MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting # 5
September 23, 2026 – 6:00 pm
UC 442

Attendance – September 23, 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	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	Present	
Bronwyn Barber	Ontario Agricultural College	Present	d: 7:49pm
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	Regrets	

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

Staff	**Position**
	Chair
Colleen Bovay	Policy & Transition Coordinator
Nikki Tu	Scribe

Guest	**Affiliation**
Lauren Pyne	Chief Returning Officer
Nate Broughton	Business Office 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

5.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 5 on September 23, 2026, be approved as printed and distributed.

MOTION TO AMEND: to reorder the agenda so that item 5.11.1: Fall 2026 By-Election Nomination and Candidate's Packages and item 5.11.5: Overview of the Amended 2026-2027 Operating Budget are just after item 5.11.4: Introductions.

Motion Carried

AMENDED MOTION: that the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 5 on September 23, 2026, be approved as amended with:

- The reordering of the agenda so that item 5.11.1: Fall 2026 By-Election Nomination and Candidate's Packages and item 5.11.5: Overview of the Amended 2026-2027 Operating Budget are just after item 5.11.4: Introductions.

Motion Carried

5.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

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

5.5.1	CSA Board Meeting # 3	July 29, 2026
5.5.2	CSA Board Meeting # 4	August 26, 2026

Motion Carried

5.6 Executive Committee Minutes

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

Agenda Item #	Meeting #	Meeting Date
5.6.1	Meeting # 7	June 29, 2026
5.6.2	Meeting # 8	July 13, 2026
5.6.3	Meeting # 9	July 22, 2026
5.6.4	Meeting # 10	August 24, 2026
5.6.5	Meeting # 11	August 31, 2026

Motion Carried

5.7 Executive Updates

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

5.7.1	President	September 23, 2026
5.7.2	VP Internal	September 23, 2026
5.7.3	VP Academic	September 23, 2026
5.7.4	VP External	September 23, 2026

Motion Carried

5.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Motion Carried

5.10.2 Hiring Committee Report: Social Media Assistants

MOTION: That the hiring of Avery Smith for the position of Social Media Assistant be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee;

AND FURTHER That the hiring of Brady Piggins for the position of Social Media Assistant be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Motion Carried

5.10.3 Hiring Committee Report: Assistant Returning Officer

MOTION: That the hiring of Jaineet Kaur Suri for the position of Assistant Returning Officer be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Motion Carried

5.11.1 Fall 2026 By-Election: Nomination and Candidates' Packages

(a) Speaking Rights: Chief Returning Officer

MOTION: that speaking rights be extended to Lauren Pyne, Chief Returning Officer, for a presentation regarding the Fall 2026 By-Election.

Motion Carried

b) Presentation

MOTION: That the presentation by Lauren Pyne, Chief Returning Officer (CRO) regarding the Fall 2026 By-Election be received by the Board of Directors as information;

AND FURTHER that the Director Nomination Package and Director Candidates' Package as included in the Board Agenda Package, be received by the Board of Directors as information.

Motion Carried

5.11.2 Fall 2026 By-Election Promotional Strategy

WHEREAS CSA Policy Appendix G: Electoral, Section 4.3 states that the President will create an election campaign strategy to promote the CSA elections during the nomination, campaign, and voting periods;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fall 2026 By-Election Promotional Strategy, as included in the Board Agenda Package, be received as information.

Motion Carried

5.11.3 CSA Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2026: President's Notice

MOTION: that the President's Notice of the CSA's 2026 Annual General Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, beginning at 6:00 pm in Peter Clark Hall; and of the call to members to submit AGM business items no later than Friday, October 30, 2026 at 5:00 pm, be received as information by the CSA Board of Directors.

Motion Carried

5.11.4 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 Carried

5.11.5 Overview of the Amended 2026-2027 Operating Budget

(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 an overview of the amended CSA 2026-2027 operating budget.

Motion Carried

(b) Presentation

MOTION: that the presentation from Nate Broughton regarding the overview of the amended CSA 2026-2027 operating budget be received as information by the Board of Directors.

