



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

**MINUTES OF THE
4th REGULAR (OCTOBER)
CUSA COUNCIL MEETING [PUBLIC]**

30 October 2023, 6:00 PM EST, 608 Pigiarnvik

Prepared by:

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ATTENDANCE RECORD:

Position	Councillor	Signature
President	Mohamed Faris Riazuddin	Present
Vice President Finance	<i>Sean Joe-Ezigbo</i>	Absent
Vice President Internal	<i>Logan Breen</i>	Present
Vice President Student Issues	<i>Emilia De Jesus Peixoto</i>	Present
Vice President Community Engagement	<i>Patrick Ene</i>	Present
Vice President Student Life	<i>Eman Elnaidnay</i>	Absent
Speaker	<i>Nkosi Mhlanga</i>	Present
Deputy Speaker	<i>Jayln D'Jan</i>	Absent
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	Absent
	Nkosi Mhlanga	Present
	Eddy Udo	Present
	Nissi Alanshitu	Present
	Piper Jeffrey	Absent

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

*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. Motion to Ratify the Results of the October By-Election
 - ii. Motion to Adopt the Judicial Policy
 - iii. Motion to Adopt the Executive Policy
 - iv. Motion to Amend the CUSA Awards and Scholarships Policy
 - v. Motion to Appoint New Councillors to Committees
11. Adjournment

Meeting commenced at 6:22 p.m. Quorum was established.

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.

1. Approval of the Agenda (C-39)

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

Moved: A. Rohacek **Seconded:** D. Sayed Ahmed

Passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Past Minutes (C-40)

Be it resolved, that the minutes of the [26 September 2023](#) meeting of Council be approved.

Moved: M. Hunyh **Seconded:** J. Djan

17 yays, 0 nays.

Motion passed.

3. Presentations/Delegations

4. Executive Reports

a. Mohamed Faris Riazudden (President)

Month in Review:

- Supporting the Executive Committee and the Executive Council.
- Staffing updates: Finance Manager hiring.
- Safe and successful Panda.
- CUSA Townhall completed.
- Flowing Rights Initiative for menstrual and reproductive rights. Working with SEO to launch the program.
- Executive roadmap.
- Advocacy roadmap completion. (AVP RA and VPSI) and advocacy concern form (AVP RA).
- CASG Equity Week panel talk.
- Pride crosswalk opening ceremony, record breaking turnout.
- Health and dental plan annual report.
- Supporting the Yes committee for the USC Referendum.
- Meeting with the Provost: discussed USC Referendum, international student tuition framework.
- University advocacy: menstrual products and Flowing Rights initiative, pride crosswalk unveiling ceremony, supporting students affected by violence.
- Government advocacy: connected with Joel Harden's office on international students, tuition guarantee, cultural competencies in mental health, OINP requirements (AVP GA, AVP RA, VPSI).
- Progress in The Wing relaunch.

Month Ahead:

- Completing the hiring of Finance Manager.
- Support for businesses.
- Supporting the executives and AVP on their projects and initiatives.
- Executive Composition Committee.

- Long-term strategic plan.
- Launching the executive and advocacy roadmaps.
- State of CUSA.
- Continued work for The Wing relaunch.
- Giving Tuesday initiatives.

b. Sean Joe-Ezigbo (Vice President Finance)

Month in Review:

- Completed application for Youth Take Charge grant.
- CUSA 2023/2024 operational budget passed.
- Completed focus group for the Wing relaunch.
- OTF fund application completed and submitted.

Month Ahead:

- The Wing project implementation plan.
- Budget report set to be completed for the website.
- Analysis of business operations set to be done in order to get a better idea of the fiscal position of our businesses.
- Haven Connect launch.
- Interviews and hiring for the Finance Manager position.

c. Logan Breen (Vice President Internal)

Month in Review:

- The USC Referendum passed with 86.64% of students voting in favour.
- Successful get-out-the-vote campaign with a voter turnout of 19.8%.
- New CUSA awards.
- CUSA Information Week.

Month Ahead:

- Focus on ensuring CUSA's three funding programs (SIF, ARF, and AF) are up and running properly.

