MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting # 7
October 28, 2026 – 6:00 pm
UC 442

Attendance – October 28, 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	Present	
Zohair Pervez	College of Biological Science	Regrets	
Vacant	College of Computational, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences		
Vacant	College of Computational, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences		
Michael Spurek	College of Engineering	Present	
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	
Vacant	Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics		
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Hannah Gregory	Ontario Agricultural College	Present	
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	

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)	Present	
Adam Venter	Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity (GRCGED)	Present	
Amanda Rinoa Parco	International Student Organization (ISO)	Present	
Oliver Hughes	Interhall Council (IHC)	Regrets	
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	Present	
Kennedy McGregor	Vice President Academic	Present	
Ash Ames	Vice President External	Present	

Staff	**Position**
	Chair
Kim Rodrigues	Executive Director
Colleen Bovay	Policy & Transition Coordinator
Emily Heimpel	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

7.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 7 on October 28, 2026, be approved as printed and distributed.

Motion Carried

7.3.1 De-Ratify Lang School of Business and Economics Representative

WHEREAS member Ayesha Tanzeel has tendered her resignation from the Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED that Ayesha Tanzeel be de-ratified from the 2026-2027 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately:

Motion Carried

7.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

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

7.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 6	October 7, 2026

Motion Carried

7.6 Executive Committee Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
7.6.1	Meeting # 13	September 24, 2026
7.6.2	Meeting # 14	October 7, 2026

Motion Carried

7.7 Executive Updates

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

7.7.1	President	October 28, 2026
7.7.2	VP Internal	October 28, 2026
7.7.3	VP Academic	October 28, 2026
7.7.4	VP External	October 28, 2026

Motion Carried

7.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Motion Carried

7.10.2 Hiring Committee Report: Front Office Assistant

MOTION: That the hiring of Cianna Simpson for the position of Front Office Assistant be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Motion Carried

7.10.3 Hiring Committee Report: Board Scribe

MOTION: That the hiring of Emily Heimpel for the position of Board Scribe be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Motion Carried

7.10.4 Finance Committee Minutes # 1

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
7.10.4	Meeting # 1	September 2, 2026

Motion Carried

7.10.5 Hiring Committee Report: Events Coordinator

MOTION: That the hiring of Sally Draper for the position of Events Coordinator be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Motion Carried

7.11.1 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 was provided at the Board meeting on October 7, 2026

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

Motion Carried

7.11.2 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 was provided at the Board meeting on October 7, 2026

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

Motion Carried

7.11.3 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 was provided at the Board meeting on October 7, 2026

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

Motion Carried

7.11.4 Appoint Statement Making Committee

WHEREAS the Statement Making Committee Terms of Reference states that the membership of the Committee will consist of:

- The Vice President External;
- Three Directors; and
- Two General Members of the CSA in good standing

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Directors be appointed to the Statement Making Committee for the 2026-2027 academic year:

Adam Venter
William Coleman
Hannah Gregory

AND FURTHER that the following General Members of the CSA be appointed to the Statement Making Committee for the 2026-2027 academic year:

Iman Ijaz
Jordanna Kehoe

Motion Carried

7.11.5 Appoint Representatives to University Centre (UC) Board

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 the University Centre Board currently has two vacancies for alternate undergraduate student members;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following CSA Members be appointed as alternates to the University Centre Board for a term of up to two years:

Robert Rodriguez
Bronwyn Barber

Motion Carried

7.11.6 Appoint Awards Committee

WHEREAS the Awards Committee is tasked with overseeing the CSA's Awards of Excellence to recognize student leaders, clubs, and academic staff for their dedication to the University of Guelph community; and

WHEREAS per the committee Terms of Reference, membership of the committee must consist of:

- The VP Academic;
- The CSA President;
- The CSA Clubs Coordinator;
- Three members of the CSA Board of Directors (including at least one college representative (elected or appointed) and one student organization representative); and
- One General Member of the CSA in good standing.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following individuals be appointed to the Awards Committee for the remainder of the 2026-2027 academic year:

Ryan Toft, College Representative (appointed or elected)
Daniella Dada, Student Organization Representative
Ellie Mendelovitz, Additional Director
Taylor Huff, CSA General Member

Motion Carried

7.11.7 Corporate Visa Application

WHEREAS the CSA wishes to establish a corporate Visa credit card facility with Meridian Credit Union; and