Motion Carried

(c) Notice of Motion: Approval of the Amended 2026-2027 Operating Budget

The following motion will be considered at the Board Meeting on October 7, 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.

5.11.6 Appoint Directors to Accessibility Committee

WHEREAS the Terms of Reference for the Accessibility Committee states that membership shall consist of the following:

- The Vice President Academic;
- 2-3 Directors appointed by and from the Board;
- 2-3 General Members of the CSA in good standing;
- 1 CSA Staff member or additional Executive

WHEREAS the Terms of Reference states that the Vice President Academic and appointed directors will review applications from general members and staff to select the remaining committee members, who will remain confidential;

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

Ellie Mendelovitz
Ahmed Khamis

William Coleman

Motion Carried

5.14.1 Approval of Past In-Camera Minutes

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

5.14.1	CSA Board Meeting # 4	August 26, 2026

Motion Carried

5.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 5 on September 23, 2026, be adjourned at 8:04pm.

Motion Carried

Agenda – September 23, 2026

5.0	**Call to Order**	
5.1	**Land Acknowledgement** Val Hodgkinson	
5.2	**Adoption of the Agenda** 5.2.1 Approve the Agenda 5.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts	
5.3	**Ratifications and De-Ratifications** 5.3.1	
5.4	**Comments from the Chair** 5.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns	
5.5	**Approval of Past Minutes** 5.5.1 Meeting # 3 – July 29, 2026 5.5.2 Meeting # 4 – August 26, 2026	
5.6	**Executive Committee Minutes** 5.6.1 Meeting # 7 – June 29, 2026 5.6.2 Meeting # 8 – July 13, 2026 5.6.3 Meeting # 9 – July 22, 2026 5.6.4 Meeting # 10 – August 24, 2026 5.6.5 Meeting # 11 – August 31, 2026	
5.7	**Executive Updates** 5.7.1 President – September 23, 2026 5.7.2 VP Internal – September 23, 2026 5.7.3 VP Academic – September 23, 2026 5.7.4 VP External – September 23, 2026	
5.8	**Director Reports**	
5.9	**CSA Service Update and Report**	
5.10	**Committee Updates and Reports** 5.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments 5.10.2 Hiring Committee Report: Social Media Assistants 5.10.3 Hiring Committee Report: Assistant Returning Officer	
5.11	**Business** 5.11.1 Fall 2026 By-Election: Nomination and Candidate's Packages 5.11.2 Fall 2026 By-Election Promotional Strategy 5.11.3 CSA Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2026: President's Notice 5.11.4 Amendment to CSA Rules of Order re. CEPS Restructuring	

	5.11.5 Overview of the Amended 2026-2027 Operating Budget 5.11.6 Appoint Directors to Accessibility Committee	
5.12	**New Business** 5.12.1	
5.13	**Announcements**	
5.14	**In Camera Session** 5.14.1 Approval of In-Camera Minutes – August 26, 2026 5.14.2 HR Update	
5.15	**Adjournment**	

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5.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

MOTION: for the VP Academic, Kennedy McGregor, to serve as Chair for the Board of Directors meeting on September 23, 2026.

Moved: Kennedy McGregor
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

5.1 Land Acknowledgement

Member Val Hodkinson presented the following Land Acknowledgement:

Before we begin, I'd like to take a moment to offer our gratitude and respect to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Dish with One Spoon treaty whose land the University of Guelph currently occupies. We also acknowledge the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee, and Attawandaron peoples whose traditional lands are connected to what is now known colloquially as Guelph Ontario.

In stating this, we acknowledge that we are here as a result of blood that has been shed through colonization, historical and current oppression of indigenous people's rights, and settler ideology that is built into the core of many of the systems we participate in our everyday lives. I encourage us all to look inwards and outwards of how we can begin to deconstruct these colonialist values from our lives and institutions, and how our subconscious biases extend to all aspects of our work.

