



**CUSA JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY JANUARY 13TH 2020 @6:00PM  
SENATE ROOM, ROBERTSON HALL**

**Prepared by:  
Farook Al-Muflehi, VP Internal  
Katia Sahnoun, Council Clerk**

*CUSA January Council Meeting 2020  
Monday , January 13th 6:00 pm Robertson 608*

**AGENDA**

1. Announcements and Correspondence
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of Past Minutes
4. President's Report
5. Vice Presidents' Reports
  - a. Vice President Finance
  - b. Vice President Internal Affairs
  - c. Vice President for Student Issues
  - d. Vice President of Student Services
  - e. Vice President of Student Life
6. RRRR Report
7. GSA Report
8. CASG Report
9. Senate Report
10. Board of Governors Report
11. Constituency Report
12. Committee Reports
  - a. Student Initiative Fund Committee
13. Items for Information
14. Question Period
15. Other Business
  - a. Motion to Amend Referendum Question to the 2019 CUSA Elections.
16. Adjournment



<b>JULY CUSA COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE</b>			
<b>Position</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Proxy(print name)</b>	<b>Signature</b>
<b>President</b>	Lily Akagbosu		Present
<b>Vice President Finance</b>	Jacob Howell		Present
<b>Vice President Internal</b>	Farook Al-Muflehi		Present
<b>Vice President Student Issues</b>	Sissi De Flaviiis		Present
<b>Vice President Student Services</b>	George Owusu-Mensah		Present
<b>Vice President Student Life</b>	Jamie Laxton		Present
<b>Engineering and Design</b>	Cameron Davis		Present
	Michael Isa		Present
	Ruona Osharode		Present
	Davies Moore		Present
	Dotun Ilori		Present
	Afaq Ahmad		Present
<b>Business</b>	Lana Nikro		Present
	Aaron Agyemang		Present
<b>Public Affairs</b>	Camille Houde	Theodeo	Proxy
	Dami Fukolujo		Present
	Julia Sterling		Present
	Kareem AlWazir		Present
	Osman Elmi		Present
	Ruby Ezeh		Present
	Tinu Akinwande		Present
	Aaron Fisher		Present
<b>Science</b>	Ayan Waberi		Present
	Hailey Graham		Present
	Sara Abbass		Present
	Marina Guadagnin		ABSENT
<b>FASS</b>	Pierce Burch		Present
	Ryan Evans		Present
	Elizabeth Fraser		Present
	Mohamed Hamed		Present
	Aiden Stead		Present
<b>Special Student</b>	Jamie Pettis		Present
<b>BOG</b>	Taylor Arnt		Present
<b>GSA</b>			ABSENT
<b>RRRA</b>	Douglas Cochrane		Present
<b>CASG</b>	Matthew Gagne		Present

The meeting commenced at 6:18pm

**1. Announcements and Correspondence**

None.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED: Lily Akagbosu

SECONDED: Pierce Burch

Motion passes.

**3. Approval of Past Minutes**

MOVED: Mohamed Hamed

SECONDED: Jacob Howell

Motion passes.

## **4. President's Report**

# **President's Report**

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**January 13th 2020**

### **Past Month**

- ❖ Fall Semester Exam Study Snacks
- ❖ Midterm report
- ❖ Midterm report video
- ❖ Ombudsperson Hiring
- ❖ Peer to Peer Tutoring with Sissi
- ❖ FPA Dean Student Government Consultation
- ❖ CUSA Holiday Staff Party
- ❖ Safe Jam Charity Basketball Tournament

### **Ongoing Projects**

- ❖ SEO-CUSA Meetings
- ❖ Charlatan-CUSA Meetings
- ❖ SOAR Leadership Conference
- ❖ Collaboration with Youth Ottawa for the Spirit of the Youth Awards
- ❖ Refresher Week - Jamie
- ❖ CUSA Elections

### **Month Ahead**

- ❖ CUSA Elections
- ❖ Working on Action Plan with the Department of Equity
- ❖ Exam Study snacks with Sissi

If you have any questions, you can always reach me by e-mail at [pres@cusaonline.ca](mailto:pres@cusaonline.ca) or by phone at 613 - 520 2600 x 1603