- Continuing work on club storage improvements and the launch of Simply Voting for club elections.
- Review of CUSA Clubs bylaw and drafting of new club procedures.
- Focus on governance transparency through further policy organization and a new CUSA Transparency and Ethical Standards Policy in November.
- Executive and Council reform through the Executive Composition Committee.
- Referendum planning for the general election.
- Interviews and hiring for the Finance Manager position.

d. Patrick Ene (Vice President Community Engagement)

Month in Review:

- Meetings with ambassadors and commissioners.
- Assisted with CUSA Information Week.
- Assisted with USC Referendum & Council By-Election.
- Coordinated Panda community initiatives with SEO.
- Carleton Dedicated Access Fund Committee.
- Service centre friendsgiving event.

Month Ahead:

- Continued meetings with ambassadors and representatives.
- Halloween social media engagement.
- National Addictions Awareness Week resource fair.
- Exam period shuttles.

e. Emilia De Jesus Peixoto (Vice President Student Issues)

Month in Review:

- Successful Truth and Reconciliation Programming with Mawandoseg.
- The Youth Take Charge Grant was submitted on September 28th.
- CU Pride Week events/ programming was a huge success.

- Mosaic Planning Committee formed with RISE - outreach to community partners and cultural clubs on campus.
- Canvassing and classroom talks for the USC Referendum.

Month Ahead:

- Finalizing all events and planning for Mosaic. It will run from November 6th to November 25th.
- Work with Athletics to see how our advocacy efforts can reach games and players.
- Planning Study Snacks campaign.
- Meet with stakeholders on campus to discuss ongoing issue of Sexual Violence and Assault for sexual violence prevention week in January.
- Start planning for Pop the Stigma Campaign with the Wellness Centre.

f. Eman Elnaidany (Vice President Student Life).

Month in Review:

- Pride Festival was a success! Drag show had over 200+ registrations and managed to get funding from SEO of 2000\$.
- Planning with AVP SX on November State of CUSA event.
- Started planning phase for Clothing Drive, Thrifts Flip in December.
- Planning for Frost Week and will be meeting with all relevant stakeholders to establish partnerships within the University.

Month Ahead:

- Building and executing the Lessons from the Top Programming and Workshops.
- Planning additional Programs and Events for the 2023/24 academic year.
- Bi-weekly meetings with campus stakeholders to plan programming for Winter Orientation.
- Planning details for CUSA Gala in March.
- Planning winter programming.

5. External Reports

- a. Rideau River Residence Association
 - i. First town hall meeting.
 - ii. First Council meeting.
 - iii. Establishing awards board.
- b. Carleton Academic Student Government
 - i. First council meeting.
 - ii. Academic initiative fund is currently accepting applications.
 - iii. Syllabus archive initiative.
 - Met with various departments.
 - Conducting student surveys.
- c. Graduate Students' Association
 - i. None.
- d. Senate
 - i. None.
- e. Board of Governors
 - i. None.
- f. Board of Directors
 - i. Loan program policy

6. Council Reports

- a. Constituency Reports
 - i. FPA
 - None.
 - ii. FASS
 - None.
 - iii. Business
 - None.
 - iv. Science
 - None.

- v. FED
 - None.
- b. Committee Reports
 - i. None.

7. Announcements and Correspondence

- a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
- b. Items for Information
- c. Notice of Motion

8. Question Period

9. Regular Business

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

Motion to Ratify the Results of the October By-Election (C-41)

Whereas, from October 16th to 18th 2023 the Association held its October by-election;

And whereas, the [results](#) of the by-election have been verified;

And whereas, the regular Faculty Representative seats on Council have all been filled;

Be it resolved, that Council ratify the results of the October by-election;

Moved: K. Cavero

Seconded: D. Sayed Ahmed

Councillors vote by show of hands.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Adopt the Judicial Policy (C-42)

Whereas, during the September Council meeting the Judicial Policy was reviewed and amendments were made;

And whereas, the Board has reviewed the amendments of Council and made further recommendations;

And whereas, the Governance and Council Operations Committee voted unanimously in recommending that Council adopt the policy as amended;

Be it resolved, that Council adopts the [Judicial Policy](#) as amended.