I also offer our respect to all our First Nations, Metis, and Inuit neighbours, and to all other indigenous peoples who have come to this place, or whose homes we may visit. We all share this land, and only together can we continue the fight against colonialism.

5.2 Adoption of the Agenda

5.2.1 Approve the Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 5 on September 23, 2026, be approved as printed and distributed.

Moved: William Coleman
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

MOTION TO AMEND: to reorder the agenda so that item 5.11.1: Fall 2026 By-Election Nomination and Candidate's Packages and item 5.11.5: Overview of the Amended 2026-2027 Operating Budget are just after item 5.4.1: Introductions.

Moved: Emilie Dudgeon, President
Seconded: Adam Venter

Motion Carried

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Motion Carried

5.2.2 Declarations of Conflicts

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5.3 Ratifications and De-Ratifications

No Ratifications or De-Ratifications were considered.

5.4 Comments from the Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone and was excited to see everyone in our first in-person meeting of the year. Thank you for being here and for serving on our student board. She 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.

5.4.1 Introductions and Pronouns

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

5.5 Approval of Past Board Minutes

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Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

5.6 Executive Committee Minutes

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Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Adam Venter

Member Greenhut expressed appreciation for the implementation of Summer Fridays and asked whether the practice could be incorporated into policy. The President explained that Summer Fridays were at the discretion of the permanent staff supervisor and therefore did not require a policy change.

Member Venter asked whether Summer Fridays applied only during the summer or whether they were intended to continue on an ongoing basis. The President clarified that Summer Fridays were only implemented during the summer due to lower organizational demands during that period. She explained that many organizations operated under a hybrid model and that the CSA had wanted to adopt a similar approach.

Member Greenhut noted that there appeared to be a no-solicitation policy at the Bullring. The VP Internal clarified that there was not currently a sales and solicitation policy for the Bullring and stated that the matter was an ongoing process.

Member Greenhut noted that the VP Internal section of the June 29 minutes was blank.

The President explained that the VP Internal had not attended the meeting, although quorum had been achieved. Member Johnston noted that the June 29 minutes indicated that the VP Internal had moved several motions. The matter was discussed in relation to the accuracy of the recorded minutes. Executive Committee will double check.

Member Greenhut inquired about the VP External's meeting with the Concordia student union. The VP External at Concordia had reached out regarding issues including austerity on the University of Guelph campus, the climate at the University, OSAP cuts, student experiences and concerns, and hate activity involving swastikas.

Member Johnston reported receiving concerns that some academic misconduct advising was interfering with the academic misconduct process and potentially assisting students in avoiding consequences by teaching them how to cheat or circumvent the process. The President stated that she was aware of the concern. To address the issue, she explained that the VP Academic and the student would sign a document confirming that the VP Academic was supporting the student in their official capacity and was not assisting them in evading or circumventing the academic misconduct process. Member Johnston emphasized the importance of clearly communicating that the VP Academic's role was to assist students with procedural matters and not to teach students how to avoid consequences for academic misconduct.

Member Greenhut noted that the VP Internal had been appointed to several hiring committees. The President explained that the Executive had discussed which Executive members should sit on hiring committees. She stated that, going forward, the VP Academic and VP External would take on more responsibilities on hiring committees.

Motion Carried

5.7 Executive Updates

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

5.7.1	President	September 23, 2026
5.7.2	VP Internal	September 23, 2026
5.7.3	VP Academic	September 23, 2026
5.7.4	VP External	September 23, 2026

Moved: Ryan Toft
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

5.7.1 President

The President provided an update on Human Resources and operations. She explained that recruitment continued to be a major focus, with the organization currently working through the hiring cycle for the Human Resources Coordinator and Finance Coordinator positions, alongside recruitment for other vacancies.

The President stated that she and the VP Academic had recently held supervisory training for the Service Coordinators. The training focused on expectations surrounding the supervision of student staff, Human Resources processes, progressive discipline, budgeting, and when issues should be escalated.

The President noted that the audited financial statements were scheduled to be brought forward for approval at the next Board meeting.

