

Governance and Council Operations Committee Agenda

Third Meeting

10 July 2025

Online

Attendance:

Position	Member	Signature
Speaker	Amy Kopytskiy	Present
Deputy Speaker	Withchellie Louima	Present
Vice President Internal	Jahnelle Woldegiorgis	Present
FFFC Chair	Aryan Singh	Regrets
UAC Chair	Mohamad Adel El Fitori	Present
EAC Chair	Jaac Doduck	
SLC Chair	Elissa Gee	
PRC Chair	Maxwell Heroux	Present
Director of Student Development	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A

*Non-voting members in *Italics*.

Agenda:

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Approval of Past Minutes
3. Correspondence/Presentations
4. New Business
 - a. Lottery of a Voting Seat on the Board Nominating Committee
5. Adjournment

Called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Meeting Minutes:

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Be it resolved that, this Committee adopts the committee agenda.

Moved: M. Heroux

Seconded: W. Louima

3 ayes - 0 nays
Carried Unanimously.

2. Approval of Past Minutes

Be it resolved that, this Committee adopts [the minutes](#) of the 26 June 2025 meeting of the Governance and Council Operations Committee.

Moved: W. Louima
Assumed Unanimous.
Carried Unanimously.

Seconded: M. El Fitori

3. Correspondence/Presentations

a. Motion to Excuse Councillor Jaac Doduck From Duty

Whereas, Councillor Doduck intends to submit resignation from CUSA;

Be it resolved, that Councillor Doduck is excused from duties pertaining to serving on a standing committee ([G-04 s. 9](#));

Be it further resolved, that Councillor Doduck is removed from the seat of Chair of External Affairs Committee (EAC), to be filled in interim by EAC Vice Chair Nifemi Boamah until a byelection can be held;

Be it further resolved, that Councillor Doduck is removed from membership in External Affairs Committee (EAC), University Affairs Committee (UAC), and Policy Review Committee (PRC).

Moved: W. Louima

Seconded: M. El Fitori

Motion to Table Until After New Business

Moved: A. Kopytskiy
Assumed Unanimous.
Carried Unanimously.

Seconded: M. Heroux

Motion to Postpone Definitely to Next GCOC Meeting

Moved: M. Heroux
Assumed Unanimous.
Carried Unanimously.

Seconded: J. Woldegiorgis

b. Motion to Remove Councillor Nifemi Boamah from PRC

Whereas, Councillor Boamah has requested removal from Policy Review Committee;

And whereas, Councillor Boamah serves on another standing Committee, meeting the requirement for Councillors ([G-04 s. 9](#));

Be it resolved, that Councillor Boamah is removed from membership in Policy Review Committee (PRC).

Moved: M. El Fitori
Assumed Unanimous.
Carried Unanimously.

Seconded: J. Woldegiorgis

4. New Business

a. Lottery of a Voting Seat on the Board Nominating Committee

Whereas, under the *Board Nominating Committee Terms of Reference* ([G-12 s.2.B.a.ii](#)), a vacancy exists on the Board Nominating Committee to be filled by an “outgoing CUSA Director”, or failing that, a “CUSA Councillor not seeking election in the same year;”

And whereas, the policy stipulates such Director or Councillor “be selected by lottery;”

And whereas, no such Director currently exists;

And whereas, the filling of the CUSA Board of Directors is an extremely urgent matter, in which the Board Nominating Committee has a significant responsibility;

Be it resolved, that this committee hold a lottery of [23 Councillors](#), i.e. our current 27 faculty Councillors ([Bylaw ss. 5.2.b, 5.2.e.i](#)) excluding Councillor Heroux and Councillor Thungathurti for already being on the Board Nominating Committee ([C-18](#)), and Speaker Kopytskiy and Deputy Speaker Louima to exclude officers of Council;

Be it further resolved, that this lottery results in a randomized, ordered list, where starting from the first Councillor on the list, 24

hours notice will be given to accept or decline the nomination to the Board Nominating Committee, otherwise the nomination will be voided and instead offered to the next Councillor on the list, repeatedly until a Councillor accepts;

Be it further resolved, that this list be destroyed after a Councillor accepts the seat.

Moved: M. Heroux

Seconded: M. El Fitori

Assume Unanimous.

Carried Unanimously.

5. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn to a Specific Time

Be it resolved that, this Committee adjourns until 6:00 p.m. on Thursday July 24th 2025, or until called by the Committee Chair.

Moved: W. Louima

Seconded: J. Woldegiorgis

Assume Unanimous.

Carried Unanimously.