Sincerely,

**Lily Akagbosu**

## **5. Vice Presidents' Reports**

### **a. Vice President Finance**

# V.P Finance Report

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January 13th 2020

#### **Past Month**

- Summer UPass Proposal & Partnership
- Unified Commerce & Accounting Research System
- FPA Dean Search Committee
- Midterm Report
- Finalizing Audit

#### **Ongoing Projects**

- Capital Hoops Ticket Sales
  - ◆ *The Wing*
- Revitalizing Thirsty Thursday with Jamie
  - ◆ Key staple of Ollie's
- Mid Year Management Discussions
  - ◆ Next Steps for successful second semester

#### **Month Ahead**

- CUSA Elections
- Summer UPass
  - ◆ Solidify Proposal with University and Partners
  - ◆ Arrange meeting with OC Transpo
- Awaiting confirmation for Fossil Fuel Divestment
- Installation of new offerings at The Wing
  - ◆ Bubble Tea
  - ◆ Varying Fresh Food Options

If you have any questions, you can always reach me by e-mail at [vpf@cusaonline.ca](mailto:vpf@cusaonline.ca) or by phone at 613 520 2600 x1604

Sincerely,

**Jacob Howell**

## **b. Vice President Internal Affairs**

# V.P Internal Report

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January 13th 2020

### **Past Month**

- ❖ Fall Semester Exam Study Snacks
- ❖ Midterm report video
- ❖ Ombudsperson Hiring
- ❖ Peer to Peer Tutoring with Sissi
- ❖ FPA Dean Student Government Consultation
- ❖ CUSA Holiday Staff Party
- ❖ Safe Jam Charity Basketball Tournament
- ❖ Sexual Violence Wosrkshop
- ❖ SIF Allocations
- ❖ Capstone and Research Project Fund Allocations

### **Ongoing Projects**

- ❖ Sexual Violence Wosrkshop
- ❖ SOAR Leadership Conference Presentation
- ❖ CUSA Elections
- ❖ C&S Second Semester Allocations
- ❖ Arabian Night 2.0

If you have any questions, you can always reach me by e-mail at [ypi@cusaonline.ca](mailto:ypi@cusaonline.ca) or by phone at 613 520 2600 x1607

Sincerely,  
**Farook Al-Muflehi**

## **c. Vice President for Student Issues**

# **V.P Student Issues Report**

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**January 13th 2020**

### **Past month**

- EmpowerMe week-long campaign
- 12th days of study snacks during exams season
  - Partnered with local churches to have snacks during the day
  - RBC for massage chairs
  - Introduced different food options to make the snacks diverse
- FPA Dean Search Committee
  - Have been working on the search for a new dean since June 2019
- Midterm report
- Midterm report video

### **Ongoing Projects**

- Mental Health awareness and support
- Extended office hours for 1-1 meetings
- Month-long campaigns

### **Month ahead**

- Launch Peer-to-peer tutoring
- Sustainability month preparation in conjunction with Sustainability Advisory Council
- Finalize FPA Dean hiring
- Promoting CUSA Awards and Bursaries

If you have any questions, you can always reach me by e-mail at [vpsi@cusaonline.ca](mailto:vpsi@cusaonline.ca) or by phone at 613 520 2600 x1617

Sincerely,

**Sissi De Flaviis**



## d. Vice President of Student Services

# V.P Student Services Report

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January 13th 2020

### Past Weeks

- ❖ Hiring Rise Administrative Coordinator
- ❖ Hiring Wellness Centre Coordinator

### Ongoing Projects

- ❖ ISM/ASM's

### Months Ahead

- ❖ Afrobeat Live Music Night
- ❖ Black History Month - Rise Centre
- ❖ Womnxs Night Out -Womnxs Centre
- ❖ Wildfire Conference
- ❖ Afrofusion thirsty thursdays

If you have any questions, you can always reach me by e-mail at [vpss@cusaonline.ca](mailto:vpss@cusaonline.ca) or by phone at 613 520 2600 x1606

Sincerely,

**George Owusu-Mensah**  
**Vice President Students Services**  
**Carleton University Students Association.**

## **e. Vice President of Student Life**

# V.P Student Life Report

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January 13th 2020

### **Past Month**

- Exam Destressors
- Study Snacks
- Finalized Ollies Thirsty Thursday Night Partnerships
- Refresher Week Programming Schedule
- Fall OC hiring
- Eng Competition - Sponsorship
- Fall Exams
- Safe Jam Basketball Tournament

