MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting # 6
October 7, 2026 – 6:00 pm
UC 442

Attendance – October 7, 2026

Board of Directors			
At-Large Representatives (Elected)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Vacant	College of Arts		
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Ahmed Khamis	College of Biological Science	Present	
Zohair Pervez	College of Biological Science	Regrets	
Vacant	College of Computational, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences		
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Michael Spurek	College of Engineering	Present	a: 6:11pm
Areeb Zahir	College of Engineering	Absent	
Muhammed Asif	College of Social and Applied Human Sciences	Absent	
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	Present	d: 7:00pm
Bronwyn Barber	Ontario Agricultural College	Regrets	
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	d: 7:00pm
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	

Vacant	Central Veterinary Student Association		
Student Organization Representatives (Appointed)		**Present / Regrets**	**Arrived / Departed**
Vacant	Indigenous Student Society (ISS)		
Daniella Dada	Guelph Black Students Association (GBSA)	Present	
Ellie Mendelovitz	Guelph Queer Equality (GQE)	Regrets	
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)	Present	
Vacant	Guelph Campus Co-op		
Val Hodgkinson	Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG)	Present	
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	Regrets	
Kennedy McGregor	Vice President Academic	Present	
Ash Ames	Vice President External	Present	

Staff	**Position**
	Chair
Colleen Bovay	Policy & Transition Coordinator
Nikki Tu	Scribe
Emily Heimpel	Scribe (In Training)

Guest	**Affiliation**
Nate Broughton	Business Operations Consultant

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

6.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 6 on October 7, 2026, be approved as printed and distributed.

MOTION TO AMEND: to reorder the agenda so that item 6.11.2: CSA Audited Statements 2025-2026 is just after item 6.4.1: Introductions.

Motion Carried

AMENDED MOTION: that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 6 on October 7, 2026, be approved as amended with:

- The reordering of the agenda so that item 6.11.2: CSA Audited Statements 2025-2026 is just after item 6.4.1: Introductions.

Motion Carried

6.3.1 Ratify Guelph Black Students Association Representative

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

Motion Carried

6.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

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

6.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 5	September 23, 2026

Motion Tabled Definitely

6.6 Executive Committee Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
6.6.1	Meeting # 12	September 14, 2026

Motion Carried

6.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Motion Carried

6.10.2 Hiring Committee Report: FoodBank Assistant

MOTION: That the hiring of Luca Galler for the position of Foodbank Assistant be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Motion Carried

6.10.3 Hiring Committee Report: Executive Director

MOTION: That the hiring of Kim Rodrigues for the position of Executive Director be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Motion Carried

6.10.3 Hiring Committee Report: Human Resources Coordinator

MOTION: That the hiring of Caitlin Roehrig for the position of Human Resources Coordinator be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Motion Carried

6.11.1 Approval of the Amended 2026-2027 Operating Budget

Notice of the following motion was provided at the Board Meeting on September 23, 2026.

MOTION: that the Board of Directors approve the amended CSA Operating Budget, as recommended by the Finance Committee and included in the board agenda package.

Motion Carried

6.11.2 CSA Audited Statements 2025-2026

(a) Speaking Rights: Nate Broughton

WHEREAS CSA Rules of Order section 3.3 states that visitors may be extended speaking rights following a motion to the Board;

BE IT RESOLVED to extend speaking rights to Nate Broughton to present the CSA Audited Financial Statements;

AND FURTHER to extend speaking time from 10 to 20 minutes for this presentation.

Motion Carried

(b) Approval of CSA Audited Statements 2025-2026

MOTION: That the presentation by Nate Broughton regarding the CSA Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended April 30, 2026, be received as information by the Board of Directors;

FURTHER that the CSA Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended April 30, 2026 be approved by the Board of Directors;

AND FURTHER that the CSA Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended April 30, 2026 be presented to the CSA membership as information at the 2026 Annual General Meeting.

