



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**

26 June 2023, 6:06 PM EST, ONLINE

Prepared by:

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ATTENDANCE RECORD:

Position	Councillor	Signature
President	Mohamed Faris	Present
<i>Vice President Finance</i>	<i>Sean Joe-Ezigbo</i>	Present
<i>Vice President Internal</i>	<i>Logan Breen</i>	Present
<i>Vice President Student Issues</i>	<i>Emilia De Jesus Peixoto</i>	Present
<i>Vice President Community Engagement</i>	<i>Patrick Ene</i>	Present
<i>Vice President Student Life</i>	<i>Eman Elnaidnay</i>	Absent
Speaker	<i>Nkosi Mhlanga</i>	Present
Deputy Speaker	<i>Jayln D'Jan</i>	Present
Public Affairs (7)	Rachel Awad	Absent
	Nabiha Bilgrami	Present
	Clara Borba	Present
	Keana Solimar Caverro	Present
	Michael Huynh	Present
	Aiden Rohacek	Present
	Aya Abu Sheikh	Absent
FASS (8)	Tima Sakka Amini	Absent
	Moobinah Faisal	Present
	Nicky Laborde	Present
	Nkosi Mhlanga	Present
	Grace Murray	Absent
	Eddy Udo	Present
	<i>Vacant</i>	

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Business (3)	Youssef El Nil	Present
	Diya Kulkarni	Present
	Zeba Munira	Present
Science (6)	Jayln D'Jan	Present
	Edi Ekeng	Present
	Parihan Parihan	Present
	Kaniz Fathma Sinethyah	Absent
	Maheeshan Sivanesan	Proxy
	<i>Vacant</i>	
Engineering and Design (8)	Addy Bakshi	Absent
	Marc Anthony El Khoury	Present
	Soroush Siddiq	Proxy
	Puru Parth Verma	Present
	<i>Vacant</i>	
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Special Student (1)	<i>Vacant</i>	
BOG	<i>Mira Gillis</i>	Absent
	<i>Jonathan Ojangole</i>	Absent
GSA	<i>Elie Abou Zeid</i>	Absent
RRRA	Kamran Azizli	Present
CASG	Francesca Lepore	Present

*Nonvoting members in *Italics*.

Meeting commenced at 6:02 pm. Quorum was established.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Election of the Deputy Speaker
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of Past Minutes
5. Presentations/Delegations
6. Executive Reports
7. External Reports
8. Council Reports
9. Announcements and Correspondence
 - a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
 - b. Items for Information
 - i. Creation of Instagram pages for Council faculty representatives
 - c. Notice of Motion
10. Question Period
11. Regular Business
 - a. Unfinished Business
 - b. New Business
 - i. Motion to Amend the Board Nominations Committee Mandate Letter
 - ii. Motion to Amend the *Committees Policy* and the Agenda and Council Operations Committee Mandate Letter
 - iii. Motion to Fill Council Standing Committees
 - iv. Motion to Fill the Board Nominations Committee
 - v. Motion to Approve the *Council Compensation Policy*
 - vi. Motion to Amend the *Accountability and Discipline Policy*
12. Adjournment

Speaker Nkosi Mhlanga presides over the meeting.

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-13)

Whereas, Councillor Aiden Rohacek resigned as Deputy Speaker effective this June meeting of Council; therefore

Be it resolved that, that Council elect Jayln D'Jan as Deputy Speaker.

Moved: A. Rohacek

Seconded: M. Huynh

Councillors vote by secret ballot.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Approval of the Agenda (C-14)

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

Moved: K. Cavero

Seconded: P. Parihan

Council votes by show of hands.

MOTION CARRIED: 13 YAYS, 0 NAYS

4. Approval of Past Minutes (C-15)

Be it resolved, that the [minutes](#) from the May Regular Meeting of Council on 29 May be approved.

Moved: K. Azizli

Seconded: N. Bilgrami

Council votes by show of hands.

MOTION CARRIED: 11 YAYS, 0 NAYS

5. Executive Reports

President (M. Faris)

Past Month:

- Completed all interviews for Associate Vice Presidents (AVPs.) All 9 AVPs started onboarding from June 19th, 2023.
- Completed first round of interviews for Charitable Initiatives Manager.
- Second Round of Board Training.
- Attended the Student Life Summit by COCA. Presented a session on "Putting EDI in events." Participated in sessions on sponsorship, boundaries in the workplace, data management and managing success.
- Working on the Strategic Roadmap for CUSA.
- Confirmation of CUSA's Observership in CASA for two years.
- Mental Health Program for students.

