



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

**MINUTES OF THE
1st REGULAR (MAY)
CUSA COUNCIL MEETING**

29 May 2023, 6:16 PM EST, CB 3101

Prepared by:

Logan Breen, Vice President Internal
McKenna Bellemare, Clerk to Council

ATTENDANCE RECORD:

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

	<i>Vacant</i>	
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Business (3)	Youssef El Nil	Absent
	Diya Kulkarni	Present
	Zeba Munira	Present
Science (6)	Jayln D'Jan	Present
	Edi Ekeng	Present
	Sameer Khan	Absent
	Parihan Parihan	Present
	Kaniz Fathma Sinethyah	Absent
	Maheeshan Sivanesan	Absent
Engineering and Design (8)	Addy Bakshi	Absent
	Marc Anthony El Khoury	Present
	Soroush Siddiq	Absent
	Puru Parth Verma	Present
	<i>Vacant</i>	
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	<i>Vacant</i>	
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	Absent

*Nonvoting members in *Italics*.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Election of the Speaker
3. Election of the Deputy Speaker
4. Election of a Clerk to Council
5. Approval of the Agenda
6. Approval of Past Minutes
7. Presentations/Delegations
 - a. Wasiimah Joomun, Member Relations Officer at the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)
8. Executive Reports
9. External Reports
10. Council Reports
11. Announcements and Correspondence
 - a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
 - b. Items for Information
 - i. Council training 2023/2024
 - ii. Nomination and appointment to the Clubs Oversight Commission
 - c. Notice of Motion
 - i. Notice for a Motion to adopt the *Judicial Policy* (G-03)
12. Question Period
13. Regular Business
 - a. Unfinished Business
 - b. New Business
 - i. Motion to join the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA)
 - ii. Motion to Repeal and Replace the *Committees Policy*
 - iii. Motion to constitute an ad hoc Executive Composition Committee
14. Adjournment

Meeting commenced at 6:16 pm. Quorum was established.

VPI Breen presides over the meeting.

1. Call to Order

The Vice President Internal will chair this portion of the meeting as per s. 6 of the *Speaker of Council Terms of Reference*.

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 Speaker (C-01)

- a. Recommendation of the Speaker Hiring Committee

Be it resolved, that Nkosi Mhlanga be elected as Speaker of Council.

Moved: L. Breen

Seconded: M. Faris

Councillors vote by secret ballot.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Election of the Deputy Speaker (C-02)

- a. Recommendation of the Speaker Hiring Committee

Be it resolved, that Aiden Rohacek be elected as Deputy Speaker of Council.

Moved: L. Breen

Seconded: M. Faris

Councillors vote by secret ballot.

MOTION CARRIED

Nkosi Mhlanga, Speaker, takes over the meeting.

4. Election of a Clerk to Council (C-03)

- a. Recommendation of the Speaker Hiring Committee

Be it resolved, that McKenna Bellemare be elected as Clerk to Council.

Moved: L. Breen

Seconded: M. Faris

Councillors vote by show of hands.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Approval of the Agenda (C-04)

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

Moved: M. Faris

Seconded: A. Rohacek

Councillors vote by show of hands.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Approval of Past Minutes (C-05)

- a. AGM, Parts One, Two, and Three (6 March, 12 March, 13 April)

Be it resolved, that the minutes of AGM parts [one](#), [two](#), and [three](#) of Council be approved.

Moved: M. Faris

Seconded: A. Rohacek

Councillors vote by show of hands.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Presentations/Delegations

- a. Wasiimah Joomun, Member Relations Officer at the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA). [See presentation here.](#)

Recess beginning at 7:36pm until 7:46pm.

8. Executive Reports

President (M. Faris)

Month in Review

- Onboarding and training: first time onboarding with the HR Manager.
- Strategic Roadmap: part of being more transparent and accountable to the student body.
- Created 9 AVP Positions:
 1. AVP Executive Relations
 2. AVP University & Academic Affairs
 3. AVP Government Affairs
 4. AVP Student Funds
 5. AVP Student Groups
 6. AVP Campaigns
 7. AVP Research & Advocacy
 8. AVP Student Experience
 9. AVP External Affairs
- The executive team participated in the Spring Open House.
- Prepared the Waaseya Report: new in-house mental health counseling services for students.
- Federal Advocacy: met with the Director of CASA for CUSA's observer membership for two years.