WHEREAS the CSA does not intend to carry a balance on the facility, so that no student money goes toward debt financing;

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSA is authorized to establish a corporate Visa credit card facility with Meridian with an aggregate credit limit not exceeding $60,000;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the facility is the sole obligation of the Corporation. No director, officer, employee, or cardholder shall give a personal guarantee for it;

AND FURTHER that the full statement balance shall be paid each month, so that no balance is carried and no student money goes toward interest or debt financing;

AND FURTHER that until the Board resolves otherwise, a card may be issued only to the Finance Coordinator;

AND FURTHER that card use is subject to the internal controls recommended by the Corporation's auditors, including Purchase Orders approved in advance of any spend;

AND FURTHER that the President, and Vice President Internal are authorized to sign the application, credit agreement, and related documents on behalf of the Corporation.

Motion Carried

7.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 7 on October 28, 2026, be adjourned at 7:43pm.

Motion Carried

Agenda – October 28, 2026

7.0	**Call to Order**	
7.1	**Land Acknowledgement** William Coleman	
7.2	**Adoption of the Agenda** 7.2.1 Approve the Agenda 7.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts	
7.3	**Ratifications and De-Ratifications** 7.3.1 De-Ratify Lang School of Business and Economics Representative	
7.4	**Comments from the Chair** 7.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns	
7.5	**Approval of Past Minutes** 7.5.1 Meeting # 6 – October 7, 2026	
7.6	**Executive Committee Minutes** 7.6.1 Meeting # 13 – September 24, 2026 7.6.2 Meeting # 14 – October 7, 2026	
7.7	**Executive Updates** 7.7.1 President – October 28, 2026 7.7.2 VP Internal – October 28, 2026 7.7.3 VP Academic – October 28, 2026 7.7.4 VP External – October 28, 2026	
7.8	**Director Reports**	
7.9	**CSA Service Update and Report**	
7.10	**Committee Updates and Reports** 7.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments 7.10.2 Hiring Committee Report: Front Office Assistant 7.10.3 Hiring Committee Report: Board Scribe 7.10.4 Finance Committee Minutes # 1 – September 2, 2026 7.10.5 Hiring Committee Report: Events Coordinator	
7.11	**Business** 7.11.1 Amendment to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 4.14 re. PBRC 7.11.2 Amendment to Bylaw 1 (Organizational) Section 4.16 re. PBRC 7.11.3 Amendment to CSA Rules of Order re. PBRC 7.11.4 Appoint Statement Making Committee 7.11.5 Appoint Representatives to University Centre (UC) Board 7.11.6 Appoint Awards Committee	

	7.11.7 Corporate Visa Application	
7.12	**New Business** 7.12.1	
7.13	**Announcements**	
7.14	**In Camera Session** 7.14.1	
7.15	**Adjournment**	

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7.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

MOTION: for the VP Academic, Kennedy McGregor, to serve as Chair for the Board of Directors meeting on October 28, 2026.

Moved: Kennedy McGregor, VP Academic
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

7.1 Land Acknowledgement

Member William Coleman presented the following Land Acknowledgement:

As we begin tonight's meeting of the CSA Board of Directors, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the land of which the University of Guelph and the Central Student Association operate today. We would like to acknowledge that this is the traditional land of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe and part of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Dish with One Spoon Covenant. The Dish with One Spoon Covenant is an agreement to take only what we need from the land to ensure that it is available and that the bowl is not empty for future generations. As an organization part of the University of Guelph, we should be mindful of our operations and how they may affect our students, how they affect our environment around us, and of course be mindful of how we can support Indigenous peoples, their laws, philosophies, arts, and culture today. Thank you.

7.2 Adoption of the Agenda

7.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 7 on October 28, 2026, be approved as printed and distributed.

Moved: Noel Johnston

Seconded: Adam Venter

Motion Carried

7.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

No conflicts of interest were declared.

7.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

7.3.1 De-Ratify Lang School of Business and Economics Representative

WHEREAS member Ayesha Tanzeel has tendered her resignation from the Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED that Ayesha Tanzeel be de-ratified from the 2026-2027 CSA Board of Directors, effective immediately:

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Michael Spurek

Motion Carried

MOTION: To extend speaking rights to the Executive Director, Kim Rodrigues, for the remainder of the meeting.

Moved: Emilie Dudgeon, President
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

The President motivated that the current policy does not grant the Executive Director speaking rights during meetings and that it is important that Executive Director has the right to speak to questions pertaining to her position.