Ongoing and Future Projects:

- Starting the Long Term Strategic Plan
- Working on reopening The Wing
- Onboarding and Transition for AVPs
- Finalisation of the Budget
- CUSA Information Guide

Vice President Internal (L. Breen)

Past month:

- Attended the Student Life Summit hosted by COCA. Participated in numerous education sessions and roundtable discussions on the subjects of policy, governance, data management, and club policy.
- Councillor placements on committees.
- Planning for Council training.
- AVP interviews and selection.

Month ahead:

- Regular meetings with CUSA's Student Groups Administrator to determine how we can apply insights on clubs policy and practice gained at the COCA conference.
- Facilitating the first meetings of each standing committee.
- Constituting the Student Initiative Fund subcommittee under the Fees, Finance, and Funds committee to review summer applications.
- Reforming the policy format of CUSA's advocacy stances.
- Onboarding and project planning with the new AVP Student Groups.

Vice President Finance (S. Joe-Ezigbo)

Past month:

- Attended COCA student life conference, engaging in several educational sessions, roundtable discussions as well as showcases regarding EDI, club policies, governance and student leadership.
- Set deadlines and key dates for budget updates and final board approval.
- Conducted and completed the AVP hiring process for Student Funds and Student Groups.
- Conducted interviews for both Accounts Receivable as well as the Finance Clerk.

Month ahead:

- AVP Student Funds training and onboarding.
- Budget completion to be submitted for approval by July 17th.

Vice President Community Engagement (P. Ene)

Past month:

- Completed onboarding and training with campus partners (SEO, ISSO and Risk Management Office).
- Attended the Student Life Summit hosted by COCA. Participated in education sessions on the subjects of sponsorships, student engagement and volunteer management while making connections for potential collaborations.
- Completed the AVP interview and selection process.
- Began regular check-ins for service centre coordinators.

Month ahead:

- AVP External Affairs onboarding and planning for the year.
- Strategic planning for the embassy outreach initiative.
- Service centre planning for the year.
- Collating sponsorship & grant documents and supporting creation of a new sponsorship proposal.

Vice President Student Life (E. Elnaidany)

Past month:

- Attended COCA conference, Student Life Summit where we made connections with artists, vendors, and other student leaders that will hopefully support our year programming.
- Finalized the event plans for our Fall Orientation events and finished the ideation phase for all Fall O events, and are now starting to work on the implementation phase.
- Met with GSRC, Rise, Women's Centre, and Mawandoeseg to finalize service centres' involvement on one of the Fall O events.
- Finalized the new street team structure and will be starting recruiting for volunteers.
- Attended the Fall Advisory meeting to present CUSA's plans for Fall Orientation 2023.

Month ahead:

- Ideating for CUSA Fall O promotional order for Central Frosh and Eng Frosh.
- Meeting with all relevant stakeholders (CUSA Businesses and Staff) for Fall O.
- Onboarding and working with AVP Student Experience on Street Team and programming for the year.
- Meeting with Ollies, Roosters, and Haven to ideate programming for the year.

Vice President Student Issues (E. De Jesus Peixoto)

Past month:

- Attended COCA: making connections with other leaders and student unions.
- Working with Tailwind (a mental health organization which helps students transition to post-secondary) regarding a plan to combat poor student engagement, a lack of data, relationship tensions between CUSA, the

university, and outside organizations, and a lack of awareness in various services included in tuition fees.

- Planning a mock mental health group session with councillors to experience how a session works and to receive feedback surrounding their experience.

Month ahead:

- Finalizing Capital Pride with GSRC. Confirmed participation with the following faculties: Sprott, Public Affairs... waiting on other faculties for confirmation.
- RISE planning fall orientation. RISE AND THRIVE FAIR for students to be welcomed in a communal sense.
- Meeting with AVPs about current and future projects.
- Reaching out to CASG about a meeting regarding a syllabus update.

6. External Reports

- a. Rideau River Residence Association (President K. Azizli)
 - Communicating with campus safety services and FMP regarding the Bike Sharing Program (looking at possible locations and repairs).
 - Creating a student position to help with maintenance and repairs related to the Bike Sharing Program.
 - In talks with the university regarding the proposed convenience store delivery program.
 - Receiving new equipment for the Prescott residence gym.
 - Final preparations for residence formal.
- b. Carleton Academic Student Government (President F. Lepore)
 - Hired FPA and FASS coordinators.
 - Creating a student satisfaction survey regarding course registration and modes of delivery for courses.
 - Ongoing hiring of student positions (Council Chair, Graphic Designer, Equity officers, and Council clerk).
- c. Graduate Students' Association



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None.

d. Senate

None.

e. Board of Governors

None.

