



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

**AGENDA OF THE
ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING (III)
OF THE
CARLETON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS'
ASSOCIATION**

31 March 2025, 6:00 PM EST, 608 Pigiarvik

Prepared by:
Governance and Council Operations Committee

ATTENDANCE RECORD (OUTGOING/RETURNING COUNCIL):

Position	Councillor	Signature
President	Sarah El Fitori	Regrets
<i>Vice President Finance</i>	<i>Samuel Easby</i>	Present
<i>Vice President Internal</i>	<i>Aiden Rohacek</i>	Present
<i>Vice President Student Issues</i>	<i>Artur Estrela da Silva</i>	Present
<i>Vice President Student Life</i>	<i>Akua Antwi-Adjei</i>	Present
Speaker	<i>Marc Denault</i>	Present
Deputy Speaker	<i>Joanna Olagoke-Daniel</i>	Present
Public Affairs (7)	Yafet Bizuneh	Proxy through Mclsaac
	Clara de Oliveira Borba	Present
	Emma Girvan	Present
	Mujtaba Hussain	Proxy through D. Sayed Ahmed
	Aidan Kallioinen	Present
	Miles Rowe	Present
	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
FASS (8)	Maira Bilgrami	Proxy through Mclsaac
	Cass Mclsaac	Present
	Zam Onwusah	Proxy through Olagoke-Daniel
	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
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	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
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Business (3)	Gaurikh Appanah	Absent
	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
	Joe Sanchez	Absent
Science (6)	Ali Khan	Absent
	Joanna Olagoke-Daniel	Present
	Pelumi Olagunju	Proxy through Mclsaac
	Liam Orlowski	Present
	Dilkusha Sakiba	Absent
	Maheeshan Sivanesan	Present
Engineering and Design (7)	Yahya Al-Khateeb	Proxy through M. Heroux
	Nathan Bruni	Present
	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
	Marc Denault	Present (chair)
	Jaden Desveaux	Proxy through. D Sayed Ahmed
	Dana Sayed Ahmed	Present
	Aryan Singh	Absent
Special Student (1)	Adam Burke	Absent
BOG	<i>Logan Breen</i>	Absent
	<i>Yafet Bizuneh</i>	Absent
GSA	<i>Jayesh Kundu</i>	Absent
RRRA	Mohammed Akif	M. El Fitori
CASG	Allan Buri	Absent

*Nonvoting members in *Italics*.

ATTENDANCE RECORD (INCOMING COUNCIL):

Position	Councillor	Signature
President	Vacant	N/A
<i>Vice President Finance</i>	Vacant	N/A
<i>Vice President Internal</i>	Jahnelle Woldegiorgis	Present
<i>Vice President Student Issues</i>	Aidan Kallioinen	Present
<i>Vice President Student Life</i>	Cass McIsaac	Present
Speaker	Vacant	N/A
Deputy Speaker	Vacant	N/A
Public Affairs (7)	Yasmine Abdulla	Proxy through M. Heroux
	Nifemi Boamah	Present
	Avery Cole	Present
	Jaac Doduck	Present
	Elissa Gee	Present
	Maxwell Heroux	Present
	Chloe Tran	Present
FASS (8)	Mohamad Adel El Fitori	Present
	Withchellie Louima	Proxy through C. McIsaac
	Gerardo Maldonado-Jimenez	Proxy through Zhang
	Cass McIsaac	Present

	Brooke Muzzatti	Proxy through Ahmed
	Maya Shaban	Proxy through D. Sayed Ahmed
	Cherry Zhang	Present
	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
Business (3)	Prestyn Colliton	Absent
	Nathan Vinokur	Present
	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
Science (6)	Ramla Ahmed	Proxy through M. El Fitori
	Mariam El Domiaty	Proxy through El Fitori
	Reyna Itani	Proxy through M. El Fitori
	Godchosen Ojediran	Present
	Liam Orlowski	Present
	Maheeshan Sivanesan	Present
Engineering and Design (7)	Nathan Bruni	Present
	Jeronimo Cumming	Present
	Amy Kopytskiy	Present
	Viveca Matida-Torricon	Present
	Boothaina Sheltami	Proxy through El Fitori
	Aryan Singh	Absent
	Amogh Thungathurti	Present
Special Student (1)	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
BOG	<i>Logan Breen</i>	Absent

	<i>Yafet Bizuneh</i>	Absent
GSA	<i>Jayesh Kundu</i>	Absent
RRRA	Mohammed Akif	Proxy through M. El Fitori
CASG	Allan Buri	Absent