Member Coleman asked if the Executive Director would be attending future meetings and if an amendment to CSA policy was planned. The President answered that the intent is for the Executive Director to attend meetings, and that until an amendment is made, a motion to grant speaking rights will be utilized.

Motion Carried

7.4 Comments from the Chair

Good evening everyone. Thank you for your attendance this evening. As we move forward this meeting, I would like to once again take the time to remind members of their duty as a Director, which is to serve our student body. I look forward to a successful evening. Thank you again for attending.

7.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

7.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

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

7.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 6	October 7, 2026

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Adam Venter

Motion Carried

7.6 Executive Committee Minutes

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

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7.6.1	Meeting # 13	September 24, 2026
7.6.2	Meeting # 14	October 7, 2026

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Ryan Toft

Member Greenhut asked the Executive if they could expand on the discussion during the September 24 minutes of a meeting with the CSA's merchandiser to discuss partnerships and explain what that means for the creation of CSA merchandise during the year, as opposed to at the beginning of the year. The President responded that Brand Boulevard provides the CSA with merchandise such as tote bags, shirts, and keychains, a lot of

which are for O-Week and some of which are for general events throughout the year. The meeting with the Brand Boulevard representative was to discuss streamlining the process of ordering merchandise so that orders can be placed earlier, particularly as it comes to recurring orders for tote bags for first years. The presentation was well received, and the representative showed some ordering options for new CSA-branded merchandise. The representative is now coming in earlier and orders will be made earlier. The VP Internal added that while the bulk of merchandise purchasing occurs at the beginning of the semester, Service Coordinators such as the SafeWalk Coordinator can purchase different merch if it is within their budget and they are encouraged to come up with new merchandise to provide during the school year.

Member Greenhut asked if the Clubs Coordinator's open office hours have been effective and whether they were going to continue. The VP Internal responded that the open office hours were not officially implemented as the flow of people with questions began to slow down further into the semester, though they will be implemented eventually as a way for the Clubs Office to engage more with their clubs. The main problem leading to the influx of students needing to speak with the Clubs Coordinator was that every club that got accredited had to create a new GryphLife page, but these inquiries have slowed down. The VP Internal added that they have discussed the possibility of the Clubs Coordinator holding administrative hours a few days a week if she feels it is necessary.

Member Greenhut asked the VP External if they could provide an update on the virtual town hall with Concordia mentioned in the minutes. The VP External responded that the town hall was preceded by a workshop for schools including Concordia to discuss austerity measures on their campus and possible future solutions. She added that while they did not speak much during the town hall itself, hearing discussion from other students, particularly those from Nova Scotia who had a limited strike during the winter, was valuable.

Member Greenhut asked if the Executive could expand on their meeting with Mike Calvert about space planning, specifically for level 5 of the University Centre. The President responded that the UC is currently conducting a space audit to maximize usable space by students. They have plans to renovate and are currently in the process of consulting, with the possibility of renovations beginning towards the end of the current school year. There is a possibility of moving College Royal down to Level 2, which has been in discussion since last year.

Member Greenhut asked the VP External what a permanent space for the UofG Food Market would entail. The VP External responded that it would be a permanently available version of the temporary markets, with food available for students to purchase on a sliding scale. While this has been discussed with the UC Board, a location has not been determined, this is part of the UC Board's longer term renovation plans and the timeline for its implementation is next year or the year after that.

Motion Carried

7.7 Executive Updates

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

7.7.1	President	October 28, 2026
7.7.2	VP Internal	October 28, 2026
7.7.3	VP Academic	October 28, 2026
7.7.4	VP External	October 28, 2026

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Michael Spurek

Motion Carried

7.7.1 President

The President greeted and thanked everyone for their attendance. Since the last meeting, the President's major focus has been the onboarding of the CSA's three newly hired staff members, which has involved developing transition materials and meeting with the new staff.

The President shared that she is currently working on the terms of reference for the supervisory committee that will oversee the role of the Executive Director, Kim Rodrigues, who started on Monday, October 26, as well as defining the role of the Executive Director within committees such as Health & Dental, Finance, and Transit.

The President updated the Board that the new human resources administration system, Employment Hero, is being implemented and will digitize many organizational processes that are currently completed on paper.