- Provincial Advocacy: Met with Ottawa Centre MPP Joel Harden for a first initial meeting. Discussed Mental Health, Tuition Guarantee and support for International Students through Tuition fees regulation and transition to Canada.
- University Advocacy: Rainbow Crosswalk, Nideyinan Murals.
 - Planned crosswalk repainting - June 2023.
- Working with the VP Student Life to revamp the Street Team.
- Menstrual Products across campus with the SEO and Student Board of Governors.

Ongoing and Future Projects

- COCA conference from 13-18th of June
- Hiring and Onboarding for AVPs
- Reopening the Wing
- Athletics Partnership
- Strategic Planning for Transparency and Accountability

Vice President Internal (L. Breen)

Month in Review

- Onboarding and training: met with outgoing VPI and participated in executive training.
- Helped in the creation of a strategic executive roadmap for the year.
- Met with the Student Groups Administrator to identify areas of improvement in Clubs Oversight Procedure.
 - Ensuring recertification and funding.
- First Clubs Oversight Commission meeting.
- Attended a meeting with the Executive Director of CASA about the possibility of CUSA joining the alliance as an observer.
- Participated in a meeting with MPP Joel Harden.

- Conducted a review of the Council Committee Policy and wrote a new Council Committee Policy.

Ongoing and Future Projects

- Preparation for council training on June 24/25.
- Attending COCA.
- Review of six expiring organisational policies that must be passed in June Board and Council meetings.
- Committee placements for councillors.
- Improved record keeping for Board and Council policies and minutes.

Vice President Student Issues (E. De Jesus Pexioto)

Month in Review

- Onboarding and training: met with former VPSI and all of the CUSA staff.
- Drafted the Executive Roadmap for the year during the executive retreat.
- Attended Board meeting.
- Attended a meeting with the Executive Director of CASA to discuss the steps and impacts of CUSA joining the alliance as an observer.
- Capital Pride (Aug 27) planning and registration with GSRC.
- Meeting with Service Centres for Campaign planning (RISE, Mawandoseg).

Ongoing and Future Projects

- Attending COCA
- Fall Orientation planning with ISSO
- Review CUSA Awards
- Strategic planning + ideation of MUSE
 - MUSE: new service centre; a space for students and the community to work on their craft, small business, etc.
- Meet with CASG, Faculty Deans and Senate to discuss syllabus update and Instructor Accountability Form
 - Focus on first year syllabus

Vice President Finance (S. Joe-Ezigbo)

Month in Review

- Completed executive training and onboarding.
- Prepared Executive roadmap for the year ahead.
- Began budget preparation for the coming fiscal year.
- Met with the PM of the SSIF to work through a proposed partnership agreement regarding investment portfolio.
 - Plan to diversify CUSA's investment portfolio.
- Attended first board meeting and got accustomed to standard board practices.

Ongoing and Future Projects

- Working to finish the 23/24 budget for presentation to the board
- Planning and discussions regarding SSIF partnership
- COCA conference

Vice President Student Life (E. Elnaidany)

Month in Review

- Onboarding and Training:
 - Meetings with former VPSL Anshika Srivastava were held, participated in executive training.
 - Created the VPSL executive roadmap for 2023-2024.
 - Training and Onboarding meetings with senior management staff and university partners were held.
- Fall Orientation:
 - Met with the Events & Programming Coordinator to identify areas of improvement for Fall Orientation week.
 - Fall Orientation week is from September 4th to September 8th, 2023. We have started preparations and planning for our events. CUSA has 4 possible allocated slots.

- BoD approval for EngFrosh Sponsorship.
- Finalised the new street team structure and timeline.

Ongoing and Future Projects

- External and Internal Partnerships
 - Introductory meetings to be held with two sport teams to discuss partnership with CUSA: OSEG and Sen's Army.
 - Ensuring a mutually beneficial partnership with the Student Experience Office and Athletics team on campus. Introductory meetings to be held.
- Branding and Recruiting for Street Team.
- Attending Canadian Organization of Campus Activities (COCA Conference)
- Reviewing CUSA Businesses' operations & outreach.
- Meeting with Service Centers coordinators for possible collaboration for Fall Orientation.
- Meeting with ISSO and Umoja with VPCE and VPSI for possible collaboration.

Vice President Community Engagement (P. Ene)

Month in Review

- Completed onboarding and training with executives and staff members.
- Completed the first segment of PR training with Quarry Consulting.
- Created an executive roadmap with initiatives for the year.
- Finalised CDAC hiring process.
- Participated in Carleton's summer students fair to inform incoming students and parents about CUSA.
- First meeting of the CSS Community Engagement Table.

Ongoing and Future Projects

- Reaching out to housing organisations such as Revalie, Envie etc for more affordable student housing.