### **Ongoing**

- Refresher Week
- Pleasure Fair
- Programming Calendars for CUSA businesses
  - ◆ Havens Bookstore & Cafe
  - ◆ Ollies
  - ◆ The Wing
- Mental Health Awareness Video

### **Month Ahead**

- Sustainability Month Programming Plan with Sustainability Advisory Council
- Housing Week Programming Plan
- Career Path - Discussion Panel
  - ◆ Entrepreneurship In Weed
  - ◆ Black History Month - Showcasing Student Businesses, working with George & Ruby (RISE Coordinator)
  - ◆ How to navigate the world of business as a queer artist - working with GSRC
- Professional Connection Events
  - ◆ LinkedIn Meet-ups
  - ◆ Workshops
- Indigenous Committee Meeting - Review of Carleton's draft Calls to Actions
  - ◆ Community Engagement
  - ◆ Indigenous Student Support
  - ◆ Student Experience
  - ◆ Ways of Teaching & Learning
  - ◆ Culture, Systems & Structure
  - ◆ Research & Innovations

◆ Metrics - Qualitative & Quantitative

→ Capital Hoops - Ticket Sales & Pre- Game

→ Super Bowl Sunday

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Sincerely,

**Jamie Laxton**

## **6. RRRR Report**

Hi everyone, so as everyone else said we also competed in the Basketball Safe Jam tournament We've had around, last wednesday. we're hiring currently in our store extensions. If anyone is interested in applying, you can send your resume via [Vp@RRRA.ca](mailto:Vp@RRRA.ca). Our formal is coming up on February 1st and we've sold 200 tickets so far which is really good because we still have a month to go, the theme is snowball and it's at the Hilton Lac Leamy. Thank you.

## **7. GSA Report**

None.

## **8. CASG Report**

None.

## **9. Senate Report**

None.

## **10. Board of Governors Report**

None.

## **11. Constituency Report**

**Tinu:** Hi everyone, this is just to announce that Osman and I have been on the planning committee for planning the Faculty of Public Affairs charity gala that's happening February 27th. This is open to everyone and anyone who wants to collaborate on that as well it is FPA initiative so for my fellow FPA councillors you can send me an email in regards to the planning. It's fun. It's in collaboration with Law society, Political Science society and more. I would appreciate it if you guys would come through and support us. The tickets are being sold. It is a charity gala which is going to Ottawa central health and support centre. Please support and thank you so much for listening.

## **12. Committee Reports**

None.

## **13. Items for Information**

None.

## **14. Question Period**

Is there a way to amend the way the question is framed, I had a few people ask if we have to pay the fee since the way it is put is very confusing?

**Farook Al-Muflehi;** We're actually going to do an amendment today we will be having a question period after the presentation.

## **15. Other Business**

### **b. Motion to Amend Referendum Question to the 2019 CUSA Elections.**

## **Motion to Amend Referendum Question to the 2019 CUSA Elections.**

### **CUSA GENERAL REFERENDA 2020 WRIT OF ELECTION**

*FundQi is a grant service that's helped Carleton students acquire over \$524,000 in funding opportunities (in 1 year). A successful referendum will make FundQi more accessible to all students. **The average cost is \$120 per student, t**This referendum will enable students to access this service for \$9.99 (88% 92% discount)*

*FundQi is a grant service that's helped Carleton students acquire over \$524,000 in funding opportunities in just over 1 year.*

FundQi instantly matches you to millions of dollars in;

- Scholarships / Bursaries
- Start-up / charity grants
- Internships and,
- Provides a service to edit your grant applications, and a grant writing course (online).

Do you agree with the addition of a levy fee of \$9.99 per semester which will grant Carleton students the opportunity to access FundQi.ca's annual services?

This fee can be opted out upon inquiry.

#### **Campaigning Period:**

Pursuant to sections 14 of the Electoral Code, there shall be a period of five (5) business days in the campaign period before the polls open. The campaign period will start on Wednesday January 22rd, 2020 at 12:00AM, with the last day of campaigning on Tuesday January 28th, 2020 at 11:59PM.

#### **Voting Days:**

Voting days will be held on Wednesday January 29th and Thursday January 30st, 2020.

#### **Expense Limits**

Referenda campaigns are limited to \$400 per committee; all funds are 50% refundable.

#### **Further Information**

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Interested persons and parties are encouraged to visit [www.cusaonline.com/elections](http://www.cusaonline.com/elections) for information. All rules and regulations regarding campaigning will be posted on the website prior to the opening of the campaign period.