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AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of Past Minutes
4. Executive Reports
5. External Reports
6. Council Reports
7. Announcements and Correspondence
 - a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
 - b. Items for Information
 - i. Anti Middle-Eastern Discrimination Report
8. Regular Business
 - a. Unfinished Business
 - b. New Business
 - i. Motion to Adopt Updated CUSA Policies (C-96)
 - ii. Motion to Adopt the Clubs Policy (C-97)
 - iii. Motion to Publish a Statement of Support for Helyeh Doutaghi (C-98)
 - iv. Motion to Adopt the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 (C-99)
 - v. Motion to Reappoint BDO as CUSA's Auditor for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 (C-100)

- vi. Motion to Approve the CUSA Operating Budget for the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year (C-101)
- vii. Motion to Dissolve the 2024/2025 CUSA Council (C-102)
- viii. Motion to Appoint Two Councillors to the VP Finance/Treasurer Nominating & Selection Committee (C-103)
- ix. Motion to Appoint Councillors to the Speaker of Council Hiring Committee (C-104)

9. Adjournment

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-94)

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

Moved: **Seconded:**

3. Approval of Past Minutes (C-95)

- a. Annual Members' Meeting (II) (March 9th, 2025)

Be it resolved, that the minutes of the [March 9th 2025 meeting of Council](#) be approved.

Moved: **Seconded:**

4. Executive Reports

5. External Reports

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

6. Council Reports

- a. Constituency Reports
 - FPA
 - FASS
 - Business
 - Science
 - FED
- b. Committee Reports

7. Announcements and Correspondence

- a. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest
- b. Items for Information
 - [Anti Middle-Eastern Discrimination Report](#)
- c. Notice of Motion

8. Regular Business

- a. Unfinished Business:
 - b. New Business:
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Motion to Adopt Updated CUSA Policies (C-96)

Whereas, the Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA) remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering an inclusive, supportive, and forward-thinking campus community;

And whereas, student well-being, equity, and sustainability are essential pillars of a thriving and empowered student body;

And whereas, the University Affairs Committee has worked in close collaboration with a range of groups and individuals across the Carleton community to ensure that CUSA's governing policies are rooted in equity, inclusion, and a genuine commitment to student support;

And whereas, the following updated policies reflect the evolving needs of the student population, integrate best practices, and uplift the voices of historically marginalized and underrepresented communities:

- The [Mental Health Policy](#), which reinforces CUSA's commitment to accessible, trauma-informed, and preventative mental health supports, with valuable input from Service Centre Coordinator Alexa Barrett-Taller and Volunteer Jason Scully;

- The [Indigenous Solidarity Policy](#), which reaffirms our dedication to truth, reconciliation, and meaningful, ongoing partnership with Indigenous students and communities;
- The [Support for International Students Policy](#), which responds to the growing and urgent needs of international students through holistic advocacy, robust support services, and equity-centered policy recommendations;
- The [Sustainability Policy](#), which lays out CUSA's renewed environmental commitments and ensures that our operations align with a vision of climate justice and long-term sustainability.

Be it resolved that, CUSA formally adopt the updated Mental Health Policy, Indigenous Solidarity Policy, Support for International Students Policy, and Sustainability Policy as official guiding documents that will shape advocacy efforts, service delivery, and decision-making across the organization for the years to come

Moved: D. Sayed Ahmed

Seconded: A. Kallioinen

CARRIED unanimously

Motion to Adopt Updated Clubs Policy (C-97)

Whereas, the Clubs Bylaw has not been updated since the creation of the Club Oversight Commission;

And whereas, the Clubs Bylaw needs to be updated to reflect the changes in the clubs system;

And whereas, the Clubs Procedure Review Committee held public meetings to draft amendments to the policy.

Be it resolved, that Council adopt the [Clubs Policy \(C-01\)](#) and repeal the [CUSA Clubs Bylaw](#).

Moved: C. de Oliveira Borba

Seconded: A. Singh

CARRIED unanimously

Motion to Publish a Statement of Support for Helyeh Doutaghi (C-98)

Whereas, Helyeh Doutaghi, a distinguished alumna of Carleton University and a respected educator, has been the target of baseless and damaging accusations regarding AI-generated content;

And whereas, CUSA firmly upholds the principles of academic freedom and advocates for the rights of educators to engage in their work without fear of unfounded allegations;

And whereas, CUSA strongly condemns the use of unsubstantiated, unattributed, and unreliable sources as the foundation for allegations of academic misconduct, as seen in this case;

And whereas, CUSA asserts that such actions should have no place at Carleton University or any other academic institution, as they undermine academic integrity, due process, and the reputations of educators;

And whereas, CUSA stands in solidarity with the growing academic and legal communities raising concerns about the misuse of AI-related accusations against scholars, particularly those from historically marginalized backgrounds;

And whereas, false accusations of involvement in terrorist activities are not only harmful but can also have lasting negative consequences on individuals;



And whereas, CUSA fully supports the open letter of solidarity for Helyeh Doutaghi, and its call for greater accountability in the handling of AI-related allegations within academic contexts;

Be it resolved, that CUSA publishes this statement of support for Helyeh Doutaghi and reaffirms its commitment to protecting academic freedom and defending educators from unjust accusations.

