



The Students' Council acknowledges and respects the Algonquin people, on whose traditional territory the Carleton University Students' Association is located.

**MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (I)
OF THE
CARLETON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS'
ASSOCIATION**

6 March 2023, 6:30 PM EST, Minto CASE 2000

Prepared by:

Davin Caratao, Vice President Internal

ATTENDANCE RECORD:

Position	Councillor	Signature
President	Anastasia Stoikos-Lettieri	PRESENT
Vice President Finance	Steve Mansour	PRESENT
Vice President Internal	Davin Caratao	PRESENT
Vice President Student Issues	Mohamed Faris Riazuddin	PRESENT
Vice President Community Engagement	Hallee Kejick	PRESENT
Vice President Student Life	Anshika Srivastava	PRESENT
Speaker	Erin Okrainec	ABSENT
Deputy Speaker	Nkosi Mhlanga	PRESENT
Public Affairs (7)	Jordan Vecchio	PRESENT
	Francesca Lepore	PRESENT
	Gauri Bhardwaj	ABSENT
	Liam Clarke	ABSENT
	Raj Gill	ABSENT
	Erin Okrainec	ABSENT
	Keana Caverio	PRESENT
FASS (8)	Katelyn Madigan	PRESENT
	Tyson Scott	ABSENT
	Melate Mulugeta	ABSENT
	Sean Cruz	PRESENT
	Maya James	PRESENT
	Nkosi Mhlanga	PRESENT

	Grace Murray	ABSENT
	<i>Vacant</i>	
Business (3)	Diya Kulkarni	PRESENT
	Suvi Chhabra	ABSENT
	Sam Easby	PRESENT
Science (6)	Alexis St. Pierre	ABSENT
	Saad Khan	ABSENT
	Raven Miller	ABSENT
	Madena Sherzad PROXY PARIHAN	PRESENT
	Naheed Howlader	ABSENT
	Parihan Parihan	PRESENT
Engineering and Design (7)	Kassidy Hammond	PRESENT
	Muhammad Maahir	ABSENT
	Charlie MacDonald	ABSENT
	Akeel Samji	ABSENT
	Stephnie Ughara	PRESENT
	Alex Barnett-Sheldon	ABSENT
	Kevin Leo	ABSENT
Special Student (1)	<i>Vacant</i>	
BOG	<i>Mira Gillis</i>	ABSENT
	<i>Jonathan Ojangole</i>	ABSENT
GSA	<i>Milan Sanghani</i>	ABSENT
RRRA	Gialina Jiang	ABSENT
CASG	Dakota Livingston	PRESENT

*Nonvoting members in *Italics*.

SHORT-FORM AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda (C-104)
3. Approval of Past Minutes
 - a. [February Special Meeting](#) (C-105)
4. Statements from VP Candidates
5. Council Reports
6. CUSA Reports
 - a. Executive Composition Committee Report
 - b. Executive Reports
 - c. [Executive Director's Report](#)
7. External Reports
8. Announcements and Correspondence
 - a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
 - b. Items for Information
 - i. [Caratao Proposal – Executive Composition](#)
 - c. Notice of Motion
9. Question Period
10. Regular Business
 - a. New/Unfinished Routine Business
 - i. Motion to move *in camera* [per s. 27 (d) and (e)] (C-98)
 - ii. *In camera* business
 - iii. Motion to Certify Election Results (C-106)
 - iv. Motion to Adopt the Yearly Audit (C-107)
 - v. Motion to Reappoint the Association's Auditor (C-108)
 - vi. Motion to Adopt the Legislative Schedule for the 2023-2024 Term (C-109)
 - b. New/Unfinished Non-Routine Business
 - i. Motion to Adopt the Mascot Report of the Student Life Committee (C-100)
 - ii. Motion to Amend the Bylaws (Executive Composition) (C-97)

- iii. Motion to Amend the Bylaws (Executive Composition Counter-proposal) (C-110)
- iv. Motion to Amend the Bylaws (Rights of Students-at-large) (C-111)

11. Adjournment (C-103)

LONG-FORM AGENDA:

Meeting commenced at 6:45 pm.

