



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

**MINUTES OF THE
2nd REGULAR (JUNE)
CUSA COUNCIL MEETING**

27 June 2022, 6:20 PM EST, NI 4030

Prepared by:

Davin Caratao, Vice President Internal

ATTENDANCE RECORD:

Position	Councillor	Signature
President	Anastasia Stoikos-Lettieri	Present
Vice President Finance	Gabe Paraskevopoulos	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	Present
Deputy Speaker	Raj Gill	Present
Public Affairs (8)	Jordan Vecchio	Present
	Francesca Lepore	Present
	Gauri Bhardwaj	Absent
	Liam Clarke	Present
	Raj Gill	Present
	Erin Okrainec	Present
	<i>Vacant</i>	
	<i>Vacant</i>	
FASS (7)	Katelyn Madigan	Absent
	Tyson Scott	Present
	Melate Mulugeta	Absent
	<i>Vacant</i>	
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	<i>Vacant</i>	
Business (3)	Diya Kulkarni	Present
	<i>Vacant</i>	
	<i>Vacant</i>	
Science (6)	Alexis St. Pierre	Absent
	Raven Miller	Present
	Madena Sherzad	Present
	<i>Vacant</i>	
	<i>Vacant</i>	
	<i>Vacant</i>	
Engineering and Design (8)	Saad Khan	Present
	Kassidy Hammond	Present
	Muhammad Maahir	Present
	Charlie MacDonald	Present
	Akeel Samji	Present
	Stephnie Ughara	Absent
	<i>Vacant</i>	
	<i>Vacant</i>	
Special Student (1)	<i>Vacant</i>	
BOG	<i>Mira Gillis</i>	Absent
	<i>Vacant</i>	
GSA	<i>Milan Sanghani</i>	Absent
RRRA	Gialina Jiang proxy Francesca Lepore	Present
CASG	Dakota Livingston proxy Francesca Lepore	Present

*Nonvoting members in *Italics*.

SHORT-FORM AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Election of a Clerk to Council (C-18)
3. Approval of the Agenda (C-19)
 - a. Additions, deletions, or corrections
4. Approval of Past Minutes
 - a. June Special Meeting (C-20)
5. Executive Reports
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 - c. Notice of Motion
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 - i. Motion to Approve SUDS 2022 Expenses (C-21)
 - ii. Motion to Approve Fall Orientation Hoodies Expenses (C-22)
 - iii. Motion to Adopt the *Executive Policy* (C-23)
 - iv. Motion to Adopt the *Judicial Policy* (C-24)
 - v. Motion to Constitute an Electoral Reform Commission (C-25)
 - vi. Motion to Amend the *Council Rules of Order* (Meeting End Time) (C-26)
 - i. Motion to Amend the *Speaker of Council Terms of Reference* (Moving Motions) (C-27)
 - ii. [LATE ADDITION] Motion to Establish CUSA as a Pro-Choice Organization (C-28)

11. Adjournment (C-29)

LONG-FORM AGENDA:

Meeting commenced at 6:31 pm EST.

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 a Clerk to Council (C-19)

Whereas, the Hiring Process for the Clerk to Council has proceeded and submitted their recommendation to Council;

Be it resolved, that Yumna Khan be elected as Clerk to Council.

Moved: K. Hammond

Seconded: F. Lepore

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Agenda (C-20)

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

Moved: R. Gill **Seconded:** A. Stoikos-Lettieri

Motion passed unanimously.

a. Additions, Deletions, and Corrections

Be it resolved, that the motion attached as C-28, the Motion Motion to Establish CUSA as a Pro-Choice Organization, be considered at this meeting as business without notice, and inserted as the last item on the agenda.

Moved: Saad Khan **Seconded:** Charlie MacDonald

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Past Minutes (C-21)

a. June Special Meeting (attached in email)

Be it resolved, that the minutes from the June Special Meeting of Council be approved.