As for committee meetings, the President shared that the Finance Committee met this month and are working on final financial bylaw changes to be recommended to the Board for approval. The Compulsory Fees Committee met for the first time to provide an orientation for its members. During that meeting, the VP Academic and the President joined a working group to discuss compulsory fees as they relate to online programs. The Elections and Referendum Committee also met to continue their work on overseeing the fall 2026 CSA by-election.

Member Greenhut asked if the CSA currently has a stance on compulsory fees for fully online programs. The President responded that we do not yet have a fully formulated opinion, and that she will likely be able to give a better answer after the working group has had its first meeting and input is provided by its members on the subject.

Member Johnston asked if the Executive Director will be providing the Board with Executive Updates during future meetings as her role is different from other CSA Executives. The President responded that the Executive Director will be providing the Board with updates in some manner and reports mid and end-of-semester have been discussed as an option, though they are still working on the details. The President noted that the Executive Director will be able to answer questions at any point during Board meetings.

Member Coleman asked where we are in the process of implementing the new HR system and if we've chosen a vendor. He also inquired which CSA processes will be incorporated into the system and what the plan is for implementing the new system.

The President explained that implementation of the new HR system has been in progress since July 2026. The chosen vendor is called Employment Hero, which was selected for its ease of implementation and its good reviews, particularly for mobile options. It is anticipated that most of the CSA's HR processes will be uploaded to the system. This includes scheduling for staff training and for the Bullring staff, as well as shift trading, time off requests, vacation tracking, contract access, timesheets, and pay stubs for student staff.
We are currently in the tail end of implementing it and most CSA staff are on the platform. It has been used to send out pay stubs and the next step is to implement the completion of timesheets on the app instead of on paper.

Member Coleman asked if the new HR system has been brought to the Board before and inquired about the contract size and the plan to fund the new system. The President responded that she believes the topic was previously addressed through her Executive Updates at prior meetings. She will verify both that the funds for the software will come out of Software and Licensing as well as the pricing, but noted that compared to other available software, it was not greatly expensive. Additionally, she noted that this system was budgeted for and that it would be similar to a yearly licensing cost.

7.7.2 VP Internal

The VP Internal greeted Board members and reminded them to take care of themselves during midterms. During the past few weeks, the CSA team welcomed new staff

members, including the Executive Director, Kim, the Human Resources Coordinator, Caitlin and the soon-to-be Events Coordinator, Sally.

As for on-campus events, the Free Flow Market and Hot Chocolate and Cookies Stress Buster event went well and provided opportunities for students to see their fees in action and learn about the CSA. The VP Internal shared that the second Sexy Bingo event will be occurring on October 29, 2026.

The VP Internal congratulated the SafeWalk Team, Emily and Rosa, for a successful first term so far, and shared that SafeWalk has received 33 calls and has run every single school night without exception.

Within the Clubs office, club accreditation is officially closed, and applications are currently being worked through. As of before the meeting on October 28, 132 applications had been approved out of 195 total applications. Additionally, the timeline for completing edits to the clubs handbook has been established and as only a few larger items remain to be reviewed and edited, the VP Internal is fairly confident that it will be finished by the end of semester.

The VP Internal highlighted that the CSA Bike Centre is looking for bike donations for the annual bike auction, so anyone with a bike that is not being used, regardless of its condition, should consider donating it to the auction.

The VP Internal has also being working on preparing training materials for the new Events Coordinator, Sally, as the Events Coordinator will be taking over a number of items that the VP Internal has been responsible for.

Member Greenhut said he was glad that the Clubs Office is running workshops and asked if the mental health workshops were exclusively available to clubs with a mental well-being focus. The VP Internal responded that our insurance provider, Alumo provides the mental health workshops free of charge and that the plan is for the workshops to be mandatory for clubs dealing with more sensitive topics such as trauma-based care. The workshops and training are intended to be available, but not mandatory for other clubs and students who are interested. Member Greenhut agreed that it would be great to require it for clubs and offer it to students in general, suggested extending it to non-CSA clubs.

Member Greenhut asked if the VP Internal knew of any reasons for SafeWalk's success this term that would be helpful to translate to next year. The VP Internal responded that they did not have a concrete answer and speculated that first years might identify more with the service, or language changes emphasizing the enthusiasm of volunteers and seeking company as an appropriate service use could be possible reasons. Member Hodgkinson shared that they have seen SafeWalk with more well-placed advertisements,

particularly on Instagram. Member Greenhut asked about any progress on a past discussion of moving the SafeWalk range to be 5-10 minutes outside of campus. The VP Internal noted that this raises insurance concerns about volunteers leaving campus, but she will make note of it and bring it to the SafeWalk team to discuss its feasibility.