1. Call to Order

Before we address the regular business of this meeting, I'd like to acknowledge that we are today gathered on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe, lands never ceded or surrendered in peace to the Crown of Canada. Indigenous peoples living under the modern colonial state of Canada have suffered disproportionate injustice and marginalization. A mere land acknowledgement is not enough to make reconciliation and reparation to the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island. We must stand in solidarity against colonialism and remember our responsibility to the land and the peoples who have kept it for generations—which means affirming their call for the free and unencumbered return to their ancestral land. It is also fitting, for this body of lawmakers, to remember the spirit and wisdom of Indigenous governance models—from the collaborative bicameralism of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy to the consensus-based government of the Inuit—to deliver to students a better student union.

2. Approval of the Agenda (C-104)

Be it resolved, that the agenda be approved as presented to Council, notwithstanding s. 18 of the *Council Rules of Order*.

Moved: N. Mhlanga **Seconded:** E. Okrainec

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

3. Approval of Past Minutes (C-96)

a. February Special Meeting (C-96)

Be it resolved, that the minutes from the [February Special Meeting](#) of Council be approved.

Moved: N. Mhlanga **Seconded:** E. Okrainec

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

b. February Regular Meeting (C-105)

Be it resolved, that the minutes from the [February Regular Meeting](#) of Council be approved.

Moved: N. Mhlanga **Seconded:** E. Okrainec

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

4. Statements from Vice Presidential Candidates (5 min. each)

a. Candidates for Vice President Internal

- i. Alvin Akinniwa
- ii. Logan Breen

b. Candidates for Vice President Student Issues

- i. Elbaraa Abdelsadek
- ii. Tayssir Benchoubane
- iii. Keana Caverro
- iv. Raiden Dean
- v. Veronica Dhindsa
- vi. Ruth Nobossi
- vii. Emilia De Jesus Peixoto

c. Candidates for Vice President Student Life



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- i. Burte Ariunbold
- ii. Eman Elnaidany
- iii. Rana Saadi
- d. Candidates for Vice President Community Engagement
 - i. Alexa Baret
 - ii. Patrick Ene

5. Council Reports

- a. Constituency Reports
- b. Committee Reports
 - i. [ECC Presentation](#)
 - ii. [ECC Report](#)
 - iii. [Student Life Committee Report on an Association Mascot](#)

6. CUSA Reports

- a. Executive Reports
 - i. President
 - ii. VP Finance/Secretary-Treasurer
 - iii. VP Internal
 - iv. VP Student Issues
 - v. VP Student Life
 - vi. VP Community Engagement
- b. [Executive Director's Report](#)

7. External Reports

- a. RRR
- b. CASG

8. Announcements and Correspondence

- a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
- b. Items for Information
 - i. [Caratao Proposal – Executive Composition](#)
- c. Notice of Motion

9. Question Period

10. Regular Business
a. Routine Business

Motion to Move *in camera* [s.27(d), (e)] (C-98)

Whereas, s. 27 (d) and (e) the of the [Council Rules of Order](#) authorize Council to move to a closed, *in camera* session in order to discuss confidential matters relating, respectively, to the property and land of the Association;

Be it resolved, that Council move *in camera* under the authority of this section, and shall return to a public session when consideration of motion C-99 has concluded.

Moved: A. Stoikos-Lettieri

Seconded: M. James

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Move out of the *in camera* [s.27(d), (e)] (C-98)

Whereas, s. 27 (d) and (e) the of the [Council Rules of Order](#) authorize Council to move to a closed, *in camera* session in order to discuss confidential matters relating, respectively, to the property and land of the Association;

Be it resolved, that Council move *in camera* under the authority of this section, and shall return to a public session when consideration of motion C-99 has concluded.