Moved: R. Gill **Seconded:** A. Stoikos-Lettieri

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Executive Reports

President (A. Stoikos-Lettieri)

- Hiring updates
 - Events Coordinator
 - Executive Assistant
 - Research & Advocacy Coordinator
 - Ollie's Assistant Manager
- COCA Conference 2022
- Board updates (June 26 Meeting)
 - 50/30 challenge
 - CFO
 - Elections voting system
 - Long term strategic plan
 - Disconnecting from work legislation
 - Cupe 1282 bargaining team
 - Director of Finance / HR
- CUSA tours & Experience Days tours
 - Strategic & reputational benefits
- INS Space
 - a. INS moved out
 - b. Brainstorming with execs, staff, and service centres
 - c. Consultations with students for their space allocation needs
- Sexual Violence Policy
 - Our response to the University's policy
 - Our plans for the year to address sexual violence on campus
- Collective Bargaining updates (CUPE 3011)
- Master Fees and Services Agreement updates
- CU1001 Projects
 - Raven Talks
- Inventory Project updates
 - Clubs storage

Vice President Finance (G. Paraskevopoulos)

- Met with Scotiabank to discuss the elimination of e-transfer fees
 - Manager seemed open to further discussion, will follow up this month
- Submitted a FIPPA request to the university's Board of Governors regarding common space allocation in the new 456-bedroom residence building that is under construction

- The objective of this request was to determine if the university plans on including a new multi-faith space on campus
- If council is interested in the full request document I am happy to share it
- Started reviewing summer funding applications for clubs as part of my position on clubs oversight
- Approved EngFrosh Sponsorship
- Budgets!
 - Meeting with the Executive to discuss priorities!
 - Reworking some budget lines! (old ones are not transparent in my opinion)

Vice President Internal (D. Caratao)

Month in Review

- Attended the COCA conference
 - Discussed improvements to clubs administration with the Student Groups Administrator, Hannah Whale, based in part off educational sessions there
 - Networked with executives from other student unions, inquired and learned more about governance processes.
- Committee placements have been finalized and meetings have begun for our major standing committees.
- Met with the Agenda and Operations committee to finalize this agenda, it was agreed by the Committee that a new practice of sending the agenda out one week in advance would be undertaken. Additional parliamentary procedure training was given to the AOC and Executives.
- Met with the CPRC to discuss two new policies and a mandate letter for a new Commission
- Applications and interviews for Clerk to Council took place. I recused myself from the selection as per the *Conflict of Interest Policy*.
- More weekly meetings with the Clubs Oversight Commission took place, overseeing certification/recertification and Summer term funding
- Updating Committees webpage for list of Councillors, form for students-at-large to join being rolled out as mentioned at the last meeting.

Ongoing and Future Projects

- Certification and Summer Funding applications both close on June 30th.
- Continuing with the legislative schedule left by the DRC and old CPRC to update and transplant old CUSA policies and bylaws.
- Drafting a new default Club Constitution that would be distributed to prospective clubs and put into force for clubs that do not adopt a unique one of their own.
- Approx. 11/13 campaign promises ongoing.

- Please email me at vpi@cusaonline.ca or DM me @isitdavincaratao to ask me anything.

Recommendations for Council

- **Follow the recommendation of the CPRC on Motions C-23, 24, and 25.**
- **Follow the recommendation of the**

Vice President Student Issues (F. Riazuddin)

Past Month

- Hired R&A coordinator
 - Transitioned and onboarded coordinator to CUSA policies and EDI report with VPCE
- COCA Conference
 - Connected with speakers from different backgrounds and communities that would align with our campaigns.
 - For example: Sarain Fox for CUSA Orange Shirt Day and/or Minwadjji-yan
- Completion of the #GETOUT2VOTE campaign
 - Candidate Debate, Resource Post and Election Video
- Pride
 - Resource Post for 2SLGBTQ+ with GSRC and VPCE
- Street Team
 - Officially revived for 2022, brainstorming for the post-pandemic transition to inperson events and campaigns.
- U-PASS & One Card solution (2023)
 - Automatic renewal upon eligibility (no need to go to UC for renewal)
 - Moving from a weekly proration table to DAILY format. Fee adjustment for ineligibility on a daily rate.
 - Half term eligibility for Fall and Winter.
 - High level negotiations with OC Transportation
 - Raised concerns for Paratransport 3-strike policy

