



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

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL (DECEMBER)
CUSA COUNCIL MEETING [PUBLIC]**

4 December 2023, 6:00 PM EST, 608 Pigiardvik

Prepared by:

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ATTENDANCE RECORD:

Position	Councillor	Signature
President	Mohamed Faris Riazudden	Present
<i>Vice President Finance</i>	<i>Sean Joe-Ezigbo</i>	Absent
<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	Proxy
	Clara Borba	Present
	Keana Solimar Cavero	Proxy
	Michael Huynh	Present
	Aiden Rohacek	Present
	Aya Abu Sheikh	Absent
FASS (8)	Tima Sakka Amini	Proxy
	Moobinah Faisal	Proxy
	Nicky Laborde	Absent
	Nkosi Mhlanga	Present
	Eddy Udo	Present
	Nissi Alanshitu	Absent

	Piper Jeffrey	Present
	Alison Kocsis	Present
Business (3)	Youssef El Nil	Absent
	Diya Kulkarni	Absent
	Zeba Munira	Present
Science (6)	Jayln D'Jan	Present
	Edi Ekeng	Present
	Maheeshan Sivanesan	Present
	Parihan Parihan	Present
	Kaniz Fathma Sinethyah	Absent
	Dilkusha Sakiba	Present
Engineering and Design (8)	Marc Anthony El Khoury	Absent
	Marc Denault	Present
	Jaden Desveaux	Present
	Xavier Haziza	Present
	Faye Nitta Mackay	Proxy
	Clovis Nsengiyumva	Present
	Dana Sayed Ahmed	Proxy
	Puru Parth Verma	Present
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	Absent
CASG	Francesca Lepore	Absent

*Nonvoting members in *Italics*.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of Past Minutes
4. Presentations/Delegations
5. Executive Reports
6. External Reports
7. Council Reports
8. Announcements and Correspondence
 - a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
 - b. Items for Information
 - c. Notice of Motion
9. Question Period
10. Regular Business
 - a. Unfinished Business
 - b. New Business
 - i. Proclamation of a Referendum on Millennium Promise
 - ii. Proclamation of a Referendum on the World Food Programme
 - iii. Proclamation of a Referendum on the Clubs and Societies Levy
 - iv. Proclamation of a Referendum on the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Levy
 - v. Proclamation of a Referendum on the First-Year Transition Levy
11. Adjournment

*Meeting commenced at 6:11 p.m. Quorum was established.
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. Approval of the Agenda (C-54)

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

Moved: M. Huynh **Seconded:** J. Desveaux

Councillors vote by show of hands.

13 yays, 0 nays.

Motion Passed.

3. Approval of Past Minutes (C-55)

Be it resolved, that the minutes of the [27 November 2023](#) meeting of Council be approved.

Moved: M. Denault

Seconded: E. Ekeng

Councillors vote by show of hands.

13 yays, 0 nays.

Motion Passed.

4. Presentations/Delegations

5. Executive Reports

6. External Reports

- a. Rideau River Residence Association
- b. Carleton Academic Student Government
- c. Graduate Students' Association
- d. Senate
- e. Board of Governors
- f. Board of Directors

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

9. Question Period

10. Regular Business

- a. Unfinished Business:
- b. New Business:

Proclamation of a Referendum on Millennium Promise (C-56)

Whereas, Carleton students in 2010 approved a levy fee to send funds to a charitable organization then called the Millennium Village Foundation;

And Whereas, a full-time Carleton student currently pays \$3.00 per semester to Millennium Village, later Millennium Promise;

And Whereas, Carleton students voted 78% in favour of removing the Millennium Promise ancillary fee levy in the 2023 CUSA General Election, however, voter turnout quorum was not hit;

And Whereas, the Finance, Fees, and Funds Committee voted unanimously in recommending that Council proclaim this referendum;

Be it resolved, that Council proclaims a referendum on the Millennium Promise levy fee during the 2024 CUSA General Election with the following question:

“Millennium Promise currently collects \$3.00 from every Carleton student per semester as an external ancillary fee group. Should this fee be removed or kept as part of the ancillary fees paid by Carleton students?”