Member Greenhut asked if there is a concern that the Bike Centre team will not have enough bikes this year as he has noticed more ads regarding donations for the auction. The VP Internal responded that they are not concerned about having too few bikes, but that this is the Bike Centre's largest event and they want the most bikes possible, preferably earlier in the semester so that the team has more time to work on the bikes before it gets snowy.

Member Greenhut asked what a late-night breakfast entails. The VP Internal responded that the late-night breakfast is a stressbuster event that will take place in late November during which breakfast foods are served to students in the evening at the UC Courtyard and a quiet study space is provided.

7.7.3 VP Academic

The VP Academic was chairing the meeting and did not share any updates.

7.7.4 VP External

The VP External recently completed a series of social media posts for the Guelph municipal election and tabled to remind students about the election and answer questions.

The VP External also tabled on October 27 and 29 for the November 5 rally, informing students about and encouraging their attendance at the rally. This week, the VP External has been working on getting things together for November 5 before they attend the Canadian Federation of Students Ontario's Lobby Week from November 2 to 4. Social media posts went out last week informing students about the rally, with follow-up posts planned this week for rally sign making on Friday, October 30 from 12:30 to 4:00PM in UC Courtyard. The VP External has been reaching out to student groups about potential speakers for the rally, and as no college governments have said that they would like to speak, the speakers at the rally will be from other groups that have indicated interest.

As for committee meetings, the VP External shared that the Food4U Committee met to go over the role of the program, the Students Rights and Responsibilities Committee met to go over annual reports, the Student Leaders & Admin

Meetings Committee (SLAM) met to go over cyber security and a new sexual and gender-based violence policy, and the Sustainability Action Fund (SAF) Steering Committee met to go over two statements of interest that were sent in, both of which were rejected.

The VP External shared that the Guelph Student FoodBank has reached capacity and registration has closed. It has been busy at the FoodBank with the large number of registered students, so the VP External has been supporting them periodically when help is needed.

Member Greenhut noted that the FoodBank has needed more support since reaching capacity this year and asked if there was a sense that support from the VP External will be continuously needed and if there has been discussion regarding an additional Assistant. He also inquired if there currently enough support within the Guelph Student Food Bank team without the help currently provided by the VP External to sustain this capacity.

The VP External responded that with the Guelph Student FoodBank's current hours, the existing team provides enough support. The VP External clarified that he is helping on an as-needed basis specifically in the cases of illness, absence, or if it is particularly busy after a delayed food delivery. After Thanksgiving a lot of portioning support was needed, as people wanted to receive their items in one appointment instead of two. The VP External shared that the hiring of an additional FoodBank Assistant in order to have 3 FoodBank Assistants working 8 hours a week to better accommodate the assistants' student schedules has been proposed as an idea, but that overall, the FoodBank is managing with the current amount of assistants and hours covered.

MOTION: To take a 5-minute recess.

Moved: Emilie Dudgeon, President
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

7.8 Director Reports

Member Johnston attended a Finance Committee meeting and an Elections and Referendum Committee meeting, both were productive meetings.

Member Coleman attended the Finance Committee meeting and the first meeting of the Accessibility Committee on Monday, October 26. During the Accessibility Committee meeting, there was discussion on what Student Accessibility Services could provide as well as discussion about the decommissioning of the Affordable Housing fee.

Member Hodgkinson shared that they have been speaking in classes to spread awareness about the walkout planned for Thursday, November 5, 2026.

Member Venter attended a Student Events and Initiatives Funding committee meeting. Member Venter shared that he has recently been focused on logistics and scheduling for the November 5 walkout. Along with other Students Against Austerity members, Member Venter will be meeting with some of the CSA Executives on Thursday, October 29 to go over logistics for the walkout.

Member Khamis attended the first Accessibility Committee meeting and felt it went well.

Member Eisses attended the Student Events and Initiatives Funding Committee meeting.

Member Greenhut attended the Finance Committee meeting.

7.9 CSA Service Update and Report

No CSA Service Updates or Reports were presented.