Month Ahead

- - Pride Advisory Committee
- - Project Re-integration
- - Campus Safety Liason Service with RRRRA and campus safety
- Campaigns discussions and consultations
- Townhall set up with VPI and RRRRA

Vice President Student Life (A. Srivastava)

Past Month

- COCA
 - An excellent conference for learning and networking.
 - Made connections with companies and artists who will hopefully be joining us later in our year programming.
- Summer Programming
 - Watch Party: Thank you to everyone who showed up for our watch party at Ollie's for provincial elections held on Jun 2, 2022
 - Graduation Week(s): As you may have noticed, our businesses drafted graduation special combinations to celebrate the three cohorts of graduates who joined us in the past two weeks.
- Pride Month
 - Our businesses joined in Pride Month Celebrations
 - Ollie's donated \$1 from each Pita Chip sale to Kind Space Ottawa this month.
 - Our student manager, Adrienne Little, at Haven put together a great range of books about Indigenous and 2SLGBTQ+ cultures in recognition of Pride Month and Indigenous History Month.
- Partnership
 - Developing partnerships with multiple sports teams to get you discounted tickets, including Redblacks
- Project Re-Integration
 - As mentioned the previous month, all university partners are aiming to give the two cohorts who joined us during the virtual/hybrid years a semblance of in-person orientation that they missed out on. I sit on the group that is dedicated to events and programming.
 - As of Jun 20, 2022 , we have finished on our ideation phase and will be proceeding with programming.
- Fall Orientation
 - Fall Orientation volunteer training has begun.
 - The programming schedule is reaching its final stages. Certain elements need to be confirmed by external partners.
- Events & Programming
 - As mentioned last month, we have recently onboarded our new events & programming coordinator who will be helping our executive team chart out the year.
 - Along with our events & programming coordinator and our executive director, we have started working on an events template to make the planning process more systematic and efficient.

Month Ahead

- Fall Orientation Advisory Board Meeting
 - Guidance and oversight in ensuring that orientation planning adheres to university policies and procedures.
 - Finding opportunities for collaboration amongst stakeholders.
- Throwback Meeting
 - Connecting with Alumni, donors, and community members to celebrate our past, present and future through reunion events.
 - Extra special because we are approaching our University's 80th anniversary

Vice President Community Engagement (H. Kejick)

Past Month:

- Hired Research and Advocacy Coordinator
- Helping to onboard, working on EDI report
- Introductions with Service Centre Coordinators
- Connected with Native Women's Association of Canada
- COCA Conference:
- Samantha Bitty for Sex Toy Bingo
- Sarain Fox for a Decolonization Workshop

Ongoing:

- Interviews and Hiring for Service Centres with Director of Student Services, Adil
- Pride Advisory Committee Initiatives with Dwaine from SEO
- Booking Inuit Throat Singers for a Decolonization Workshop

Month Ahead:

- Connecting with Indigenous businesses in local area for campaigns
- Work to create new scholarships/bursaries for 6 POC-recipients based upon community engagement, requiring 3-4 references
- ASIST Training

CUSA Staff (D. Rivers)

None

Chair of the Board (G. Simms)

Chair Gray Simms presented

6. External Reports

- a. Rideau River Residence Association (G. Jiang)
- b. Carleton Academic Student Government (D. Livingston)
- 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
 - i. Constitution and Policy Review Committee (CPRC)
 - ii. Other Committees

8. Announcements and Correspondence

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 - iii. New SIC Subcommittee: Mental Health Advocacy
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9. Question Period

None.

