



NOVEMBER CUSA COUNCIL AGENDA

November 29th, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

Prepared by:

Ahmad Hashimi, Vice President Internal
Jordan Collacutt, Executive Assistant

ATTENDANCE RECORD:

Position	Councillor	Signature
Interim-President	Ahmad Hashimi	Present
Vice President Finance	Venassa Baptiste	Absent
Vice President Internal	Ahmad Hashimi	Present
Vice President Student Issues	Valentina Vera Gonzalez	Present
Vice President Community Engagement	Callie Ogden	Present
Vice President Student Life	Daisy Kasper	Absent
Engineering and Design	Cameron Davis	Present
	Grant Wilson	Present
	Nathan-Cyril Manlangit	Absent
	Mohammed Faris Riazuddin	Present
	Saad Khan	Present
	Sara Hubbard	Present
Business	Diya Kulkarni	Absent
	Musab Chaudhry	Present
Public Affairs	Emily Sowa	Absent
	Francesca Lepore	Present
	Gray Simms	Present
	Jordan Vecchio	Present
	Keenan Reynolds	Present
	Lily Huang	Present
	Nora Draper	Present
Science	Alexis St.Pierre	Present
	Conall McCutcheon	Present
	Greg Dance	Absent
	Patrick Ene	Present
FASS	Ahmad Kataite	Absent
	Baher Mansour	Absent
	Stacy Osazuwa	Present
	Pierce Burch	Present
	Katelyn Madigan	Present
	Tyson Scott	Present



Special Student		
BOG	Holden Heppler	Absent
	Anastasia Lettieri	Present
GSA		
RRRA	Mira Gillis	Present
CASG	Jennifer Ramnarine	Absent

AGENDA:

CUSA the Association Meeting Agenda:

1. Announcements and Correspondence
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of Past Minutes
- ~~4. Executives Report~~
 - ~~a. Vice President Finance~~
 - ~~b. Vice President Internat~~
 - ~~c. Vice President of Student Issues~~
 - ~~d. Vice President of Student Life~~
- ~~5. RRRRA Report~~
- ~~6. GSA Report~~
- ~~7. CASG Report~~
- ~~8. Senate Report~~
- ~~9. Board of Governors Report~~
- ~~10. Constituency Report~~
- ~~11. Committee Reports~~
- ~~12. Items for Information~~
- ~~13. Question Period~~
14. Other Business
 - a. Presentation Consideration of Draft CUSA ByLaws
 - b. Motion to Fill the CUSA Elections Committee
15. Adjournment

Meeting commenced at 6:10 pm.



1. Announcements and Correspondence

None.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to remove sections 3 to 13 on the agenda

Moved: Ahmad Hashimi

Seconded: Saad Khan

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Past Minutes

None.

4. Executive Reports

Vice President, Internal Report:

Past Month

- Presented the proposal for new structure to student leaders and University staff
- Hired Director Of Human Resources
- Hired Director of Student Development
- Had an orientation with Studentcare

Ongoing Projects

- Working with McKenzie Lake Lawyers
- Regular meetings with SEO
- Attending Democratic Reform Committee
- SIF Committee has been up and running
- Working with GSA on resigning the contract for Services Centers

Month Ahead

- Working with University on resigning the master lease agreement
- Will have a draft of bylaw to present for in our next meeting

If you have any questions, you can always reach me by e-mail at vpi@cusaonline.ca or on instagram at **Ahmadhashimi_**.

Take care,

Ahmad Hashimi

Vice President, Finance Report:

Past Month

- Club Oversight Committee
 - ◆ Approving/rejecting/clarifying clubs/societies request for funding with the committee
- Worked with VPSI Valentina on planning and running Financial Literacy campaign
 - ◆ So much fun! We have extra financial literacy books *Wealthening Like Rabbits* in the CUSA office if you would like a free book.
- Havens has been undergoing renovations for a while, and we are aiming for a soft launch for December for its new look!
 - ◆ We aim to use the space as a community hub for students and neighbours to use for professional and social purposes, while still maintaining the bookstore component to offer affordable textbooks for students.
- Itemized Budget - to be presented tonight

Ongoing Projects

- Kicked off and held committee meetings with the Ancillary Fee Reform Committee
 - ◆ Discussed ways to ensure events/initiatives/services held by groups students pay money directly to are promoted, how to hold levy groups accountable, and if certain groups are serving the current CU undergraduate student body the best way they can.
- Holding Academic Resilience Fund committee meetings and going through applications
- Received summer grant funding for 5 summer student positions (finally!)
 - ◆ Total: \$19,950 in grant funding from the federal government
- Working on obtaining grant funding for VP Student Issues and VP Student Life positions
 - ◆ Will apply for all exec positions next semester as well as current student-held positions
- Clubs oversight Committee
 - ◆ Continuing to meet on a regular basis to get through funding requests and certification/recertification requests

- Meeting with the Student Initiative Fund
 - ◆ Going through applications submitted with the committee
- Met with StudentCare representative to review our usage for the 2020/2021 year and beginning to create plans on how to ensure the health and dental plan fits the current student body's needs
- Worked with VPSI on advocating for a more flexible transit pass program for undergraduate students
- Working with SEO on CUSA's contribution to SOAR 2022
 - ◆ Went through a review of the workshops to be included in the event

Month Ahead

- Working with VPSL Daisy on preparing for Winter Orientation
- Continue meeting with levy groups through ancillary fee reform committee
- Continue sorting through applications for the Academic Resilience Fund
- Commence/continue planning for winter programming/initiatives
 - ◆ Black History Month, Winter Orientation, winter term events, etc.