Motion Carried

6.11.3 Appoint Directors to Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee

WHEREAS the Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee is tasked with selecting the winner of the Art in the Bullring event; and

WHEREAS the CSA VP Academic and Fine Arts Network Event Coordinator mutually agreed on having three undergraduate student representatives appointed by the CSA and three undergraduate student representatives appointed by FAN for the Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Board Directors be appointed to the Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee:

Daniella Dada
Jonah Greenhut
Oliver Hughes

Motion Carried

6.11.4 Notice: Amendment to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 4.14 re. PBRC

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 is hereby provided at the Board meeting on October 7, 2026

This motion will be considered at the Board meeting on October 28, 2026

MOTION: to adopt the attached amendments to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 4.14 as recommended by the Policy and Bylaw Review Committee.

6.11.5 Notice: Amendment to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 4.16 re. PBRC

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 is hereby provided at the Board meeting on October 7, 2026

This motion will be considered at the Board meeting on October 28, 2026

MOTION: to adopt the attached amendments to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 4.16 as recommended by the Policy and Bylaw Review Committee.

6.11.6 Notice: Amendment to CSA Rules of Order re. PBRC

Note: Bylaw 4 – Policy of the CSA, Section 2.2 states that amendments to a policy require one Board meeting notice, and a two-thirds majority vote at a meeting of the Board.

Notice of this motion is hereby provided at the Board meeting on October 7, 2026

This motion will be considered at the Board meeting on October 28, 2026

MOTION: to adopt the attached additions to the CSA Rules of Order as recommended by the Policy and Bylaw Review Committee.

6.14.1 Approval of Past In-Camera Minutes

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

6.14.1	CSA Board Meeting # 5	September 23, 2026

Motion Carried

6.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 6 on October 7, 2026, be adjourned at 7:28pm.

Motion Carried

Agenda – October 7, 2026

6.0	**Call to Order**	
6.1	**Land Acknowledgement** Ryan Toft	
6.2	**Adoption of the Agenda** 6.2.1 Approve the Agenda 6.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts	
6.3	**Ratifications and De-Ratifications** 6.3.1 Ratify Guelph Black Students Association Representative	
6.4	**Comments from the Chair** 6.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns	
6.5	**Approval of Past Minutes** 6.5.1 Meeting # 5 – September 23, 2026	
6.6	**Executive Committee Minutes** 6.6.1 Meeting # 12 – September 14, 2026	
6.7	**Executive Updates** 6.7.1 President – October 7, 2026 6.7.2 VP Internal – October 7, 2026 6.7.3 VP Academic – October 7, 2026 6.7.4 VP External – October 7, 2026	
6.8	**Director Reports**	
6.9	**CSA Service Update and Report**	
6.10	**Committee Updates and Reports** 6.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments 6.10.2 Hiring Committee Report: FoodBank Assistant 6.10.3 Hiring Committee Report: Executive Director 6.10.4 Hiring Committee Report: Human Resources Coordinator	
6.11	**Business** 6.11.1 Approval of the Amended 2026-2027 Operating Budget 6.11.2 CSA Audited Statements 2025-2026 6.11.3 Appoint Directors to Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee 6.11.4 Notice: Amendment to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 14.4 re. PBRC 6.11.5 Notice: Amendment to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 14.16 re. PBRC 6.11.6 Notice: Amendment to CSA Rules of Order re. PBRC	
6.12	**New Business** 6.12.1	

6.13	**Announcements**	
6.14	**In Camera Session** 6.14.1 Approval of In-Camera Minutes – September 23, 2026	
6.15	**Adjournment**	

Minutes – October 7, 2026

6.0 Call to Order

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

MOTION: for the VP Academic, Kennedy McGregor, to serve as Chair for the Board of Directors meeting on October 7, 2026.

