



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

MINUTES OF THE JUNE SPECIAL CUSA COUNCIL MEETING

6 June 2022,
6:00 PM EST,
Online

Prepared by:

Davin Caratao, Vice President Internal

ATTENDANCE RECORD:

| Position | Councillor | Signature |
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| President | Anastasia Stoikos-Lettieri | Present |
| Vice President Finance | Gabe Paraskevopoulos | Present |
| Vice President Internal | Davin Caratao | Present |
| Vice President Student Issues | Mohamed Faris Riazudden | 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 proxy Gialina Jiang | Present |
| | Gauri Bhardwaj proxy raj gill | Present |
| | Liam Clarke | Present |
| | Raj Gill | Present |
| | Erin Okrainec | Present |
| | <i>Vacant</i> | |
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| FASS (7) | Katelyn Madigan | Present |
| | Tyson Scott | Present |
| | Melate Mulugeta | Present |
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| Business (3) | Diya Kulkarni | Present |
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| | <i>Vacant</i> | |
| Science (6) | Alexis St. Pierre | Present |
| | Raven Miller | Present |
| | Madena Sherzad | Present |
| | <i>Vacant</i> | |
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| Engineering and Design (8) | Saad Khan | Present |
| | Kassidy Hammond | Present |
| | Muhammad Maahir | Present |
| | Charlie MacDonald | Present |
| | Akeel Samji proxy: Charlie MacDonald | 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 | Present |

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| CASG | Dakota Livingston | Present |
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*Nonvoting members in *Italics*.

SHORT-FORM AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Election of a Temporary Clerk
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of Past Minutes
5. Announcements and Correspondence
 - a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
 - b. Items for Information
 - i. Committee Assignments (final)
6. Question Period
7. Regular Business
 - a. Unfinished Business
 - i. Motion to Ratify Actions at the May Council Meeting
 - ii. Motion to Reaffirm CUSA's Commitment to Implementing the Democratic Reform Recommendations
 - iii. Motion to Reaffirm CUSA's Commitment to Examining Executive Composition and General Compensation
 - b. New Business
8. Adjournment

MINUTES/LONG-FORM AGENDA:

Meeting commenced at 6:07 pm.

1. Call to Order

This meeting will begin with a land acknowledgement. I join this meeting today from the heartland of the Métis nation, territory taken from the Anishinaabe in Treaty One. CUSA is located 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 against colonialism and remember our responsibility to the land by affirming Indigenous peoples' call for the free and unencumbered return of 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 Temporary Clerk to Council (C-12)

Whereas, the Hiring Process for the Clerk to Council has not been initiated due to necessary time constraints; and

Whereas, Yumna Khan was appointed temporary Clerk for the last Council meeting; therefore

Be it resolved, that Yumna Khan, former Clerk, be again temporarily designated as Clerk to Council for this meeting; and

Be it further resolved, that Yumna Khan be remunerated at the rate typically paid to the Clerk, to wit, \$125.00 per meeting.

Moved: R. Gill

Seconded: A. Stoikos-Lettieri

Motion passed.

3. Approval of the Agenda (C-13)

Be it resolved, that the agenda as adopted by the Agenda and Operations Committee (AOC-03) be approved as presented to Council, notwithstanding s. 18 of the *Council Rules of Order*.

Moved: R. Gill

Seconded: A. Stoikos-Lettieri

Motion passed.

4. Approval of Past Minutes (C-14)

- a. 1st (May) Regular Council Meeting

Be it resolved, that the meeting minutes, as they have been presented to Councillors, be approved.

Moved: R. Gill

Seconded: A. Stoikos-Lettieri

Motion passed.

5. Announcements and Correspondence

- a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

None

- b. Items for Information

- i. Committee Assignments (final)

6. Question Period

None

7. Regular Business

a. Unfinished Business:

Motion to Ratify Actions at the May Council Meeting (C-15)

Whereas, at the First Regular Meeting of Council in May, quorum was lost definitively by declaration of the Chair, on or about 10:30 pm Eastern;

And whereas, quorum is necessary in Provincial Law, and this Association's *Bylaws* and Policies in order to properly conduct business;

And whereas, it is possible but not definitively discernable that quorum was lost before that time;

And whereas, after lengthy debate and unanimous resolution, Council carried four motions before quorum was deemed to be lost;

And whereas, this Association desires transparency and clarity in governance; therefore

Be it resolved, that motions C-07, C-08, C-09, and C-10, presented to Council on the 30th of May and approved under unclear circumstances, be definitively ratified.