Moved: A. Stoikos-Lettieri

Seconded: M. James

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adopt the Association Audit (C-106)

Whereas, the Association's Board of Directors has adopted the yearly Operating Budget for this year;

And whereas, the Ontario *Not-for-Profit Corporations Act* requires the membership of every corporation receive information on all financial statements adopted by the Directors; therefore

Be it resolved, that [the Audit of the Carleton University Students' Association the 2021-2022 financial year](#) be approved.

Moved: A. Stoikos-Lettieri

Seconded: J. Vecchio

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Reappoint the Association Auditor (C-107)

Whereas, Council, the membership of the corporation, must appoint the Association's corporate auditors annually;

And whereas, the services of Binder Dijker Otte, a professional multinational firm, have been thorough and dependable for the past few years, well within the time frame before it becomes advisable to choose a new auditor;

Be it resolved, that Council appoints Binder Dijker Otte as the auditors for the upcoming 2022/2023 year.

Moved: A. Stoikos-Lettieri

Seconded: J. Vecchio

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Certify the 2023 General Election Results (C-108)

Be it resolved, that the results of the [2023 CUSA General Election](#) be approved, and that the same Councillors-elect shall take their seats as Councillors on the 1st of May 2023.

Moved: S. Cruz

Seconded: M. James

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adopt the Legislative Schedule for the 2023-2024 Term (C-108)

Be it resolved, that Council approve the 2023/2024 calendar for Council meetings as follows, unless so amended by Council by a motion to adjourn until a certain time:

Monday, May 29th at 6:20pm
Monday, June 26th at 6:20pm
Monday, July 24th at 6:20pm
Monday, August 28th at 6:20pm
Monday, September 11th at 6:20pm
Monday, October 30st at 6:20pm
Monday, November 27th at 6:20pm
Monday, January 29th at 6:20pm
Monday, February 26th at 6:20pm
Monday, March 4th at 6:20pm (AGM Part One)
Sunday, March 11th at 12:00pm (AGM Part Two)

Moved: A. Stoikos-Lettieri

Seconded: M. James

MOTION CARRIED

b. New Business

**Motion to Adopt the Mascot Report of the Student Life Committee
(C-100) [Unfinished from 27 Feb]**

Whereas, the Student Life Committee has drafted and approved a [report on an Association Mascot](#);

Be it resolved, that Council adopt this Report in full; and

Be it further ordered, that the Vice President Student Life shall carry out the general aims and principles of the report and shall deliver at a later time to Council a more comprehensive report on her progress.

Moved: S. Cruz

Seconded: M. James

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion to postpone indefinitely the Motion to Amend the
Bylaws (Executive Composition) (C-92)**

Moved: A. Stoikos-Lettieri

Seconded: M. James

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Amend the Bylaws (Executive Composition) (C-92)

[Unfinished from 6 Feb]

Whereas, the current Executive team has brought forth a desire to review and amend the Executive Composition, based on increasing jurisdictional challenges;

And whereas, in December of 2022, the Executive Composition Committee commenced an investigation into the current composition of CUSA's Executive and Executive Adjacent structure, which included a thorough review of the current structure and job descriptions, an internal consultation process with over 12 current staff, and an external review of structures across similar student unions in Ontario;

And whereas, the consultation and review focused on addressing concerns related to whether the hours, responsibilities, structure, role, and/or selection process of the current positions should be kept, merged, removed or adapted based on how the positions have evolved;

And whereas, the feedback process varied in terms of proposed changes to the structure, the findings of the research, consultations and committee discussions resulted in clear recurring struggles reflective of a dire need for the improvement of the overall functioning of the organization;

And whereas, this Committee is confident that the proposed By-Law amendments address and acknowledge all feedback received through the creation of a transformed Executive and Executive Adjacent structure that will give purpose, development, and clear jurisdiction to staff;