Moved: Kennedy McGregor, VP Academic
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

6.1 Land Acknowledgement

Member Ryan Toft presented the following Land Acknowledgement:

Before we get started with today's board meeting, we must take a moment to acknowledge that the land on which we gather today is the traditional lands of the Attawandaron, Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, and the Treaty lands and territory of the Mississauga of the Credit First Nation. We also acknowledge the significance of the Dish with One Spoon Covenant as we strive to strengthen our relationships between Indigenous people and settlers. As people in privileged positions, we must acknowledge the loss of life, identity, independence, and culture which has been historically and is currently imposed upon Indigenous peoples and is tied to these stolen grounds. As guests on these lands and allies to Indigenous communities, we must strive to educate ourselves and build respectful relationships with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and communities throughout the country. It is important to strengthen our relationships with and continue to learn from our Indigenous communities to ensure we have an active part in reconciliation.

6.2 Adoption of the Agenda

6.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 6 on October 7, 2026, be approved as printed and distributed.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

MOTION TO AMEND: to reorder the agenda so that item 6.11.2: CSA Audited Statements 2025-2026 is just after item 6.4.1: Introductions.

Moved: Emilie Dudgeon, President
Seconded: William Coleman

Member Greenhut noted that we're close to quorum with the number of members present and asked if we need to reorder the agenda to move up pertinent items. The President stated that there was no need to further reorder the agenda.

Motion Carried

AMENDED MOTION: that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 6 on October 7, 2026, be approved as amended with:

- The reordering of the agenda so that item 6.11.2: CSA Audited Statements 2025-2026 is just after item 6.4.1: Introductions.

Motion Carried

6.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

No conflicts of interest were declared.

6.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

6.3.1 Ratify Guelph Black Students Association Representative

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

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Adam Venter

Motion Carried

6.4 Comments from the Chair

Thank you for attending tonight and for serving on our student board. The VP Academic reminded everyone to please keep your placards facing towards the Chair so that you can be called on accordingly. If at any point during the meeting you wish to be added to the Speaker's List, please raise your placard. Please do not lower your placard until you have been acknowledged by the Chair.

If you wish to raise a Point of Information, a Point of Personal Privilege, a Point of Parliamentary Procedure, or a Point of Order, please raise your hand instead.
For clarification:

- **Point of Order:** Used to identify a breach or incorrect application of the meeting's rules or procedures.
- **Point of Information:** Used to request clarification or additional information.
- **Point of Parliamentary Procedure:** Used to inquire about parliamentary procedure or how the meeting should proceed.
- **Point of Personal Privilege:** Used when something is preventing a member from participating fully in the meeting.

As we are meeting in person, please keep your use of computers and phones to a minimum. You may, of course, use your devices to follow along with the agenda or any relevant materials, but we will also have the slides displayed behind us for everyone to follow.

6.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

6.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

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

6.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 5	September 23, 2026

MOTION: That the approval of the Minutes for CSA Board Meeting #5 be tabled until the next CSA Board of Directors Meeting.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Member Greenhut found some mischaracterizations of his questions and comments in the minutes and proposed to table the minutes so that he can meet with the Scribe or PTC regarding amendments.

The President shared that the VP Internal, who sends their regrets, also has small discrepancies within the minutes that they would like to discuss.

Motion Tabled Definitely

6.6 Executive Committee Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
6.6.1	Meeting # 12	September 14, 2026

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Adam Venter

Member Greenhut asked if the VP Internal could provide an update at the next meeting regarding students volunteering for the CSA. The President responded that we are interested in pursuing this but cannot do so until we have an HR Coordinator.

Motion Carried

6.7 Executive Updates

6.7.1 President

The President shared that within HR, we are looking forward to welcoming a new HR Coordinator, whose confirmed start date is October 19, 2026, and a new Executive Director, whose confirmed start date is October 26, 2026. A new Board Scribe, Emily, was hired and the hiring process for Chief Returning Officer is moving forward as interviews were completed today. Hiring for remaining vacancies continues.

Within Operations, the first round of all staff meetings was held, and the President appreciated having staff from the entire organization come together to get a holistic perspective of the CSA. The Policy and Bylaw Review Committee had its first meeting. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) Team had its first meeting, and the team began working through logistics for the event. The President and the VP Internal are nearing the end of a significant process to complete Student Life Enhancement Fund (SLEF) reviews.