Be it resolved that, CUSA publishes the following public statement of support for Helyeh Doutaghi, emphasizing concerns over the handling of AI-related allegations and the broader implications for academic integrity and educator protections.

CUSA Stands in Support of Helyeh Doutaghi and Academic Freedom

The Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA) stands in unwavering support of Helyeh Doutaghi, a Carleton alumna and respected legal scholar, in response to the harmful and unfounded allegations that have been levied against her regarding AI-generated content.

CUSA joins a growing chorus of academics, legal professionals, and students in condemning the reliance on anonymous, unsourced, and unverified allegations to scrutinize the work of scholars. These tactics threaten academic integrity, due process, and the fundamental rights of educators, particularly those from historically marginalized backgrounds.


We are particularly troubled by the weaponization of AI-related claims to challenge the credibility of academics. As the open letter of support highlights:

"We are particularly troubled about the source of the allegation and its handling: the online publication that Yale Law School relied on was unattributed, unsourced, and had no responsible human author.

Accusations leveled by humans can be subject to scrutiny, questioning, and, in case of frivolous and malicious accusations, be subject to accountability measures."

This case sets a dangerous precedent that could impact scholars across institutions, including Carleton University. We call on universities to reject AI-related allegations that lack accountability and real evidence and ensure that no educator faces professional consequences based on anonymous and baseless claims.

CUSA stands firmly with Helyeh Doutaghi and all educators facing wrongful scrutiny. We urge students, faculty, and institutions to support her and advocate for policies that protect academic freedom.

 Read and sign the statement of support here:

<https://openletter.earth/statement-of-support-for-helyeh-doutaghi-18ce8d84>

Moved: C. McIsaac

Seconded: M. El Fitori

CARRIED unanimously

Motion to Adopt the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 (C-99)

Whereas, CUSA is required to conduct an annual audit and provide the audited financial statement to CUSA Council pursuant to the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act;

Be it resolved, that Council receives, adopts, and approves of the fiscal year [2023/2024 audited financial statements](#).

Moved: E. Gee

Seconded: A. Thungathurti

CARRIED unanimously

Motion to Reappoint BDO as CUSA's Auditor for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 (C-100)

Whereas, CUSA must have an auditor in place by April 30th, 2025 for the purposes of taking inventory;

And whereas, it is the responsibility of Council to appoint CUSA's auditor annually;

Be it resolved, that Council re-appoints BDO as CUSA's auditor for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

Moved: C. de Oliveira Borba

Seconded: A. Thungathurti

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Motion Tabled Until the Next Meeting of Council

Motion to Approve the CUSA Operating Budget for the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year (C-101)

Whereas, the CUSA 2025/2026 Operating Budget has been created by the Finance Team;

And whereas, Council has a responsibility to approve the operating budget each year;

Be it resolved, that Council approves of the [Operating Budget](#) for Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

Moved: C. de Oliveira Borba

Seconded: D. Sayed Ahmed

Quorum lost

Motion to Dissolve the 2024/2025 CUSA Council (C-102)

Whereas, the 2024/2025 CUSA Council governance cycle has been concluded;

Be it resolved, that 2024/2025 CUSA Council is dissolved.

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion to Appoint Two Councillors to the VP Finance/Treasurer Nominating & Selection Committee (C-103)

Whereas, the two Councillors currently serving on the selection committee will end their terms before a VP Finance/Treasurer can be selected;

And whereas, replacement Councillors from incoming Council are needed to fill the soon-to-be vacant roles on the committee;

And whereas, these Councillors must both be not seeking election in the same year;

Be it resolved, that Council appoint [blank] and [blank] to the VP Finance/Treasurer Nominating & Selection Committee.

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion to Appoint Councillors to the Speaker of Council Hiring Committee (C-104)

Whereas, there are two vacancies on the Speaker of Council Hiring Committee;

And whereas, these vacancies must be filled at the Annual Members' Meeting;

And whereas, the hiring committee must solicit applications from Councillors and make a recommendation on a Speaker and Deputy Speaker to Council for the upcoming governance year;

Be it resolved, that Council appoints [blank] and [blank] to the Speaker of Council Hiring Committee.

Moved: **Seconded:**

9. Adjournment

- a. Motion to Adjourn to a Specific Time (C-105)

Be it resolved, that Council adjourns until 6:00 p.m. on May 26th 2025, and that this shall constitute for the purposes of the *Act* and our *Bylaws*, prior notice.

Moved: **Seconded:**