7.10 Committee Updates and Reports

7.10.1 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

7.10.2 Hiring Committee Report: Front Office Assistant

MOTION: That the hiring of Cianna Simpson for the position of Front Office Assistant be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Michael Spurek

Motion Carried

7.10.3 Hiring Committee Report: Board Scribe

MOTION: That the hiring of Emily Heimpel for the position of Board Scribe be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Val Hodgkinson

Motion Carried

7.10.4 Finance Committee Minutes # 1

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
7.10.4	Meeting # 1	September 2, 2026

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: William Coleman

Motion Carried

7.10.5 Hiring Committee Report: Events Coordinator

MOTION: That the hiring of Sally Draper for the position of Events Coordinator be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Moved: Noel Johnston

Seconded: Adam Venter

Motion Carried

7.11 Business

7.11.1 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 was provided at the Board meeting on October 7, 2026

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

Moved: Emilie Dudgeon, President
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

The President motivated that the amendment has been brought forward to allow for more flexibility in securing a CSA Board Chair. She noted that the VP Academic has acted as Board Chair since summer 2026 and that the current way the position has been continuously posted since April 2026 has not yet found a suitable candidate. This change would maintain the current hiring process as well as allowing the Board to secure a qualified Board Chair consulting company that would guarantee a qualified chair for each meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

In Favour: Ellie Mendelovitz, Noel Johnston, William Coleman, Adam Venter, Val Hodgkinson, Michael Spurek, Amanda Rinoa-Parco, Ahmed Khamis, Mikayla Eisses, Bronwyn Barber, Daniella Dada, Hannah Gregory, Ryan Toft, Jonah Greenhut.

Opposed: none

Abstentions: none

Motion Carried

7.11.2 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 was provided at the Board meeting on October 7, 2026

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

Moved: Emilie Dudgeon, President
Seconded: Noel Johnston

The President shared that this amendment is brought forward to make scheduling additional Board meetings reasonable and attainable as it shifts the process to the CSA Rules of Order instead of Bylaw 1, its current location.

Roll Call Vote:

In Favour: Ellie Mendelovitz, Noel Johnston, William Coleman, Adam Venter, Val Hodgkinson, Michael Spurek, Amanda Rinoa-Parco, Ahmed Khamis, Mikayla Eisses, Bronwyn Barber, Daniella Dada, Hannah Gregory, Ryan Toft, Jonah Greenhut.

Opposed: none

Abstentions: none

Motion Carried

7.11.3 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 was provided at the Board meeting on October 7, 2026

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

Moved: Emilie Dudgeon, President
Seconded: Noel Johnston

The President motivated that this change further streamlines the process for calling additional Board Meetings via undergraduate signatures collected through a CSA-provided form. Any petition must be sponsored by a minimum of 2 voting Board Members so it can be presented as a Business Item with a mover and a seconder. According to the Rules of Order, meetings will then be scheduled with minimum notice of 48hr at the earliest availability of the Board Administrative Staff and a majority of the Executive to ensure quorum is reached. The President added that a meeting can also be called by a petition of one half of the ratified Board Members, with the same scheduling parameters.

Motion Carried

7.11.4 Appoint Statement Making Committee

WHEREAS the Statement Making Committee Terms of Reference states that the membership of the Committee will consist of:

- The Vice President External;
- Three Directors; and
- Two General Members of the CSA in good standing

BE IT RESOLVED that the following Directors be appointed to the Statement Making Committee for the 2026-2027 academic year:

Adam Venter
William Coleman
Hannah Gregory

AND FURTHER that the following General Members of the CSA be appointed to the Statement Making Committee for the 2026-2027 academic year:

Iman Ijaz
Jordanna Kehoe

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Noel Johnston

The VP External shared that the Statement Making Committee is responsible for drafting and approving political statements on behalf of the CSA and bringing them to the Board for approval. The Committee consults with groups impacted by the topic of the statements it is writing and working groups can be formed to write specific statements. The VP External shared that the Board can refer statements to the Committee, but the Committee is not required to write about them. The Committee decision making structure is consensus-based, or a two-thirds majority vote in the event of consensus not being reached. The Committee is composed of the VP External, 2 CSA General Members and 3 CSA Directors.

Motion Carried

7.11.5 Appoint Representatives to University Centre (UC) Board

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 the University Centre Board currently has one vacancy for an undergraduate student member and one vacancy for an alternate undergraduate student member;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following CSA Member be appointed to the University Centre Board for a term of up to two years:

AND FURTHER: that the following CSA Member be appointed as an alternate to the University Centre Board for a term of up to two years:

Moved:
Seconded:

MOTION TO AMEND: To strike the first clause of the motion and amend the second clause to appoint two CSA Members to alternate positions.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Val Hodgkinson

Member Johnston explained that the current motion is incorrect as there are two vacancies for alternates and no vacancies for regular members.