The President also reported that the Homecoming concert had been cancelled due to lower-than-anticipated ticket sales. She stated that this would be taken into consideration when planning future events. The Homecoming halftime show featuring Paige Rutledge was still moving forward, and she expressed enthusiasm about the event.

Regarding committees, the President stated that the Cannon.ca Operating Committee continued to work through its terms of reference and explore opportunities to increase student engagement with the platform.

The President reported that the Elections and Referendum Committee had finalized its fall by-election promotional strategy.

The President also provided an update regarding the upcoming municipal election in Guelph. She stated that preparations were underway for a town hall featuring five candidates, which would be held in the UC Courtyard to provide students with an opportunity to learn how the municipal election and its issues could affect them.

Member Greenhut recommended publishing information about the candidates in the municipal election to provide students with advance notice.

5.7.2 VP Internal

The VP Internal reported that Orientation Week had been successful and had provided opportunities to connect with students throughout the week. She explained that these interactions helped inform students about the CSA's services and increase awareness of the organization. They noted that it was encouraging to see the connections being made with students and emphasized the importance of continuing to build positive relationships with the student body.

The VP Internal provided an overview of events held in September, including the Imaginus poster sale, Fall Clubs Day, and Cookies with the Cannon. She reported that Cookies with the Cannon had allowed the CSA to connect with and distribute cookies to over 200 students. She also noted that Fall Clubs Day had been successfully held with the participation of over 150 clubs.

The VP Internal explained that their primary day-to-day responsibilities had involved Student Events and Risk Management Reviews (SE&RM). She stated that she was currently the sole primary reviewer for the CSA and was responsible for flagging issues on the GryphLife platform.

The VP Internal thanked Board members for their hard work and commitment to the CSA, stating that their efforts did not go unnoticed. She encouraged members to reach out to her with any ideas or concerns.

Member Greenhut asked about the Gryph-to-Grad working group and whether there were any potential initiatives being considered. The VP Internal explained that the CSA had held the Last Toast during the previous year, while the Last Dance had not taken place. She stated that the Last Dance had been well received based on feedback from some graduating students, and that the CSA was hoping to bring the event back. She also discussed the possibility of offering free professional headshots to students of any year. She explained that the CSA had the budget to offer this service at no cost and that it could be particularly beneficial for students seeking employment or co-op opportunities.

Member Coleman asked about the Clubs Handbook, noting that it had remained on the Board and Executive's ongoing backlog. He asked whether there was a timeline for when the handbook could be addressed. The VP Internal stated that there was not currently a set timeline but that the CSA was hoping to have it completed by the end of the semester, as the work involved was extensive.

Member Greenhut asked whether the free student headshots could be offered during both semesters, particularly to accommodate students graduating in the fall semester. He also inquired about the possibility of offering an event to fall graduates as well. The VP Internal agreed that this was a good idea and stated that the CSA would need to coordinate with a potential photographer to determine if the initiative could be implemented, as well as look into opportunities for events, such as a mini Last Toast. She noted that fall graduates are also welcome to participate in the Last Toast event in the spring.

5.7.3 VP Academic

The VP Academic directed members to her written update and to reach out with questions via email or making an appointment.

5.7.4 VP External

The VP External reported that she had attended an organizing call with the Canadian Federation of Students–Ontario (CFS-O) the previous Friday as part of the planning for the November 5 walk-out, which had been approved at the CFS-O Annual General Meeting.

They also reported that CFS Lobby Week had been scheduled for Sunday, November 1 to Wednesday, November 4. She described it as a valuable opportunity for students to meet and discuss issues affecting students.

The VP External reported that the Sustainability Action Fund had met that day to review expressions of interest submitted. Some applicants had been asked to resubmit their applications with additional information.

The VP External stated that a post had been made regarding the upcoming municipal election and encouraged students to participate and cast their votes.

They also informed Board members that, for those interested in attending an intermunicipal town hall, the Guelph-Wellington Coalition for Social Justice would be hosting a town hall the following day at the Italian Canadian Club at 7:00 pm.