- Reaching out to various embassies to create more development and job opportunities for international students.
- Creating relationships with companies that can bring value to FROSH
- Creating a centralised database of CUSA volunteers
- Partnerships between CUSA and OSEG
- Ideation stage for collaboration with Umoja
- Attending the COCA conference
- ASIST Training

9. External Reports

- a. Rideau River Residence Association (K. Azizli)

Team Intro – Keana Cavero (VPP), Muhammad Maahir (VPA), Kamran Azizli (President)

Goals:

- Transparency for the organization, facilitation of Res Formal after few years of break
- Abstentions delivery program and Bikesharing program for Residence.
- Abstentions opening on June 1 st - we will be working on hiring process for a little while.
- Working with campus stakeholders for orientation advisory board.
- Final preparations for Residence Formal to be held most likely in January.

- b. Carleton Academic Student Government
None.

- c. Graduate Students' Association
None.

- d. Senate
None.

- e. Board of Governors

None.

10. Council Reports

a. Constituency Reports

- i. FPA
- ii. FASS
- iii. Business
- iv. Science
- v. FED

None.

b. Committee Reports

None.

11. Announcements and Correspondence

a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

None.

b. Items for Information

- i. Motion to Approve the [CUSA Council Training Plan 2023/2024](#) (C-06)

Be it resolved, that the Council approves the 2023/2024 training plan.

Moved: M. Huynh

Seconded: K. Azizli

Councillors vote by show of hands.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- ii. Motion to Cancel the Regularly Scheduled July and August Council Meetings (C-07)

Be it resolved, to cancel the regularly scheduled July and August council meetings.

Moved: M. El Khoury

Seconded: E. Udo

Councillors vote by show of hands.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- iii. Motion to Appoint a Councillor to the Clubs Oversight Commission (C-08)

Be it resolved, that Council appoints Aiden Rohacek to the Clubs Oversight Commission.

Moved: M. Huynh

Seconded: Z. Munira

Councillors vote by show of hands.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- c. Notice of Motion
None.

12. Question Period

13. Regular Business

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

Motion to join the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) (C-09)

Whereas, advocacy is a core component of CUSA's mandate.

And whereas, the executive wishes to increase its advocacy efforts to all levels of government.

And whereas, CASA offers a two-year observer period at no cost to student unions wishing to consider formal membership in CASA.

And whereas, the executive council approved sending a letter of intent to CASA indicating CUSA's desire to participate in their offering of a two-year observer period.

Be it resolved, that CUSA send a letter of intent to CASA indicating CUSA's desire to participate in their offering of a two-year observer period.

Be it further resolved, that Council appoints the President and the Vice President Student Issues to serve as CUSA's primary representatives to CASA pursuant to section 10 of the External Relations Policy (G-11).

Moved: M. Faris

Seconded: C. Borba

Councillors vote by show of hands.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to Repeal and Replace the *Committees Policy* (C-10)

Whereas, committees in the previous Council session met infrequently and participated little in the policy process.

And whereas, committees lacked in membership both from councillors and students-at-large.

Be it resolved, that the current *Committee Policy* be repealed and replaced with a new *Committees Policy* which does the following:

- Remove standing subcommittees and leave constituting subcommittees to the discretion of the relevant standing committee;
- Reform certain standing committees and make associated edits to their mandate letters;
- Create a more detailed and fair committee placement process;
- Require that each councillor must be a member of at least one standing committee; and
- Remove the requirement for students-at-large who are voting members.
- [See text here.](#)

Moved: M. Faris

Seconded: K. Cavero

Councillors vote by show of hands.

MOTION CARRIED: 8 YAYS, 1 NAY

Motion to constitute an *ad hoc* Executive Composition Committee (C-11)

Whereas, an *ad hoc* Executive Composition Committee was constituted during the last session of Council with the mandate of reviewing and making a recommendation for CUSA's executive composition.

And whereas, the *ad hoc* committee did not complete its review during the last session of Council.

Be it resolved, Council constitutes an *ad hoc* Executive Composition Committee.

Be it further resolved, that Council approves the following [mandate letter](#) for the *ad hoc* committee.

Moved: M. Faris

Seconded: C. Borba

Nominations: K. Cavero, A. Rohacek, N. Mhlanga

Councillors vote by show of hands.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. Adjournment

- a. Motion to Adjourn to a Specific Time (C-12)



Be it resolved, that Council adjourns until 10:30am the 25th of June, and that this shall constitute for the purposes of the *Act* and our *Bylaws*, prior notice.

Moved: K. Azizli

Seconded: E. Udo

Councillors vote by show of hands.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting adjourns at 8:58 pm.