The President thanked the executives for their work on the Town Hall. It was in partnership with the University of Guelph Political Science Society and was a successful event for student learning and engagement with All Ward 5 candidates in attendance.

Member Coleman asked about progress regarding the plans for creating a supervisory committee to oversee the new Executive Director. The President answered that the process is ongoing and there are plans to consult with the hired candidate for their input when they start.

6.7.2 VP Internal

The President read on behalf of the VP Internal, who sends their regrets. She shared that the first Sexy Bingo was a sold-out success that students enjoyed. The VP Internal and the executive team are looking forward to the next Sexy Bingo. The VP Internal is in the process of preparing final details for the first Free Flow Market on October 22, 2026.

The President noted that SE&RM reviews increase further into the semester and closer to Halloween, though reviews are going quicker as students submitting reviews seem to better understand the process. The VP Internal is working with the President to conduct SLEF reviews as well.

For clubs, the accreditation deadline has been extended to October 11, 2026, and once final club numbers are confirmed, they will be shared with the Board. Both the in-person and virtual clubs general meetings went well last week.

The Club workshop series will take place during October 14, 15, and 16, 2026 and will cover various topics including club finances, event planning, SE&RM, conflict resolution and student leadership.

The President communicated that the VP Internal and VP Academic are willing to answer emailed questions regarding their updates.

6.7.3 VP Academic

The President read on behalf of the VP Academic, who has been busy and is excited to have students back on campus.

The Student Health and Advocacy Centre (SHAC) has received many tenancy cases, most of which involve non-standard or non-Residential Tenancy Agreement leases. The VP Academic encouraged the Board to remind students searching for housing that SHAC can review their lease for free.

The annual Student Memorial Service went extremely well. It was a beautiful day, and the families were grateful for the opportunity to remember and share about their loved ones.

The interest survey for a tutoring program with the CSA has gone live and received over 100 responses so far. Tabling is planned for the coming weeks and results will be shared following the closing of the survey.

There have been concerns about academic advising raised by students who feel that different responses are received depending on the advisor. The VP Academic discussed this with the Director of Academic Advising, who was receptive to feedback and identified pathways to provide feedback if the issues are identified in certain programs.

The VP Academic hopes to see everyone at the CSA Stressbuster on October 14, 2026 in Branion Plaza.

The President followed up on conversation about previously approved Executive Committee Meeting minutes, noting that the VP Internal attended the meeting and was pulled out shortly after it started, which is why they did not provide an update.

6.7.4 VP External

The VP External shared that the municipal election Town Hall went very well and they were glad to see Board members attend. They also shared that the campus radio station, CFRU, posted a recording of the Town Hall on their website. There was a lot of student interest in the form of partial attendance.

The VP External is currently working on planning and tabling for the November 5, 2026 walkout for Hands Off our Education as well as tabling to raise awareness about the Guelph municipal election. Information about the election has been posted on the CSA Instagram. The VP External has also had bus pass appointments ongoing.

The Food Bank Assistant has started their role, and it is reported to be going well. We have been getting donations from the Guelph Centre for Urban Organic Farming (GCUOF), and a professor donated apples from their tree. The Student Food Security Committee met today and received updates on working groups. There are workshops in progress to look for a research study to determine possible solutions for food insecurity on campus.

Member Spurek asked about progress on securing academic amnesty for labs and classes for the November 5, 2026 walkout. The VP External shared that the motion reached Senate but was not passed, so there is not a wider guarantee of academic amnesty. She shared that some professors indicated willingness to make accommodations on an individual basis for students who reach out to them.

Member Greenhut asked how the CSA was planning to address the Senate's ruling in communication with students about the walkout. The President responded that the current plan is to make students aware of the CSA's efforts to put this forward as well as the result, and that they can reach out to their professors individually.