If you have any questions, you can always reach me by email at vpf@cusaonline.ca or on instagram @venassa_bae.

Good luck on exams! We will get through it :D
Venassa <3

Vice President, Student Issues Report:

Past Month

- Attended the Student Government Lunch
- Met with Awards and Scholarships for Financial Literacy week
- Attended the Student Mental Health Engagement Committee
- Attended the ASIST Training held by Unified Support Centre
- Worked on the Terms of Reference for new governing governments
- Met with Hatch to hold our Gig Economy Panel
- Met with Windsor Student Union
- Attended a strengths development workshop
- Met with undergrad governor Holden to discuss action plan to advocate for 2022-2023 Tuition Fees
- Started planning Study snacks for exam season.
 - In-person component
- Venassa and I sent a letter to OCTranspo to advocate for Summer UPASS changes as well as the December rebate
- Met with the board to plan for the Sexual Assault Awareness Week 2022\
- Met with the City of Ottawa alongside Callie, to discuss the Ottawa Zoning Equity Discussion
- Studentcare Executive Orientation
- Interview with Charlatan regarding UPASS
- Met with the Ombuds person regarding recommendations on the EDI Report
- Chat with Fitness Centre to plan for the Culture Campaign 2022
- FrostWeek planning meetings
- Release of CUSA's first ever EDI Report
- Held the Substance Awareness campaign and Financial Literacy Month campaign successfully.

Ongoing Projects

- Campaigns planning and scheduling. Meeting with Events and Programs Coordinator
- Monthly International Students Advocacy meeting



- Working along the RnA Coordinator, VPCE working on the EDI policies revision
- Monthly meeting with Dwaine- SEO
- Monthly meetings with RRRRA

Month Ahead

- Review of CUSA's Policies with Research and Advocacy Coordinator and VPCE
- Attend Frost Week Meetings
- Study snacks
 - In-person and online component
- Plan winter 2022 campaigns

If you have any questions, you can always reach me by e-mail at vpsi@cusaonline.ca or on instagram at [valentina_vera_g](https://www.instagram.com/valentina_vera_g).

Best,
[Valentina Vera Gonzalez](#)

Vice President, Community Engagement Report:

Past Month:

- Partnerships:
 - Ottawa Grocer
 - Sens Student Army - VPSL Daisy
 - SDG Program - FMP Carleton
- Attended Assist Training hosted by the Unified Support Centre
- Finished CUSA's Guide to Wellness and Colouring Book
- Finalized and released the EDI Report with VPSI & Research and Advocacy Coordinator
- Working on Policy Review with VPSI & Research and Advocacy Coordinator
- Partnered and volunteered with CAB for their Bob Ross Paint Night
- Hosted Instagram Live with the Library
- Met with City of Ottawa to chat about Ottawa Zoning with an equity lens

Ongoing Projects:

- Brand Ambassadors
- Holiday Spotlight Campaign
- Recruitment Videos with Carleton Comms
- Student Engagement: Holiday Calendar
- Tiktok
- Frost Week with VPSL
- Clubs Expo
- Food Trucks and Hockey

Month Ahead:

- CUSA's Guide to Wellness Release
- Finalizing SDG Program
- Annual General Survey
- Fall Orientation Coordinator Interviews
- Policy Review



If you have any questions, you can always reach me by email at vpce@cusaonline.ca or on Instagram @callie_ogden.

All the best,
Callie Ogden



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5. RRRR Report

None.

6. GSA Report

None.

7. CASG Report

None.

8. Senate Report

None.

9. Board of Governors Report

None.

10. Constituency Report

None.

11. Committee Reports

None.

12. Items for Information

None.

13. Question Period

None.

14. OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion to Fill the CUSA Elections Committee

Whereas the CUSA Elections Committee was struck in the CUSA November Special Session on November 17th, 2021 and is composed of five student-at-large positions,

And whereas three students have successfully submitted applications to join the Committee,

Be it resolved that CUSA Council fill the CUSA Elections Committee for the 2021-2022 academic year with the following interested applicants:

1. Student-at-large: Prachi Bissessur
2. Student-at-large: Simon Harris
3. Student-at-large: Gabriel Emilio Paraskevopoulos
4. Student-at-large: Ally Krueger-Kischak
5. Student-at-large: Anthony Valenti

Moved: VP Ahmad Hashimi

Seconded: Councillor Saad Khan

Motion to amend to strike out the word “three” and insert “four”

Moved: saad khan

Seconded: Ahmad Hashimi

Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion to Amend the main Motion above to include “Be it further resolved:
that now member of this committee may run in the 2022 CUSA General
Election or the upcoming presidential by-election”**

Moved: Pierce Burch

Seconded: Valentina Vera Gonzalez

Motion passed unanimously.