**Sissi** : I highly doubt that it's 504,000 per student so would it be possible to add something like in total so it seems more legit and spread out. Since right now when you read it 524,000 per student but if you add in total , it would be more spread out.

**Is there anything someone wants to change?**

Yes , with the word option put in there say after the referendum the answer is yes do we still have to pay the \$10.

So, with the recent student choice initiative, we were told that all the fees that were optional are now non optional so we're not sure how they're going to react to it but we're still going to let students opt out through our website. We just don't want to confuse students because everyone was getting emails that stated all fees are no longer non optional. Students will have the choice.

I still find the new statement ambiguous, it's just acting do you want access to FundQi services. We're voting here to give all students access to be able to do this and saying yes to that question sounds like now I am paying you \$10 it doesn't seem like it's an option.

**Jacob:** To answer that question aswell, the university has to compel with mandatory and non mandatory fee to make student choice initiative free implemented. Regardless of the phrasing of this question, the university will decide if whether or not this service is mandatory or optional. It's the university's discretion to comply with the government to describe it as mandatory or non mandatory. The phrasing of the question has no effect on whether it does get in effect or not.

So right now SCI is not in effect for next year. What would this be now?

**Jacob:** It would be like every other SCI out there right now. I would assume all those option fees would be reconsidered mandatory and then again SCI is in effect.

**Lily:** Just to add on, even if all these become mandatory, the people who provide these fees basically have the discretion to make it opt outable. For example, the health and dental plan, if you meet certain requirements student care will allow you to opt out and you will get reimbursed. So if FundQi has a platform where students can opt out even though all students are forced to pay you can even get reimbursed there's certain levels of flexibility in terms of that.

**So when everyone's reading the question there is no way to opt out through the website, is that the issue?**

Yes, if there's a way to make it sound like there's the option to opt out then I feel like that would be much more effective with less confusion.

Jacob amend to state the :

*“Do you want access to FundQi annual services...” into “ Do you want the opportunity to access FundQi’s annual services for \$9.99 per semester.” By doing this it states that there’s a choice to opt in or out.”*

**Moved: Jacob Howell**

**Seconded by: Pierce Burch**

**Motion passes.**

**Lily :** Just a point of information, the referendum question is starting blue so the rest of it is not relevant. The ammedent in the blue statement is to include the “ 520,000 in total grants” We're not trying to change too much.



Motion to amend the question to read :

*“FundQi is a grant service that’s helped Carleton students acquire over \$524,000 in funding opportunities in approximately 1 year. Do you want the opportunity to access FundQi’s annual services for a levy fee of \$9.99 per semester?”*

**Moved: Jacob Howell**

**Seconded by: Jamie Laxton**

**Motion Passes.**

Motion to amend “ approximately a year” to “ in just over a year” .

**Moved: Sara Abbass**

**Seconded by: Sissi De Flaviis**

**Motion Passes.**

New motion to amend the new referendum to “ *Do you agree with the addition of a levy fee of \$9.99 per semester which will grant Carleton students the opportunity to access FundQi’s annual services. This fee can be opted out at anytime with individual inquiry*”

**Jacob:** The only issue I have with that is with opt out anytime for example student care there is a deadline when you can opt out.

We were thinking two weeks of the new semester is when you will be able to opt out.

**Lily:** I feel like we are being super specific here which is important but at the same time we don't want to confuse students and mislead them. As much as the question should be direct and transparent we want to give room for FundQi and support them. If we're too specific with details things might change over the course of the week. For example, student care we set it up once and the organization has been able to make changes over the years. We also anticipate the similar thing for FundQi to be successful adjust their timelines accordingly. But, if we're trying to be as specific to where the dates the students can opt out I feel like we're asking for too much. You also don't want to overly influence people's votes. If you start saying things like you can actually opt out it's almost like we're giving them reasons where they have to vote in favor of FundQi. You have to provide a mutual stance that simply states what the service actually does without trying to show them why it's a good idea and why it's a flexible service.

Jacob: It's an additional fee to student levy or your tuition, rather than students having to automatically pay it.

Motion passes.

#### **4. Adjournment**

**MOVED: Lily Akagbosu**

**SECONDED: Sissi De Flaviis**

Motion Passes. Meeting Adjourned at 7:42 pm