6.8 Director Reports

Member Coleman attended the Policy & Bylaw Review Committee (PBRC) meeting and the Town Hall on October 6, 2026. Member Coleman discussed the motion for academic amnesty and recommended not to publicise that it was not passed, and to publicise that professors are open to being contacted.

Member Johnston followed up with the Dean of the College of Computational, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences about previous academic misconduct issues. The Dean is supportive of working with the rest of the University on a more unified process around the issue and have sorted it out. There are no current issues.

Member Venter attended the Senate meeting regarding academic amnesty and shared that while the motion failed, it was the first of its kind to make it to the Senate in the past 10 years. A statement on this result is in progress by the GSAA, and he does not want this to discourage students as work to support students is still ongoing.

Member Hodgkinson shared that McMaster and OCAD have passed academic amnesty motions for November 5, 2026, and recommends refraining from publicising the failure of the motion in order to not set a precedent for other schools.

Member Toft attended the PBRC meeting.

Member Greenhut shared that the first SEIF meeting occurred on September 30 and it went well. Member Greenhut stated that he found it helpful that the board increased funding. He also attended Sexy Bingo and enjoyed it, particularly the intermission games. He attended the PBRC meeting and shared that a motion he made a year ago to expand candidate budgets will be coming forward soon.

6.9 CSA Service Update and Report

No CSA Service Updates or Reports were presented.

6.10 Committee Updates and Reports

6.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: William Coleman

Motion Carried

6.10.2 Hiring Committee Report: FoodBank Assistant

MOTION: That the hiring of Luca Galler for the position of Foodbank Assistant be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Val Hodgkinson

Motion Carried

MOTION: To omnibus items 6.10.2 and 6.10.3.

Moved: William Coleman

Seconded:

The motion did not receive a seconder and was not considered.

The PTC stated that it would likely be more efficient to go through hiring reports individually rather than explain and go through the votes for omnibus.

6.10.3 Hiring Committee Report: Executive Director

MOTION: That the hiring of Kim Rodrigues for the position of Executive Director be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Moved: Emilie Dudgeon, President
Seconded: Noel Johnston

The President motivated that we are excited about Kim joining our team, she will be a great addition and has a lot of experience working with non-profits.

Motion Carried

6.10.3 Hiring Committee Report: Human Resources Coordinator

MOTION: That the hiring of Caitlin Roehrig for the position of Human Resources Coordinator be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Moved: Emilie Dudgeon, President
Seconded: Val Hodgkinson

The President motivated that she is happy to have the role filled and is enthusiastic about Caitlin.

Motion Carried

6.11 Business

6.11.1 Approval of the Amended 2026-2027 Operating Budget

Notice of the following motion was provided at the Board Meeting on September 23, 2026.

MOTION: that the Board of Directors approve the amended CSA Operating Budget, as recommended by the Finance Committee and included in the board agenda package.

Moved: Emilie Dudgeon, President
Seconded: Noel Johnston

The President motivated that the amended budget more accurately reflects current needs of the organization and reflects the actual allocation of funds across portfolios. The amended budget has been reviewed by the Finance Committee and is recommended to the Board for approval. The amended budget will ensure alignment between financial planning and the CSA's current operational needs and priorities.

Motion Carried

6.11.2 CSA Audited Statements 2025-2026

(a) Speaking Rights: Nate Broughton

WHEREAS CSA Rules of Order section 3.3 states that visitors may be extended speaking rights following a motion to the Board;

BE IT RESOLVED to extend speaking rights to Nate Broughton to present the CSA Audited Financial Statements;

AND FURTHER to extend speaking time from 10 to 20 minutes for this presentation.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

Nate Broughton delivered a presentation on the audited financial statements for the University of Guelph CSA for year ending April 30, 2026.

Overall, there is a surplus of $962,000 across all budgeted funds. Of that, $621,000 represent unrestricted operating surplus, which are funds without a specific purpose. The CSA's net assets were $5.9 million and cash and investments were $8.8 million.

BDO issued a qualified opinion and did not report any significant control deficiencies or fraud concerns.