The VP External reported that interviews for a new Food Bank Assistant had taken place during the week and that the successful candidate would begin training that week.

Member Greenhut asked about the turfgrass submission to the Sustainability Action Fund. The VP External clarified that this referred to the Guelph Turfgrass Institute (GTI), which is a research, education, and resource centre focused on turfgrass science and improving turfgrass.

Member Greenhut asked about the organization's broader plans and whether it had any specific areas of interest, such as the Tap In water campaign. The VP External explained that the organization was currently more focused on media-related work, increasing awareness surrounding the November 5 walk-out, and ensuring that students were informed about austerity.

5.8 Director Reports

Member Greenhut reported that he had attended two Finance Committee meetings and that the Elections and Referendum Committee had met once. He also reported that he had helped with Sexy Bingo, which had attracted over 2,000 students.

Member Venter reported that he had attended the CFS-O call to action regarding the November 5 walkout. He stated that planning for the walkout was underway and that he

had been meeting with CSA executives, on-campus organizations, and members of his network of student activists. He encouraged members who were interested in becoming involved to reach out to him.

Member Johnston reported that he had attended Elections and Referendum Committee and Finance Committee meetings.

Member Coleman attended the Finance Commitee meeting. They attended Clubs Day for their club.

5.9 CSA Service Update and Report

No CSA Service Updates or Reports were presented.

5.10 Committee Updates and Reports

5.10.1 Summary of Committee Appointments

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

Moved: William Coleman
Seconded: Ellie Mendelovitz

Motion Carried

5.10.2 Hiring Committee Report: Social Media Assistants

MOTION: That the hiring of Avery Smith for the position of Social Media Assistant be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee;

AND FURTHER That the hiring of Brady Piggins for the position of Social Media Assistant be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Moved: Emilie Dudgeon, President
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

5.10.3 Hiring Committee Report: Assistant Returning Officer

MOTION: That the hiring of Jaineet Kaur Suri for the position of Assistant Returning Officer be approved, as recommended by the Hiring Committee.

Moved: Emilie Dudgeon, President
Seconded: William Coleman

Motion Carried

5.11 Business

5.11.1 Fall 2026 By-Election: Nomination and Candidates' Packages

(a) Speaking Rights: Chief Returning Officer

MOTION: that speaking rights be extended to Lauren Pyne, Chief Returning Officer, for a presentation regarding the Fall 2026 By-Election.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: William Coleman

Motion Carried

The Chief Returning Officer (CRO), Lauren Pyne, provided an overview of the changes made to the nomination and candidate packages for the Fall 2026 By-Election. She explained that the Director positions had been updated in consultation with the ERC and were approved on September 18. The nomination package had undergone minor changes to ensure that the deadlines aligned with the current election timeline, with nominations due by October 7.

The CRO highlighted that the largest change to the election process was the removal of class talks as an option for mandatory campaigning commitments. She explained that, following the previous election, instructors had been turning down requests for class talks because they had received a high number of requests. As a result, class talks had been removed as a mandatory campaigning option, and instead tabling was added as an option. Director candidates are required to commit to one campaigning method.

The CRO also reviewed changes to the candidate package. She explained that complaints could be submitted by email, and students could also submit complaints

through a new Microsoft form linked in the Elections Instagram bio. Additional clarification had been made to the social media guidelines. Candidates who chose to use social media for their campaigns were not permitted to use their personal accounts and were required to create a new account or use an account previously created for an election. All campaign content was required to be posted on the designated campaign account. Candidates were expected to begin campaigning by the end of the designated campaign week, and candidates who had not begun campaigning by that point could receive a warning.

The CRO explained that candidates were required to provide a list of their volunteers to the CRO by the applicable deadline. Once submitted, no further changes could be made to the volunteer list. Candidates who did not intend to use volunteers were required to notify the Elections Team by email before the deadline.

Regarding endorsing parties, the CRO explained that once an endorsement had been approved, the endorsing organization was permitted to publicize the endorsement. She also noted that most of the content regarding listservs had been removed from the candidate package.