Motion Carried

AMENDED MOTION:

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 the University Centre Board currently has two vacancies for alternate undergraduate student members;

BE IT RESOLVED that the following CSA Members be appointed as alternates to the University Centre Board for a term of up to two years:

Robert Rodriguez
Bronwyn Barber

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

The VP Internal shared that the UC Board meets monthly and that the members serving on the Board will serve a 2-year term or a 1-year term if they are graduating. They added that it is important to fill the positions to maintain student voting power on the UC Board, which is responsible for space use and financial decision making for the University Centre.

Member Coleman, who is the Chair of the UC Board, shared that the UC Board is looking for 2 Alternates, whose attendance at meetings will be required depending on the absence of regular Board Members.

Motion Carried

7.11.6 Appoint Awards Committee

WHEREAS the Awards Committee is tasked with overseeing the CSA's Awards of Excellence to recognize student leaders, clubs, and academic staff for their dedication to the University of Guelph community; and

WHEREAS per the committee Terms of Reference, membership of the committee must consist of:

- The VP Academic;
- The CSA President;
- The CSA Clubs Coordinator;
- Three members of the CSA Board of Directors (including at least one college representative (elected or appointed) and one student organization representative); and
- One General Member of the CSA in good standing.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following individuals be appointed to the Awards Committee for the remainder of the 2026-2027 academic year:

Ryan Toft, College Representative (elected or appointed)
Daniella Dada, Student Organization Representative
Ellie Mendelovitz, Additional Director
Taylor Huff, CSA General Member

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Adam Venter

The President stated that the Awards Committee is a way to give back and implement real change and recognition in the Guelph community. The CSA Awards is an initiative that began last year and this year's Awards Committee will finalise awards recognising student leaders, clubs, and faculty across campus as well as promote and judge applications for those awards and organize the end-of-year banquet during which the awards will be presented. Directors sitting on the Committee will not be eligible for the awards and the committee will meet once a month, with the potential for more frequent meetings scheduled closer to the banquet.

Motion Carried

7.11.7 Corporate Visa Application

WHEREAS the CSA wishes to establish a corporate Visa credit card facility with Meridian Credit Union; and

WHEREAS the CSA does not intend to carry a balance on the facility, so that no student money goes toward debt financing;

BE IT RESOLVED that the CSA is authorized to establish a corporate Visa credit card facility with Meridian with an aggregate credit limit not exceeding $60,000;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the facility is the sole obligation of the Corporation. No director, officer, employee, or cardholder shall give a personal guarantee for it;

AND FURTHER that the full statement balance shall be paid each month, so that no balance is carried and no student money goes toward interest or debt financing;

AND FURTHER that until the Board resolves otherwise, a card may be issued only to the Finance Coordinator;

AND FURTHER that card use is subject to the internal controls recommended by the Corporation's auditors, including Purchase Orders approved in advance of any spend;

AND FURTHER that the President, and Vice President Internal are authorized to sign the application, credit agreement, and related documents on behalf of the Corporation.

Moved: Emilie Dudgeon, President
Seconded: Noel Johnston

The President motivated that this motion would allow the CSA to obtain corporate credit cards. The CSA's current financial process has staff and student executive putting thousands of dollars every year onto their personal card for later reimbursement, which is not financially feasible for everyone and is an unfair position to put the executive in. Implementing this change is a logical way to move forward for an organization of this size. The credit card will be set up to act similarly to an organizational debit card in that the full statement will be paid each month to ensure that no student fees go towards paying interest on the cards. To ensure proper financial controls, Purchase Orders will be submitted prior to the purchase of anything using the cards.

Member Johnston asked about the single card only being issued to the vacant position of Finance Coordinator, referring to discussion within the Finance Committee meeting on assigning staff connections for different cards. The President responded that this motion is intended to allow the Business Office to obtain one card as a base, with the person acting in the role of Finance Coordinator, the Business Operations Consultant, being granted the ability to obtain first card. She added that bylaw amendments allowing for more cards to be obtained will follow.

Noted abstention from Member Mendelovitz.

Motion Carried

7.12 New Business

No New Business was considered.

7.13 Announcements

The PTC shared that the CSA by-election voting is currently in extension and encouraged the promotion of voting to students in the College of Arts and the Lang School of Business.