To complete the audit, Management and the CSA Board must approve the audited statements, the Finance Committee must review them and the auditor, BDO, must obtain reasonable assurance of accurate reflection of financial information.

The CSA audit is required by the Ontario Not for Profit Corporations Act as we have revenues over $500,000. The audit involves over 100 hours of work in the Business Office and over 2700 pages of financial reports exclusively for the purpose of the audit were uploaded to BDO's portal. BDO's engagement partner for the audit was Jean Pritchard. The audit occurred from July 2026 to September 2026.

The process of the audit begins with preparation by the Business Office, followed by a back-and-forth process of BDO conducting tests by randomly selecting and requesting information from us, reviewing provided supporting documents, and conducting more tests until they are comfortable forming an opinion. Their qualified opinion is that the CSA's statements present fairly in all material respects and our position results in cash inflows.

The materiality for the year ending April 30, 2026 was $250,000. This is the size of error that BDO considers to influence someone reading the audited statements.

No internal control deficiencies of significance were noted. The accounting software used by the Business Office is old and a process to replace it is being undertaken, but this did not impact our financial statements.

BDO is not aware of any fraud affecting the organization. Broughton shared that a non-material misstatement $57,000 unadjusted difference will be cleared on the closing of the current fiscal year. The $57,000 represents a repayment for a 2019 investment in the Boo Sports Lounge and a digital signage network that should have been recorded as a reduction in investment amount. The surplus for this year is $57,000 lower to offset that amount and this does not affect the CSA's assets as of yearend.

BDO has noted two small issues as part of their qualified opinion.

1. In a standard statement for organizations with the size and not-for-profit structure of the CSA, BDO cannot prove with complete certainty the completeness of sales, sundry, and fundraising revenue as they cannot prove complete record-keeping.
2. They also cannot test against funds with the TheCannon.ca partnership as the financials are housed with the Guelph Campus Co-op.

Significant fraud risk areas were identified as Management and override of controls, and BDO have not noted any issues. BDO did not find any issues with other common fraud risk areas including unauthorized payroll expenses, improper revenue recognition, or unauthorized expenses. No other required communications to disclose with the audit were noted.

Broughton reviewed budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures across the CSA's unrestricted operating portfolios. The CSA ended the year in a favourable operating position, contributing with approximately $519,000 in unrestricted operating surplus. Factors contributing to the surplus included:

- Student-fee revenue exceeding budget expectations because of increased enrolment.
- Higher-than-anticipated administrative student-fee revenue by 36%.
- Salary savings resulting from vacant positions, including the VP External, Events Coordinator, HR Coordinator, and Social Media Assistants.
- The $57,000 accounting adjustment.
- Capital-asset amortization recorded in the Council budget, which explained why that portfolio showed expenses exceeding revenues.

The SafeWalk and Menstrual Hygiene Initiative funds were deliberately drawn down. Student fees for these initiatives were suspended for the winter semester as part of the effort to reduce accumulated surpluses.

The Health Plan ended the year with a reserve of approximately $731,000, while the Dental Plan reserve was approximately $931,000. The Dental Plan fee was set below the current premium cost as part of an intentional effort to reduce the accumulated surplus.

Additional notes were that the affordable housing fee was permanently terminated, and the Finance Committee and Executive team are examining appropriate uses for those funds. The CSA also has a multi-year financial commitment regarding its photocopier.

The next steps in the audit are for Management to send a letter to the auditors, who will conduct final steps, then the finalized statements will go forward to the AGM, where Audited Statements will be received.

Member Venter asked what type of companies the CSA invests in. Nate Broughton responded that CSA bylaws allow investments exclusively in Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs) and that the CSA has a specific $60,000 investment in UC services.

(b) Approval of CSA Audited Statements 2025-2026

MOTION: That the presentation by Nate Broughton regarding the CSA Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended April 30, 2026, be received as information by the Board of Directors;

FURTHER that the CSA Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended April 30, 2026 be approved by the Board of Directors;

AND FURTHER that the CSA Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended April 30, 2026 be presented to the CSA membership as information at the 2026 Annual General Meeting.