The CRO explained that additional examples had been added to clarify what constituted an abuse of position. She clarified that it was not considered an abuse of position if a candidate is endorsed by a club of which they are a member. She also explained that demerits and their associated penalties had been listed under the infractions section, although the ERC would ultimately determine the appropriate penalty in each case.

The CRO further explained that candidates had been informed that voting data could be used for statistical analysis in cases involving slate candidacy.

Member Coleman asked whether any efforts had been made to communicate with instructors regarding the clarification surrounding class talks. The CRO explained that instructors had been turning down class talk requests because of the high number of requests they had received. The CRO also noted that the by-election was taking place during the midterm period, which resulted in instructors having stricter time constraints during lectures.

b) Presentation

MOTION: That the presentation by Lauren Pyne, Chief Returning Officer (CRO) regarding the Fall 2026 By-Election be received by the Board of Directors as information;

AND FURTHER that the Director Nomination Package and Director Candidates' Package as included in the Board Agenda Package, be received by the Board of Directors as information.

Moved: Ryan Toft
Seconded: Adam Venter

Motion Carried

5.11.2 Fall 2026 By-Election Promotional Strategy

WHEREAS CSA Policy Appendix G: Electoral, Section 4.3 states that the President will create an election campaign strategy to promote the CSA elections during the nomination, campaign, and voting periods;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fall 2026 By-Election Promotional Strategy, as included in the Board Agenda Package, be received as information.

Moved: Emilie Dudgeon, President
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

The President stated that the election outreach strategy had been reviewed by the ERC and that the CSA is targeting each college with a vacant seat through targeted newsletters. She explained that class talks were still encouraged, despite their removal as a mandatory participation requirement for directors. She also noted that the CSA had conducted numerous tabling sessions, outreach events, and awareness-driven initiatives to increase student awareness of the CSA.

Member Greenhut inquired about the responsibilities of Directors during the election and asked what Directors were and were not permitted to do. The PTC explained that Directors were required to follow specific election guidelines. Directors were permitted to vote and sign nomination forms but were not permitted to endorse candidates or volunteer to campaign on their behalf.

Motion Carried

5.11.3 CSA Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2026: President's Notice

MOTION: that the President's Notice of the CSA's 2026 Annual General Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, beginning at 6:00 pm in Peter Clark Hall; and

of the call to members to submit AGM business items no later than Friday, October 30, 2026 at 5:00 pm, be received as information by the CSA Board of Directors.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Ellie Mendelovitz

Member Greenhut inquired about what would make a business item valid for submission. The PTC explained that validity was primarily determined by whether the matter fell within the authority of the membership.

Motion Carried

5.11.4 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

Motion Carried

5.11.5 Overview of the Amended 2026-2027 Operating Budget

(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 an overview of the amended CSA 2026-2027 operating budget.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: William Coleman

Motion Carried

Nate Broughton provided an overview of the amended CSA 2026–2027 operating budget. He explained that the budget would be brought forward for a vote at the next meeting.

He explained that the changes to the budget were minimal and would not result in any significant changes to the organization. He noted that there had been staff departures and other staffing changes, and that the budget had therefore been updated to provide a more accurate representation of the organization's expected spending for the year. He clarified that the total budget had not changed and that there had been no increase in net spending.

He explained that only a few portfolios had been affected by the amendments. In the administration portfolio, there had been no changes to income. He noted that student fees were calculated by multiplying the applicable amount by CPI. The salary and wages budget for administration had been updated, while the professional fees line had been reduced.

The promotion and advertising budget had been increased by $4,000 to provide executives with additional resources to communicate information about the CSA and increase awareness among students. The budget line for leasehold improvements had been reduced by $95,000, and spending on office supplies had also been reduced based on the previous year's budget. Overall, expenses had increased by $31,000 because of shifting funds between budget lines.

He also explained that the council budget had been reduced from $21,000. The reductions primarily affected board training and appreciation expenses. He noted that the remaining amount would still be sufficient to provide food for these activities.

Finally, he explained that within the Internal portfolio, summer programming had been moved into the fall programming budget line.