Member Mendelovitz shared that Guelph Queer Equality endorses the November 5, 2026 walkout on campus starting in Branion Plaza. She encouraged people to attend to speak out against Doug Ford's funding changes and to show that united, we students are strong.

The President reminded the Board to put the CSA Annual General Meeting in their calendars for November 18, in Peter Clark Hall at 6:00pm. She noted that attendance is important to reach quorum and that there will be free food and the opportunity to win prizes.

The VP Internal shared that it was important for Board Directors to attend the CSA Annual General Meeting to support the CSA's governance. The VP Internal also added that the November 5 walkout is starting at noon in Branion plaza.

The VP External reiterated that the campus walkout will be occurring on Thursday November 5, 2026 at 12:00 pm and that they hope to see board members there if they are available. As mentioned in their update, they are also trying to order hot chocolate and tea for people attending.

Member Johnston shared that the College of Computational, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences Student Council government is holding a gala on Saturday, November 21, 2026 and invited people to attend. Ticket sales for the gala, which involves a four-course meal and a DJ, end on Friday, November 6, 2026. Member Johnston encouraged Board members to share feedback with him about the Student Organization Policy passed by the University in June, as the Student Executive Council and Student Senate Caucus are having a meeting with the Director of Student Experience. The Director of Student Experience is coming to the meeting to solicit feedback and Member Johnston noted that there

are many issues with the policy and it impacts every student group on campus, so this is a good chance to be heard in order for real change to be enacted.

Member Coleman reiterated that there is a campus-wide walkout on Thursday, November 5. Member Coleman also shared that public presentations and interviews for the University's Provost search committee are occurring during the week of November 3 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning at 9:00 am in the veterinary college. There are sessions with students on Monday November 3, Wednesday November 4, and Friday November 6 at 3:30 pm in the University Centre. The sessions as well as general information are also all available online through the President's Office website.

Member Venter shared that on October 30 and November 2, CSA and Guelph Students Against Austerity are hosting sign and banner making starting at 2:30 pm in the UC Courtyard, in preparation for the November 5 walkout and encouraged members to stop by.

Member Spurek shared that on Saturday November 7 2026, Guelph's Anime Convention will be occurring in the first floor of the University Centre with art vendors, events, performances, and workshops from Gryphons Gaming, the UofG League Club, and the UofG Game Development Club. Member Spurek showed the Board some of the badges and the lanyard that will be at the event.

Member Gregory suggested creating a post on Instagram to raise awareness and share information about flu shot clinics on campus. According to her discussions with peers, many people don't read emails and would benefit from posts on social media informing them that the clinics are free and what identification to bring.

Member Toft shared that the CBSSC has a Professional Schools Night event coming up on Monday, November 9 from 11:30 am – 5:30 pm and encouraged interested members to attend.

Member Greenhut encouraged CSA members to get vaccinated at flu shot clinics on campus which are happening on:

- Monday, November 2 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm in Peter Clark Hall.
- Tuesday, November 3 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm in Peter Clark Hall.
- Monday, November 9 from 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm in the Athletic Centre.

- Monday, November 16 from 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm in the Athletic Centre.

Member Johnston shared that there is also a flu shot clinic on Saturday, November 28 from 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm.

The VP Academic encouraged members to fill out the tutoring survey. The survey has received just under 400 responses, with students overwhelmingly indicating that they do want tutoring back on campus. The VP Academic welcomed ideas for advertising and asked if any Board Directors that are part of student organizations that send out a newsletter could reach out to her about putting the survey in their newsletters. The VP Academic also shared that the Guelph Wellington Legal Clinic, which is a Student Help and Advocacy Centre (SHAC) partner, is looking for a student to participate in their Living Library event on Tuesday, November 17, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm to share about their rental experience in Guelph. This will involve sharing a 15-minute story to 6 different groups about anything to do with your rental experience in Guelph, with other stories scheduled for the night including a range of both positive and negative experiences. Interested people can contact the SHAC Coordinator directly or through the VP Academic. She expressed her gratitude for the Board's encouragement and patience with her chairing as this will likely be her last time doing so.

7.14 In Camera

No In-Camera Session was held.

7.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 7 on October 28, 2026 be adjourned at 7:43 pm

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Ahmed Khamis

Motion Carried

Approved by the Board of Directors **Date: November 11, 2026**

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Board Chair

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Colleen Bovay
Policy & Transition Coordinator