10. Regular Business

- a. Unfinished Business:
None.
- b. New Business:

Motion to Approve SUDS 2022 Expenses (C-21)

Whereas, the Executive Budget has not yet been passed through Council and transparency is a priority;

And Whereas, the CUSA Executive has previously attended the Student Union Development Summit conference annually, and is expected to attend August 12-15, 2022;

And Whereas, CUSA benefits from learning in environments tailored to student union executives and can learn from peer institutions across the country;

Be it resolved, that the expenses necessary for the six CUSA executives to attend SUDS be approved and included in the upcoming yearly budget;

Moved: A. Stoikos-Lettieri **Seconded:** J. Vecchio

Councillors vote via a show of hands

Motion passes.

Motion to Approve Fall Orientation Hoodies Expense (C-22)

Whereas, Fall Orientation week is a collaborative effort between multiple University partners including CUSA, RRRA, Athletics and the SEO;

And Whereas, this collaboration extends to orientation kits for incoming first years that CUSA has annually contributed to financially by splitting the cost of orientation hoodies with the SEO and Athletics;

And Whereas, in the spirit of collaboration and fostering a stronger relationship with our University partners, it is crucial that we approve this cost prior to the Executive Budget being passed; therefore

Be it resolved, CUSA Council approved a sum of \$10,000 for student orientation package hoodies.

Be it further resolved, that this expenditure be taken from the 2022/23 budget of the Vice-President Student Life, once the Executive Budget is passed through Council.

Moved: R. Miller

Seconded: M. Aziz

Councillors vote via a show of hands

Motion passes.

Motion to Adopt the *Executive Policy (C-23)*

Whereas, the Constitution and Policy Review Committee agreed unanimously to recommend that Council adopt this Policy;

And whereas, revamping the old Bylaw concerning Executives was one of the major priorities of the old CPRC in response to the DRC reforms;

And whereas, the Association should find it valuable to have a Policy further governing Executive conduct, job requirements, and setting requirements for Executive meetings, office hours, and meeting minute publication;

Be it resolved, that the draft *Executive Policy*, designated (G-02), as approved by the CPRC, be adopted; and

Be it further resolved, that the *Executive Accountability and Discipline Policy* (unnumbered) be repealed as it has been integrated completely into the *Executive Policy*;

Be it further resolved, that the old *Bylaw II - Executive* be declared inoperative per the February 2022 Interpretation Statement.

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

Councillors vote via a show of hands

Motion passes.

Motion to Adopt the *Judicial Policy* (C-24)

Whereas, the Constitution and Policy Review Committee agreed unanimously to recommend that Council adopt this Policy;

And whereas, revamping the old Bylaw concerning the Judicial Branch was one of the major priorities of the old CPRC in response to the DRC reforms;

Be it resolved, that the draft *Judicial Policy*, designated (G-02), as approved by the CPRC, be adopted; and

Be it further resolved, that the old *Bylaw III - Constitutional Board* be declared inoperative per the February 2022 Interpretation Statement.

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

Councillors vote via a show of hands

Motion passes.

Motion to Constitute an Electoral Reform Commission (C-25)

Whereas, the Constitution and Policy Review Committee agreed unanimously to recommend that Council adopt this Mandate Letter;

And whereas a strong democracy is essential to the proper functioning of this Association as a student union;

And whereas conduct on the part of candidates, officials, and third party actors in CUSA elections have been detrimental to public faith in democracy and the reputation of this Association;

And whereas the past two elections have seen noteworthy issues with mental health, undue interference, electoral violations, and general toxicity.

And whereas besides the change to the election of Vice Presidents, there has been little substantial change to how elections are conducted, and no amendments to the *Electoral Code* have been made in four years;

And whereas it is desirable for this Council to form a Commission for closer investigation and independent conclusions on facts and policy positioning.

Be it resolved that there shall be a Commission, according to ss. 33-43 of the *Committees Policy*, called the Election and Campaign Practices Reform Commission;

Be it further resolved that the nominating committee for Commissioners shall consist of the Vice President Internal, the Speaker of Council, two Councilors selected by sortition (lottery) and the Director of Student Development, nonvoting;

Be it further resolved that the nominating committee give its recommended nominees to Council at the July Council meeting, following a public job posting on all relevant Association social media sites;

Be it further resolved that [the attached](#) shall serve as the mandate letter for this Commission.