(b) Presentation

MOTION: that the presentation from Nate Broughton regarding the overview of the amended CSA 2026-2027 operating budget be received as information by the Board of Directors.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: Ellie Mendelovitz

Motion Carried

(c) Notice of Motion: Approval of the Amended 2026-2027 Operating Budget

The following motion will be considered at the Board Meeting on October 7, 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.

5.11.6 Appoint Directors to Accessibility Committee

WHEREAS the Terms of Reference for the Accessibility Committee states that membership shall consist of the following:

- The Vice President Academic;
- 2-3 Directors appointed by and from the Board;
- 2-3 General Members of the CSA in good standing;
- 1 CSA Staff member or additional Executive

WHEREAS the Terms of Reference states that the Vice President Academic and appointed directors will review applications from general members and staff to select the remaining committee members, who will remain confidential;

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

Ellie Mendelovitz

William Coleman
Ahmed Khamis

Moved: Sydney Hooper, VP Internal
Seconded: William Coleman

The VP Internal stated that the Accessibility Committee serves as a forum and space where the CSA can develop initiatives and further supports for students, enabling them to get the most out of their education. She explained that membership prioritized students with disabilities but remained open to any student or CSA staff member.

Motion Carried

5.12 New Business

No New Business was considered.

5.13 Announcements

The PTC provided reminders regarding upcoming meetings and asked members to indicate whether they would be attending.

The VP Internal reminded members that Sexy Bingo would be taking place the following week.

The VP External reminded members of the Guelph-Wellington Coalition for Social Justice townhall and noted that OPIRG would also be involved.

Member Johnston noted that the CCMPSSC is running an election for vacant seats. Check our social media for updates. They will also be hosting a gala.

Member Coleman stated that the first Senate meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5 and elections for Senate are also ongoing to fill vacant seats. Curtain Call Productions will be producing Jesus Christ Superstar this year.

Member Hodkinson shared that OPIRG will be hosting their Disorientation week events this week and next. It's a great opportunity to attend workshops if you're interested in advocacy and social justice. The full list of events is on the OPIRG Instagram. Also the Guelph Students Against Austerity group has an event planned for Friday.

Member Venter is also involved in Guelph Students Against Austerity and will be planning for the walk-out in November. They plan to do tabling starting next week.

Member Hughes noted that Interhall Council has elections starting in October.

Member Gregory noted that residence buildings currently don't have compost bins and asked if the CSA could consider sponsoring a project to bring them to residences. The bins could have the CSA logo on them and it would be a good student facing initiative. The President noted that we will look into the feasibility as that sounds like a good initiative.

Member Toft shared that the CBSSC by-election and hiring for a Chair are ongoing. Academic and Clubs Days events are also upcoming.

Member Greenhut mentioned on October 6, there will be a night of songs in the Bullring for the college of arts students hosted by CASU. Their elections are also upcoming and there will be a College of Arts Clubs Day for clubs accredited under CASU.

The VP Academic/Chair stated that she would be sending an email regarding a survey to be conducted to determine student interest in a tutoring program. Currently tutoring is not available internally at the university and we would like to offer tutoring services if there is sufficient interest.

MOTION: to have a 5-minute recess

Moved: Adam Venter
Seconded: Jonah Greenhut

Motion Carried

5.14 In Camera

MOTION: to move in-camera.

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Michael Spurek

Motion Carried

5.14.1 Approval of Past In-Camera Minutes

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

5.14.1	CSA Board Meeting # 4	August 26, 2026

Moved: Jonah Greenhut
Seconded: Noel Johnston

Motion Carried

MOTION: to close the in-camera session.

Moved: Michael Spurek
Seconded: Val Hodkinson

Motion Carried

5.15 Adjournment

MOTION: That the CSA Board of Directors Meeting # 5 on September 23, 2026 be adjourned at 8:04pm.

Moved: Noel Johnston
Seconded: William Coleman

Motion Carried

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Board Chair

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Colleen Bovay
Policy & Transition Coordinator