7. Council Reports

a. Constituency Reports

i. FPA

ii. FASS

iii. Business

iv. Science

v. FED

None.

b. Committee Reports

None.

8. Announcements and Correspondence

a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

None.

b. Items for Information

i. Creation of Instagram pages for Council faculty representatives

c. Notice of Motion

None.

9. Question Period

10. Regular Business

a. Unfinished Business:

None.

b. New Business:

Motion to amend the Board Nominations Committee Mandate Letter (C-16).

Whereas, the Board made amendments to the Board Nominations Committee Mandate Letter (G-04-VI) during the June Board Meeting.

And Whereas, the Board has requested Council's approval of the proposed amendments.

Be it resolved, that Council approves of the [proposed amendments](#) of the Board to the Board Nominations Committee Mandate Letter.

Moved: M. Huynh

Seconded: E. Udo

Council votes by show of hands.

MOTION CARRIED: 6 YAYS, 0 NAYS

Motion to Amend the *Committees Policy* and the Agenda and Council Operations Committee Mandate Letter (C-17)

Whereas, Council passed a new committee policy in the May meeting.

And Whereas, the Vice President Internal and councillors have noticed a gap in the policy in relation to policy reviews and governance.

Be it resolved, that Council amends the Agenda and Council Operations Mandate Letter to include more governance responsibilities and to increase the number of councillors on the committee.

Be it further resolved, that Council amends to the *Committees Policy* to reflect a change in the name of the Agenda and Council Operations Committee.

[See here.](#)

Moved: A. Rohacek

Seconded: M. Faris

Council votes by show of hands.

MOTION CARRIED: 12 YAYS, 0 NAYS

Motion to Fill Council Standing Committees (C-18)

Whereas, the Agenda and Council Operations Committee has filled the standing committees of Council pursuant to s. 7 of the *CUSA Council Committees Policy*.

Be it resolved, that Council makes the following appointments to committees.

[See here.](#)

Moved: P. Parihan

Seconded: N. Bilgrami

Council votes by show of hands.

MOTION CARRIED: 11 YAYS, 1 NAY

Motion to Fill the Board Nominations Committee (C-19)

Whereas, a Director of the Board recently resigned, the Board Nominations Committee must convene to select a new Director.

And Whereas, two councillors, preferably those who do not intend on seeking re-election, sit on the committee.

Be it resolved, that Council appoints two councillors to the Board Nominations Committee.

Moved: M. Faisal

Seconded: K. Cavero

Nominations: Keana Cavero and Moobinah Faisal

Council votes by show of hands.

MOTION CARRIED: 14 YAYS, 1 NAY

Motion to Approve the *Council Compensation Policy (C-20)*

Whereas, councillors dedicate valuable time and effort to attend Council meetings.

And Whereas, on occasion Council meetings adjourn after 10pm.

And Whereas, CUSA is committed to ensuring that councillors return home safely.

Be it resolved, that Council approves the *Council Compensation Policy*.

[See here.](#)

Moved: J. D'Jan

Seconded: P. Parihan

Council votes by show of hands.

MOTION CARRIED: 13 YAYS, 1 NAY

Motion to Amend the *Councillor Accountability and Discipline Policy (C-21)*

Whereas, in the past councillor attendance has been poor.

And Whereas, if a councillor is not fulfilling their required duties, the councillor can be removed and their seat filled in a by-election.

Be it resolved, that Council amends the *Councillor Accountability and Discipline Policy* to decrease the required threshold for discipline due to poor attendance.

[See here.](#)

Moved: E. Udo

Seconded: Z. Munira



Council votes by show of hands.

MOTION CARRIED: 11 YAYS, 0 NAYS

11. Adjournment

- a. Motion to Adjourn to a Specific Time (C-22)

Be it resolved, that Council adjourns until 6pm the 25th of September, and that this shall constitute for the purposes of the *Act* and our *Bylaws*, prior notice.

Moved: M. Faris

Seconded: P. Parihan

Council votes by show of hands

MOTION CARRIED: 13 YAYS, 0 NAYS

Meeting adjourns at 7:35 pm.