Moved: F. Lepore

Seconded: J. Vecchio

Motion to Amend the Motion to Constitute an Electoral Reform Commission (C-25) to include the text "*Be it further resolved that this Commission shall only*

be operative following the advice of the Association's general counsel; *Be it further resolved that this Commission shall only be operative on select provisions of its mandate as advised by the Association's general counsel; Be it further resolved that the composition of this Commission be reviewed by the Association's general counsel."*

Moved: F. Lepore

Seconded: J. Vecchio

Amendment carried.

The main motion is now:

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Moved: F. Lepore

Seconded: J. Vecchio

Councillors vote via a show of hands

Motion passes.

Motion to Amend the Council Rules of Order (Meeting Time) (C-26)

Whereas, it is desirable that Council meetings take place during a time that is both accessible to all Councillors, prioritizes the safety of all Councillors, and is as speedy as possible; therefore

Be it resolved, that s. 8 (b) of the *Council Rules of Order* be amended by striking out "6:00pm" and inserting "6:20pm;" and

Be it further resolved, that s. 8 (c) be amended by striking out "11:00pm" and inserting "9:30pm."

Moved: A. Stoikos-Lettieri

Seconded: R. Gill

Councillors vote via a show of hands

Motion passes.

Motion to Amend the *Speaker of Council Terms of Reference* (Moving Motions) (C-27)

Whereas, the Speaker is unable to move or second any motions, including simple procedural ones,

And whereas, it is important to balance the neutrality of the office with the expediency and proper functioning of Council meetings; therefore

Be it resolved, that s. 20 of the *Speaker of Council Terms of Reference* be amended by inserting after "where approved by Policy" the words ", namely for matters which are purely procedural and necessary for the parliamentary functioning of Council, including the approval of the agenda and minutes."

Moved: R. Gill

Seconded: S. Khan

Councillors vote via a show of hands

Motion passes.

[LATE ADDITION]

Motion to Establish CUSA as a Pro-Choice Organization (C-28)

Whereas the United States, as Canada's largest trading partner and closest political ally, holds considerable influence over policy issues, often resulting in mimicked decisions by Canadian domestic policymakers and judicial bodies;

And whereas the Supreme Court of the United States' decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* (2022) reverses the safeguards to reproductive healthcare and abortion services established in *Roe v. Wade* (1973) and reaffirmed in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (1992);

And whereas abortion, and some other reproductive health services, should be understood and embraced as a safe, simple, and potentially life-saving medical procedure for the pregnant person;

And whereas the Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA) has effectively maintained a "neutral" position since 12 December 2012 on reproductive justice and abortion services, essentially allowing anti-abortion clubs to apply for CUSA certification and funding; therefore

Be it resolved that the Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA) affirm its belief in human reproductive rights and access to abortion;

Be it further resolved that the Constitution and Policy Review Committee amend the Discrimination, Harassment and Violence Prevention Policy (E-01) to reflect the aforementioned position; and

Be it further resolved that CUSA staff interpret “Safe(r) Spaces” as prioritizing reproductive justice over anti-abortion ideologies.

Moved: R. Gill **Seconded:** A. Stoikos-Lettieri

Motion to refer the Motion to Establish CUSA as a Pro-Choice Organization (C-28) to the Student Issues Committee for their review and presentation to Council, including any amendments to the statement, for the July Council Meeting.

Moved: R. Miller **Seconded:** C. MacDonald

Motion passed.

11. Adjournment

a. Motion to Adjourn to a Specific Time (C-28)

Be it resolved, that Council adjourns until 6:20 pm on Monday, the 25th of July in Nicol Building **4050**, and that this shall constitute for the purposes of the *Act* and our *Bylaws*, prior notice.

Moved: R. Gill **Seconded:** A. Stoikos-Lettieri

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm EST.