

4.11.2 Approve Amendment to Board Meeting Schedule 2026-2027

WHEREAS the scheduled CSA Board of Directors meeting on September 9, 2026, presents a schedule conflict for the Executive Committee due to the university Pep Rally;

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSA Board of Directors approve an amendment to the 2026-2027 board meeting schedule to cancel meeting # 5 on Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

Moved: Emilie Dudgeon, President
Seconded: Noel Johnston

The President motivated that all executives are required to be at the Pep Rally per their o-week responsibilities, which conflicts with this meeting as it's currently scheduled.

Member Johnston noted that the CSA is involved with voting at the Pep Rally and asked if all the executives are needed at the pep rally for this and if there are other involvement responsibilities as well. The President noted that our executives have one vote, but all executives give input, and it's also an important opportunity for visibility and to speak to students.

Member Venter asked when the next board meeting would be. Member Greenhut inquired if an additional meeting should be called to address other items. The PTC responded that September 23 would be the next scheduled meeting, however, there's always the option to call for special meetings if anything urgent arises.

Motion Carried

4.11.3 Appoint Director to Student Health and Dental Plan Committee

WHEREAS the Student Health and Dental Plan Committee is responsible for, but not limited to, appointment of broker for the health and/or dental plan, signing of contracts, changes to benefit coverage, setting annual premium rates, determining appropriate financial management of reserve accounts, and communicating pertinent information to the student body; and

WHEREAS the membership of the Student Health and Dental Plan includes one CSA Director as a voting member;

MOTION: That the following Director be appointed to the Student Health and Dental Plan Committee for the 2026-2027 academic year:

Jonah Greenhut

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Adam Venter

Motion Carried

4.11.4 Appoint Director to CSA/GSA Transit Committee

WHEREAS the CSA/GSA Transit Committee meets monthly to discuss student feedback on the bus service provided by Guelph Transit, as well as the improvements that can be made to benefit the student users; and

WHEREAS membership of the CSA/GSA Transit Committee includes one CSA Director;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Director be appointed to the CSA/GSA Transit Committee for the 2026-2027 academic year:

Ellie Mendelovitz

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: William Coleman

The VP External noted that this committee allows the CSA and GSA to meet with Guelph Transit and the university's Off-Campus Living Coordinator to discuss our agreements with Guelph Transit and related topics such as bus pass activation dates, new routes, promotional materials, and student concerns. The committee meets twice per semester.

As there were more volunteers than available seats, nominees provided statements of interest and a secret ballot vote was conducted.

Motion Carried

4.11.5 Student Events & Initiatives Funding (SEIF) Deadlines and Meetings

MOTION: That the proposed dates for Student Events & Initiatives Funding deadlines and meetings for the 2026-27 academic year be approved as presented in the Board Agenda Package.

Moved: Emilie Dudgeon, President
Seconded: Noel Johnston

The President motivated that the deadlines and meetings have been adjusted accordingly for this year to better align with the academic and operating schedule. Please review the meeting dates to ensure your availability before volunteering for the committee, which is the next agenda item, as we have a set schedule to adhere to.

Motion Carried

4.11.6 Appoint Student Events and Initiatives Funding (SEIF) Committee

WHEREAS the Terms of Reference requires a maximum of six members for the SEIF Committee, consisting of the following:

- CSA President
- One additional member of the Executive Committee
- One At-Large or College representative
- One Student Organization representative
- Up to two additional Directors

MOTION:

c) That the following Directors be appointed to the SEIF Committee for the 2026-2027 academic year:

Mikayla Eisses
Adam Venter
Jonah Greenhut

d) That the following members of the Executive Committee be appointed to the SEIF Committee for the 2026-2027 academic year:

Emilie Dudgeon, President
Sydney Hooper, VP Internal

Moved: Emilie Dudgeon, President
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

The President motivated that the SEIF committee reviews funding applications from student groups for events and initiatives that benefit undergraduate students. The committee reviews applications and follows set criteria when making decisions on awarding funding. The set meeting dates were provided in the agenda package.

Motion Carried

4.11.7 Amendment to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) re. CEPS Restructuring

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 July 29, 2026

WHEREAS the University Senate approved a proposal to transition the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences into two new colleges as of July 1, 2025;

WHEREAS the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council continued to serve as the college government for both colleges for the 2025-2026 academic year;

WHEREAS the Engineering Society is now accredited as the college government for the College of Engineering; and

WHEREAS this transition requires amendments to the composition of the CSA Board of Directors and therefore our Bylaws;

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the attached amendments to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 2.10 (Member Colleges of the CSA), Section 4.1 (Board of Directors), and Section 4.2.3 (Member College Government Representatives (Appointed)).

