

University Affairs Agenda and Minutes - January 17th, 2025 12pm

Agenda prepared by Cass Mclsaac, Chair

Minutes prepared by Cass Mclsaac, Chair

3rd Regular Meeting

In-person, in the external board room, Hybrid Option

The 3rd regular meeting of the CUSA Committee on University Affairs was held on January 17th, 2025, with the Chair presiding.

Attendance

<u>Position</u>	<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Signature</u>
Chair	Cass Mclsaac	Present
Vice-Chair	Clara de Oliveira Borba	Present
Secretary	Aidan Kallionen	Regrets
Vice- President Student Issues	Artur Estrela De Silva	Present
Councillor	Pelumi Olagunju	Proxy through C. Mclsaac
Councillor	Dana Sayed Ahmed	Proxy through C. de Oliveira Borba
Councillor	Adam Burke	Absent
Councillor	Liam Orlowski	Present
<i>Guest</i>	<i>Cherry Zhang</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Guest</i>	<i>Gabriella Rodrigues</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Guest Councillor</i>	<i>Nathan Bruni</i>	<i>Present</i>

**Italics are non voting*

Meeting agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Approval of the past minutes

- b. [Updated policy E-01](#)
 - c. [Policy E-02 Indigenous Solidarity](#)
 - d. [Policy E-03 Mental Health Policy](#)
 - e. [Policy E-06 Sustainability](#)
4. Other Business
- a. Unfinished Business
 - b. New Business:

Motion to recommend to Council the reinstatement and Maintenance of the Social Justice Resource Hub on the CUSA Website

Whereas, the Social Justice Resource Hub is a vital tool for supporting students and promoting equity and inclusion on campus;

And whereas, making the Social Justice Resource Hub accessible on the CUSA website ensures students have access to important resources and support;

And whereas, regular updates to the Social Justice Resource Hub are necessary to ensure the information remains accurate and relevant;

Be it resolved that, the Social Justice Resource Hub be reinstated and made available on the CUSA website;

Be it further resolved that, the University Affairs Committee shall meet monthly to review, update, and maintain the Social Justice Resource Hub;

Be it further resolved that, during periods when the University Affairs Committee is not active, the Vice President Student Issues shall be responsible for reviewing the Social Justice Resource Hub on a monthly basis.

Moved: C. de Oliveira Borba

Seconded: C. McIsaac

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to Recommend Adoption of the Updated Discrimination, Harassment, and Violence Prevention Policy (E-01)

Whereas, CUSA is committed to advocating on behalf of students and ensuring their safety, inclusion, and well-being;

And whereas, Discrimination, Harassment, and Violence Prevention are among the primary concerns of students;

And whereas, Policy E-01 was scheduled for review and update in April 2024 but has not yet been revised;

And whereas, Policy E-01 was updated through the University Affairs Committee;

And whereas, an updated Policy E-01 would demonstrate CUSA's proactive efforts in addressing student concerns and fostering a safe campus environment;

Be it resolved that, the Committee recommends that Council adopts the updated Discrimination, Harassment, and Violence Prevention Policy (E-01) to reflect current needs and best practices.

Moved: C. de Oliveira Borba

Seconded: A. Estrela da Silva

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to Commit to Presenting Updated Policies at the First AGM on March 3rd

Whereas, policies E-02 Indigenous Solidarity, E-03 Mental Health Policy, E-05 Support for International Students Policy, and E-06 Sustainability are vital to CUSA's mission of advocating for equity, inclusion, and environmental responsibility;

And whereas, these policies require updates to ensure they reflect the current needs and priorities of the student body;

And whereas, the Annual General Meeting provides an opportunity for transparency and accountability to the student body;

Be it resolved that, the University Affairs Committee, in collaboration with the Vice President Student Issues and any other interested Councillors, commit to completing updates to Policy E-02 Indigenous Solidarity, Policy E-03 Mental Health Policy, Policy E-05 Support for International Students Policy, and Policy E-06 Sustainability and presenting the updated policies to the Council at the first Annual General Meeting on March 3rd, 2025;

Moved: C. McIsaac

Seconded: C. de Oliveira Borba

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to Recommend a CUSA Statement on Conflict and Peace

Whereas, conflicts around the world, including but not limited to Ukraine, Palestine, Sudan, and Myanmar, continue to cause immense suffering and displacement;

And whereas, peacebuilding and conflict resolution align with CUSA's values of social justice and solidarity with marginalized communities;

And whereas, students affected by global conflicts require additional support and recognition;

Be it resolved that, the committee recommends that CUSA makes a public statement advocating for global conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and humanitarian support for affected communities;

Be it further resolved that, the statement include CUSA's commitment to raising awareness about the impacts of global conflicts and supporting students affected by these crises through mental health resources and advocacy;

Be it further resolved that, the statement be posted to all social medias that CUSA has and uses.

Be it further resolved that, the University Affairs Committee will create a motion for the Regular Council Meeting for January 27th during this Committee Meeting.

Moved: A. Estrela da Silva

Seconded: C. McIsaac

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to Recommend a CUSA Statement on Anti-Racism and Anti-Colonialism

Whereas, systemic racism and colonial legacies continue to harm marginalized communities globally and locally;

And whereas, CUSA has a responsibility to promote equity and decolonization in its policies and practices;

And whereas, anti-racism and anti-colonial advocacy align with CUSA's commitment to diversity and inclusion;

Be it resolved that, the committee recommends that CUSA makes a public statement condemning systemic racism and supporting global anti-racism movements, including Black Lives Matter and Indigenous sovereignty efforts;

Be it further resolved that, the statement affirm CUSA's commitment to decolonization efforts, including supporting the repatriation of cultural artifacts and amplifying Indigenous and marginalized voices.

Be it further resolved that, the University Affairs Committee will create a motion for the Regular Council Meeting for January 27th during this Committee Meeting.

Moved: A. Estrela da Silva

Seconded: C. McIsaac

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Adjournment

Be it resolved, that the University Affairs adjourn until the call of the Chair.

Moved: A. Estrela da Silva

Seconded: C. de Oliveira Borba

Meeting Adjourned at 12:43