



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

**MINUTES OF THE
8th REGULAR (JANUARY)
STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING**

16 January 2023, 6:20 PM EST, Residence Commons 214

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 Riazudden	Absent
Vice President Community Engagement	Hallee Kejick	Present
Vice President Student Life	Anshika Srivastava	Present
Speaker	Erin Okrainec	Present
Deputy Speaker	Vacant	
Public Affairs (7)	Jordan Vecchio	Present
	Francesca Lepore	Present
	Gauri Bhardwaj	Absent
	Liam Clarke	Absent
	Raj Gill	Absent
	Erin Okrainec	Present
	Keana Caverro	Present
FASS (8)	Katelyn Madigan	Absent
	Tyson Scott	Present
	Melate Mulugeta	Absent
	Sean Cruz	Present
	Maya James	Present
	Nkosi Mhlanga	Present
	Grace Murray	Absent

	<i>Vacant</i>	
Business (3)	Diya Kulkarni	Absent
	Suvi Chhabra	Absent
	Sam Easby	Present
Science (6)	Alexis St. Pierre	Absent
	Saad Khan proxy Parihan	Present
	Raven Miller	Absent
	Madena Sherzad	Present
	Naheed Howlader	Absent
	Parihan Parihan	Present
Engineering and Design (7)	Kassidy Hammond	Present
	Muhammad Maahir	Absent
	Charlie MacDonald	Absent
	Akeel Samji	Present
	Stephnie Ughara	Absent
	Alex Barnett-Sheldon	Present
	Kevin Leo	Absent
Special Student (1)	<i>Vacant</i>	
BOG	<i>Mira Gillis</i>	Present
	<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. Election of the Deputy Speaker (C-83)
3. Approval of the Agenda (C-84)
4. Approval of Past Minutes
 - a. [November Meeting](#) (C-85)
5. CUSA Reports
6. External Reports
 - a. Carleton Academic Student Government (D. Livingston)
 - b. Rideau River Residence Association (G. Jiang)
 - c. Graduate Students' Association (M. Sanghani)
 - d. Senate
 - e. Board of Governors (M. Gillis)
7. Council Reports
8. Announcements and Correspondence
 - a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
 - b. Items for Information
 - c. Notice of Motion
 - i. [2022-2023 CUSA Budget](#)
9. Question Period
10. Regular Business
 - a. New Business
 - i. Proclamation of a Referendum on the Unified Support Centre Levy (C-86)
 - ii. Motion to Declare a Position on the USC Referendum (C-87)
 - iii. Election of Councillors to the Vice President Finance Nominating Committee (C-88)
11. Adjournment (C-89)

LONG-FORM AGENDA:

Meeting commenced at 6:29 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. Election of the Deputy Speaker (C-69)

Whereas, Councillor Raj Gill resigned as Deputy Speaker effective this January meeting of Council; therefore

Be it resolved, that Nkosi Mhlanga be elected Deputy Speaker.

Moved: J. Vecchio **Seconded:** E. Okrainec

MOTION CARRIED

3. Approval of the Agenda (C-84)

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

Moved: S. Cruz **Seconded:** E. Okrainec

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

4. Approval of Past Minutes (C-85)

a. October Regular Meeting (C-85a)

Be it resolved, that the [minutes from the October Regular Meeting](#) of Council (on 7 November) be approved; and

Moved: R. Gill **Seconded:** E. Okraïneç

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

5. Executive Reports

President (A. Stoikos-Lettieri)

Vice President Finance (S. Mansour)

Vice President Internal (D. Caratao)

Vice President Student Issues (On leave)

Vice President Student Life (A. Srivastava)

Vice President Community Engagement (H. Kejick)

Staff Reports

Chair of the Board (G. Simms)

6. External Reports

- a. Carleton Academic Student Government (D. Livingston)
- b. Rideau River Residence Association (G. Jiang)
- c. Graduate Students' Association (M. Sanghani)

- d. Senate
None.
- e. Board of Governors (M. Gillis)