And the options being:

- REMOVE the Millennium Promise fee.

- KEEP the Millennium Promise fee.

Moved: J. Desveaux

Seconded: M. Huynh

Motion to Amend

“Millennium Promise currently collects \$3.00 from every Carleton student per semester as an external ancillary fee group. **Do you support the removal of this ancillary fee paid by Carleton students?** ~~Should this fee be removed or kept as part of the ancillary fees paid by Carleton students?”~~

- **Yes, I support the removal of** ~~REMOVE~~ the Millennium Promise fee.
- **No, I do not support the removal of** ~~KEEP~~ the Millennium Promise fee.

Moved: F. Riazudden

Seconded: M. Denault

Councillors vote on amendment motion by show of hands.

15 yays, 0 nays.

Motion Passed.

Councillors vote on main motion by show of hands

17 yays, 0 nays.

Motion Passed As Amended.

Proclamation of a Referendum on the World Food Programme (C-57)

Whereas, Carleton students in 2012 approved a levy fee to send funds to the World Food Programme;

And Whereas, a full-time Carleton student currently pays \$1.29 per semester to the World Food Programme;

And Whereas, in the 2023 CUSA By-Election, students voted to implement a \$2.98 levy for the USC's Emergency Essentials Assistance Program to provide increased food assistance for Carleton undergraduate students;

And Whereas, the Finance, Fees, and Funds Committee voted unanimously in recommending that Council proclaim this referendum;

Be it resolved, that Council proclaims a referendum on the World Food Programme levy fee during the 2024 CUSA General Election with the following question:

"The World Food Programme currently collects \$1.29 from every Carleton student per semester as an external ancillary fee group. Should this fee be removed or kept as part of the ancillary fees paid by Carleton students?"

And the options being:

- REMOVE the World Food Programme fee.
- KEEP the World Food Programme fee.

Moved: J. Desveaux

Seconded: M. Huynh

Motion to Amend

"The World Food Programme currently collects \$1.29 from every Carleton student per semester as an external ancillary fee group. Do you support the removal of this ancillary fee paid by Carleton students? ~~Should this fee be removed or kept as part of the ancillary fees paid by Carleton students?"~~

- Yes, I support the removal of ~~REMOVE~~ the World Food Programme fee.
- No, I do not support the removal of ~~KEEP~~ the World Food Programme fee.

Moved: F. Riazudden

Seconded: J. D'Jan

Councillors vote on amendment motion by show of hands.

17 yays, 0 nays.

Motion Passed.

Councillors vote on main motion by show of hands.

13 yays, 1 nay.

Motion Passed as Amended.

Proclamation of a Referendum on the Clubs and Societies Levy (C-58)

Whereas, a full-time Carleton student currently pays \$4.21 per semester to the Clubs and Societies Levy;

And Whereas, the entirety of the Clubs and Societies levy is spent on direct grants to CUSA Clubs and the administration of such funds;

And Whereas, numerous Clubs, during the funding process, have noted that the current funding limit of \$2700 per academic year, limited by the current levy amount, is insufficient to fund their events and initiatives;

And Whereas, the number of certified CUSA clubs is increasing, with over 170 certified clubs as of December 2023;

And Whereas, in the fiscal year 2022/2023, there was a shortfall of \$29,293.72 in the club funding budget, and is projected to remain in a deficit

this fiscal year, thereby potentially necessitating a reduction in clubs funding next year;

And Whereas, an increase to the Clubs and Societies fund would allow for administrative improvements for clubs in banking, storage, response time and problem resolution, and would allow for an increase in the amount of funding clubs receive;

And Whereas, the Finance, Fees, and Funds Committee voted unanimously in recommending that Council proclaim this referendum;

Be it resolved, that Council proclaims a referendum on the Clubs and Societies levy fee during 2024 CUSA General Election with the following question:

“Carleton students currently pay \$4.21 per semester, indexed for inflation, in a Clubs and Societies levy which funds over 170 certified clubs on campus. Are you in favour of an increase of this fee by \$1.50?”