The main motion is now:

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Student-at-large: Gabriel Emilio Paraskevopoulos



Student-at-large: Ally Krueger-Kischak
Student-at-large: Anthony Valenti

Be it further resolved, that no member of this Committee may run in the 2022 CUSA General election or the upcoming Presidential by-election.

Councillors vote via a show of hands

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Present the Draft CUSA ByLaws

Be it resolved that CUSA Council now hear from McKenzie Lake LLP on their presentation of the draft CUSA ByLaws.

Mover: VP Ahmad Hashimi

Secunder: Councillor Saad Khan

**Drew Johnson is recognized to speak*

Gray Simms: One of the main questions I have is why the Bylaws start with questions?

Drew Johnson: That's a great question. This is a newer format we're using in Bylaws that we think is well suited to non-for-profit corporations where you see a turnover of members and directors at frequent intervals. It becomes more user-friendly and easier for individuals that are coming into the corporation to understand the governing documents and address individual issues without having to rely on legal counsel for interpretation. The question and answer style is the manner we see a lot of non-for-profits moving towards. It's one of the first times that we've used it and it's compliant with the Act.

Gray Simms: My next question is about Section 5.1. It details that there is only one class of "members". Several of us are concerned that this leaves students at large out on the outskirts of the organization. Currently, they have full speaking rights at meetings. This would leave them out of meetings instead of being part of CUSA council. Obviously, there needs to be a distinction between elected members and students at large. Is the role of students-at-large defined and could we consider several classes of members?

Drew Johnson: Students at large are a defined term, I think it's in Section 10. I didn't want to delve too deeply into the different section references. It goes through both the constituting documents, in terms of the letters, which would be required to be amended to provide for additional classes of members, as well as the manner in which multiple-member classification works. We can certainly outline what something like that would look like and the pros and cons. It's our understanding that based on the prior existing letters patent, as well as the inclusion of things, like the ability to speak

at member meetings, those rights were very similar to the rights the members have presently.

Gray Simms: There was a few places like Sections 1.5d, 2.11, 3.10, where there seems to be vaguery. Section 1.5d uses the terms “any other vacancy” which almost suggest the Board could fill any vacancy within the Association of CUSA. Also is Section 2.11 and 3.10, it makes reference to the “Act”. I assume that Act that you are talking about is the OMCA. Should the Act be referenced by name at some point in the Bylaws?

Drew Johnson: Yes I think you’re right, we’re missing a definition that was likely lost in some of the drafts. In terms of which Act we are referring to, it would be the OMCA. As to the vagueness of particular sections or any concerns with those types of drafting questions, it would probably be best to address those over email. I would be able to provide you with a more wholesome response.

Ahmad Hashimi: I have one quick question on Section 3.5. It says that an “Executive Officer may be removed for any reason”. I was wondering if you could clarify what reason?

Drew Johnson: Something we have to consider here is that any open-ended responses are always bound by the Act. You cannot draft outside of what the Act provides boundaries. Therefore, it would be any ‘reason’ subjected to the Act.

Grant Wilson: I’m looking at Section 5.2, about how members are distributed. The language says the “Membership seats in Council shall be distributed to each Faculty in as close a proportion as possible to the annual enrollment statistics at the time of appointment or election”, there’s a couple ways that could be interpreted. I don’t know if it has to be put in the Bylaws but can we put that in the Policy saying they’ll be allocated in a rounding up or rounding down manner? Or does it have to go in these Bylaws?

Drew Johnson: There would be one of two ways to do that. Either way would need to be reflected in the Bylaws. You would either need to put in the specific manner in which you wish to have the enrollment statistics divided at that time or you would need to point to a policy.



Ahmad Hashimi: Just to also answer Grant's question, I think we should have a policy directing this matter and the Constitution and Policy Review Committee can have those policies reviewed and brought to you guys as soon as possible.

Saad Khan: Why is there a maximum of 16 seats each in Section 5.2, sub-section e?

Drew Johnson: Based on my recollection in the drafting of this section, previously, there was a prohibition on any Faculty having more than 50% of those open seats. Therefore, this is our proposed solution to having that mirrored here.

Saad Khan: Out of curiosity, can we limit them to 25%?

Drew Johnson: There is no bar provided by the OMCA to division of those seats. Yes, if you were to all agree on that, that can be adjusted as necessary.

Ahmad Hashimi: Just a suggestion, that can be done on the Council Composition Review Committee.

Motion passed unanimously.



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15. Motion to adjourn

MOVED: Pierce Burch

SECONDED: Valentina Vera Gonzalez

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.