Moved: R. Gill

Seconded: F. Lepore

Councillors vote via a show of hands

Motion passed.

Motion to Reaffirm CUSA's Commitment to Implementing the Democratic Reform Recommendations (C-16)

Whereas, the previous Council received extensive advice, legal and otherwise, through the Democratic Reform Committee reports and instituted a series of changes;

And whereas, major change is assessed by trends over a long period of time to ensure stability;

Be it resolved, that CUSA Council finish implementing the reforms as endorsed by the previous CUSA Council;

Be it further resolved, a regular strategic plan schedule be set by mutual agreement of the Board and Council to ensure regular evaluation of the implementation and execution of the Democratic Reform Committee's recommendations;

Be it further resolved, a review of the reforms partially introduced last year and continuing to be introduced this year receive full assessment and evaluation by the 2025/2026 CUSA Council and CUSA Board.

Moved: A. Stoikos-Lettieri

Seconded: J. Vecchio

Motion to amend the Motion to Reaffirm CUSA's Commitment to Implementing the Democratic Reform Recommendations (C-16) in the first resolution by inserting "analyze, and as they see fit" after the words "CUSA Council" and in the second resolution, inserting the words "merits" after the words "evaluation of the".

Moved: Katelyn Madigan

Seconded: Saad Khan

Councillors votes on the amendment via a show of hands

Amendment fails

Councillors vote on main motion via a show of hands

Motion passed.

Motion to Reaffirm CUSA's Commitment to Examining Executive Composition and General Compensation (C-17)

Whereas, the previous Council received extensive advice, legal and otherwise, through the Democratic Reform Committee reports regarding the structure of CUSA's governing bodies;

And whereas, CUSA has witnessed a series of changes to the duties and time requirements of both its legislative and executive branches;

And whereas, compensation should reflect the general expectations, responsibilities, and workload of one's respective roles;

Be it resolved, that CUSA Council affirm its commitment to Recommendation 5 of The Democratic Reform Committee's Executive Summary such that "the Constitution and Policy Review Standing Committee consider the composition and job descriptions of the Executive positions in a holistic and dedicated fashion;"

Be it further resolved, that CUSA Council affirm its commitment to Recommendation 6 of The Democratic Reform Committee's Executive Summary such that, "the Council Compensation Review Committee [work with the Human Resources and Finance & Governance Subcommittees of the CUSA Board to] consider and/or draft policies that reflect modifications to Executive responsibilities and general level of commitment to the students' union. This includes, but is not limited to, changes relating to the



establishment of a full-time President and any differences in compensation that may present."

Be it further resolved, that CUSA Council affirm its commitment to the spirit of Recommendation 7 of The Democratic Reform Committee's Executive Summary by referring to the Council Composition Commission the matter of "both the representative nature of, and structures on, CUSA Council's current iteration in a holistic and dedicated manner."

Be it further resolved, that the Council Composition Commission draft a procedure or routine to establish a review schedule and process for executive composition and job descriptions in perpetuity.

Moved: A. Stoikos-Lettieri

Seconded: J. Vecchio

Motion to amend the motion to Reaffirm CUSA's Commitment to Examining Executive Composition and General Compensation (C-17) by striking out "Council Composition Commission" and inserting the words "the Constitution and Policy Review Committee" in the last resolution.

Moved: R. Gill

Seconded: None

Amendment fails due to lack of seconder

Council votes on the main motion via a show of hands

Motion passes

b. New Business:

8. Adjournment

a. Motion to Adjourn to a Specific Time (C-18)

Whereas, at the Annual General Meeting, Council did not set a time for a monthly meeting in June; therefore

Be it resolved, that Council adjourns until 6:10 pm Eastern on Monday, the 27th of June in Nicol Building 4040, and that this shall constitute for the purposes of the *Act* and our *Bylaws*, prior notice.

Moved: S. Khan

Seconded: A. Stoikos-Lettieri

Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:17pm.