Moved: A. Rohacek

Seconded: M. Huynh

Councillors vote by show of hands.

21 yays, 0 nays.

Motion passed.

Motion to Adopt the Executive Policy (C-43)

Whereas, the Board has reviewed the Executive Policy and has made amendments which are subject to Council approval;

And whereas, the Governance and Council Operations Committee voted unanimously in recommending that Council adopt the policy as amended;

Be it resolved, that Council adopts the [Executive Policy](#) as amended.

Moved: J. D'Jan

Seconded: M. Huynh

Councillors vote by show of hands.

21 yays, 0 nays.

Motion passed.

Recess beginning at 7:44 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.

Motion to Amend the CUSA Awards and Scholarships Policy (C-44)

Whereas, CUSA awards and scholarships play an important role in recognizing students for their achievements in many domains including academic, extracurricular, and beyond;

And whereas, CUSA is committed to recognizing a diverse range of students for their achievements;

And whereas, the executive team is proposing the creation of five new CUSA awards and scholarships;

And whereas, the Governance and Council Operations Committee voted unanimously in recommending that Council adopt the policy as amended;

Be it resolved, that Council adopts the [CUSA Awards and Scholarships Policy](#) as amended.

Moved: M. Denault

Seconded: M. Huynh

Councillors vote by show of hands.

20 yays, 1 nay.

Motion to Amend the CUSA Awards and Scholarships Policy

Be it resolved, that in the preamble of the Raven's Choice Award (A-12) after "showcase a student of growing influence" the phrase "and achievement in the fields of film and television, music, social media and internet, fashion and beauty, art, food and dining, or literature and publishing" is added and in section three (3) after "for at least two semesters" the phrase "and shall demonstrate achievement in the fields of film and television, music, social

media and internet, fashion and beauty, art, food and dining, or literature and publishing" is added.

Moved: M. Faris

Seconded: J. Desveaux

Councillors vote by show of hands to amend the main motion.

20 yays, 0 nays.

Motion passed unanimously to amend the main motion.

Motion to Amend the CUSA Awards and Scholarships Policy

Be it resolved, that in section four (4) of the Ravens Award for Commitment to the Carleton Community (A-04) "two (2) fall/winter sessions" be stricken and replaced with "four semesters."

Be it further resolved, that in section four (4) of the Henry Marshall Tory Award (A-05) "two (2) fall/winter sessions" be stricken and replaced with "four semesters."

Mover: M. Denault

Secunder: F. Nitta Mackay

Councillors vote by show of hands to further amend the main motion.

14 yays, 3 nays.

Councillors vote by show of hands on main motion as twice amended.

20 yays, 1 nay.

Motion to Appoint New Councillors to Committees (C-45)

Whereas, new Councillors were elected in the October by-election;

And whereas, a Councillor must serve on at least one standing committee pursuant to the *CUSA Council Committees Policy*;

And whereas, the new Councillors were asked which committee they most prefer to serve on;

Be it resolved, that the following Councillors be appointed to the following committees.

Nominees:

- Dana Sayed Ahmed: University Affairs Committee
- Alison Kocsis: External Affairs Committee
- Marc Denault: University Affairs Committee
- Nissi Alanshitu: University Affairs Committee and External Affairs Committee
- Jaden Desveaux: External Affairs Committee
- Xavier Haziza: Finance, Fees, Funds Committee
- Faye Nitta Mackay: Finance, Fees Funds Committee
- Clovis Nsengiyumva: Finance, Fees, Funds Committee
- Dilkusha Sakiba: Academic Resilience Fund Committee and External Affairs Committee

Moved: J. D'Jan

Seconded: D. Sayed Ahmed

Councillors vote by a show of hands.

21 yays, 0 nays.

Motion passed.

11. Adjournment

- a. Motion to Adjourn to a Specific Time (C-46)

Be it resolved, that Council adjourns until 6pm the 27th of November, and that this shall constitute for the purposes of the *Act* and our *Bylaws*, prior notice.

Moved: A. Rohacek

Seconded: M. Huynh



21 yays, 0 nays.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.