And whereas, given the urgency of these challenges, that Executive Composition Committee recommends the proposed amendments to the current By-Laws take immediate effect for the 2023/2024 year; therefore

Be it Resolved, CUSA Council adopt the following amendments to Schedules A-F of the CUSA By-Laws, effective for the 2023/2024 term, which can be found [here](#);

Be it Further Resolved, the HR Manager will amend the contracts and job descriptions of the Executives and Executive Adjacent positions before posting them for the 2023/2024 year;

Be it Further Resolved, the current Policy Analyst and Vice-President Internal review all CUSA policies to ensure that they are amended to be in compliance with the new By-Laws before the start of the 2023/2024 term.

Moved: M. James

Seconded: K. Cavero

Motion postponed

Motion to postpone indefinitely the Motion to Amend the Bylaws (Executive Composition Counter-Proposal) (C-110)

Moved: A. Stoikos-Lettieri

Seconded: M. James

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Amend the Bylaws (Executive Composition Counter-Proposal) (C-110)

Be it resolved, that [this Proposal](#) be adopted by Council, to be in such force and effect in the 2023-2024 term as consented to by the incoming elected Executives, and in force in totality for every term thereafter unless duly amended;

Be it resolved, that every instance in *Bylaws* and Policy of a Vice Presidential title that has been amended, shall be replaced with the updated title and matching Schedule, to wit;

- Vice President Finance/Secretary–Treasurer to Vice President Finance–Treasurer, Schedule B,
- Vice President Internal Affairs to Vice President Internal–Secretary, Sch. C,
- Vice President Community Engagement to Vice President External Affairs, Sch. D,
- Vice President Student Issues to Vice President University Advocacy, Sch. E, and
- Vice President Student Life to Vice President Programming and Development, Sch. F.

Be it further resolved, that Council amend section 3.8 of the *Bylaws*, by deleting the words in struck-out text, and inserting the words in red, as follows:

3.8 Officers' Duties

Officers shall be responsible for the duties assigned to them ~~and~~ **but** may ~~not~~ delegate to others the performance of any or all of such duties, **conditional on the mutual and lasting consent of both the responsible party and the delegated party.**

Be it further resolved, that Council repeal the current Schedules to the Bylaws and instead insert [the following text](#) in the same Proposal as Schedules A through F of the Bylaws:

Moved:

Motion postponed

Seconded:

Motion to Amend the Bylaws (Right of students-at-large to attend, speak, and move motions) (C-111)

Whereas, this Association has, for decades, maintained a right for all Carleton students, who were once all members of the Association, to attend Council meetings, speak, and move and second motions;

And whereas, a motion, as a formal proposal, is an embodiment of a real and effective right to speech;

And whereas, this Association, in February and April of 2022, endorsed and adopted the old Policies and Constitutional provisions that protected this right;

And whereas, the Association's membership now consists of only Councillors, and the right of students-at-large to move motions has not yet been clarified and enshrined in the text our *Bylaws*; therefore

Be it resolved, that Council amend s. 6.21 *Bylaws* of the Association, to include, at the end of the last paragraph, the following text:

Students-at-Large are entitled to move and second motions, and to speak and engage in debate upon recognition by the chair in the same manner as a regular Member. Executive officers shall not exercise this right unless given the unanimous consent of Council.

Excepting the President, no Director may move or second motions at a Members' Meeting, nor shall any Member move or second motions at a Meeting of the Board. However, nothing in this Bylaw shall be construed to unreasonably limit the right of any Director or Member to speak and engage in debate in the other Chamber.

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion dismissed due to lack of mover and seconder

11. Adjournment

Motion to Recess (C-103)

Be it resolved, that Council recesses until the Annual General Meeting, Part two at 12:00 noon on 12 March 2023, in Richcraft Building 2200.

Moved:

N. Mhlanga

Seconded:

E. Okrainec



MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:40pm.