And the options being:

- YES, I support increasing the Clubs and Societies levy.
- NO, I do not support increasing the Clubs and Societies levy.

Moved: J. J'Dan

Seconded: A. Kocsis

Councillors vote by show of hands.

16 yays, 0 nays.

Motion Passed.

Proclamation of a Referendum on the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Levy (C-59)

Whereas, CUSA organizes and funds an assortment of initiatives related to equity, diversity and inclusion on campus through its campaigns such as Mosaic and Pop The Stigma, student life events, and programming;

And Whereas, a dedicated levy for equity, diversity, and inclusion would allow CUSA to bolster its services, programs, and campaigns on, but not limited to, mental health, international students, and cultural awareness;

And Whereas, the Finance, Fees, and Funds Committee voted unanimously in recommending that Council proclaim this referendum;

Be it resolved, that Council proclaims a referendum on the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion levy fee during the 2024 CUSA General Election with the following question:

“CUSA currently delivers services, programs, and campaigns on mental health, international students, cultural awareness, and more in support of equity, diversity, and inclusion initiatives on campus. Do you support the creation of a \$2 levy per semester, indexed for inflation, to allow CUSA to enhance its initiatives promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion?”

And the options being:

- YES, I support the creation of an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion levy.
- NO, I do not support the creation of an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion levy.

Moved: M. Huynh

Seconded: A. Kocsis

Councillors vote by show of hands.

17 yays, 0 nays.

Motion Passed.

Proclamation of a Referendum on the First-Year Transition Levy (C-60)

Whereas, only first-year students who choose to pay the \$135 + HST fee can participate in the university's fall orientation, or FROSH, programming;

And Whereas, CUSA supplements the university's fall orientation programming with its own events such as Canal Games and Neon Carnival that are open to all first-year students, irrespective of whether they paid the university's fall orientation fee;

And Whereas, the \$135 + HST fee is a financial barrier for many students that prevents them from participating in fall orientation, with the notable exception of CUSA events;

And Whereas, a dedicated fee levy, paid only by first-year students, would allow CUSA to expand its first year events and programming during fall orientation and year-long;

And Whereas, the Finance, Fees, and Funds Committee voted unanimously in recommending that Council proclaim this referendum;

Be it resolved, that Council proclaims a referendum on the the first-year transition levy during the 2024 CUSA General Election with the following question:

"CUSA currently delivers dedicated programming for all first-year students, such as fall and winter orientation, that is separate from the University's fall orientation programming and fee. Do you support the

creation of a \$5 levy per semester, paid by first-year students only, to allow CUSA to enhance its programming for all first-year students?"

And the options being:

- YES, I support the creation of a first-year transition levy.
- NO, I do not support the creation of a first-year transition levy.

Moved: M. Huynh

Seconded: F. Riazuddin

Motion to Amend

And Whereas, CUSA supplements the university's fall orientation programming with its own events such as ~~Canal Games~~ **Festival of Lights** and Neon Carnival that are open to all first-year students, irrespective of whether they paid the university's fall orientation fee;

Moved: F. Riazuddin

Seconded: M. Denault

Councillors vote on amendment motion by show of hands.

19 yays, 0 nays.

Motion passed.

Motion to Amend

"CUSA currently delivers dedicated programming for all first-year students, such as fall and winter orientation, that is separate from the University's fall orientation programming and fee. Do you support the creation of a \$5 levy per semester, paid by **students of first-year status** ~~first-year students~~ only, to allow CUSA to enhance its programming for all first-year students?"

Moved: M. Denault

Seconded: A. Kocsis

Councillors vote on amendment motion by show of hands.

13 yays, 0 nays.

Motion Passed.

Councillors vote on main motion by show of hands.

17 yays, 0 nays.

Motion Passed As Twice Amended.

11. Adjournment

a. Motion to Adjourn to a Specific Time (C-61)

Be it resolved, that Council adjourns until 6pm the 15th of January, and that this shall constitute for the purposes of the *Act* and our *Bylaws*, prior notice.

Moved: A. Kocsis

Seconded: J. Desveaux

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.