Moved: William Coleman
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

6.11.3 Appoint Directors to Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee

WHEREAS the Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee is tasked with selecting the winner of the Art in the Bullring event; and

WHEREAS the CSA VP Academic and Fine Arts Network Event Coordinator mutually agreed on having three undergraduate student representatives appointed by the CSA and three undergraduate student representatives appointed by FAN for the Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Board Directors be appointed to the Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee:

Jonah Greenhut
Oliver Hughes
Daniella Dada

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: William Coleman

The President shared that the Art in the Bullring Winner Selection Committee is a lower time commitment and that directors will vote on submitted art and attend the event. She also shared that the Fine Arts Network and VP Academic are planning a short session

regarding aspects of art to look for while judging. Directors who wish to sit on this committee must be available for training on Monday, November 9, 2026, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm and for the Art in the Bullring event, which is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2026, from 6 to 8 pm.

The VP External stated that they have had enjoyable experiences with this committee and described it as a low commitment and rewarding experience.

Motion Carried

6.11.4 Notice: Amendment to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 4.14 re. PBRC

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 is hereby provided at the Board meeting on October 7, 2026

This motion will be considered at the Board meeting on October 28, 2026

MOTION: to adopt the attached amendments to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 4.14 as recommended by the Policy and Bylaw Review Committee.

6.11.5 Notice: Amendment to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 4.16 re. PBRC

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 is hereby provided at the Board meeting on October 7, 2026

This motion will be considered at the Board meeting on October 28, 2026

MOTION: to adopt the attached amendments to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 4.16 as recommended by the Policy and Bylaw Review Committee.

6.11.6 Notice: Amendment to CSA Rules of Order re. PBRC

Note: Bylaw 4 – Policy of the CSA, Section 2.2 states that amendments to a policy

require one Board meeting notice, and a two-thirds majority vote at a meeting of the Board.

Notice of this motion is hereby provided at the Board meeting on October 7, 2026

This motion will be considered at the Board meeting on October 28, 2026

MOTION: to adopt the attached additions to the CSA Rules of Order as recommended by the Policy and Bylaw Review Committee.

6.12 New Business

No New Business was considered.

6.13 Announcements

The PTC shared that nominations closed today for the CSA by-election and encouraged the promotion of the election, particularly to peers in the colleges with candidates. Those colleges are Arts, Computational, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences, and Lang School of Business and Economics.

The President encouraged the Board to get students to vote in the CSA election.

The VP External said to vote in the CSA election and in the municipal election. Voting for the municipal election starts October 10, 2026, and the municipal government has a big impact on student life, including bus systems.

Member Johnston stated that there is a consultation in November with Melinda and Catherine about the Student Organization Policy passed in June. Any members with concerns about the policy can share them with him.

Member Hodgkinson said advanced polling for the municipal election closes on October 10 and reminded members to register before then.

Member Toft shared on behalf of the College of Biological Sciences Student Council that hiring for their board positions closes soon and they have a professional schools night coming soon.

MOTION: to recess for 5-minutes.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Adam Venter

Motion carried

6.14 In Camera

MOTION: to move in-camera.

Moved: Adam Venter
Seconded: Michael Spurek

Motion Carried

6.14.1 Approval of Past In-Camera Minutes

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

6.14.1	CSA Board Meeting # 5	September 23, 2026

Moved: Ryan Toft
Seconded: Oliver Hughes

Motion Carried

MOTION: to close the in-camera session.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Val Hodgkinson

Motion Carried

6.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 6 on October 7, 2026 be adjourned at 7:28pm.

Moved: Val Hodgkinson
Seconded: Adam Venter

Motion Carried

Approved by the Board of Directors	**Date: October 28, 2026**
Signed: _____ Board Chair	Date: _____
Signed: _____ Colleen Bovay, Policy & Transition Coordinator	Date: _____