Moved: Emilie Dudgeon, President
Seconded: Noel Johnston

The Board Chair asked the PTC for confirmation that we have sufficient quorum to vote on this item. The PTC confirmed that we have quorum and explained for the benefit of members that in the summer semester, our meeting quorum is 1/3 of the membership compared to the fall and winter semesters where it is half of the membership. Despite this, in order to consider any policy or bylaw amendments in the summer semester, fall/winter quorum must be achieved. She requested for members to confirm they are actively present in the meeting via hand raise to further confirm that this quorum is met, as the number of members who currently appear present is exactly the required threshold.

Member Pervez raised a point of order noting that he doesn't think the board has the authority to make a structural change to the composition of the board and it should be referred to the general membership. He requested a ruling from the Chair.

The Board Chair ruled that this motion meets the criteria of board consideration as it was given as notice at the July 29 meeting, which is the requirement for a bylaw amendment.

MOTION: to challenge the chair.

Moved: Zohair Pervez
Seconded:

As there was no seconder, the motion was not considered.

The President motivated that based on our bylaws we're required to have a board seat for each college government. This amendment is to update the bylaws to reflect the new college structure.

Member Johnston noted that in section 4.2.3 it should say Guelph Engineering Society instead of just Engineering Society as that is the correct title.

MOTION TO AMEND: to amend section 4.2.3 to replace Engineering Society with Guelph Engineering Society.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

Member Pervez noted that notice must be provided for amendments and asked if this will now be considered at the next board meeting. The Chair ruled that this isn't a substantive amendment and does not require further notice.

Roll call vote:

In favour: Bronwyn Barber, Ellie Mendelovitz, Noel Johnston, Mikayla Eisses, Ryan Toft, Adam Venter, Jonah Greenhut, William Coleman, Michael Spurek

Opposed: none

Abstain: Zohair Pervez

Motion Carried

3.11.8 Amendment to CSA Rules of Order re. CEPS Restructuring

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 July 29, 2026

WHEREAS the University Senate approved a proposal to transition the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences into two new colleges as of July 1, 2025;

WHEREAS the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Student Council continued to serve as the college government for both colleges for the 2025-2026 academic year;

WHEREAS the Engineering Society is now accredited as the college government for the College of Engineering; and

WHEREAS this transition requires amendments to the composition of the CSA Board of Directors and therefore our Rules of Order;

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the attached amendments to the CSA Rules of Order, Section 1 (Quorum for CSA Board of Director Meetings).

Moved: Emilie Dudgeon, President
Seconded: Noel Johnston

The President noted that her motivation is the same as the prior motion. This item is the second part that requires updating.

The Board Chair noted that a member departed the meeting and sufficient quorum was no longer present to vote on this item.

MOTION: to table to the next board meeting.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: William Coleman

Motion Tabled Definitely

4.12 New Business

No New Business was considered.

4.13 Announcements

Member Johnston shared that the College of Computational Mathematical and Physical Sciences Student Council is hosting 5 o-week events. This includes Spin the Wheel in Branion Plaza on September 6, trivia in the Summerlee atrium at 7pm on September 6, a club social the next day at 1:30pm, a cookie decorating event on September 8, and a bingo event on September 9. All students are welcome and there will be prizes at trivia and bingo.

Member Coleman shared that Curtain Call Productions is hosting a musical theatre karaoke night during o-week on September 8 at 7pm in the Bullring. The University Senate and Board of Governors are running elections which are open until September 15. The Secretariat Elections website lists the programs with vacant seats.

Member Venter shared that the Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity is hosting numerous events in September. This includes a feminist coffee break on September 10 from 1pm to 5:30pm at the Lookout. They'll be tabling at clubs days. They'll be hosting a community event for finding your people on September 17 from 6pm to 8:30pm at Peter Clark Hall. Additionally, they'll be participating in Disorientation Week with OPIRG.

Member Greenhut shared that during o-week the College of Arts Student Union will be in Branion Plaza everyday from 10am to 2pm. The Bachelor of Arts and Sciences Student Association is running a scavenger hunt on September 9 from 2pm to 4pm.

4.14 In Camera

MOTION: to move in-camera.

Moved: William Coleman
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

4.14.1 Approval of Past In-Camera Minutes

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

4.14.1	CSA Board Meeting # 1	June 3, 2026

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Adam Venter

Motion Carried

MOTION: to close the in-camera session.

Moved: William Coleman
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

4.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 4 on August 26, 2026 be adjourned at 8:44pm.

Moved: William Coleman
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

Approved by the Board of Directors **Date: September 23, 2026**

Signed: ______________________________ Date: ____________________

Board Chair

Signed: ______________________________ Date: ____________________

Colleen Bovay
Policy & Transition Coordinator