7. Council Reports

- a. Constituency Reports
 - i. FPA
 - ii. FASS
 - iii. Business
 - iv. Science
 - v. FED
- b. Committee Reports

8. Announcements and Correspondence

- a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
- b. Items for Information
- c. Notice of Motion
 - i. [2022-2023 CUSA Budget](#)

9. Question Period

10. Regular Business

- a. New Business

Proclamation of a Referendum on the Unified Support Centre Levy (C-86)

Whereas, the Unified Support Centre was created in 2021 as a merger of the CUSA Food Centre, a food bank service, and Foot Patrol, a campus safety service;

And whereas, a full-time Carleton student currently pays \$1.43 per semester to the USC, by means of the Foot Patrol levy;

And whereas, no student levy directly funds the USC's food assistance programmes;

And whereas, a monthly average of 453 Carleton students make use of the food support the USC distributes, a massive increase from 88 on average before the pandemic;

And whereas, due to the increased demand and budget shortfalls in the Association generally, the Unified Support Centre is in need of approximately \$121,000 to sustain its current operations in concordance with expected growth;

And whereas, the entirety of the proposed Unified Support Centre levy will be spent on directly distributing food and basic living essentials to Carleton students;

And whereas, an increase to the Unified Support Centre fund would allow for administrative improvements in organizational software, an expansion of the food assistance program to account for diverse dietary restrictions, and the implementation of an enhanced assistance program for those students most in need;

And whereas, this referendum question has been considered and accepted by the Constitution and Policy Review Committee, per s. 6 (1) of the Association's *Referenda and Recall Policy*;

And whereas, the [complete proposal of the Unified Support Centre can be found here](#); therefore

Be it resolved, that a referendum be proclaimed by this Council to take place concurrently with the February 2023 General Election per ss. 4 (a) and 22 (1) of the *Referenda and Recall Policy*, with the following question:

“Do you support the creation of a Unified Support Centre (USC) Emergency Essentials Assistance Program levy of \$2.98 per semester, indexed to inflation, that will allow the USC to meet the overwhelming demand for food and basic living essentials from Carleton students facing increasing food

insecurity and financial hardship, and to find administrative efficiencies and targeted support for students of diverse needs?"

And the options being:

- YES, I support the creation of a Unified Support Centre Emergency Essentials Assistance Program levy; and
- NO, I do not support the creation of a Unified Support Centre Emergency Essentials Assistance Program levy.

Moved: F. Lepore

Seconded: J. Vecchio

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Declare a Position on the USC Referendum (C-87)

Whereas, the Unified Support Centre is one of the Association's, if not the, most valuable and widely-utilized direct-aid service centres;

And whereas, the USC's Emergency Essentials Assistance Program, which provides essential food, hygiene and health products to students in need, has had a 515% increase in usage since pre-pandemic levels;

And whereas, the USC requires broader funding from the student body in order to sustain and expand its services to students that so greatly need these basic living essentials;

Be it resolved, that the Association officially endorse the "YES" campaign in the upcoming USC levy referendum.

Moved: F. Lepore

Seconded: J. Vecchio

MOTION CARRIED

Election of Councillors to the Vice President Finance Nominating Committee (C-88)

Whereas, per section 6 (c) of the *Vice President Finance / Secretary-Treasurer Nominating & Selection Committee Terms of Reference*, the Association requires two Councillors to be elected to the Nominating Committee for the Vice President Finance;

And whereas, this Nominating Committee shall present its selected nominee for Council approval not later than the Annual General Meeting in March; therefore

Be it resolved, that Council elect [X] and [Y] to fill the Councillor seats on the Nominating Committee:

Moved: F. Lepore **Seconded:** J. Vecchio

Nominees:

- S. Easby
- S. Ughara

MOTION CARRIED

11. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn (C-90)

Be it resolved, that Council adjourns until 27 February 2023.

Moved: R. Gill **Seconded:** E. Okraïnec

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.